



### DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

The noted race mare Vella La Vella 2:08 1-5, has arrived in Cape Breton and is in the training stable of Worrall Lewis leading driver of the Maritimes.

Mr. Sweeney placed her in the hands of a prominent Ohio trainer and in 1946 as a two-year-old she won the Ohio colt stakes for two-year-olds and other race events, taking a record of 2:13 1-2. She was not raced as a three-year-old but she was brought to the Maritimes by Mr. Sweeney and as a four-year-old made 12 starts, had eight winning brackets and lowered her record to 2:11 1-5. In 1948 as a five-year-old she made 23 starts, some of them dashes, and won 20 heats. That fall she was taken the long trek to Foxboro and while there met quite a number of the fast brigade and took her record of 2:08 1-5 driven by Mr. Sweeney. Some time prior to leaving for Foxboro she had been sold to Willard MacDonald of Summerside to be delivered to his ownership after her racing campaign for that season was over. Willard placed her in the George Brinkins stable at Kensington under the care of Clarence Schuman, and last spring when they arrived at Charlottetown she was in the pink of condition.

Her 1949 campaign as a six-year-old was one of the most notable we have record of in the Maritimes. She took part in 22 races—some of them three heat affairs and others dashes—and won 22 heats and \$2,840. Her total winnings amount to \$8,963.00, making her eligible to a 2.14 class pace. Her drivers during practically all last year's campaign were Willard Kelly who certainly got along splendidly with Vella. She defeated every horse in the Maritimes she raced against with the exception of Scott Spencer 2:06.

Her new owners, a group of Sydney sportsmen, are to be congratulated on securing a race mare with such breeding, manners, soundness and will to win. She will add materially to the interest that will be taken in the night races to be conducted by the Cape Breton Turf Club, which comprises twenty Cape Breton sportsmen who leased the \$100,000 Sports Centre with its 1/2 mile half-mile track in Sydney. The officers of this organization are: President, Ralph De Young, Sydney; Vice President, Harry Levitt of Sydney River; Secretary, Jim Ferguson and Treasurer, H. P. Chaplin.

The track committees and directors of the Charlottetown Driving Park are receiving many bouquets on the condition of their half-mile oval, which has been widened to almost sixty feet and covered with a top grading of the very best loam. Quickest work with machinery and many hands raking stones made it available for training last Monday. Right now some of the horses training over it in condition could step in 2:10. A really gigantic program of re-building and repairing is going on at the grounds.

Jimmié Boutillier writes from Quebec. "I have shipped my horses to Ayers Cliff to train. It is an early track. My horses are all in great shape and I have hopes of a good season. You may have seen my boss advertising Cyril Hanover 2:06 4-5 for sale. He was offered big money but not enough so I will race him. We also have Storm Hanover 2:18 1-5 and Lady Fern at a good trotter. She can trot the last quarter of a mile in 30 seconds. Other members of the stable are Helen Brooke, which we will race early as she is in foal to Cyril Hanover and Grattan F, a three-year-old with a lot of speed. These horses are staked heavily at Saratoga and other U. S. tracks so I will have a busy summer and fall. Louie Praught has his horses in great shape and as usual he will get his share of the money this year. Jackie Quinn, a Charlottetown boy, is getting along fine and works out some of Louis' horses regularly. Will write later when we

start racing. Please remember me to Charles Chandler, Pat McKenna and all the boys.

As further proof of the popularity of night harness racing one can point to Yonkers Raceway, formerly the old Empire City track, New York, which was reconverted at a cost of \$1,500,000. Upwards of 20,000 people attended the opening night April 27. The time was considered comparatively slow due to the early opening and the fact that horses had not been given any fast miles. The first race was won by Clark Hanover in 2:20, the second the one mile pace by Pandora Hanover in 2:17 3-5. The third race a one mile trot, was won by Shooting Star in 2:16, the purse was \$1,500. Fourth race, a one mile pace, was won by Dannie Direct with Harry Clukey up, in 2:16 1-5. Third place was taken by Katrina Volo with Pearce Chappelle up. Fifth race, a one mile pace with a purse of \$3,750 was won by Navy Hal 2:05 in 2:16 2-5 and the seventh race, a one mile trot, by B-ave Song in 2:17. Several of the best drivers in the U. S. A. took part including Billy Houghton, Wayne Smart, Franklyn Safford, D. Miller, Jimmie Cruise and L. Floyd. The night was chilly but the spectators were comfortable in the glass-enclosed heated grand stand.

