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DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Dr. F. C. Dougan, Mr. and Mrs. James Power, Roy Bevan and Herb Campbell were passengers in Dr. Dougan's car early this week, their eventual destination being the Standard Bred Horse Sales at Harrisburg, Pa. Nov. 7th to 12th. They will stop off in Boston where the Doctor will visit Mrs. Dougan who has been a patient in hospital for some time, and also see some night racing at Foxboro track which concludes shortly. The party will be in Harrisburg one or two days prior to the auction in order to look over horses that they might be interested in purchasing.

Our congratulations to Harry Hirsch of Sydney, N.S., on the breaking of the track record at Topsham, Maine, last week by Scott Spencer. He lowered it to 2:06 2-5. We understand Anti-Aircraft was mentioned. Scott Spencer is as we mentioned, Buell, being handled by Harley Harrison, who is making a real good job of it. Anti-Aircraft 2:03 1-2 is consigned to the Standard Bred Sales at Harrisburg. In the particulars regarding the fact that he had stepped a mile in 2:03 1-2 at Roosevelt Raceway driven by Harry Short. That was previous to his coming to the Maritimes. Everyone realizes the great speed that Anti-Aircraft possesses but he is a little slow in the getaway and that is a bad fault on a half-mile track. We believe that on a mile track he could have at certain times this season equalled his record.

Had a chat with Chester Pratt, St. Peter's, whom we mentioned as having purchased the pacer Lily Belle 2:17 from Preston Buell, Charlottetown. He likes her very much and will give her a good winter and put her in condition for racing next summer. Horsemen in the vicinity of St. Peter's are greatly encouraged by the fact that they have a track now to train over and the talk is that several others will bring in new speed.

Joe O'Brien made the headlines in California with two good piloting Brewer's Gallon to a new trotting record of 2:06 1-5 at Hollywood Park last week and the California trotting mare Vita Lee to a new track record last Tuesday. In winning with Vita Lee he lowered the old mark set by Proximity of 2:15 for 1-16 miles to 2:11. Proximity is the world's greatest living money winning trotter and purchase. We particularly remember the sale of 1913 which we attended. Henry Thomas rode the pony and showed the horses. He had been a stage coach driver in the days prior to the railroads in the west and was one of the most striking looking men we have ever seen. He actually seemed to be part of a horse he could ride so well, and he certainly could show off trotters and pacers.

Brewer's Gallon, owned by B. C. Cruikshank, Halifax, has just finished the faith in him which B. C. showed in paying \$3,500 for the colt two years ago. It will be remembered that at Old Home Week Brewer's Gallon (Campbell) won the Free For All Trot with 1-1-3. Nell Kalmuck (Kelly) 2-2-1, Eva Worthy (McIntyre) 4-3-2, three other trotters, Time, 2:10 1-5. The 2:10 1-5 is his half mile track record and was a grand performance as the track was slow that day.

Foxboro, Mass., track will close with a grand finale of racing on Halloween night, October 31st. Records have been falling like autumn leaves the past few weeks and the Bay State Raceway will be credited with a world's record in the 1950 Trotting and Pacing Guide. The race to be memorialized was the feature one on October 14th, the 1-3-4 mile won in 2:56 3-5 by Muriel Hanover, driven by Danie Steele of Boston, formerly of Summerside, P.E.I. Horsemen will remember when Muriel Hanover was campaigned in the Maritimes as a pacer. Due credit must be given to Danie for turning her over to the trot and winning a great number of races with her. Another record posted at Bay State Raceway is the 1-16 mile trotting which was held by Buttercup and made on October 18, 1947—2:17 4-5. Last Saturday night Duke Volo, owned by Lucien LeChapelle of Sorel, Que., in winning the 2:19 trot from a fast field stepped in 2:17. Other winners there recently were Dick Budlong, owned by Dr. J. A. Donahoe and driven by Earle Avery, and June Morning (Avery) that won in 2:10 1-5. Earle Avery is still the leading driver at Foxboro. At the Metropolitan Driv-

ing Club's 42nd annual race meeting which were held at the Bay State Raceway one afternoon recently, the presiding judge for the big program was our friend Dr. F. W. Christopher of Boston, formerly of Alberton, P.E.I.

There have been quite a number of visitors to Arthur MacDonal's Purple Valley Farm, Forest Hill, to see the new purchases, Calumet Muriel by Calumet Budlong, dam Moon Glow by Hal Dale, and the four-year-old Jerry Budlong by Calumet Budlong. These are owned jointly by Mr. MacDonald and Gordon Roberts of Cardigan, and neighbor friends feel that they have made good buys and that both will turn out good campaigners next season.

