

Back Stretch

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As they came into the stretch and the battle there on was a tough one, the Kalmuck horses staying out in front with Great Doon fishing a nose in front of Frairie Pete. They certainly have some good trotters down in Cape Breton and that trio would make it most interesting for any others in the Maritimes.

We have received from Frank A. McNeill, Summerside, and Don McNeill, a complete list of the turf goods which they have in stock. The variety really surprised us, we had no idea that they kept such a splendid line of harness, bits, boots—in fact everything necessary for a race horse.

We had been wanting a special type of bit and figured we would have to send abroad, but we mentioned it to Don McNeill and we got one in quick order.

Horsemen in this section and we presume all over the Maritimes, were quite excited when they picked up their daily paper Thursday morning and read where Buzzaway, a three-year-old pacer by Pepper, a son of Volomite, dam, Goldie Dues, owned by Calumet Dues 2:09 1/2, owned by George Turner, Dartmouth, had won the first dash on the program at Truro Wednesday night in 2:10 1/5. It was known that Buzzaway had terrific speed, had been down to the half out on the rim in 1:05, but such a record at this season of the year seemed just too good. The writer telephoned Carl Mackenzie, Race Secretary of Truro Raceway, yesterday morning and Carl said it was an error on teletype and should have been 2:19 1/5, but even then it was a good performance. Goldie Dues, the splendidly bred dam of Buzzaway, is now owned by James Arbing of this city and his daughter Shirley, is the proud possessor of a yearling and a six months old foal both by Pepper out of Goldie Dues. The many friends of Jiggy and Shirley will be looking forward to their appearing on the track in coming years and showing as much or more speed than Buzzaway.

Willard inherited a love of horses and a knowledge of how to take care of them and race them from his father, the very popular Hammond Kelly, who in his day and generation was known throughout the Maritimes and the United States as a picker of likely race prospects and a man who knew how to train and win with them. He brought to this Province such well known horses as Mayor Todd 2:14 1/2, Colorado L. 2:13 1/2, Longest 2:06 1/4, Kentucky Marque 2:09 1/4 and others who have left their impress on the race records and breeding strains in the Maritimes.

About 1921 Willard started racing, driving Albert J. 2:21, Juanita Aubrey 2:19 1/4 and continued with horses owned by the Kelly's or those given him to train in their locality. It was in 1937 that he really impressed himself on the racing picture. That year he won the Macdonald Briar Trophy for leading driver at the Charlottetown Exhibition races and he also won that Trophy again in 1939, 1941, 1949 and 1950. Like his father he endeavored to improve the Standard Breds here and to that end he brought on the recommendation of the Editor of the American Horse Breeder, Kalmuck 2:15 1/4, by Peter the Great 2:07 1/4, a horse outstandingly bred, also in the female line. The soundness of his judgment in that respect can be seen if you care to look up the race records since that horse's arrival.

In 1940 he bought the stallion Playdale 2:04 1/2 by Scotland 1:59 1/2, a horse that always won in the show ring and had manners, style and action without a peer. Two of his get, Early Dawn 2:05 2/5 and Janette Dale 2:06 2/5, both records made over half-mile tracks, won a total of almost \$30,000 during their careers and they are still racing. Playdale also sired many others. Willard has the honor of being the breeder of the fastest trotting mare ever bred in the Maritime Provinces—Christie Budlong 2:06 3/4, dam, Ima Guy by Guy Axworthy 2:08 1/4. One of the first of the many trotters he developed was Millie Kalmuck 2:08 1/2, that trotted more miles in 2:10 or better than any other trotting mare ever raced in the Maritimes. She is the holder of the New Glasgow track trotting record of 2:08 1/2. He also had great success with the pacer Jane Azoff 1:59 1/2, owned by C. H. Horton, Murray River. In one racing season Jane stepped ten miles 2:10 or better and set up a track record of 2:05 1/4 at Windsor, Maine, which is still the track pacing record there. He also drove Anti-Aircraft 2:03 for Mr. Horton. Jane holds the track pacing record at Kensington of 2:10 1/4.

Among the many horses Willard raced, quite a number of them trained and developed by him, we can recall Guy Kalmuck 2, 2:22 1/4, Maritime trotting record for two-year-olds, Leta Kalmuck 2:13 1/4, Royal Jim 2:14 1/4, Janette Dale 2:08 1/4, Kelly's Nightmare 2:13 1/2, Walt N'See p. 2:11, Darky Kalmuck 2:19 1/4, Nell Kalmuck 2:10, the iron race mare of the Maritimes, that trotted the fastest mile at Charlottetown this season—2:13, Lew McKinney 2:02 1/2, Lucky Number 2:15, Janette Dale 2:08 1/4, Linnam 2:07 2/5, Vella La Vella 2:08 1/5, Judy Kalmuck 2:18 2/5, Milldale 2:14 1/5, Miss Playfair 2:10 3/5 and many others, not including catch drives.



