



### DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Joe Hennessy gave a loving good-bye yesterday to Alcione 2:06 1/4, on her way to the farm of P. Pitts in Maine. Joe liked this mare very much and she raced well for him this season. Alcione is ten years old and was sired by Scotland 1:59 1/4, and her dam was by Abbeville 2:01 1/4. She started racing as a three-year-old, taking a record of 2:12 which was later reduced to 2:09. She and Kavola were brought here by their owner William McGibbon in 1945. At Covehead, Sept. 12th, Alcione won the Free For All with 1-4-1. Royal-at-Law winning the middle heat in 2:09 1/4, the other heats being 2:14, 2:09 1/4. Shortly after she and her stable companion Kavola, 3:06 1/4 were sold to P. R. McCormack of this City. Alcione took part in several races in 1946 and at Covehead July 17th won the first heat in the Free For All in 2:06 1/4, which was a new track record. Royal-at-Law won the next two in 2:09 1/4 each. This season she won two races, a dash race and heats in other races. She is a beautiful mare and her breeding is unsurpassed. Mr. Pitts is to be congratulated on securing her.

Mr. McCormack still retains Kavola, a six-year-old mare by the world's greatest sire, Volomite 2:03 1/4, dam Kalia Dillon 2:02 1/4, winner of nine of her eleven starts as a three-year-old trotter and also winner of the Transylvania, one of the biggest stakes on the Grand Circuit. Kavola was foaled in 1941 and in her three-year-old form took a record of 2:06 1/4 over a mile track and won several races. She and Alcione became the property of Mr. McCormack as mentioned above. Her racing career during 1945 in Mr. McGibbon's hands was brilliant and few who witnessed will ever forget the 2:12 1/4 and race at Old Home Week August 18th of that year. Kavola and Tracy Hanover went away like a team and continued that way right to the wire, Kavola winning by half a length in 2:08, which is the fastest she has ever raced over half-mile track. The next heat was almost a repetition, Kavola winning in 2:11 1/4 and in the third heat Tracy Hanover won the sprint in 1:10. Other starters in that race were O. U. Volo 3-3-3; Wain N'ee 4-6-4; Baron 5-4-6; Uni Abbe 6-5-3.

At the 1945 Goodwill races, Charlotteville, Kavola started in the 2:14-2:16 class. She won the first heat in a close finish from Peter Brooke and in 2:11 1/4. The next heat was a dead heat between these two in 2:11 and the third heat was won by Kavola by half a length in 2:10. Sunnyside made was 3-3-3 and Sunnyside 4-4-4. In 1946 Kavola won eight races, including My Partner 2:10 and Chuck Worthy 2:04 1/4 as leading race winner over Maritime tracks.

A brief review of Kavola's racing in 1947 shows that she started in 14 or more events and covered a lot of territory, racing at various points in the Province, at Moncton, Woodstock, St. Stephen, New Glasgow and Truro, and always acquitted herself in a most gallant manner. She ends the season as a six-year-old and is owned by her present owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Baker whose stable has been so prominent on the Grand Circuit and other tracks for years, and who has owned some of the greatest trotters and pacers that ever performed, such as the world's champion trotter Grethound 1:57 1/4, King's Counsel 1:58 and other great sires are. To which farm Alcione will be added as a sire she has not been divulged.

The complete disposal of the 17 trotters and pacers, their equipment and also 27 show horses netted over \$200,000. Second highest price of the sale was \$20,000 for a two-year-old, Grand Parade, and she went to the bid of O. P. Milan, a well-known Italian, which shows that the Italians are not devoid of the wherewithal. Alec Parsons of London, Ont., who purchased the racing stable of Bill Stewart, New

Glasgow, last Spring, bought the two-year-old Mighty Atom for \$4,500.

While the price of \$70,000 seems to be a tremendous sum for a trotter or pacer yet we remember that in 1915 when Peter the Great Stoughton A. Fletcher of Indianapolis for \$50,000, and Mr. Fletcher made money as Peter the Great lived until he was 29 and sired a great many high priced trotters and pacers.

The top figure of all time was paid by J. Malcolm Forbes, a business man of Boston, for the colt Arión, that set up a new two-year-old world's trotting record to high wheels in 1891 of 2:10 1/4. Mr. Forbes immediately wired to Senator Stanford of California for a price and he replied that it was no use making a price as Mr. Forbes would not be interested in it. Mr. Forbes persisted and Stanford wired back \$125,000, and that amount was promptly telegraphed him. Arión reduced his record as a four-year-old to bike sulky to 2:07 1/4.