We had a great time last evening looking over the almost 4,000-page catalogue of the Standard Bred Horse Sale Company, whose sale dates are Nov. 8-11 inclusive, at Harrisburg, Pa. Included in it are some of the fastest horses that have performed in the past and previous seasons. There are trotters and pacers that to read the descriptions would appear to be splendid buys. Once in a while an owner is pretty frank. For instance Dunbar Eastwick, owner of Chris Spencer, winner of the \$50,000 trot at Roosevelt Raceway a few weeks ago, and many other greats, says in his statement re Gay Guy 2:06 "the best I have seen in a long time. He has a bad habit of trying to kick when scoring but really tends to business as soon as the barrier starts to move and can leave with the best. No doubt Gay Guy's kicking does not amount to very much as he has been a consistent winner, but it was nice of Mr. Eastwick to warn a prospective buyer to wear a kicking strap on Gay Guy."

Many pages are taken up with descriptions of the Hanover Shoe Farm yearlings, several of which will bring prices running to over \$2,000. Harrisburg sale has been growing larger and larger every year and now it has become the greatest harness horse venue in the history of the sport. Years ago before the old Madison Square Gardens, N.Y. was torn down, the Old Glory was the principal sale and there in November harness horsemen from Canada and the U.S. would meet, renew acquaintances and purchase. We particularly remember the sale of 1913 which we attended. Henry Thomas rode the pony and showed the horses. He had been a stage coach driver in the days prior to the railroads in the west and was one of the most striking looking men we have ever seen. He actually seemed to be part of a horse he could ride so well, and he certainly could show off trotters and pacers.

One of the most remarkable comebacks in the history of racing was that of Guinea Gold 4, 1:59 1-3, whose winning mark was scored at the recent Lexington meeting. Last Spring after winning a matinee at Shelbyville, Indiana, he received a fracture that appeared certain to end his racing career, but a couple of months later he was racing at Fairmount, Illinois, where he defeated Alemtie 1:58 4-5 in a stake race. In his first Lexington start he choked down and fell to the track on the back stretch. He was in the next heat to step the first quarter in 28 3-5 seconds but the fall had taken a lot out of him and he finished out of the money. In his next start he went to the quarter in 1:58 1-5, stepped the half in :59 3-5 and the mile in 1:59 1-5. He also won the next heat in 2:02 1-5. On the final day of the meeting he won the Free For All Pace and the Almahurst Trot from a fast field, the first mile in 2:02 2-5. The next heat was won by Gene

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Saints and P. W. C. Battle To Scoreless Tie In Rugby Game

Rugby will highlight local sporting activities here today, in fact will be about the one and only sporting attraction which will be featured here over the week-end, when University of New Brunswick and Saint Dunstan's varsity squads meet in a highly important struggle in quest of N.B.-P.E.I. intercollegiate rugby supremacy.

It will be a do or die contest for these evenly matched, well balanced squads when they clash at three o'clock this afternoon, as both are desperately in need of the extra points a win will give them, in order to stay in the running for top honors in the series.

To throw a little more light on the subject, this is the situation that both teams face today. Mount Allison are at present leading the series with four points and still have one game left to play; Saints are second with three points with today's encounter their final one, (unless there should be a tie for the leadership at the end of the regular schedule); U.N.B. have one point and U.N.B. in plan will have to win against Mount A. In order to come out on top for first place; a tie today and a win for U.N.B. next week can end the series, while a win or a tie for Mounties next week will put the series on ice for them if U.N.B. wins today.

While still on the subject of rugby, a large number of student supporters and fans were on hand yesterday afternoon at the S.D.U. gridiron to see the Prince of Wales and second Saints aggregation encounter in their intermediate intercollegiate series for the Provincial Rugby title.

It was the second clash of their best of three game series, also decided in the final half, in the hands of the Saints in the series opener two weeks ago, the Welshmen were an entirely different looking band of rugbyists yesterday, when they forced the series into a third game by battling their opponents every inch of the way, and then some, to a scoreless tie.

In a rugged encounter, with time-outs coming frequently with temporary injuries, the Welshmen held the advantage on the overall picture, which was a far cry from their first meeting, and their scoring chances decidedly outnumbered those of the Saints. But the latter, made of strong stuff on the offensive, showed that they can be equally strong on the defensive, when they held firm on repeated scoring attempts by the Welshmen to throw them for a loss and take up the attack themselves that nearly paid off a number of times.

