



### DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We were very pleased to receive a letter from Rannie MacDonald, whose home address is in Sydney, N. S. but is now located at 13 Lindsay Ave., Toronto. Rannie has quite a stable of horses at Dufferin track and here is what he says about it. "We are having wonderful weather here. One of the best race days I saw this year was yesterday. In all the ten dashes they were at it hammer and tongs all the way. With 48 horses competing 43 of them had records better than 2.10. That certainly is a classy lot to see fighting for the honors. I understand that 750 eligibility papers have been deposited in the office here and 100 of those horses have records better than 2.10 and from what I can learn they have never had so many horses or so many good ones in the long history of Dufferin track. Trainers find that by racing here during the winter where the expenses are not too high, their horses are well conditioned for the early meetings at Yorkers and elsewhere. Five hundred new winter stables were built on the grounds this year and there is other stabling available at Thorncliffe.

"My stable here consists of eight horses, five owned by Harry Hirsch of Sydney. They are the trotter Roll On 2:08 3/5, that I am very high on and believe he will make a real race horse next year. He has manners and I saw him trot the last half at Blue Bonnets in October and timed him in 1:03. I also have Globetrotter 2:10, June Chief, that I gave a record of 2:10 at Blue Bonnets, Peggy Lee Frisco 2:09 and Super Hal 2:01 2/5. For Munroe and LeVette I have June Bee, that took a new record of 2:08 2/5 at Blue Bonnets, and Ohio Hal 2:09 3/5, owned by the Sydney Sportsmen Club, also Shimar Direct 2:18 2/5, owned by R. J. Logue. I hope in a couple of weeks that I can get a share of the racing and after a couple of starts they should be sharp. They have to be with the kind of horses that race here now. I am not in favor of a racing two dashes at this season. I think it takes too much out of a horse with the heavy footing and conditions which exist, and by racing one dash they will be in better condition for next summer. Everything here is run very good—good management, good horsemen and good horses—so what more can you expect? The racing is so keen that you cannot pick a winner until they hit the wire." Rannie ends

with best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and best regards to Maritime friends.

Myron MacArthur, who trained and raced a stable in New Brunswick this season, has returned home to Kensington and brought back with him two good trotters, Derrick 2:11 2/5, an 11-year-old chestnut gelding by Calumet Eric 2:03 3/5, and Clipper Dale, an eight-year-old black gelding by Playdate 2:04 1/2. We understand both these horses raced through the Maine circuit but we have no particulars as to their performances this year. Derrick was credited with 46 starts in 1952 and was seven times first, six times second and five times third, winning \$2,250. His all time winnings at the end of that season were \$10,590. We looked up his races and formed the opinion that he is a good trotter, performing around 2:12. Clipper Dale raced at Truro in 1952 and was well thought of. In 35 starts he was ten times first, four times second and four times third and ended the season eligible to the 222 trot. His owner at that time was C. H. Wisener, Pictou, N. S. and his driver Herb Wisener. We welcome these trotters to the Maritimes because we realize that race-goers are anxious to see more trotting classes and with more horses here managements can make this possible.

We learn with regret of the retirement as a Director from District 8, Indiana and Michigan, of Leo C. McNamara, proprietor of Two Gait Farms, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. McNamara was one of the 32 charter members of the United States Trotting Association at its incorporation in 1938. The only other charter members at present Directors of the Association are Lawrence B. Shepherd, Hanover, Pa., its President, Frank L. Wiswall, Loudonville, N. Y., Charles W. Swover, Reading, Pa., W. H. Dickinson, Hatfield, Mass., and the writer. The following have passed on, Dr. H. M. Parshall, Urbana, Ohio, S. F. Palin, Indianapolis, Indiana, Henry Knauft, Ladd, Illinois, B. C. Mayo, Tarboro, N. C., R. A. Jewell, Fairfield, Maine, and D. W. Griffiths, Frederickton, N. B.

