

# Local Track Endeavours To Stage Invitation Pace

Prince Edward Island harness racing fans may see a big free-for-all at Charlottetown Driving Park Saturday September 12.

Race secretary E. Frank Acorn has been given the green light by local driving park officials to try and arrange an invitation free-for-all similar to the one staged last Saturday night at Sackville Downs.

The purse agreed on is \$3000 and the race secretary must get six bangup starters before the feature becomes a reality. Mr. Acorn has high hopes of getting the cream of the crop to strut their stuff here at the local raceway September 12.

Last night he was in conversation with the owner of Convoir, the Moncton druggist, Francis Breaux. Mr. Acorn didn't get a definite affirmative at that time but he had high hopes of closing the lead with Convoir's owner this morning. If he is successful with Convoir, the other invitations will be out in a hurry.

Already the Cape Breton free-for-all, Acemore who went over the Sydney track in 2:07 recently has signified his intention of coming if the event takes place. The Island-owned Mighty Lee would also be a certain starter.

The big free-for-allers go again tonight at Halifax and next Thursday at Truro. They ship back to Sackville Downs for a Labor Day classic. The next time they clash at Halifax is September 19 when the "Colonel Dan" will be raced. That leaves September 12 an open date and that's the night the local track officials are endeavouring to get the "big ones" over on the Island.

Race fans are hoping the show makes a comeback. If it does, the large crowd to view a race program in years is expected to watch the proceedings.

# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Sackville Downs Raceway was credited by the newspapers with having an attendance of 8,300 spectators to see the big free-for-all with a purse of \$3,000, last Saturday night. We do not know whether this is a record for a race track in Halifax, but our memory goes back to the days of 1912 and 1913, and later years, and we are quite certain that nothing approaching Saturday night's crowd attended any of the races then.

It was a case of bringing the best pacers in the Maritimes together, among them Prince Edward Island pacer, Mighty Lee, whose season's career this year was so spectacular that fans journeyed from Cape Breton, P. E. I., and various parts of New Brunswick; and of course all parts of Nova Scotia, to see the race.

Mighty Lee was a handicapped horse in that he started from No. 8 position. It is quite possible, and probable, that if he had gotten away in a more favored spot he would have been the winner. Anyhow, his loss added to the interest in the other horses, a 4 certainly made the race more spectacular.

We trust these horses will be brought together again, as they have created so much interest in the sport that their owners deserve a chance for more racing.

# Gene Fullmer Wins Title Knocks Out Basilio In 14th

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Bugged Gene Fullmer wore down Carmen Basilio Friday night, then dropped Basilio on the ropes in the 14th round to win the NBA version of the world middleweight championship.

It was ruled a knockout after 30 seconds of the round for Basilio, who has never been knocked off his feet in his career.

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# Big Game Set For Peakes

Peakes Bombers and Mount Stewart will renew their best-of-three semi-final King's County Baseball League playoffs this Sunday afternoon at the Poplar diamond.

Mount Stewart leads the series 1-0 as the result of their one-run verdict over the Bombers at Mount Stewart on August 16. Peakes are confident they can force a third battle by taking the measure of the visitors tomorrow.

Game time is fixed for 2 o'clock.

# Braves Wallop Cubs 9-3 Pirates Shut Out Phillies

CHICAGO (AP)—Several Milwaukee Braves regulars complained before Friday's contest that they wanted more batting practice, so they extended it into the night.

The 14th bombardment, only day game in the majors, carried the defending National League champions to within three games of league-leading San Francisco and one game of second-place Los Angeles prior to the Giant-Dodger game at night.

The Braves crashed three home runs during the first four innings to run up a 7-0 lead, then coasted to victory on Lew Burdette's 17th complete game and 18th win of the year against 10 losses. In the major leagues, only Johnny Antonelli of the Giants has won as many.

Frank Aaron rocketed his 34th homer for Milwaukee's seventh run in the fourth inning.

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pitcher Vernon Law of Pittsburgh Pirates scattered five singles Friday night in pitching a 9-0 shutout over Philadelphia Phillies.

He struck out seven and didn't issue a walk in picking up his 19th victory against seven defeats.

Pirates clubbed 10 hits, including home runs by Rocky Nelson and Smokey Burgess and an inside-the-park homer by Roberto Clemente. Burgess also singled three times.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Art Ditmar pitched two-hit ball and drove in three runs with a homer and a single as New York Yankees downed Washington 4-0 Friday to snap a four-game losing streak.

