

# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

From faraway Vancouver, W. S. MacLeod writes... "I greatly enjoy 'Down the Back Stretch' though I am more than forty years behind the harness racing times. Thus with great diffidence (and with all deference) I would like to have a statement of yours in January 7th issue cleared up. It was to the effect that a mare once owned by the late Dr. J. A. Johnston of Tignish held the record for Island-bred mares at 2:15 1-2. Seems to me that, during the exhibition meet of 1906, a locally bred mare, Jewel, won the free-for-all with a mark of 2:17. She was then owned and driven by Jack Irving from up Tryon way. He subsequently sold her to a Maine stable where she was marked at 2:14 1-2 - or so I was told.

"My interest in her lay in the fact that my people owned her and sold her to Irving. She was a natural pacer, but was never attached to a sulky until she was at least seven years old. Can't remember her pedigree but think she was of Black Pilot stock. Anyway she was a real Black Beauty and, dressed in black-named harness never failed to attract attention on the streets. As a very small boy, it was my pleasure to groom and exercise her and I have had many a spurt on the Park roadway with other aspiring drivers, not seldom winning the short course. It's funny how prophecies can go wrong. About that time it was considered opinion that the motor car would replace the driving horse and, hence, that harness racing would languish since the breeder would have no market for his slower colts. Seems the day has come when Old Pop Gets rides again. Your 1949 Racing Review was really something. Am waiting for your Ice Racing to begin. Seems you are exchanging your winter with ours."

Thanks Mac for your letter and we are sure quite a number of your old friends and relatives will be glad to know that you are still taking an interest in racing here. Our statement with reference to Baby Logan, owned by the late Dr. J. A. Johnston, was that she once held the record for Maritime bred trotting mares and that was correct. Jewel was a pacer and a mighty good one and it must be remembered that she was performing in an era when trotters and pacers were not given the racing opportunities or tracks were not as fast as they were in later years. Her sire, Black Pilot, for the way he was shod, trained and the high wheeled sulky he raced in, was really outstanding and his son, Special Blend 2:18 1-4, dominated the fast trotting classes in the Maritimes for several years and hung up track records in all three. He was owned in the heyday of his glory and driven by the late E. LeRoy Willis of St. John, N.B. Mr. Willis was a hotel man and had the horse's name changed from Black Pilot 2nd to Special Blend, as an advertisement for one of the favorite high class brands of Scotch whiskey then sold in the Maritimes.

A friend in Maine writes us that the well known trainer, George Demont has taken a position with the Green Meadows Farm, Gloversville, New York, owned by Mr. Patrick Crossett. There is a splendid set up there, large barn, private training track and well-bred young colts and horses to work with. George is a very capable trainer and driver and should do well there. Our congratulations to George and we hope he will have great success.

Our Maine friend also encloses a letter from Earle Avery with the latest news of Earle's stable which he is training at Fern Park (mile track), Florida. Earle, as our readers know, is handling the horses owned by C. T. Black, Berryville, Virginia, the home of Calumet Fingo 2, 2:04, and Watchin 2:06. Calumet Fingo was owned in New Brunswick prior to being sold to Mr. Black on Earle's recommendation. At the Harrisburg sale last fall quite a number of colts by Calumet Fingo were disposed of and brought good prices. Some were retained or bid in by Mr. Black and it is these that Earle is training in Florida together with aged horses.

The following is from Earle's letter... The weather here has been perfect, not as hot as it was last year. There are a lot of good acting colts and a few that are outstanding. Dennis Shell has a Brown Prince colt, free-legged, no hoots, that has been a mile in better than 2:30 with a half in 1:07 and a quarter in 31 seconds. Lacey has one or two by King's Counsel 1:58 1-2 that he has worked close to that and Tom Berry has one by the same horse that looks like he will do. They tell me the colts by King's Counsel at the Orlando half-mile track are good also. My colts are doing all I have asked of them. They were a couple of months behind the ones that were sold at the auctions and I have been going careful with them. Alma Direct, Goldie Fingo and Betty French all trained together Friday morning a mile in 2:41, last quarter in 35 1-2. Alma was very handy and looks like she can make it.

"I have plenty of time yet so am going carefully. Out of nine two-year-olds I have five trotters. The best one is Naughty Fingo that I bought in for \$1,100. She is only nineteen months old and has been in 2:42 with a quarter in 37 seconds very handy. They all say that she is the best trotter at this track. I don't carry a whip with the colts, just let them go where they want to themselves. Some of the colts here have had it pretty tough and many of the high priced ones do not seem to show as much as some of the cheaper ones. This Goldie Fingo I mentioned is one I picked out at Mr. Black's farm as a weanling. I asked him not to sell her so she was not listed. She is out of a full sister of that good race mare Annabelle Senish. We tried her on the trot but she did not show enough so two weeks ago I put the hobbles on her and I never saw anything learn so fast or have better manners.