The writer regrets Mr. McNamara's retirement very much as we found him a very fair man and anxious at all times to see that

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### LITTLE SPORTS



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M.M.H.L. President C. Roy MacDonald came up with his first boner of the season when he reverted to the two-man referee system this week. This system never worked in the Maritimes and why it should be foisted upon the Maritime Major Hockey League is a question no one can satisfactorily answer. For the first time in years the officiating problem had been working smoothly here with the one referee and two linesmen system. Now we are back to the days of Frank Elliott and Jerry Mathieu when one official crossed the other up and the result was hockey mayhem with Phil Vitale leading the attack.

Under the system of two referees it is our impression that you get neither good blue line calls or good decisions on rule infractions. The result is often disorder in the first period followed by an increasing tempo of bad feeling as the game progresses. We don't blame the officials nearly as much as even consulted the local club about their plans to change over to the two officials.

Under the old system the Islanders very probably would have won last night's game. The Islanders drew a long overdue penalty in the third period. The Islanders forced the play with the man advantage but Glace Bay partially cleared the puck. Robert was the only Islander back and he was held by Rochford, allowing Connolly to get a breakthrough. Gray hooked Connolly from behind and drew a penalty thus leaving both teams a man short. Obviously Rochford should have drawn a penalty for his interference thus leaving the Islanders two men short and the Islanders at full strength. It is probable that the Islanders would have scored with the advantage and possibly gone on to win.

Young Cliff Hicks has shown a lot of improvements since we last saw him with the Sydney Millionaires two years ago. Last year he was sub-goalie for the New York Rangers and this year played with the Senators while Ray Frederick and Tommy Gorman were unable to reach an agreement. For the past few weeks he has been at Chicoutimi. He flew into Halifax Thursday just in time for the Islanders game against Halifax. He was off form Thursday night on account of air-sickness.

Cobby McCloskey of Charlottetown won an eight round decision over Frank Norton of Detroit this week in his first fight of the season in the U. S. A. Norton is a colored middleweight who had little chance in the fight before he met McCloskey. The Charlottetown fighter was down for eight counts in the first and second rounds but he came back strong in the last five to win an unanimous decision. Norton is a southpaw.

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## Miners Count Twice In Third Period To Defeat Islanders 4-2 At Forum

The Glace Bay Miners sparked by a vastly improved Cliff Hicks in goal and a Tommy Gun as deadly as an atomic weapon scored twice in the third period last night to defeat the hard-luck Islanders 4-2 in an M.M.H.L. game at the Forum.

The Miners Tommy Gun was Tommy Fyles, a vicious shooting left winger who returned to the Glace Bay lineup to score two goals and set up another. Fyles accounted for both Glace Bay markers in the third period. Hicks, making his first appearance in Charlottetown in two years, turned in a polished performance for the winners. He had 31 stops and came up with some big saves in the third period to change the complexion of the game.

Bullet Bob Gray scored the Islanders two goals on almost identical right wing shots. He put the Islanders ahead for the only time in the game with a goal in the first period and then scored again in the last frame.

Gray's second goal at 6:32 of the third period cut the Miners lead to one goal and set the stage for a determined Islanders attack. The Glace Bay defenses held however as hard luck rode with the Islanders and Hicks proved a regular rampart thwarting all marksmen with veteran assurance.

Fyles proved himself a grim reaper in the dying minutes of play when he took advantage of an Islanders defensive lapse to blast a 30 foot bullet past Besette and insure victory for the Miners.

The Islanders outplayed the Miners in the wide-open contest but the Miners capitalized on defensive lapses by the losers to shoot the important goals. Roger Besette in nets for the Islanders turned in a good game and had little chance on the shots that beat him.

Connolly scored the Miners first goal with a 15 foot slap town won an eight round decision over Frank Norton of Detroit this week in his first fight of the season in the U. S. A. Norton is a colored middleweight who had little chance in the fight before he met McCloskey. The Charlottetown fighter was down for eight counts in the first and second rounds but he came back strong in the last five to win an unanimous decision. Norton is a southpaw.

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The goal followed some loose play inside the Islanders blue line. Connolly whacked the puck through an Islanders legs and the disc was in the coridge before Besette could move.

