

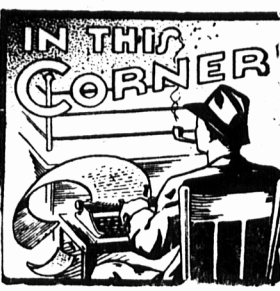


Watchin' 206, the greatest campaigning trotter that ever performed over Maritime race tracks, is now on Island soil at the farm of George A. Callbeck, Summerside, and will be available to a limited number of breeders. Watchin' was foaled in early 1937 at Walnut Hill Farm, Danville, Kentucky, and was sired by the world's greatest sire, Volomite 3, 203 1/4, by Peter Volo 202, dam, Cita Frisco by San Francisco. Watchin's dam was Cita Worthy 209 1/4 by Guy Assault by 208 3/4, dam, Cita Frisco by San Francisco 207 3/4. A peculiar part of his pedigree, as you will notice, is that his granddam, Cita Frisco, is also the dam of his sire, Volomite.

He was purchased as a yearling by Alderman Frank Adams of Halifax, and on September 1st, 1939 was started to beat 209 1/4 trotting at the Halifax track and trotting at 2:13. As a three-year-old he was campaigned through Maine and won four races and took a record of 2:15. It was these pages that trace his racing career, but at Summerside, July 19th, 1942, driven by Myron McArthur, he really showed how he could step by winning in 2:04. Square Hanover, driven by Tompall Sample, also trotted in 2:08 for Watchin' won the deciding heat. He continued racing through the Maritimes until 1947 and set up track trotting records at Bridgewater, N. S., 2:07, Oct. 3, 1941; at Inverness, N. S., 2:12 1/2, July 21, 1947; New Glasgow, Blue Acres, 2:13 1/4, June 18, 1947; Sydney 2:10, Sept. 26, 1945; Charlottetown 2:07 1/2, Aug. 17, 1945; St. Stephen 2:06 3/4, Aug. 25, 1944; Shelburne 2:08 1/2, July 1, 1944. In all the above record miles he was trained and given preparation for them and driven by William Hood.

In 1948 he was leased by C. T. Block, Pleasantdale Farm, Berryville, Virginia, and was placed in the stud there. Mr. Block's contract was terminated this season and Watchin' returned to his owner, Alderman Frank Adams, Halifax. While at Mr. Block's farm he sired many of the best of the good mannered trotters and these are being watched with great interest. The one that has made the headlines is Watchin's Angel 208 1/2, that has dominated the fast trots in Maine and other states and looks like a 200 prospect. Then there is Watchin's Julia, Watchin's Child, Watchin's Lady, Watchin's Lou, Watchin's Pride, Watchin's Song, Frank Adams and a number of others whose performances will not be available until the 1953 Year Book is out. One thing he has demonstrated is that the best trotters and that is what the harness racing world is looking for. In bringing him back to the Maritimes we feel that Alderman Adams is doing a service to our horsemen and credit must be extended to Mr. George Callbeck in bringing him to the Garden of the Gulf. It may be remembered that the writer in calling attention to the racing qualities of Watchin's set this season remarked that Mr. Block made a mistake in not endeavoring to retain him and we understand that Earle Avery, Mr. Block's trainer, has recently said

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH



For a team minus its outstanding goal scorer and its main defensive strength the Islanders didn't do so badly at Sydney last night. They played without Buck Whitlock, defenceman Gus Gustavson and Larry Blackburn and came out of the fray only one goal behind the strong Sydney team. Tonight when the Islanders go against the Atlantics at Halifax they may have Whitlock, defenceman Gus Gustavson or Blackburn. Gustavson, who has been subject to a skin irritation, should be ready to go against the Atlantics here on Monday night.

Marty Burton, the ex-Sudbury Wolves forward due to join the Islanders, failed to check in here yesterday evening but should be here today. He will see his first action as an Islander in the Monday night game. The Islanders were offered their choice of Connie Bonhomme or Burton but they were told that Burton was a better all-round player. If he is better than Bonhomme then he should be a good addition to the local club.

Seldom have we seen a football team with as much pre-game enthusiasm as the Charlottetown Abbies have shown this week as they await their N.B.-P.E.I. series opener against the Saint John Mariners here tonight. Coaches Jim Coyle and Elmer Blanchard have the boys up for this one and the Abbies don't win by at least ten tries tonight it won't be for lack of training and effort and spirit.

