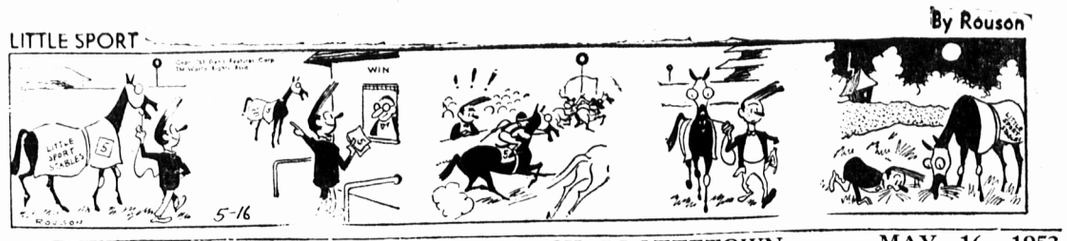

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

There was some really fast stepping at Lower Sackville Raceway, N. S. last Saturday, in fact the fastest we can remember at this season of the year. The horses that were taking part in the events had been racing all winter and early spring over the Halifax Commons, so were in good shape. In the Free For All Tonymite, owned and driven by Don Turner, was 3-1-1, Tru Single G. (L. O'Brien) 1-2-2, Freddie Scott (L. Walker) 2-3-3, Joe Cook (S. Walker) 4-4-dr. Time, 1.06 3-5, 1.05 3-5, 1.05. Tonymite is a seven-year-old brown gelding with a record of 2.13 3-5, by that good Ontario sire Mr. Chips and he is by Volomite 2.03¼. From the display of speed he gave he looks like a possible 2.10 pacer this season. Tru Single G. was sold at the Narrow Gauge Sale, Harrison, Me. last fall. He has a record of 2.02¼ on the pace, is 13 years old and is by Truabbe and his dam was Single K. by Single G. 1.58¼. He won 11 firsts last year and over $2,300 and his lifetime winnings are $19,037. He is eligible to a 2.12 class. It looks as though Laurie O'Brien or whoever the new Maritime owner is—picked up a real bargain. In the Class B., Chief A. C. 2.10 3-5, owned and driven by Frankie Daniels, won in straight heats with Bellini Mite (L. Walker) 2-2-2, three other starters. Time, 1.08 1-5, 1.07 2-5, 1.08 3-5. The Class C. was won by Wee Michael, owned and driven by Percy Leighton, Newport, in straight heats, Lady Hoosier (L. O'Brien) 2-2-2, three other starters. Time, 1.07 3-5, 1.06 3-5, 1.08 4-5.

In our reference to "Bill" Brown and the International broadcast made from the Charlottetown tree track Exhibition week, 1939, we gave as second horse to the winner Jane Azoff, Peter Dale 2-2-3. We had calls afterwards from horsemen two of whom stated they had never heard tell of Peter Dale. However, Peter was here and boasted a record of 2.03¾. He was by Peter Potemp kin and was owned by T. V. Holdaway, Houlton, Maine, and was driven by Earle Avery. In ten starts that year he had seven winning brackets racing through the State of Maine.

And here is S. Thane Belyea of Fredericton, N.B.:—"Just a line to let you know Bevo's Orphan Annie has a nice filly foal, a week old today, by Federal. Mr. Forbes is talking of sending Yankee Girl to be bred to Federal. Our track is in great shape this year, we gave it a good coat of manure last fall and it has a nice cushion on it now. I met a man Friday night from Vienna, Austria. His name is Ehren and we had a great time talking horse racing in Europe. He has seen Mighty Ned race several times, also Tara, Musicetone and several others that have gone from U.S.A. to Europe. He told me he was here last year and saw some racing at Woodstock, and hoped to be back in the fall when we have our meet. He tells me some of the tracks over there are covered with ground cork, with a top soil on that and it provides a great cushion, also the water does not lay on top of the track. He says their tracks over there have the turns banked up better than ours. He does not have any use for pacers but likes the trotters. He knows Charlie Mills, Alexander Finn and a lot of the top drivers over there. I was telling him you had to be sixteen years old here before you could drive a race and he said over there the people would not put any dependence in a driver if he was any younger than forty. He spoke very good English, was a little hard to understand, but I got a kick out of talking to him. Would you have a copy of the Guardian with your 1952 Review? I loaned mine and never got it back."