Lumley, who is a cousin of Toronto's Harry Lumley, backhanded a 10 footer into the Islanders net for the only goal of the second period to put the Miners ahead 2-1. He intercepted an Islanders pass-out to score.

The Lumley, Fyles, Brown line ran wild in the third period with the capable Fyles polishing off the plays. He went through the Islanders defense and poked the puck into the net as he and Besette both made stabs at the loose disc. Fyles hit it first and Besette managed to get his stick on it but couldn't deflect the puck enough.

Lumley set up Fyles for the last goal with a pass-out from behind the net.

The Islanders were away fast in the opening period as Claude Robert hopped through the Glace Bay defense and fed Gray a short pass. Bob pulled the trigger about 20 feet from the net and whipped the puck past Hicks.

MacLaughlin set up Gray for the Islanders other goal. Gray took the pass while skating at full steam over the blue line and fired another knee-high angle drive into the opposite corner of the net.

For the second time the two-man referee system was used here this season and it didn't work out. The busy officials missed on both off-side and penalty calls much to the wrath of the fans and the anger of the players.

Whitlock, Carver, Ritchie and Robert all had great scoring chances for the Islanders but each time Hicks rose to the occasion. Once in the first period Trainor bounced a ten foot shot off the goal post. It clearly wasn't the Islanders night.

Hughie Campbell and Claude Robert drew majors in the first period for fighting. Robert struck Campbell with his stick and both players dropped their gloves at centre ice. There were few blows thrown although Big Hughie did Coach Bucko Trainor suffered

## Turkey Bonspiel Gets Underway

The first games in the Turkey Bonspiel were played last evening at 7 o'clock with the following results:

F. Acorn 11, J. Burden 3  
H. R. Carruthers 6, A. Howatt 5  
W. R. MacNeill 2, Dr. W. MacDonald 9  
G. G. Hughes 5, A. Likely 7.

The draw for this afternoon follows:

2 P.M.:  
Ice 1—Ed Tanton, N. Nicholson, H. J. Dobson, Don Seaman vs. J. S. MacDonald, Myron Bell, Henry Douglas, W. E. MacKay.  
Ice 2—W. E. McInnis, C. H. Kydd, J. E. Burnett, G. K. McKnight vs. W. R. Jenkins, Elmer MacDonald, Dawson Peterson, A. H. Anderson.  
Ice 3—Clifford MacDonald, T. M. Gillis, W. Goss, H. H. Simpson vs. J. J. Morris, F. W. Curtis, Barry MacDonald, Gerald Foster.  
Ice 4—H. Spillet, Hon. Mark R. McGulgan, A. A. MacLeod, Lloyd Wellner vs. D. Saunders, Ron Parker, Alf MacNeill, Allison MacDonald.

3 P.M.:  
Ice 1—R. Bevan, W. Pickard, Paul O'Rourke, Jas. Cameron vs. Cleaver MacLean, H. MacInnis, R. E. Sutherland, M. Block.  
Ice 2—R. Parent, F. Hobbs, John MacDonald, Doug Cameron, Dr. Prowse, W. MacLaine, W. Storey, A. Tall.  
Ice 3—A. W. Hyndman, A. O. F. Gill, H. C. Trainor, L. P. McInnis vs. R. G. Spillet, A. E. Bagnall, F. G. Hutchison, Howard Douglas.  
Ice No. 4 open for challenges or scratch games.

## HUNTERS' CORNER

The duck and goose season for 1953 has faded into the distant, shadowy realm from whence there is no return. I watched it come to life as the more of an inland lake retreated to its proper perspective as the night shadows drew back before the lightening east. I watched it die as the lengthening shades of a fading December day blurred a long, black wind-ridden ridge of Crown Point assured a menacing outline in tune with the falling night.

The morning wait, full of hope and anticipation, was in line with other opening mornings. Car lights probed the night sky... eerie mist o'er hung the water... spidery skeins of ducks against the first glow of dawn and the pulse stirring distant rumble of an opening barrage... The last mile is just what one might expect from a last mile... a strange loneliness settles in one's breast as the sands run out... eyes scan the darkening horizon for a target... the

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## Prize Winners

Sheldon Jordan of Charlottetown won the \$50.00 Boosters prize in the hockey game at the Forum last night by guessing the correct time of the first goal in the second period. Cudmore's Dry Cleaners prize was won by Tom Rogers of Charlottetown.