Jerry the First 1:59 4-5 is at it again. He will be remembered as the winner of the \$50,000 Golden West Pace in California last autumn. He opened his 1950 campaign at Santa Anita by out-pacing Guest Star and Dr. Stanton in the feature of the Western Harness Racing Association's Santa Anita program. Eddie Cobb, owner-driver of Jerry, is also the owner of two other pacers who are slated to beat two minutes this year. If Eddie wins only a small proportion of the events he is staked in he will not have to worry about paying feed bills or caretakers this year. For instance, he has Hodgen p. 2:01, 4, 2:06 1-5, winner of \$35,000 on the pace) entered in the \$25,000 trot and \$25,000 pace at Yonkers Raceway. He is now racing on the trot in California.

Our Montreal correspondent writes that last weekend races at Richelleu drew a good attendance but the weather was not congenial. He believes that as soon as it gets warmer and the track improves faster miles and more people will be enjoying the good sport provided there. However, we think that 4,000 people is not a bad attendance and that was the number that passed through the turnstiles. In the Free For All Pace My Partner 2:09 1-5, formerly owned in the Maritimes, was 3-3, with Tony St. Charles winning each heat. Time, 2:26, which will be an indication of the state of the track and the weather. There was a big field in the Classified Trot, most of them horses that had raced at Toronto. Peter Augusta was 1-1, Sharkey Bellini 2-4, time, 2:28 2-5. In the classified special Dr. Holmster was the winner with 2-1. Harvester Express won the first heat and met with an accident in the second. Dick Granite was 4-2 and our old friend Giffine 8-3. Time, 2:27. Thanks, Harry, for keeping us up to date on racing in Montreal.

Percy Walsh continuing his tour among the horsemen writes that James Edward Trainor of Hope River has a two-year-old filly by Squire Hanover 2:08, dam by Kalmuck, that is nicely broken, of good size and he also has a year-old out of the same dam that is a real beauty. Robert MacDonald's Nelsie Belle Creek, a yearling by Pagliacci 2:09 1-2, dam, Forest Girl, which is a picture and Forest Girl will foal shortly to Calumet Budling. Emmett Bernard of Hunter River, whose speciality is the making over of bad actors, has the well known trotter Lee Brewer 2:06 1-4, former co-holder of the Charlottetown track trotting record of 2:07 3-4. Reuben Lee, Lady Abner and British Guy Hal in training. Lady Abner will be remembered as having paced a mile in 2:18 1-2 over the Charlottetown track a little over a year ago and British Guy Hal has shown ability to pace in better than 2:20. Later on Emmett will train Face Cloth and Lee Hanover for Clayton Green of Emerald.

Three Canadian provinces with a total of 20 stables and 37 horses

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# SPORTING NEWS



## J. W. F. McCallum Is Elected President Of Junior Baseball League

Mr. J. W. F. McCallum was elected President for 1950 of the Charlottetown Junior Baseball League at a largely attended and enthusiastic annual meeting held at the Armouries last evening.

The retiring president, Mr. Len W. Goodwin, presided in the chair. Other officers elected were: Vice-President, George Francis; Secretary-Treasurer, Preston Curley. The other members of the Executive elected were the three team managers who will compose the League this year, and are as follows: Fred Whelan (Victoria), Wally Higgins (Kinsmen), and Louis Butler (Knights of Columbus). Mr. Goodwin, the retiring president, was appointed as Honorary President of the League.

Before the election of officers was carried out, Secretary-Treasurer Curley gave an account of the last annual meeting and also submitted an excellent financial report, which was an encouraging one and showed the League with a balance of \$121.55 carried over from last season. Mr. Curley, who later in the evening, was re-elected to that office for his third term, received many complimentary remarks from the meeting for the splendid way in which he carried out his duties during the past season.

Making his annual president's report, Mr. Goodwin thanked the members of last year's executive for their splendid co-operation. He said that he thought the League was a fine success last year, and that although he was forced to retire from any active part in the league this year, he had the pleasure of seeing the league every success for the past year, and that assistance would be available at any time it was required.

Three motions were moved and

adopted during the meeting. The first was made by J. W. F. (Jim) McCallum to the effect that the coaches of the teams taking part in the League, not be elected by members of the executive, while Louis Butler moved that the age limit in the Junior League be raised to 21 as of November 1st, 1949. The third motion was also by Mr. McCallum who asked that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Curley for his fine work as secretary-treasurer of the League for the past two years.