The only two Washington hits came with two out in the second inning. Only two Senators advanced as far as second and none beyond as Ditmar walked three and fanned two.

Pascual blanked the Yankees on three hits until Ditmar led off the sixth with a home run. In the seventh, the Yankees scored three more runs on singles by Yogi Berra, Hector Lopez, Ditmar and Bobby Richardson and an intentional pass to pinch-hitter Norm Siebern.

CLEVELAND (AP)—Sherm Lollar's three-run homer broke a tie in the seventh inning Friday night as Chicago White Sox ripped second-place Cleveland 7-4 and padded their American League lead to 2½ games in the opener of a four-game showdown series. Indians had won eight in a row.

A crowd of 70,396—largest of the year in the majors—sat in as Bob Shaw, went all the way for the White Sox, giving up seven hits. The 26-year-old right-hander, who has won eight of his last nine decisions, now has a 14-4 record. It came at the expense of Jim Grant, who took over from starter Jack Harshman in the fifth.

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

THE CITY SOFTBALL LEAGUE finals between Barry's Lions and Rollaway Aces should produce just about the keenest kind of rivalry seen around these parts in years.

For the Lions this business of playing in the softball finals is nothing new. They've captured the crown on occasions before and last year were in there battling with the BIS Shamrocks for the championship.

However the Aces find this an entirely new venture for them. First formed last year, the Rollaway club lost out in the semi-finals to these same Lions. That was a best-of-five series and the Rollaway carried the Parkdale club right to the fifth game before bowing out of competition. The Aces still have that setback in their several noses and they are determined to make Forbes Kennedy pay and pay dearly for that act of a year ago.

However the Aces find this an entirely new venture for hands. They are facing a club that wound up the regular schedule at the top of the class. Such an accomplishment shows that the team performing the feat has what it takes. Lions have power, get pretty fair pitching performances and are a better than average fielding team. With these abilities, it's plain to see that Rollaway has a mighty task on their hands if they expect to emerge as champions.

But Rollaway get thinking back to the first part of this year's schedule. That was the time they were beating everybody they played. They have the idea that this kind of form may return for these all-important playoffs with the roaring Lions. If it does, then the Parkdale crew is in for a mighty rough series.

THE ACES got away on the right foot with that thrilling 13-inning victory that took both Wednesday and Thursday evenings to complete.

Folks who watched this grueling affair proclaim it just about the greatest softball game ever seen around these parts. To start telling you after that game that the teams are very evenly matched would indeed be a waste of time. Every softball fan around here knows that by this time.

The series has all the earmarks of being terrifically hard-fought every inch of the way. It's pretty hard to expect all games to be of the calibre of that first one but all of them, should have their share of thrills.

The teams square off again this afternoon in the second game. This one will be a nine-inning affair. Lions will go all out to get things on equal terms but Aces will be trying desperately to grab a 2-0 lead in games and put the Parkdalers really in the hole.

The season's largest crowd should be at the old diamond this afternoon for this one.

THERE WAS a great mixup as to where the top pacers in the Maritimes would perform this weekend.

Earlier this week we carried a CP story stating the Maritime championship pace would be at Moncton tonight with the starters practically the same as last Saturday. Now we are told they won't be at Moncton this evening but they'll be showing again at Halifax where Mighty Lee will be looking for revenge.

Sackville Downs race secretary Jack Cruekshank says Dave Gratton (big winner last Saturday) Mighty Glib, Convoir, Walrus, Roscroft, Fancy Queen, Newport Frisco and Mighty Lee will be definite starters. Jack is indeed a lucky gentleman to be able to have class such as this appear on consecutive Saturdays at his racetrack.

Our understanding is that Truro will get most of these top horses for their big race during exhibition week and, who knows, perhaps we in Charlottetown might yet get a look at them performing over the local racing strip.

THESE ARE indeed big days and nights in the major leagues pennant races.

Cleveland Indians are entertaining Chicago White Sox in four games this week. One game will be history by the time you read this, another goes this afternoon and a twin bill is scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

The Pale Hose, trying desperately to have the Chicago American league entry in the world series for the first time in 40 years, held a 1-1-2 game bulge when they went into the Indians' wireman. Naturally Al Lopez and his men are hoping to come out of Cleveland with a fatter margin but the way Joe Gordon has his Tribe performing, the White Sox will be mighty fortunate to get an even break in the Indians' own backyard.