Our congratulations to our friend Chester Pratt, St. Peters, whom we have always believed would have been one of the top writers of this Dominion if he had taken up journalism, but he probably is happier in the environment he occupies. Chester is very delighted these days looking at a recently arrived foal by Argot Pointer 2.07 out of his favorite mare, Lily Belle. Chester has always been a lover of horses and has owned some speedy ones and we hope this will be the fastest of them all.

The following bulletin has been issued to members of the United States Trotting Association in the Maritimes and will, we believe, be well received by them in that our night racing plants are relieved from some rulings which are applicable only to the big night racing plants in the United States. Those plants have anywhere from 300 to 600 horses to make classes from, while our Maritime tracks sometimes have scarcely 100 horses. Then again the age ruling will not apply to us and horses 15 years old and over can be raced. For the information of those who did not receive the bulletin we publish it in full....

To Maritime Members of U.S.T.A.:

"This bulletin is issued to clear up questions for members in the Maritime Provinces. 1) Extended Pari-Mutuel Meeting — Under the present definition of extended pari-mutuel meetings, none of the Maritime meetings are classified as extended pari-mutuel meetings. 2) Drivers' Licenses — Since none of the Maritime meetings will be extended pari-mutuel, we are not issuing this type of driver license in 1953 except to those who will come down to the States to race at extended meetings. The extended pari-mutuel meetings presently scheduled in New England are Foxboro, Mass., Lewiston, Gorham and Bangor, Maine. Unless you expect to race at one of these meetings, it is not necessary to obtain a license valid for extended pari-mutuel meetings. 3) Aged Horses—Horses 15 years or older can now be raced at all meetings in the Maritimes, since none are extended pari-mutuel meetings, and the rule has been modified so that 15-year-old horses are barred only at extended pari-mutuel meetings. 4) Required Officials—Licensed officials required for meetings in the Maritimes will be Presiding Judge, Starter and Race Secretary at mutuel meetings.

Charlottetown visitors to Summerside Raceway last Sunday got a real surprise. They had previously no conception of the great plans that had been laid for the building of one of the finest racing plants in the Maritimes and came away with the impression that it is going to be all that is being claimed for it. Quite a number of horses moved in last week including the Earle Semple Stable with the trotter Mary Merk 2.08 2-5, the four-year-old trotter Dean Gallon 3, 2.11, the five-year-old trotter Nokomis Mite by Jim Hanes, dam, Earl's Dianamite by Volomite, and the yearling Jolly Jess by Jollity, dam, Jessie Direct 2nd 2.08 2-5. This is Jessie's first foal. Many will remember the afternoon she took that mark at Charlottetown. It was a very beautiful, warm afternoon and she won apparently without great effort. It was a really remarkable mile. The above are all owned by Earle. The seven-year-old trotter Royal Budlong 2.15 2-5 by Calumet Budlong 2.02¼, dam, the noted race mare Betty S. 2.07½. He is

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In The Stud

The trotting stallion Russel Hanover 2.08 1-2 H.M.T. by Mr. McElwyn 1.59 1-4. The Dam of Russel Hanover is Isonta 2.08 1-4; also dam of 7 better than 2.00, including American Hanover 2.01 3-4 and Rosemary Hanover 2.07 3-4, the dam of Sharp Note 2.00, the winner of 1952 Hambletonian stake and Kentucky Futurity and first trotter to win one hundred thousand dollars in a season.

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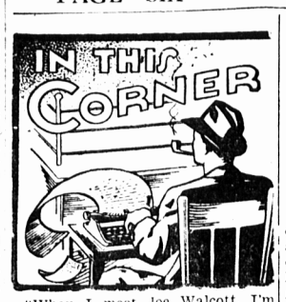

Marciano Puts Jersey Joe Away For Count At 2:25 Of First Round

(By Jack Hand)

CHICAGO, (AP) — Heavyweight champ Rocky Marciano exploded a right uppercut on the jaw of ex-champ Jersey Joe Walcott to knock out the 39-year-old pappy guy from Camden, N. J., in 2:25 of the first round Friday night at the Chicago Stadium amidst a storm of boos.