It was an exciting and pleasing game to watch, as both teams came up with some very fast, tricky running and passing attacks and featured some smart kicking as well as effective tackling, with some of the rummy, attack and kicking plays making some exceptionally long gains for the respective squads.

It certainly added zest to a series that at the beginning looked like going to be a lopsided, quickly settled affair. Now the picture has changed to an entirely different view, and this writer's guess is that it is going to be a whole of a series before it's over.

Sport Echoes From Prince County

We have just heard that the momentous meeting held by the local Summerside branch of the Legion to consider the advisability of spearheading a drive to build a new rink here is very encouraging. Should the Legion boys be built the Legion can feel pride in the fact that while everybody else was talking, about the only thing that remains cheap in these inflation days, the Legionaires, men noted for their action rather than for their words, pitched in and did something about it.

We feel confident that, should the Legion decide to take the plunge, the service clubs and the citizens as a whole, will back them in the amount of frozen assets from the fact that it would be humiliating if Summerside, of whose record in many things we are all justly proud, had no hockey rink when virtually all towns of its size and many much smaller do have hockey and skating facilities for their youth. The greatness of countries or cities or towns does not depend on the amount of frozen assets along to Bennett MacDonald who did a nice carrying job. He finally passed it over to their speedy threequarter wingman Jackie Brown, who made a smart final play in the amount of frozen assets brought down by a hard Saints tackle just off the touchline.

The Welshmen held the play deep in their opponents territory for the next 10 minutes and had down on a really hand-up encounter, the Welshmen turned back by a stout S.D.U. defence, who finally worked the Welshmen back to their own zone with some effective running and kicking attacks, but didn't get very deep, with the play wagging back and forth between the twenty-five-yard zones at a rapid pace, with the play at about centre field at the end of the half.

The Prince of Wales aggregation forced the play right to the Saint five-yard line from the opening kickoff in the final half, to hold the play there for a short time before the pressure of the Saints put on in centre field. But the Welshmen didn't stay there long, and were right back hammering away at their touchline again a few minutes later, where both teams waged a terrific struggle until the 15-minute mark, the Welshmen battling to go over from close in but the Saints throwing them back stubbornly, until they pulled a clever running attack that took them down the sideline only to the play into the Welshmen's zone for the first time in the half. Some effective kicking by Red Howatt and fullback Darryl Carmody, however, finally relieved the pressure the Saints put on to finally take the play back to Saints territory about the 20-minute mark. The scene soon shifted again, with the Saints clicking on a smart backfield attack that took them down to the P.W.C. 25-yard line, where threequarters Kelly, Cheverie and Cash followed it up with another smart passing play, which saw the latter get pulled down within inches of scoring. Although the Saints threatened for a while, the play started to shift rapidly back and forth with the Saints fullback Mallett and Red Howatt and Carmody engaging in a regular kicking duel for a while, which saw both teams make some rapid gains, but despite the efforts neither could get in scoring range, with the play slightly inside P. W. C. territory when the final whistle blew.

There were quite a number of penalty kicks, mostly on offside plays, the Welshmen being awarded seven in the first half and four

HUNTERS' CORNER

October 1949 has been a beautiful month and will go down on the records as one that may never be surpassed. To the visiting hunter it has been a succession of beautiful balmy days when the stubble fields gleamed like gold in the bright sunshine and the hazy, unpeopled places and quiet beauty was something to marvel at. . . . grey dunes with sparkling blue wavelets lapping beaches of smooth white sand and where the red of cultivated fields contrasted with the serene interval and gleaming stubble or the autumn glory on the hillside.

Beauty was not the only enjoyment offered visiting sportsmen. Covey's of brown, fat and gamey Huns thundered from the most unexpected places and colourful Cock pheasants cackled and scolded as they flushed from the shelter of alder swamps or tangled rough land. In certain favoured spots Wilson's snipe were abundant and the odd teal or black duck rose from secluded pool holes and the lordly Ruffed grouse offered a fleeting target on which to waste a shell.

All interviewed were in agreement that the island sported a wealth of game. A few took time out to hunt woodcock, snipe, duck, grouse or pheasant but it was the sporting and plentiful Hungarian partridge that bore the brunt of the hunting. Hun coveys do not all act alike. A few will act dumb and keep moving from one local spot of cover to another and appearing to move into strange and far territory. Such coveys naturally take quite a beating if the gunners hunting them are passable shots and are backed by a staunch Setter or Pointer.

On the other hand there are coveys that will leave the country with the opening gunshot. I've watched Huns zoom over a large partridge a mile away and vanish in the distance. Other coveys will not lie to a dog and flush wild before the hunter walks within range. Some coveys refuse to be trapped and will shy clear of heavy cover but will alight instead on bare cultivated soil or sparse pasture land where they are in a position to see anyone approach from any direction. Once I strike a covey like that I say "Good day" and move elsewhere.