While this battle rages in Ohio, the Coliseum in Los Angeles will be jammed with Dodgers' rosters. The occasion is a visit from the league-leading San Francisco Giants who play single games with the Alstonites on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The series opened with the Giants on top by two games. The Dodgers need a sweep to grab the lead and head into the final four weeks as pacesetters in the senior loop. These teams meet three more times at Seals' Stadium, San Francisco on September 18, 19 and 20.

OF COURSE the battles they wage with each other are more important than those they play with teams that are not pennant contenders. But you can't forget these teams that have given up on the pennant. They can be most disagreeable and the Giants found that fact out on Thursday. They played those lowly Phillies teams going nowhere but down—and they dropped a very costly doubleheader to the Quaker City outfit.

Nobody is a soft touch from here home. All teams in both leagues that have eyes on the pennants know this and they have the greatest respect for everybody. They must go with their best every day that's left in the campaign. The best can't be saved any longer.

# BASEBALL

National League  
Milwaukee 213 102 000—9 14 0  
Chicago 000 002 100—3 8 0  
Burdette 18-15 and Crandall;  
Anderson 11-9, Bushardt (3) Donnelly (7) Elston (8) and Neenan (7) Taylor (8) HRs: Mui-Adcock (20) Crandall (17) Aaron (34); Chi-Altman (8).  
Phila 000 000 000—0 5 1  
Pittsburgh 201 501 000—9 10 1  
Keegan 6-2, Meyer (L) Bowman (6) and Lonnett (5);  
Law 15-7 and Burgess, HRs: PihlClemens (4) Nelson (8) Pugh (8).  
Cincinnati 000 020 000—2 5 1  
St. Louis 000 000 102—3 8 0  
Newcombe 12-7 and Bailey, Broglio, Bridges 5-3 (8) and Smith.

American League  
New York 000 013 000—4 10 1  
Washington 000 000 000—0 2 1  
Ditmar 10-8 and Berra; Pascual 12-10, Clevenger (6) Griggs (8) and Naragon. HR: Nyk-Ditmar (1).  
Chicago 000 210 000—7 12 1  
Cleveland 000 210 000—3 7 1  
Shaw 14-4 and Lollar; Harshman, Grant 8-6 (5) Locke (7) and FitzGerald. HR: Chi-Lollar (20).  
Balt 000 000 400 0—4 14 1  
Boston 101 000 110 2—6 12 1  
Brown, O'Dell (8) Lees 4- (8) and Triandos; Brewer, Fornieles (7) Chittum 1-0 (8) and White, Daley (8). HR: Bos-Gernert (11).

International League  
Montreal 000 001 000—1 4 0  
Toronto 002 000 000—2 4 1  
Birrner and Brumley; Pehanic and Thompson.  
First  
Miami 003 000 11—5 7 1  
Richmond 000 103 00—4 8 2  
Kay, Zverinik (6) Stewart (6) and Brady; Dick, Flowers (4) James (6) and Johnson.  
Buffalo 100 110 100—4 9 1  
Rochester 011 000 000—2 11 3  
Hacker, Mason (2) and Coker; Keegan, Hurd (8) and McCarver. Havana 102 121 100—8 12 1  
Columbus 101-000 000—2 5 2  
Cueche, Arroyo (4) and Gonder; Lovenguth, lines (5) Jimines (8) and Baich.

Lucille Wheeler Presented Trophy  
TORONTO (CP)—Lucille Wheeler of St. Jovite, Que., world champion skier, was presented Friday with the Lou Marsh memorial trophy as Canada's outstanding athlete of the year.

The presentation was made by Citizenship Minister Fairclough at the Canadian National Exhibition's Sports Hall of Fame.

ters and pacers when Suffolk Downs opens its first harness horse season.

"Arthur S. Hamilton, consulting engineer who designed the array, expects a tunnel of light concentrated on the racing strip. There will be no visible shadows on the track. To accomplish this, workmen are installing nearly ten miles of fluorescent tubing; a mile and a half of the tubing is needed for the grandstand alone. Enough wire to stretch from Boston to New York will be used in the entire project. There will be two miles of mercury street lighting on private approaches to lighted parking space for 10,000 automobiles.