Willard Kelly

Willard Kelly, Southport, will go under the hammer. Willard is literally burning his bridges—retiring from race driving. After thirty years he is giving up a sport in which he excelled and from a mere youngster when he started in, has achieved fame as a trainer and

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Sport Echoes

From Prince County

Baseball fans in Summerside are hoping for a fine, warm Sunday. They're looking forward to the game or games between the R. C. A. F. Royals and the Bathurst C. X. O. We hope it will be games, because if it isn't, the Bathurst team will have taken the two-province crown in two straight games. Ross Burns' charges will have to take two on Sunday to play the Bear River team, intermediate champions of Nova Scotia, for the Maritime title.

We think that, with an even break on the luck, the local air-force boys will turn the trick. Of course, pitching is still their main problem, but they have the quality of batters to give opposing teams a pitching problem too. Sooner or later, such bludgeon wielders as Don Mackenzie, Gunner Cox and Stan Richard are bound to catch up with the Bathurst hurlers before many more innings.

The New Brunswick-Nova Scotia junior baseball muddle is not so complicated as it looks. The Central League, composed of teams from both provinces, is an outlaw circuit, so President Roddy Scott's indefinite suspension of Lewisville would have nothing to do with the Maritime play-off. When Springhill was next in line, and naturally played the New Brunswick winners for the Maritime title. We can't understand, though, how Scott could uphold the right of Springhill to play for the championship of the Central Junior League, if they had over-age players on their line-up.

There's going to be lots of sporting events on Saturday. If you don't want to stay home and listen to the murder of the Dodgers, you can watch a soccer game at the port, or you can sit in on a Halifax-R. C. A. F. softball contest for Maritime honors.

The town of Summerside is not directly concerned in any type of sports at present. Golfing competition has ended for this season, and bowling and curling, although organizational meetings are planned for the near future, will not start operations for awhile yet.

Football was supposed to have its renaissance in Summerside this fall. There was to be a high school team and a town intermediate squad, but so far little signs of the formation of those teams are in evidence.

spotted the wake made by the boat on the calm water. It was barely on the fringe of legal shooting time and the lake was a lined shadowy bowl with the light of day breaking in the east.

Since this season opened I have received numerous complaints from hunters about finding that someone had been days ahead of them on their favorite shooting ground. Signs were everywhere—empty shotgun shells, cigarette butts, orange peel, remains of lunch wrapping, etc., littered the area of their blinds. This season was a testing time for hunters. Ducks were most everywhere and tame as they come and a lot of them yielded to temptation. It is now common knowledge that poaching was rampant for the week prior to the opening morning from East Point to West Cape.

This state of affairs came as a surprise to many. It even surprised myself. I knew we had our own share of poachers but I know now there were a lot overlooked. Words of an old time hunter came back to me this season. Calling me by name he said: "You are quite safe on hanging a plaster on nine out of every 10 hunters you meet carrying a gun—unless they're heading into it." I am convinced that my pre-conceived opinion of sportsmanship among the hunting fraternity of this province is badly in need of revision.

At Saint John Raceway last Wednesday night we were pleased to see ex-Island horses winning as follows: Class A, Just Nellie C, owned and driven by C. MacArthur, Sheldac, time 2:23. In Class B, Hilda Mac (Sobey) was 1-3, Bevo's Orphan Annie (Elter) 2-1, best time 2:21. Class C, Whirlaway (R. O'Brien) 1-1, Face Cloth (Sobey) 2-3, best time 2:19 4/5. Class D-3, Freddie Scott (R. O'Brien) 1-1, Josedale Clipper (W. Craig) 2-2, time, 2:16 4/5. 2-1. Class E, Wayne Gratton (Taylor) 1-2, Nell Kalmuck (Elter) 5-1, time, 2:17 1/5, 2:17 3/5. Nell Kalmuck 2:10 is now owned by Dyaal & Pellerin, Sheldac.

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pushed out of the reeds... we had 14 ducks down... our legal take for the day. The flight was still on in full force and there was an immediate outcry from hunters along the shore: "Take that boat off the lake... you're scaring away the ducks!" Twelve of the fourteen birds were picked up. The remaining two he apparently not been killed dead and made the shore. We left the day and the field to the other hunters and when we pulled out we could hear the guns popping merrily... ducks were still on wing.

I prefer to have my shooting extended over a longer period. In the old days I liked to make a day of it with lots of good eats. Just a case of lolling back in the sun and picking my shots. I've seen men handed a square of choice homemade fudge who'd immediately pop the whole piece in their mouth and chew it down like they would a chunk of bread. I like to nibble at it like a mouse with a piece of cheese and make it last as long as possible. That's the way I like my duck hunting, if possible.

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