"Champion Fingo is a big, rugged colt that could not trot a mile better than 3:13 so this week I put the straps on him and I believe he will be a good pacer. These Calumet Fingo's are a great lot and good mannered bunch of colts. The boys are exactly the color of Colonel Dan and he is the color of Calumet Fingo, no white at all, just one has a white ankle. There are 165 head at this track now and over 200 at the Orlando track. Even now I am thinking of racing although it will be a few months yet. Maryland looks like a good place to race this year with all those good stakes and overnight purses. I expect to race there most of the summer. I don't believe I will get to Maine at all although I would like to go up for a week or two to see all the folks."

Maritime friends of Earle will be glad to know that he is getting along so well with his colts in Florida. Last year Earle had some of the top down there and unlike many that show up good and then fall by the wayside, his continued improving and were among the top winners throughout the season. Earle's early experience in training and racing was gained in the Maritimes. For years he conducted a training stable at Woodstock, N.B., his home town, and from there raced at Maritime meets and later in the season in Maine. An evidence of his prowess is still seen on the record board at the Charlotte-town oval where the pacing mark set by Bud Wenger of 2:05 1-2 in 1836 still stands.

In the February 22nd issue of The Harness Horse is the following... "What is probably the fastest mile trained in New England up to this writing is a mile in 2:33 by the green trotter Just Bill, by Calumet Budlong 2:02 3-4, turned in by George Reed at Gorham, Maine, according to a report by his owner Ed Webb. Just Bill was owned by Alex Agnew, East Royalty and was one of a number of horses bought by Arthur B. McGee and E. Webb last fall. McGee was Peter Budlong 2:10 that is now top ice pacer in Maine.

# SPORTING NEWS



## Barbara Ann Scott Show Is Sensation; Appears Again Tonight

Amid a pagentry of color, costume and soft music, Barbara Ann Scott and the "Skating Sensations of 1950" certainly created a sensation for a capacity crowd at the Charlottetown Forum last night when they put on an excellent display of graceful skating, comedy and intricate routine skating acts that just about brought down the house with applause.

Performing with the grace and perfection that acclaimed her a world's champion, and adding the touch of the professional artist, Miss Scott enraptured the audience right from the beginning when she flashed across a gaily painted ice surface of various designs in shimmering golden costume in her "World Olympiad" number right through to the grand finale of the "Indian Legend."

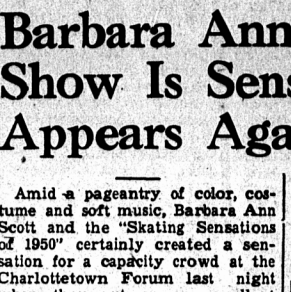
Radiating a brilliancy of youth and vigor in every movement, Barbara Ann swept through six acts with an air of lightness, but later with confidence and delight as a winsome "Goldlocks" which suited her to perfection and brought out her artistic acting talents that took her audience right into Fairyland with her.

In an act that was perfectly designed and full of color, "Perfume Symphony" was one of the most lovely acts of the show, with Barbara and her partner, Manuel del Toro performing with all the agility and poise of ballet dancers. A cast of skaters, wearing specially designed costumes in perfume bottle and powder box style with an equal number of skaters gaily portraying "Powder-Puffs," and assisted by two "Naive Boys," made a delightful background for Miss Scott's appearance as "Tabby" adorned in an enticing costume designed in ostrich feathers in both gown and headpiece.

Adorned in silver flowing wings and costume in "On Wings of Song", Miss Scott hit her height of perfection as she rendered a captivating pantomime of the song "Because." She glided through every line of the classic with such realistic accomplishment that you could practically envision its every word.

Before the applause of a truly appreciative audience, had died, she capped it off with a stellar performance in a romantic tale of the Old South when amid a colorful background of Southern Belles, Gentlemen of the South, strollers and dusky, sleepy Picaninies, Jerry and her adept partner, Jarry Rehfield, skated together in two enticing numbers "Caroline" and "Eyes of Blue" in the "Showboat" revue extravaganza.

The grand finale was highlighted by her performance as "Princess 'Shining Star'" in one of the most intricate skating routines that has ever been witnessed by a local audience. A host of Indian Maids and Indian and feathered, supported her in the role, to cover the ice with a face with a galaxy of precision skating that was wonderful to behold. Miss Scott appeared in a beautifully arranged white costume of Indian design and matching feathered headpiece that trailed to the ice. It made her a most picturesque figure, as she finished the number high in the arms of an Indian Brave.



## ICES RACES Scheduled Here Today

Four classes will be raced on the North River ice this afternoon at the Victoria Driving Club's weekend meet. The first heat will be at 2:30.