Jimmy Coyle has received many a thrill as a football player and now that he has turned to coaching he would like to share in the greatest of all Maritime football thrills—the winning of the McCurdy Cup. Coyle, with the possible exception of Dr. Frank Jelks, has played more football than any other player in the City. He has played school football with Queen Square, College football with St. Dunstan's and McGill and senior ball with the pre-war Normans.

Jimmy, good naturedly recalled the other evening that during his eight years of senior football, he scored only one try. That try was scored on Armistice Day, 1926, against the St. Dunstan's Senior team in a series between the Saints and the Normans. The Saints always referred to that game as the "Alabama Riot." In the first game of the series Coyle blocked a kick on the Saints line and a fellow named Leightizer fell on the ball for a try to give the Normans a 3-3 draw with the Collegians. Two days later Leightizer blocked the kick and Jimmy fell on the ball for the only try to another game between the two teams which ended in a 3-3 score.

Jimmy and Elmer Blanchard have been working these past few weeks to install some scoring punch in the Abbies backfield. They

Abbies, Mariners To Play Under Lights At Park Tonight

For the first time in the history of Maritime rugby play-offs a league game will be played under the lights when the Charlottetown Abbies meet the Saint John Mariners on Memorial Field this evening at eight o'clock.

The change in plans—the game was originally scheduled for this afternoon—had to be made last night when the Abbies learned that the Mariners did not intend reaching here until this evening. Apparently the Saint John team, through a misunderstanding on their part, thought the game had been planned for tonight.

The big game, the first in the N.B.-P.E.I. senior playoffs, finds the Abbies in almost perfect condition and full of enthusiasm as they await their start on the road that they hope leads to the McCurdy Cup.

Co-coach Elmer Blanchard stated last night that the Abbies expect a hard game but that they think they can take the measure of their Saint John adversaries. "We plan to avenge that 14-0 defeat they handed us last year," said Blanchard.

The Abbies are big and powerful and they will be meeting a big, rugged squad in the Saint John representatives. According to reports out of Saint John, the Mariners average nearly 200 pounds per man.

Saint John newspaper reports claim that the Mariners are better than they were a year ago when they defeated the Abbies in the N.B.-P.E.I. playdowns by 14-0 and 37-0 scores. The Mariners later lost out to the Halifax Wanderers by a 3-2 count.

The Mariners may be better but the Abbies definitely are an improved club over that which represented the local camp a year ago. They are in much better condition and the addition of several key men has added defensive power and offensive punch to the club.

The Abbies will tip the scales at an average of about 185 pounds per man. They have such newcomers to their ranks as Jack Ready, Ebbie Devine, Joe Coyne, George Kelly and Art Perry, all powerful performers who can handle a football like a baseball.

In their two games to date the Abbies have not been scored upon. They played to a scoreless draw with Saint Dunstan's and defeated Glace Bay Caledonias 2-0.

Following is their lineup for tonight: Forwards, E. Devine, C. Field, J. Coyle, B. Ledwell, G. Huestic, C. Ready; halves, J. Ready, E. Howat, three-quarters, G. Kelly, G. Scantlebury, J. MacDonald, C. Gillis; fullback, A. Perry; subs, J. Hennessey, J. Flanagan, G. Burge.

Kid Howard In Split Decision With Pat Brady

HALIFAX, (CP)—Kid Howard, Maritime lightweight boxing champion, belted out a split decision over Dennis (Pat) Brady of Hartford, Conn., in a 10-round main bout here Friday night.

Howard was in command throughout the fight, marred by Brady's clinching tactics. After taking several wicked left jabs in the second, Brady seldom came out of his shell and fought only in spurts.

There were no knockdowns, although Howard received a small cut above his left eye and Brady's eyes were puffed and nearly closed at the fight's end. Howard, at 133, was two pounds lighter than his opponent.

Large Entry Of Horses At Amherst

Among the outstanding attractions at the Maritime Winter Fair, which opens in Amherst today, will be the great exhibition of horses entered, which exceeds the barn space available, making it necessary to stable many animals outside the Fair grounds.

Eighteen draft teams alone indicate what will be on view. These include both Clydesdale and Percherons, purebreds and grades, and renewed interest is being displayed by the standard bred horse lovers, and the competition for the Willard Kelly Memorial Trophy donated in memory and in recognition of the interest and efforts of the late Mr. Kelly by his friends, has stirred renewed interest in this breed of horses.

Marciano To Meet Cockell

PARIS, (AP)—Rocky Marciano will defend his heavyweight title against Don Cockell, the British champion, next June. Al Well, Marciano's manager, said Thursday.