Most all Hun coveys will eventually wind up in the middle of a thick swamp or dense second growth. Some days most coveys are inclined to flush wild depending on the weather. Some will often lie close the following day but not all of them.

Huns bagged this past week show a vast improvement over birds shot the first three weeks of the season. They are larger and fatter and the plumage is developing.

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Millionaires Back In First Place In League With 8-3 Win Over Vics

SYDNEY, N.S., Oct. 28—(CP)—Sydney Millionaires swamped North Sydney Victorias 8-3 tonight to go back into a first-place tie with Vics in the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League.

The odds paid off again tonight for no team in the League has been beaten on home ice this season. Glouce Bay Miners, last-place club in the three-team circuit, has done no worse than a tie at home.

Murph Chamberlain's Millionaires didn't hit their stride until early in the second period, but when they did there was no holding them. They potted two in the middle frame after a scoreless first period and held a 5-0 lead in the third before Vics could beat Nick Pidsodny.

Scoring—None. Penalties—Kromm, B. MacDonald, Kornek.

Second Period
1—Sydney, Gray, (MacIntyre) 1:57
2—Sydney, MacIntyre, (MacRae) 3:03

Penalty: Gray (Verrier)
3—Sydney, Greenlaw, (MacIntyre, MacRae) 5:18
4—Sydney, MacDonald, (Platz) 5:28
5—Sydney, Hildebrand, (Brukow, Whalen) 5:32
6—North Sydney, Stark, (Hall, Kromm) 6:22
7—Sydney, Greenlaw, (MacIntyre, Ross) 5:27
8—Sydney, MacIntyre, (MacRae) 6:26
9—North Sydney, Bangay, (Gibson) 6:11
10—Sydney, Hildebrand, (Gray) 8:13
11—North Sydney, Storey, (Gibson) 16:41

Penalties: None.

Moncton Hawks Swamp Amherst Ramblers 12-1

MONCTON, N.B., Oct. 28—(CP)—The roof fell in again on Amherst Ramblers tonight and they stumbled to a 12-1 lacing by Moncton Hawks in a Maritime Senior Hockey League game. Moncton advanced into second place, one point behind the leading Halifax St. Mary's.

Amherst now has lost eight and has been scored on 80 times. Tonight they abandoned their usual hard-hitting game with the result that Hawks drifted in at will. At Tomari handled 28 shots in the Amherst net while Les Colvin, so far the top goalie in the league, stopped 15. Eight of the shots against Colvin came in the last period after Hawks eased off.

First Period
1—Amherst, H. Mosenko (S. MacDougall) 1:23
2—Moncton, Imonti (McIntyre) 2:01
3—Moncton, Fitzpatrick (Milani) 3:02
4—Moncton, Milani (MacKenzie, LeBlanc) 10:03
5—Moncton, McIntyre (Barkwell) 14:00
6—Moncton, Leckie (MacKenzie, Milani) 17:06
7—Moncton, Larlee (McIntyre) 18:10
8—Moncton, McIntyre (Fitzpatrick) 19:18

Penalties—None.
Second Period
9—Moncton, Milani (MacKenzie, W. Robinson) 11:00
Penalties — Fitzpatrick, W. Robinson
Third Period
10—Moncton, MacKenzie (LeBlanc) 2:58
11—Moncton, Imonti (McIntyre, Fleet) 7:01
12—Moncton, Imonti (Porter, Fleet) 12:39
13—Moncton, Imonti (Robinson) 18:00
Penalties — W. Robinson, Allan (Misconduct), Fitzpatrick, Imonti, Leckie, McIntyre.

Capot Captures Pimlico Special

BALTIMORE, Oct. 28—(AP)—Capot, Greenree Stabie's flashy three-year-old star, whipped Calumet Farm's Coaltown with remarkable ease today in the 13th Pimlico Special. At the end of the 1-3-16 mile, Capot was 12 lengths ahead of Calumet's four-year-old speedster.

Joins Saint John

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Oct. 28—(CP)—The management of Saint John Beavers announced tonight that Centre Dick Wray will again be in uniform for Beavers, for the first time this season, when Moncton Hawks play here tomorrow night in a Maritime Senior Hockey League fixture.

The fiery redhead arrived tonight after motoring from his home in Stratford, Ont. He tied with George McGregor for the league scoring championship last season. Wray has not been on skates 12 some time and probably will be used sparingly at first.

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