On taking over the chair on his election as the new president, Mr. McCallum thanked the meeting for the honor bestowed upon him, and extended his thanks to the retiring president, Mr. Goodwin, for a job well done during the past season. He then called upon the meeting for clarification as to what teams would participate in the league this season. All three teams of last year, the Knights of Columbus, Charlottetown Victoria Club, and Charlottetown Kinsmen Club, signified their intention of entering the league again this year. Those representing the Clubs were Louis Butler, K of C; Harry McInnis and Fred Whelan, Vics; Kinsmen; Mr. George Francis, representing the Abegweit Club, said that if a third team were needed in the League, they had intended to enter a team, but now that the League was complete, they would withdraw the entry. He felt that four teams would spoil the league set-up.

President McCallum said he hoped the League schedule would get underway by the first week in June, and called his first executive meeting for Wednesday of next week, to be held at Queen Square School at 7:30 P. M.



## HUNTERS' CORNER

The other afternoon a Pownal sportsman showed me a shell box filled to the top with crows feet, the equivalent of eighteen crows, the first installment on the Automatic shotgun. He told me out of two boxes of shells he had 15 left... 35 shots for 18 crows. Don't laugh, fellow shooters. Averaging a shade better than one crow for every two shells is pretty snappy shooting on crows coming in to a crow call. If anyone thinks differently left him try it sometime. A crow coming in to a call or a stuffed owl decoy offers a very tricky target. Every try lining the sights on a ball of black feathers zooming in with the speed of the wind and with a zig zagging motion—if you haven't try it out... its great business for the ammunition companies.

Few sportsmen realize the terrific toll taken by predators among our valuable wildlife. One has to be on the prowl through woodlots, swamps and back farm country with both eyes open to realize fully just what goes on day and night in the realm of the wild. I walk a lot during all seasons of the year but particularly during early spring before the dirt roads are passable to car traffic. During the transition period between winter and summer travel its a common practice to leave the car on the pavement at some point and strike off across country for 5 or 6 miles. Ten or twelve miles is nothing in one day if taken in easy stages.

Jaunts like this result in valuable information being gathered in respect to the abundance, or otherwise, of the various pheasant, grouse, rabbits, etc. that have survived the winter and to all intents and purposes are potential breeding stock. Farmers too welcome a bit of chit chat when the pressure of work has eased up due to weather conditions. Hauling is out of the question when the snow has almost disappeared and Jack Frost is on his way out. This spring early in April I talked to a farmer across the river who had a number of pheasants at the rear of his farm and also at the front. He told me one night a week before my visit he heard the pheasants in the back woodlot making an awful fuss. It was a dark night and he had gone to the barn to look at the stock before retiring. Shortly after dusk the same evening he heard a Great horned owl giving his hunting hoot in the same woodlot.

He told me the pheasants were cackling like a flock of hens when one was trying to catch one for the pot. A flock of biddies can raise quite a rumpus when cornered in a hen house. I talked to this same farmer a few days ago. Disquieting information was received that the same carryings on occurred on two different nights in the swamp at the south of his property. Since then he has not heard a sound from the old Cocks and he misses their crowing that once sounded so frequently from the swamp or woodlot. The owls are still on the hunt for their eerie hooting can be heard during the wakeful hours of night.

It doesn't require a vivid imagination to picture a great horned owl playing tag with a cackling pheasant amidst the boles of heavy spruce or spreading hemlocks. Pheasants have their special roosting trees and are at a decided disadvantage in the night hours. An owl can see in the dark better than he can on a sunny day. I'd be willing to bet that if one took the trouble to look in the roosting area multi-colored feathers scattered about would bear mute testimony to the hunting prowess of old 'tooty'.

A horned owl has a retentive hunting memory. If he discovers a pheasant roosting site, a swamp where a covey of Ruffed grouse are wintering, a dump or grain field where a colony of barn rats are located, he visits this spot night after night until he has accounted for them all or the survivors have left for safe parts.

Goshawks also are the terrors of the feathered world. They hunt by day and where the owl fills the night with dread they take over at daybreak where the night hunters leave off. Late one afternoon a few weeks ago, I was watching a flight of wildgeese as they gathered on a stubble field for a fill up before moving out to the big water to rest for the night. A few hundred yards to the south was a swamp where a farmer had reported a flock of 12 pheasants late in the spring. He had counted them as they fed in a stubble field bordering the swamp. My attention was drawn to the area by the cawing of a flock of crows as they voiced their displeasure of some intruder in their midst. A short while later I saw a slate blue Goshawk drift low on rounded wings across the fields headed for deeper woods to the northward. I found myself wondering how many hen pheasants would raise broods to maturity providing they themselves

## Island Ball League To Operate Again This Year

The annual meeting of the P. E. Island Physical Fitness Baseball League was held last night at the Summerside Town Hall with J. K. Curran, the president in the chair. Representatives from the Charlottetown Abegweits, the Curran and Briggs team, and the R.C.A.F. were present and all expressed willingness to enter the League again this year.