Prior to Arión the highest price ever paid for a trotter or pacer was for Axel. His story is interesting. Back in the eighties C. M. Williams was a telegraph operator at Independence, Iowa, and just crazy about horses. At a dispersal he purchased a three-year-old non-standard mare called Lou, almost a cripple, and a four-year-old mare called Gussie, paying \$350. In 1885 he sent these two to Kentucky in the care of John Hussey, who afterwards became a noted figure as a trainer of colts. They were to be bred to two of the best sires in Kentucky but Hussey found both these sires looked up and he wired Mr. Williams that he could book to William L. and Jay Bird for a very reasonable sum. Axel was the son of Lou and William L. and Allerton of Jay Bird and Gussie.

Williams, although inexperienced in training horses, developed Axel as a two-year-old and raced him to the world's stallion record for that age of 2:23. As a three-year-old he not only lowered the world's trotting record to 2:12 for stallion record for all ages and remember that was to high wheels. The evening of that performance a syndicate purchased him for \$100,000 and had him book to him in quick order.

Mr. Williams would not sell Axel although at one time he was offered \$150,000 for him. As a five-year-old in 1891 he lowered the world's stallion trotting record to 2:09 and was the leading sire for many years of trotters and pacers in the United States. Interested in our locality is that Fred Cameron, well known race driver of this city, was employed at a farm in Iowa where Allerton 2:09 stood for services and trained and developed many of his get, also that of other stallions there. Returning to this Province which appears in Hoop Beats of October 1947—Wayne Smart and Poplar Byrd were up against a tough lot of three-year-old pacers in the \$3,000 Poplar Hill Stake, but came out on top of the pack, Poplar Byrd stepping in 2:01 2/5 to a new record in the final dash. Of the eleven starters Goose Bay was an odds-on favorite, also the Goose was on bad behaviour and headed for the draw-gate and the slow jog after the field was round.

It is very regrettable to say the least, that an accident should have to a great extent spoiled the trip of Dr. R. C. Dougan, Jimmie Power and Mrs. Power. It occurred near Boston and Mrs. Dougan's leg was broken and she is now in hospital. Dr. Dougan was also cut and bruised about the face but the other members of the party escaped unhurt. The sympathy of all will go out to Mrs. Dougan for her severe injury and to the Doctor because of the anxiety it will cause him. We are all glad that the remaining members of the party are unhurt.

Our attention was called this morning by a prominent horseman to a paragraph in an article entitled The Famous Trots, which appears in Hoop Beats of October 1947—Wayne Smart and Poplar Byrd were up against a tough lot of three-year-old pacers in the \$3,000 Poplar Hill Stake, but came out on top of the pack, Poplar Byrd stepping in 2:01 2/5 to a new record in the final dash. Of the eleven starters Goose Bay was an odds-on favorite, also the Goose was on bad behaviour and headed for the draw-gate and the slow jog after the field was round.

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# SPORTING NEWS

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Anxious to wind up their intercollegiate season with a victory, Saint Dunstan's football squad, expected to be back at full strength, tangle with U.N.B. on the College gridiron this afternoon in a game that has all the earmarks of producing just such another pulsating struggle as the Saints—M.T. A. clash did here a fortnight ago.

Neither squad can catch the yet undefeated M. Allison team but that fact will have little to do with this afternoon's contest. The Fredericton team will be seeking revenge for the previous facing handed them by the Saints on their own field and many of the fans, particularly those who watched the red and black clad warriors against M.T. A. are figuring A.J. McAdam's team will face a mighty tough task between the hours of three and five this afternoon.

As usual there was no pre-game predictions coming from the camp of the local University team. No doubt about it the team received a great uplift in spirit when it was learned that Elmer Blanchard, starry picking quarter and their full back would be back in action; and to a man they are ready for the visiting New Brunswickers.

Another big crowd should be on hand this afternoon. Football has taken hold in no uncertain manner this season and the fans have been rewarded by witnessing some great contests. All have been hard but cleanly fought with a brand of ball being dished out at times that has been really good.

And changes in the rules have found favor with the fans. The game is far more open and faster due to a great deal of the elimination of a great many scrums and the kicking field and once the players themselves become accustomed to this new type of play—it was bound to cause some confusion this year—fans can expect even better games than have been played so far this season.

School rugbyists will hold forth at the Saint Dunstan's gridiron tomorrow morning when Summerside will present many new faces with the outfit in their third game of an exhibition series. The game should be well worth witnessing. The school kids play a smart brand of ball and with Summerside coming back from a one-sided defeat to square the series in the second game, outcome of today's rubber match of the series appears to be very much in doubt.