Following are the classes and entries:

Class A Pace—Jean Henley, Calumet Onward, Billy McVey, Eleanor G.

Class B Trot and Pace—Mary's Delight, Carl Aubrey, Bee Budlong, Buddy Budlong, Reuben Lee, Calumet Duds.

Class C Trot and Pace—Margaret Jean, Rosalie Hooper, Nature Boy, Maudie Budlong, Miss Playfair, Lily Marlene, Dan McElwain.

Class D Trot and Pace—Tiny Budlong, Opitzdale, April Bud, Bopsep, Lusty Aubrey, Dasher Hanover, Lusty's Queen.

A. and B. Classes will start at 2:30.

C. and D. Classes will start at 3:15.

Two Juvenile League Basketball games are scheduled for this afternoon at the Y.M.C.A. gym when the Abbles and the Saint Dunstan's University teams clash in the opener at 4:15. In the second game scheduled for 6:30 the Ramblers will tackle the Vics.

Interest is running high in the league and each game is played before a good crowd of fans so today's games should prove to be no exception.

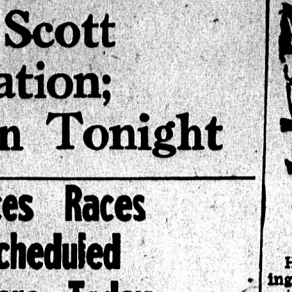
If the Vics win today they will assure themselves of the League title. Should the Saints win it will bring them two points closer to the league leading Vics. However if the Abbles upset the Saints they will move into a two way tie with the Ramblers for third place in the league standings.

Bob and Peggy White also put on a spectacular performance in a number called "Ritual Fire Dance" that really went over big with the crowd.

Following the conclusion of last night's opening performance, Miss Scott was honored with a Provincial and Civic welcome by His Honor Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard, Hon. Premier J. Walter Jones and His Worship Mayor E. Earle MacDonald, who congratulated Miss Scott on her outstanding performance and presented her with suitable gifts for the occasion.

Following the presentation of a basket of roses to Miss Scott by petite Catherine Campbell, Mr. Fremont Archer made the formal introductions, which was followed by a presentation of an oil painting of Prince Edward Island tendered by Premier Jones on behalf of the people of the Province, and an illuminated address and a suitably engraved gold locket was also presented to Miss Scott by Mayor MacDonald on behalf of the City.

Yes "Skating Sensations of 1950" is something you can't afford to miss, so go to either the afternoon matinee or the final performance tonight and let Barbara Ann and her excellent supporting cast thrill you as it thrilled everyone last night.



## HUNTERS' CORNER

Hungarian partridge are showing the first signs that all is not going well in their own little world. The snow storm that started in the form of frozen snow pellets and then turned to rain formed an icy crust. An ordinary snowfall catches on the bushes and hedges and leaves the ground underneath bare. Snow pellets sift through the branches to the ground beneath and seal up the grass and grit.

The Hun Coveys, are having trouble in securing food and grit. A party who motored to Eldon recently reported seeing over sixty Huns. A number of observers are reported seeing many coveys of late. This means that the birds have been driven from their cosy hangouts and are looking for new feeding grounds. The time is at hand when the placing out of food and grit will be appreciated by the birds.

Farmers of my acquaintance have been placing out food and grit for the past week. Several living in the Royalty have complained about hunting dogs molesting the birds, both Huns and pheasants, and driving them from the Feed Stations. The recent complaints concern the actions of Setters and Pointers owned by Charlottetown Sportsmen. Several of these Pointers are valuable but if they collide with a charge of leaden pellets they become a charge of no more account than the veriest mongrel.

The owners of those hunting dogs are liable for a fine under the Game Act for allowing their dogs to run at large besides running the risk of having them shot. If they are shot the owner has no other recourse than to grin and bear it. A dog that has been trained to hunt Huns and Pheasants in the fall thinks it is a great game to chase them in the winter time and will visit a Feed Station several times during the day. One cannot blame the dogs if they react to a natural instinct and seek pleasurable recreation.

I know it is a problem in the city to keep a hunting dog under control. There is just one sure way to do so... keep them on a leash or in a wire pen. I know owners of high class fox and rabbit hounds in the country who never let their dogs run at large winter or summer. A long length of No 9 fence wire is attached to the entrance of their kennels and the other fastened to a wooden peg driven into the ground flush with the surface. A section of light chain is fastened to a ring on the wire with the other end affixed to the dogs collar. The hound then may trot from one end of the wire to the other and get exercise. When tired or wishing to get in out of the sun or rain he crawls into his kennel and curls up. The neck chain is long enough to allow that.