Walcott sat on his haunches, holding the ropes with his right hand, as referee Frank Sikora counted him out. It was the first hard punch that landed in the surprisingly short contest.

The official announcement erroneously affixed the knockout time at 1:25. Fans crowded at ringside to shout in derision as ring announcer Ben Bentley raised Marciano's hand in victory. Felix Bocchicchio, Walcott's manager, protested to the referee that he had counted only nine.

Sikora, asked if Walcott rose at the count of 10, said: "No I could have given him one more count."

Walcott's handlers rushed around ringside, yelling that old Jersey Joe had not heard the count. The customers many of whom paid $50 for their seats roared their disapproval.

Grim and Tense

Jersey Joe looked grim and tense as he came out for the first round, tying up Marciano, who was missing wild swings. Aside from a few left jabs that bounced off Marciano's craggy face, Walcott never took the offensive.

Suddenly, the champ from Brockton, Mass., cut loose with a smashing right uppercut that landed flush on Walcott's jaw. Down he went, with his heels up in the air, settling flat on his back. He pulled himself up on his haunches and sat there, staring, with a blank expression on his bony face as the referee counted.

Thus, with one punch, Marciano ended Walcott's hopes of ring immortality, blasting his dreams of becoming the first former heavyweight champion ever to regain his title.

13 Rounds Last Sept.

Marciano, now unbeaten in 44 professional fights, made short work of the old gent the second time around. It took him 13 long, rugged rounds last Sept. 23 at Philadelphia before he dethroned Jersey Joe with a short right to the jaw. In that fight, Marciano was trailing on points before he unleashed his lethal charge.

This was one of the shortest heavyweight title fights in history ranking close to the jobs that Joe Louis used to do in his prime. Only five other title bouts finished faster.

The record is the 1:28 scored by Tommy Burns over Jem Roche, at Dublin, March 17, 1908. Louis' annihilation of Max Schmeling in their second bout took 2:04. Louis flattened Tami Mauriello in 2:09 and Jack Roper in 2:20. The other quick kayo was scored by Tommy Burns over Bill Squires in 2:09.

"When I meet Joe Walcott, I'm going to ask only one favour,—that he come after me like he went after Ezzard Charles the night he won the heavyweight title. That's all I ask. Let him forget his usual cautious ways and the fans will see a real battle." Those were the prophetic words spoke by Rocky Marciano six months before he fought Jersey Joe Walcott for the heavyweight title last September. They were words well spoken for Walcott stood up and fought and the fans saw one of the most rousing heavyweight bouts in the history of the fight game. However, they ring hollow today for Marciano quickly proved last night that he doesn't have to care whether his man comes out and fights or not. Rocky can chill them any way it suits his fancy.

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As everyone connected with the fight business had figured Rocky had little trouble with the Pappy-Guy from New Jersey. Few, however, suspected that it would be so quick and easy. Walcott, who fought such a magnificent battle the last time he faced the slugging champion, was expected to make a fight out of it for a while. Known as a cautious, carey old codger, who had been only knocked out five times in his career, Walcott was figured to keep out of Marciano's range for at least half the battle.

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From post-fight reports it appears that Walcott looked sluggish and tired and it was even suggested that he never recovered from the lethal right hand punch that he absorbed from Marciano last September. It had always been our feeling that Jersey Joe was just coming back for the cash involved in this one. He will likely call it quits now, to be remembered as the oldest man to win the title, and he will remain as a controversial figure as long as his merits are discussed.

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The fight future now belongs to Marciano, the young man who possibly is the greatest puncher of them all. After the fight last night Bill Corum remarked that Marciano could hit as hard as any other fighter he had ever seen and that included Dempsey and Louis. The records would strongly support that statement. The average time he takes to knock out a man is considerably below that of either Louis or Dempsey.