"Suffolk Downs will be the first race track to stage night harness racing on a one-mile track."

At Sackville Downs Wednesday night, Downtown paced the fastest mile, winning the first dash in 2:09 3-5; Mighty Green (Ratcliff) 2, Miss Wilma Dale (MacGregor) 3, three other starters; Downtown is owned by J. W. Bernard, Hunter River, P. E. I. In the 4th dash, with the same field, Miss Wilma Dale (J. MacGregor) 1, Henley Miten (N. Campbell) 2, Downtown (J. Bernard) 3, three other starters, time 2:11 2-5; winner owned by W. G. Barbour, Charlottetown.

Races 2 and 6—Hi There (L. McHugh) 1-1, Falcourt Heromine (C. Connors) 2-5, Beck Ann Call (Mountain) 3-2, Connie French (J. MacGregor) 4-3, three other starters, time 2:12 and 2:16; Hi There owned by Leigh McHugh, Lower Sackville, N.S. Races 3 and 7—Our Con (J. MacGregor) 1-5, War Cry Ranger (R. Barriore) 6-1, Johnny Russell (S. Horseman) 2-8, Fresh Girl (D. Walsh) 4-2, Watchin's Star (A. Porter) 3-3, three other starters, time 2:10 and 2:11; Our Con owned by B. C. Cruikshank, Halifax, and War Cry Ranger by Francis Breaux, Moncton.

Race 5—Reynolds Hanover (A. Carter) 1, Avalon Gal (L. Austen) 2, Colonel Hansford (J. Chappell) 3, four other starters, time 2:15 4-5; winner owned by Alfred Carter, Halifax. Race 8—Dry Scott (S. Daniels) 1, Judy Clegg (E. Butler) 2, Pepper Shaker (H. Walsh) 3, five other starters, time 2:14 4-5; winner owned by Dr. M. Laffin, New Waterford, N.S.

BENEFIT NIGHT  
At last Saturday night's racing card at Saint John, it was "Benefit Night" for the Central Palsy Foundation and it drew a very large attendance. The feature was the performance of driver Art Davidson who laced home four winners, a second and six hits in six starts. He won a dash of the junior free-for-all with Hickory Doc, time 2:12—the fastest of the night—and was second in the other dash of the event.

He won both dashes in Races 3 and 7 with Bold Venture, best time 2:13 4-5, and he won the second dash on the card with Meadow Bird in 2:16 1-5.

The home-bred Bright Counsel scored a popular victory; the four-year-old pacer driven by H. Kirkpatrick, won the first dash on the card in 2:15 2-5. He is out of the favorite race mare of years ago, Bright Spot, and previous to his start on Saturday night had won three firsts and one second.

PROSPECTS  
We understand that there are quite a number of good, young, home-bred prospects that are showing up well and will be ready for racing next year and the following years at Saint John.

At Fredericton Raceway Monday night, Victory Scott, owned by the Syndicate Stables of Summerside, P. E. I., and driven by Buddy Campbell, won races four and eight. Congressional Boy (Langille) 2-3 Dan's Pal (Troy) 3-2, two other starters, time 2:12 and 2:10.

Races 3 and 7—Marvel Song (E. Grant) 1-2, Miss Tom Scott (Campbell) 2-4, Hal's Betty (Harper) 4-1, Rodney Yolo (J. H. DeWitt) 3-5, Mighty Grand (Cluff) 5-3, time 2:15 and 2:12 4-5. Races 2 and 6—Linda Dares (Giberson) 1-2, Racket (Beers) 2-1, Gary Hy (E. Langille) 3-4, Myrtle's Boy (Campbell) 4-3, three other starters, time 2:16 4-5 and 2:15 3-5.

Hal's Betty's mile in 2:12 4-6 was a fifth of a second better than her previous best win. She is owned by Clare Wilson of Woodstock and was driven by Bobby Harper, a native of Charlottetown.

MEMORIAL PACE  
Truro will stage a \$2,000 Donnie Turner Memorial Pace on the night of Wednesday, September 3rd. Among their starters will be Dave Grattan; Harry Hirsch's Fancy Queen; Mighty Glib, owned by James Given of Halifax; Convoir, owned by Francis Breaux of Moncton; and Mighty Lee, owned by Rankine-MacLaine of Charlottetown and Willard Macdonald of Summerside.