It is also expected that tomorrow (Sunday), Abbies and Prince of Wales will clash in an Island Intermediate league tussle. Abbies will present many new faces with the Saints, while pointing for victory number two but Prince of Wales, by their showing against the Saints—a game they lost by a narrow margin will furnish plenty of opposition and maybe a little too much for the newly-formed City squad.

The Big Four Hockey League swings into action on two fronts tonight when Truro and Saint John fans will get their first view of the squads that will battle out a 94-game schedule before winners are decided.

It is a long torturous trail they embark upon with the matter of selecting an ultimate winner still very much in doubt. All four clubs will present many new faces with the Moncton Hawks, last year's champions, greatly changed from the squad that bowed out to Hamilton Tigers in last year's Allan Cup semi-finals.

## Saints Play U.N.B. Team Here Today

### Colorful Maritime Sportsman Dies

HALIFAX, Oct. 31—(CP)—Thomas J. (Tom) Murphy, 78, colorful Maritime sportsman who once staged cock-fights in the days when many a Halifaxian would stake his roll on his favorite bird, died in hospital today.

Known to every horse-lover as Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Irish Tom started out as a stable boy but about the turn of the century owned his own livery stable.

His race horses in the Maritime harness circuit and as a self-taught veterinarian—his renown was as great as that of many a college graduate.

In the old days he annually donned a high silk hat and drove a British Army horse-drawn carriage to the races.

Although his work was always linked with horsemanship he was proud of the time he whipped a British Army horse-drawn carriage before the Boer War when Halifax was an Imperial garrison city.

It was around that time he staged cock-fights and dog-fights in a pit behind the walls of Rockhead City prison.

In recent years he had been operating riding stables in the south end. After his retirement in 1943 he lived on his farm at suburban Sackville until he was taken ill six weeks ago.

BOSTON, Oct. 31—(AP)—Gus (Pell) Mell, 150, of Montreal, scored an eight-round technical knockout verdict over Tom Clario, 148, of Waterbury, Conn., in their scheduled 10-round feature boxing bout tonight at the Arena.

Mell spent the first seven rounds softening up Clario with a lusty two-fisted attack to the head and body and the one-sided action was over early in the eighth when the Connecticut batter was floored for an eight-count after taking a long series of rights about the chin.

## Hunters' Corner

The opening day of the pheasant season on the 28th saw birds plentiful in some sections and quite a few Cocks found their way into hunters' bags. The kill dropped off sharply after the first morning and any birds secured from then on were well earned.

## Lesnevich Gives Mauriello Bad Beating

NEW YORK, Oct. 31—(AP)—Gus Lesnevich, light-heavyweight champion, gave Paul Mauriello a brutal beating in Madison Square Garden tonight and forced referee Ruby Goldstein to halt the measure early in the seventh round to save the pugnacious Bronx heavyweight further punishment. Lesnevich weighed 180 1/2, Mauriello 201 1/2.

The seventh round was only 32 seconds old when Goldstein took pity on the reeling, bloody Mauriello and stepped between the two men. The crowd had been yelling and looking over a pasture of stanzas, as early as the second round.

Lesnevich, scoring his fourth straight victory over his larger rival, won every round by wide margins and had Mauriello in trouble, as early as the second round.

Lesnevich began bouncing hard right off Mauriello's chin and midriff in the first round, and soon had his opponent in trouble. In the fourth round he bolted Tami with a left that sent him down for a nine count, and from there on it was only a question of how long Lesnevich could absorb such punishment.

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Los Angeles, Oct. 31—(AP)—Welterweight champion Ray Robinson today set up a 10-year, \$50 a month trust fund for the mother of boxer Jimmy Doyle of Los Angeles, who died from injuries following a match with Robinson in Cleveland last June.

Attorney Albert Pearson, in whose office the arrangements were made, said the trust account was set up in the Union National Bank for Mrs. Marie De Laney the mother.

## Gerdan Wins 10-Round Decision

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 31—(AP)—Marcel Gerdan, European middle-weight champion, tonight survived three last round knockdowns and maintained his perfect United States ring record with a louty-blooded decision over Anton Radkic of Estonia before 9,172 fans at Chicago Stadium. Gerdan weighed 160, Radkic 161 1/2.

After carrying the fight to the stubborn Radkic most of the way, the handsome Frenchman tired badly and was tagged by roundhouse rights in the final round which sent him down—once for a four count, and twice for counts of three.

Gerdan was wobbling in a daze, after climbing up from the last knockdown, when the bell ended the fight.

It was Gerdan's fourth triumph in his American campaign for the middleweight crown of Rocky Graziano and his 100th victory in 102 bouts.

Radkic also appeared on the verge of being knocked out several times in the wild battling 53 to 47 for Gerdan and the two judges accorded the Frenchman votes of 55 to 45 and 53 to 47.