He said the bout will be held in London or the United States, "wherever we could get the most money." He made his announcement after a one-hour talk with Jack Solomons, British promoter.

Hockey Scores

By The Canadian Press
Syracuse 4 Hershey 4
Maritime Major
Charlottetown 2 Sydney 3
Northern Ontario Senior
Soo Indians 1 Sudbury 6
Ontario Senior
Chatham 0 Sarnia 7
Owen Sound 3 Hamilton 2
Ontario Junior
Kitchener 5 Guelph 2
Hamilton 4 Barrie 2

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HUNTERS' CORNER

The season on muskrat, mink and beaver opens November 10 and trappers are beginning to check their traps and ponder on what the coming season holds in fur prices. It's a far cry from the four dollar, and higher, muskrat pelts that prevailed for years following the close of the First Great War. Their pelts began coming off in price roughly 10 years ago and have continued dropping in price slightly with each passing year and by the look of things at present by the season of 1953 will be no exception. Present fur market trends indicate that muskrat has already fallen off 10 per cent compared to last fall's price with the market still on the toboggan. It could be that we will have the one dollar muskrat back with us once more. The first rats I trapped fetched 14 cents each with the odd one bringing 16 cents. When they recited the dollar mark I thought I was a millionaire.

I believe the local market paid around \$1.36 for top skins at the beginning of the season last year and later advanced slightly. Unless the temper of the Fur Trade stiffens shortly it is possible the opening price per pelt for tops may be approximately \$1.15. However the fur market is a tricky affair and may rise or fall, depending on sudden changes in world conditions, such as the drop of a hat. I believe that even the staple mink have also advanced an approximate 10 per cent drop.

Muskrat have increased this

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Sydney In 3-2 Victory Over Islanders; Tied With Atlantics For Lead

SYDNEY, (CP)—Sydney Millionaires moved back into a first-place tie with Halifax Atlantics Friday night by edging Charlottetown Islanders 3-2 in a Maritime Major Hockey League game.

The Millionaires, who outplayed year. I have spotted 'rat' sign on grounds from which they have been absent for many long years. There are two main reasons why the muskrat is staging a comeback - - - the shortening of the season and the sharp drop in the price of their pelts. The Departmental policy (Industry and Natural Resources) of constructing large dams in all three counties has stabilized water levels in the areas effected and provided up-to-date apartment houses in which muskrats may live and multiply. When the Game Act was revised two and a half years ago the muskrat and mink season was cut from five months duration to slightly over a month and a half. The old season, November 1 to March 31, combined with the high price prevailing for their pelts was more than even the prolific muskrat could cope with. This old season originated in the days when muskrat were plentiful and cheap.

Fur buyers have commented on the better quality of mink and muskrat pelts offered since the season was changed to a later date. Nine days at the beginning of the season makes for a world of difference in the quality of fur. The belly of a muskrat caught on November 1 is covered with a light coat of bluish fur. By the 10th of the month this fur has

and outshot the Islanders, took a 2-1 lead in the first period, scored an unanswered goal in the second and were scoreless in the third, when Charlottetown scored once.

Lorne Pirie of Sydney opened the scoring but Charlottetown's Merv Towers tied it up at the midway-mark. Bill Matthews put the Mills back in the lead a minute later.

Stan McDougall scored Sydney's second-period goal and Bob Gray finished the scoring in the third.

There were eight penalties, five to Sydney.

Sydney had a slight edge in play in the first two periods and easily controlled it in the finale, outshooting Islanders 11-5.

Lineups:—
Ch'town: Goal, Bessette; defence, McLaughlin, Trainor, Pilon, Tyskko; forwards, Gray, Saindon, Hennessey, Carver, Dorrington, Dowling, Ritchie, Towers.
Sydney: Goal, Defelice; defence, McIntyre, Matthews, McDonald, Reardon; forwards, Kubinec, McDougall, Marshall, Robertson, La-Croix, Pirie, Cowan, Guay, Beaupre.

Summary:—
First period: Sydney, Pirie (McDonald, Reardon) 4-0; Ch'town, Towers (Gray, Saindon) 9-20; Sydney, Matthews (McDougall, Kubinec) 10-53. Penalties: Saindon 1-58, Cowan 13-54.
Second period: Sydney, McDougall (Marshall, Reardon) 7-37. Penalties: Tyskko 4-28, Marshall 7-48, McIntyre 8-55, McDonald 8-34, Matthews 10-9, McLaughlin 16-12.
Third period: Ch'town, Gray (Pilon) 16-38. Penalties: None.
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Defelice 7 9 4-20

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