I have had dog owners claim that chasing Huns or pheasants in the winter time doesn't hurt them. It will do them no good in any instance but when the coveys are hard pressed for food and are not given a chance to feed the practice is definitely harmful. Furthermore it aggravates the person who is placing out the feed to the point where he is ready to use a shotgun as a last resort to insure his charges a chance to fill their crops in peace.

I note where the province of Nova Scotia and several States in (Continued on page 7)



## Juvenile Semi-Final At Kensington Tonight

Tonight the scene of battle in the juvenile semi-finals for the Kensington rink. The Kensington team will take a one-goal lead in the game, having defeated the Summerside Kinsmen Juveniles to 4 in Crystal rink, Summerside, last Wednesday night.

But Jimmie Hogan's boys are not going into this game with the feeling that they are already beaten. They know that the Kensington Juveniles have a reputation for being well-nigh unbeatable in their own backluck, but this will not stop the Summerside boys from throwing everything they have at the homesters in an endeavour to do what no other juvenile team has done this year, defeat Kensington in their own back yard.

It is the opinion of many hockey fans that this contest will be a runaway, but another hard fought, close contest such as the two teams waged in Summerside.

The R. C. A. F. Flyers, league-leading basketball team from Summerside, had a big edge on the Charlottetown Army team at the Airforce court last night, trimming the visitors by the top-sided score of 55 to 12. At half time the score was 20 to 7, and the Airmen improved their game as the match progressed, scoring 35 points against the Army's 5 in the second half. The Airforce points were pretty well distributed, every man on the team finding the basket for at least two points. Eckley led the point-getters with 12. Young John MacNaught, up from the juveniles, led his team in scoring with four points.

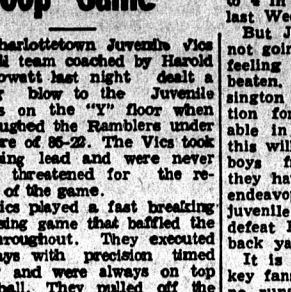
Malcolm MacFadyen was high man on the losers' side as he notched nine with Clint Taylor getting eight.

Earl Goss and Keith Boston handled the game while the thinker was Bill Leonard.

Box Score	FG	FS	FF	Pts.
R. C. A. F.	5	2	0	12
Eckley	5	2	0	12
Lowie	2	1	0	5
Carson	3	0	0	6
Bayne	1	0	1	2
Lyon	4	0	0	8
Button	1	0	2	2
McIsaac	2	0	1	4
Campbell	3	0	0	6
Forge	1	0	0	2
Totals	26	3	5	55

Army	FG	FS	FF	Pts.
Cullen	1	0	2	2
Glover	1	1	1	3
Dalziel	0	0	0	0
McDougall	0	0	0	0
MacNaught	2	0	0	4
Rositer	1	0	0	2
Totals	5	2	1	12

Referee: Sgt. N. W. Anderson, umpire, W. Caloren, timekeeper—J. Murphy.—S.



## Juvenile Vics Down Ramblers In Hoop Game

The Charlottetown Juvenile Vics basketball team coached by Harold "Red" Horwitz last night dealt a sickening blow to the Juvenile Ramblers on the "Y" floor when they ploughed the Ramblers under by a score of 35-22. The Vics took an opening lead and were never seriously threatened for the remainder of the game.

The Vics played a fast breaching but passing game that baffled the Ramblers throughout. They executed their plays with precision, timed accuracy and were always on top of the ball. They pulled off the nicest play of the year in the opening minutes of the second half. Ralph "Butter" MacPherson and Ian MacNevein were the players in the play. Jack MacAnkrew handled the ball while MacPherson climbed on top of MacNevein's shoulders. MacAnkrew passed the ball to MacPherson who easily topped it into the mesh. The score at the half was 35-6.

Top scoring honors for the game went to Bill MacAndrew ball handling pivot expert of the winners. He accounted for 24 points with ten coming in the first half and the other fourteen in the second. MacPherson was next in line for the winners collecting 16 points with Jack MacAnkrew having 13. Charlie Hine racked up ten points in the second half with the winners while Ian MacNevein had 9.

Vics	FG	FS	FF	Pts.
B. MacAndrew	12	0	3	24
MacPherson	8	0	2	16
J. MacAndrew	6	1	2	13
Hine	6	0	1	12
MacNevein	3	1	2	9
Burgess	3	1	2	7
Kendry	2	0	3	4
D. Cameron	0	0	4	0
Totals	40	5	19	85

Ramblers	FG	FS	FF	Pts.
MacFadyen	4	1	5	9
Taylor	3	2	5	8
Large	0	2	4	2
Davey	0	1	2	0
Chandler	0	1	1	1
Boston	0	0	1	0
J. Cameron	0	0	2	0
Totals	7	8	20	22

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