Passing a small stubble field wherein a few sheaves had been left lying on the ground I rubbed my eyes when I saw two Cocks as big as small turkeys feeding on one of the sheaves within 10 feet of the roadside fence. The car braked to a stop and I lost no time in getting out. As I slipped two shells into the breach of the Winchester double I muttered to myself: "Here's where I get a pheasant dinner supposing I have to shoot one on the ground" (I have yet to get one). When I jumped over the ditch they had already marooned it to the shelter of the fence row. They ran down the ditch till they were out of range and then flew off into the unknown, cackling derisively.

My time is booked until the last day so my chances of outwitting this column will appear in the last few hours of the season are slim indeed. If I draw a blank for three seasons in a row I'm very much afraid my better half will lose faith in me entirely. She has been referring to me this past two days as: "Nimrod the mighty hunter...PERIOD". Checking up I find that my experiences have been shared by many others...so I'll not be a Daniel after all.

The trapping season on mink and muskrat opens on the morning of this column will appear in print—Saturday, November 1st. There appears to be a goodly number of mink on the rounds but muskrats are not plentiful. One will find a few favoured spots where water and food is abundant and to whence the rats have migrated from dried out areas, where the valuable furbearers are abundant, but the general outlook on the muskrat situation is glum indeed. The hunting season on rabbits opens on December 1st. The Ruffed Grouse season closes on Friday, October 31st. The pheasant season runs one day into November and closes on Saturday evening. Ruffed grouse, generally referred to as Native Partridge, are only reasonably plentiful. Certain sections where the birds were allowed protection during the close season sport a considerable number of birds, but October's foliage tends to prevent the hunter from securing more than the odd trophy. Every hunter has his own

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## White Sox Manager Says He Will Carry Fight Into The Courts

(By Frits Howell)

CLEVELAND, Oct. 31—(AP)—Leslie M. O'Connor, general manager of Chicago White Sox, said today he would carry to the courts his fight to halt enforcement of a fine and suspension levied against the American League club by Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler. The Sox official, who served as interim commissioner following the death of Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis until Chandler was appointed here April 24, 1945, said he would ask a restraining order next week in Federal Court at Cincinnati.

O'Connor's announcement came after an American League meeting at which the club owners, by a 7-0 vote, authorized President Will Harridge to appoint a new league representative to baseball's executive council, replacing the Chicagoan.

President Harridge declared: "From now on, any action is Mr. O'Connor's personal business and that of the White Sox. Like any business, baseball is anxious to stay out of the courts, but the American League cannot prevent any member club from going into court."

"Speaking as the League's President, we recognize Commissioner Chandler's interpretation of the rules, and the League will not be a party to any court action," O'Connor and the White Sox were suspended Oct. 29 for failure to pay a \$500 fine levied Sept. 26 for the signing of a Chicago high school southpaw pitcher by the club.

O'Connor, a lawyer, cited baseball law that only students in member schools of the National Federation of High School Associations were under the ban, while the youth signed by the White Sox was in a private school.

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## Halifax Juniors Ready But No Ice For Practice

HALIFAX, Oct. 31—(CP)—Nine Maritime junior players have arrived in the city to attend St. Mary's Junior Hockey School and found everything in readiness—everything, that is, except ice.

Frank Oatway and Carth Gay have arrived from the Summerside, P.E.I., juvenile championship squad of last season and Murray Logan, Ralph Malcolm and Laddie MacGuire are on hand from New Glasgow, N.S.

Manager Jim MacDonald said he hoped to have practice ice ready at the renovated Halifax Forum for the week-end when he expects about 20 "students."

## St. Mary's Juniors

HALIFAX, Oct. 31—(CP)—Halifax St. Mary's, defending Maritime junior hockey champions, added another import to their line-up tonight as 18-year-old Bill Franklin of Ottawa signed up.

Franklin played rearguard for Montagnards in the Ottawa City Junior League last season and came to Halifax with the recommendation of Frank Boucher of New York Rangers who saw the Ottawa junior in action.

# FORUM OPENING

Announcement will be made through the Patriot and C.F.C.Y. if there is skating tonight.

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## REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

George Lott, Jr., of Chicago, co-holder with Helen Jacobs of the United States outdoor doubles tennis championship in 1933, turned professional, 13 years ago today. Member of six United States Davis Cup teams, Lott teamed up with Bill Tilden in a barnstorming tour.

MAKING CANVASS

As in former years Joe O'Brien is presently making a canvass to raise funds to send to the aid of needy children in England. This year Joe plans giving away an electric clock in connection with his canvass.

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