## Hockey Scores

Maritime Major—  
Glace Bay 4, Ch'town 2  
Halifax 0 Sydney 6  
A-P-C—  
Trenton 5 Stellarton 6  
Ontario Senior A—  
Owen Sound 3, Chatham 2  
Ontario Junior A—  
Hamilton 4 Guelph 3  
Barrie 1 Tor. St. Michael's 5  
Galt 3 Tor. Marlboros 4  
Northern Ont. Senior A—  
Pembroke 2 Sudbury 4  
Intercollegiate Senior—  
Laval 4 McGill 3

## Sport Briefs

NEW YORK, (AP) — Wallace (Bud) Smith, 136, No. 1 challenger for Jimmy's Carter's lightweight title, shook up Orlando Zulueta, 135, in seventh and eight-round flurries Friday night to win a unanimous 10-round decision over the slick jab-and-clutch artist from Havana.

NEW YORK, (CP)—During the first period of the Red Wings-Rangers hockey game here Wednesday night, thieves broke into the Detroit dressing room and took an estimated \$700 from the 19 team members' pockets.

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## Millionaires Score 6-0 Shutout Over Atlantics

Sydney, (CP)—Sydney Millionaires sliced Halifax Atlantics, lead to three points Friday night by trouncing them 6-0 in a Maritime Major Hockey League game that saw the Mills in rare shooting form.

It was the first shutout of the season for goalie Norm Defelice, and Halifax's worst looking.

Winger Ray Lacroix paced Sydney with a pair of goals. Bill Matthews, Dunc McIntyre, George Robertson and Lorne Pirie tallied the others.

Millionaires showed their best offensive form as they took a one-goal lead in the first period, added three in the second and two in the third.

Defelice was spectacular in the third when Jack (Muckle) Hollett, Bill Ford and Bob Bowness repeatedly whipped around the defence and drove stinging drives at the slight goalie.

He handled 15 shots, compared to 31 by Halifax's Roy McMeekin.

Line-up:  
Halifax—Goal: McMeekin; defence: Lepine, Arcand, McNeil, Bloom; forwards: Wywrot, Morrow, Ford, McPhee, Hollett, Watson, LeClerc, Bowness.  
Sydney—Goal: Defelice; defence: Matthews, McDonald, McIntyre, Reardon; forwards: Robertson, Pirie, Marshall, Kubinec, Beasup, McDougall, Guay, Lacroix.

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| (McIntyre, Guay) .....          | 14:59     |
| 3—Sydney, Robertson .....       | 17:07     |
| 6—Matthews, Marshall .....      | 17:07     |
| 4—Sydney, Pirie .....           | 17:21     |
| (Robertson, Marshall) .....     | 17:21     |
| No penalties.                   |           |
| Third Period                    |           |
| 5—Sydney, McIntyre .....        | 7:30      |
| 6—Sydney, Lacroix .....         | 8:53      |
| (Guay, Matthews) .....          | 8:53      |
| Penalties: Kubinec, McPhee 4:51 |           |
| maiors; Lacroix 5:43.           |           |
| Stops:                          |           |
| McMeekin .....                  | 5 9 11-25 |
| Defelice .....                  | 3 5 7-15  |

## Hockey School Opens Monday

Officials of the Physical Fitness Division last evening announced that everything is in readiness for their annual hockey school which opens at the Charlottetown Hotel, Monday evening at 8:00 p.m.

George Hayes, big N. H. L. linesman will arrive in the City at noon on Monday to act as chief instructor on the school and from advance registration of candidates it would appear at least 30 will be on hand to take part in the 3-day session.

Several communities are represented in the list of candidates and it is expected several other centres will be sending in would-be coaches and officials to discuss rules and plays, etc., with Mr. Hayes and his able assistants Hickey Nicholson and Johnny Squarebriggs.

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