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Marciano can chill a man with one punch, a feat that Louis seldom performed. The Brown Bomber nearly always set a man up with a series of lefts and rights in a whirlwind attack before administering the clincher. With Marciano it appears different. Rocky showed last September and again last night that he can do it with one explosive right and without the benefit of preliminary work.

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To our way of thinking Marciano is the greatest thing that could hit the fight game at this time. He should be able to bring the fans back to the fighting arenas if anyone could. His powerful punching will keep the crowd in suspense for they will know neither the round nor the second he is apt to blast out his opponent. The biggest trouble may be in finding suitable opponents. A match between he and Roland LaStarza might be about the best thing around.

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By those who know him well Rocky is regarded as much more than a great fighter. He is a boy of strong character and a real gentleman. Much has been written about the blameless life of Joe Walcott and it is undoubtedly true but the same thing could be written about Marciano. By all counts inside the ring and out Marciano is an ideal champion as can be evidenced by his popularity with those on the fight scene.

Rockets Win City League 5-Pin Bowling Title

The Rockets won the City League five pin bowling championship at the Rollaway Alleys last night by defeating the Alerts three points to two and winning the playoffs 17¼ points against 7¾.

The Rockets went into the final match needing only three-quarters of a point to win the title and they won it in the first game with a score of 1366 against 1149.

Dr. L. Duffy of the Alerts won the high single and high three honors. He bowled a single game of 344 and a three game total of 899.

Following are the results:—

Rockets:				
R. MacDonald	284	212	205	701
J. Falls	316	305	267	888
G. Gallant	242	259	213	714
W. Chandler	221	207	154	582
B. Cameron	303	306	225	834
Totals	1366	1289	1064	3719
Alerts:				
Dr. L. Duffy	292	263	344	899
Fr. McMahon	214	202	184	600
F. MacInnis	236	180	180	596
M. MacKenzie	182	320	253	755
D. MacDonald	225	280	238	743
Totals	1149	1245	1199	3593

P. C. Softball League Schedule

—The following is the schedule of the Prince County Softball League from now until the end of May:

MAY:

17—Kinkora vs. Legion at Kinkora
20—Legion vs. Kinkora at S'side.
20—Kensington vs. Summerside at Kensington
24—Kensington vs. Kinkora at Kinkora
24—Legion vs. S'side. at S'side.
27—Kensington vs. Legion at Kensington
27—S'side. vs. Kinkora at S'side.
31—S'side vs. Kensington at S'side.

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Ladies Curling Club Officers Are Appointed

Officers and heads of committees to guide the affairs of the Charlottetown Ladies' Curling Club for the forthcoming season were appointed at a meeting held in the Clubhouse on Thursday evening, as follows:—

President: Mrs. William Johnston.
Vice-President: Mrs. Edgar Dockendorff.
Secretary: Miss Lillian Duchemin.
Treasurer: Mrs. Erma MacPherson.
Chairmen of committees:—
Games: Mrs. Douglas Hill.
Entertainment: Mrs. John Wilson.
House: Mrs. Clifford MacDonald.
Ways and Means: Mrs. Arthur Roper.
Publicity: Mrs. Waldo Hoyt.
Membership: Miss Mary MacLennan.

Changes in the ladies' clubrooms were discussed and all present were most enthusiastic at the proposed alterations which will include the transferring of their clubrooms from the second to the first floor.

A committee composed of Miss Lillian Duchemin, Mrs. Edgar Dockendorff and Miss Mary MacLennan was appointed to look into improvements of the Club grounds.

The season this year is three weeks or a month ahead of regular schedule. It is generally the first few days in June before the leaves are out in normal years but this date sees foliage far advanced in respect to other years. The main difference as I see it, from other years, is the actions of our wildlife. Black ducks hatched as early as May 4th this spring and one hen pheasant I know about is sitting on 16 eggs that are well on the way to incubation if they are not already hatched.