The track record (pacing) at Truro is 2:06 3-5, made by Mighty Glib 2:04 1-5, owned by James Given of Halifax and driven by Harley Harrison. It was set up July 31, 1958.

At Sackville Downs tonight they are re-staging the free-for-all pace, with the same starters, with the exception of Rainbow Clegg, as those in the \$3,000 Cruikshank Memorial Pace a week ago. They may go as fast, or faster, tonight. But there is one record that will not be broken—the attendance. Eight thousand fans saw last Saturday night's free-for-all.

The harness racing season will come to an end in a few weeks, and because of that, those of us who are so interested in it will like to take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the good program that will be raced at the Charlottetown track tonight.

The trotting class will bring together some of the best in the Maritimes and the other classes are all good ones.

FAST DRIVING  
At Saint John Raceway Wednesday night some of the fastest racing of the season was shown when Mighty Con won races 4 and 8, driven by E. Langille, with Kathia Byrd (Kirkpatrick) 2-2, time 2:10 1-5 and 2:10. Mighty Con is owned by W. E. Hurlock, Hurlock, Maryland, U. S. A.

In races 2 and 6—Bank Song (A. Wood) 1-5, Cover Up (R. Donovan) 8-1, six other starters, time 2:15 and 2:14 1-5.

At Truro Wednesday night, the fastest mile was stepped in the third race, when Top Brass, driven by P. Pinkney, won in 2:11 4-5; he is owned by Richard Jabalee of North Sydney, N.S. In the seventh race, Stonedale (C. MacLeod), owned by C. E. Bragg of Collingwood, N.S., turned the tables on Top Brass, winning in 2:12.

FRENCH TROTTER  
Jamin, the champion French trotter who recently scored a highly impressive win in the \$50,000 International Trot at Rosersvell Raceway, New York, tops a list of eight trotters and seven pacers invited to compete in the Western Harness Racing Association twin \$75,000 American Classics, which will be raced as a best two out of three, with the heats spaced a week apart.

These events will highlight the big fall meeting, which will open at Hollywood Park, Inglewood, California, on October 6th.

We notice that Shadow Wave, 3, 1-58, has been entered by Joe O'Brien.

REALLY FAST  
At Batavia Downs last week, Bye Bye Byrd, one of the most extraordinary pacers the harness horse sport has ever seen, chalked up his twelfth two-minute race mile when he posted a blazing 1:39 2-5 for the Canadian driver Clint Hodgins, to win the \$12,000 H. G. A. Pace at Batavia.

For the second time in a few weeks, he equalled the world mark for four-year-olds on a half-mile track, and no other pacer has a lifetime total of two-minute race miles to match the son of Poplar Byrd.

The Canadian champion, Mighty Dudley, that set up a new Canadian record for a mile on a half-mile track (pacing) of 1:39 3-4 at Richelieu Raceway, Montreal, a couple of weeks ago, finished second to Bye Bye Byrd.

IMPROVEMENT  
This is a brief description of the resurfaced and rebuilt Suffolk Downs mile race track, near Boston, Mass., which opens for racing on Saturday, September 19. A mile of the most brilliant light ever produced for a race track will be ready for the trot-

ing 180%, held a 3½-pound advantage over the foe from Chittosango, N.Y. and used it to the fullest.

SURPRISE ENDING  
Still, the ending came as a surprise.

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Juniors Play On Weekend  
Junior Legionaires and Summer-side Juniors will battle over the weekend in two games in their best-of-three semi-final provincial junior baseball playdowns.

Legionaires travel to Queen Elizabeth Park this afternoon for a game at 2:30. Sunday afternoon the western juniors will be guests of the Charlottetown boys at Memorial Field with game time for 2 o'clock.

The winner of this series will meet Mount Stewart-Peakes Juniors, conquerors of Charlottetown Abbies, for the Island championship.

Morell Bantams Meet Moncton In Series Today  
Morell Bantams travel to Moncton today to play Moncton Bantams in the first game of a best of three series for the Maritime crown.

The Maritime playoffs, originally slated for Truro, N.S., has been called off due to Nova Scotia being unable to field a team.

The next two games of this series will be played in Morell next weekend.

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