Brigadier Bill Reid and his assistant in the Physical Fitness Department, Jim Hogan, were also present. Don Carson and Art Perry were appointed by the chair to bring in a slate of officers and returned with a suggestion that all officers be neutral, not connected with any of the competing ball clubs. After considerable discussion it was decided that the business of the League would be handled by the Physical Fitness Department, working under directions from a three-man committee, one member appointed by each of the three clubs.

The schedule is expected to get underway around the middle of June and all regular League games are to be finished by the end of August.—S

## Barbara Ann Gets Big Reception At Los Angeles

HOLLYWOOD, May 5 (CP)—Barbara Ann Scott, Canada's queen of the blades, "kissed her way right into the hearts of Los Angeles" last night in her debut with the "Ice Capades of 1950", a reviewer said today.

Harry Cuvler of the Evening Herald and Express said the "petite blonde little Miss from Ottawa... Canada's gift to the ice world skated her way right into the hearts of Los Angeles fans last night—and she did it the hard way, sparking as she made her debut in a major production which a brilliant audience voted one of the most spectacular Ice Capades."

Barbara Ann was featured in two numbers and was the hit of the show as it opened before an audience of 6,500. It was her first appearance in an ice show of the Ice Capades type since she turned professional a year ago.

## Income Tax Dept. Bowling Winner

Last night at the Y. M. O. A., the Income Tax Department men's bowling team of Charlottetown, won the finals of the Prince Edward Island District Council Bowling League.

The runners-up were the Department of Transport (Marine Branch) team. The trophy was presented by the P. E. I. District Council of the Civil Service Federation of Canada.

Other teams who competed in the league were: Unemployment Insurance, Department of Agriculture, Railway Mail Clerks, Canadian Postal employees, Letter Carriers and Department of Veterans Affairs.

The members of the winning team were: Ray Hennessey, Earl Hume, Eddie Blackhard, Wylie Bryenton, Fred Jenkins and Danny McCormack.

## Plan Amateur Boxing Meet At Halifax

HALIFAX, May 5 (CP)—The Maritime amateur boxing championships will be staged at Stadacona gymnasium here June 8-10, it was announced tonight. All three Provinces are expected to be represented.

## ATTENTION RIFLEMEN

The annual meeting of the Rifle Association will be held on Monday evening, May 8th at 8 o'clock on second floor of H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte.

## Boston Red Sox Whip Chicago To Move Into Second Place In League

By The Canadian Press  
Ted Williams poled his fifth homer of the season in timely fashion Friday, clouting it in the seventh with a male on for the third and fourth runs as Boston Red Sox whipped Chicago White Sox 5-2. The victory moved Boston into second place in the American League.

Chilled by a damp east wind, a handful of 3,973 Boston fans also saw Vern Stephens rap his third homer for Red Sox and Chico Carrasquel drive in both Chicago runs with his first major league homer.

Joe Dobson won his third victory of the season for the Sox. Dobson gave nine hits, three more than his mates made off starter (and loser) Billy Pierce. Howie Judson and Bob Kuzava.

Detroit Tigers capitalized on

## Homer In 10th Gives Chicago Cubs Victory Over Brooklyn Dodgers

(By The Canadian Press)  
Rookie third-baseman Ransom Jackson homered in the 10th Friday to give Chicago Cubs a 7-6 National League victory over Brooklyn Dodgers.

Jackson led off the extra inning with his game-winning belt off rookie righthander Clarence Podbielan, third of three Brooklyn pitchers.

Hank Sauer, veteran Chicago outfielder, sent the game into overtime when he socked his first home run of the season with two on and two out in the ninth.

Ralph Branca, making his first start of the season, lasted less than three innings for the Dodgers.

Lefty Johnny Schmitz started for Chicago and lasted until the ninth when Bill Voiselle went in. Johnny Vander Meer pitched the 10th and gained credit for the victory.

Pittsburgh Pirates scored three runs on two hits and two errors in the sixth to pull out a 5-4 win on the last-place New York Giants.

Harold Gilbert, New York first baseman who played his first major league game, smashed a three-run homer in the eighth. Eddie Stanky's lead off homer in the first accounted for the Giants' other run.

St. Louis Cardinals came back to beat Philadelphia Phillies 3-2 but

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**100-lb. Lake Trout Caught in Sask.**

REGINA, May 5 (CP)—A lake trout weighing 100 pounds—30 pounds heavier than the largest trout caught previously reported anywhere—is reported to have been caught in Cree Lake in Northern Saskatchewan.

L. Melson of the Natural Resources Department said today that he had received word of the catch from Henry Wetzel, storekeeper at Cree Lake.

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