Last Sunday morning in the Peakes district I stumbled upon a nest full of young crows that were hollering their heads off for food to keep their big stomachs distended but they had sense enough to shut up when their parents appeared on the scene and gave the danger signal. An old saying came to mind: "All gab and, etc., like a young crow." How true it is. Children of the wild

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Baseball Results

National League

Brooklyn	000 111 000—3	5 0
St. Louis	060 000 30x—9	13 1

Roe, Wade (3) Podres (5) Meyer (6) Milliken (8) and Campanella; Haddix, Miller (6) and D. Rice.
W-Haddix.
L-Roe.
HRs.: Brooklyn - Cox, Campanella; St. Louis - Bilko.

New York	000 001 020 04—7	11 0
Cincinnati	001 010 010 00—3	9 3

Jansen, Wilhelm (7) and Yvars; Judson, King (9) and Seminick.
W-Wilhelm.
L-King.
HRs.: New York - Irwin, Thomson; Cincinnati - Marquis.

Pittsburgh	010 001 010—3	7 1
Milwaukee	100 100 02x—4	10 0

Friend and Garagiola; Surkont and Crandall.
HR: Milwaukee - Gordon.

Philadelphia	000 000 001—1	7 1
Chicago	000 000 000—0	6 2

Roberts and Burgess; Hacker and Atwell.

American League

St. Louis	200 010 001—4	11 0
Washington	000 000 000—0	8 0

Trucks and Courtney; Masterson, Moreno (8) and Grasso.
L: Masterson. HR: St. Louis, Kryhoski.

Detroit	300 202 000—7	10 2
Philadelphia	000 005 001—6	11 1

Houtteman and Batts; Martin, Scheib (5) and Astroth.
L: Martin. HR's: Detroit, Dropo, Batts, Houtteman.

Cleveland at Boston and Chicago at New York postponed, rain.

International League

Toronto	402 200 000—8	7 0
Ottawa	100 000 210—4	10 0

Johnson, Shore (8) and Ressi; Trice, Stemple (1), Romberger (3), Matarazzo (8) and Watlington.

Montreal	210 200 000—5	8 0
Buffalo	310 001 01x—6	10 2

Alexander, Mills (3), Fabbro (8) and Thompson; Foytack, Jordon (3), Weiss (9) and Katt.

Syracuse at Springfield and Rochester at Baltimore postponed rain.

Softball Practice

The Junior Chamber of Commerce softball team will hold a practise on the Knights of Columbus diamond Monday evening. The practise will get underway and all players are urged to attend as this will be the last practise before the league opens.

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Dramatic Homer Keeps Milwaukee Tied With Phillies For N.L. Lead

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A dramatic eighth-inning homer by Sid Gordon that barely cleared the left-field fence kept Milwaukee Braves in a first-place tie Friday.

The high fly, against the wind, dropped safely as Pittsburgh's Ralph Kiner tumbled in an effort at an over-the-fence catch at the four-foot wire barrier. It gave Milwaukee a 4-3 victory over the Pirates, leaving them deadlocked for National League honors with Philadelphia Phillies, who beat Chicago 1-0.

The Braves' sixth straight victory was a natural build-up for a week-end series with the Phils at Milwaukee, starting with a duel Saturday between rival southpaws Curt Simmons of Philadelphia and rookie Don Liddle, fresh from his two-hit major league debut.

Gran Hamner singled home Earl Torgeson with the only run as the Phillies won their fourth straight over Chicago. Robin Roberts tamed the Cubs with a six-hitter. Loser Warren Hacker now has pitched 28 innings without his teammates scoring a run behind him.

For the second time in two days St. Louis Cardinals took care of a Dodger jinx hurler as they plastered a 9-3 defeat on Preacher Roe, whom they hadn't beaten in 12 previous meetings. Thursday they gave Carl Erskine his comeuppance for the first time in eight decisions.

The Cards hadn't beaten either of the two Brooklyn hurlers since 1950.

The victory moved the Cardinals within half a game of the third-place Dodgers, who dropped two games behind the co-leaders.

New York Giants benched Bobby Thomson in a shake-up of their starting line-up but the Flying Scot was back in time to clout a three-run homer in the 11th inning that gave the Giants a 7-3 victory over Cincinnati Reds.

Rain spoiled the scheduled meetings of the four top American clubs as the Chicago-New York and Cleveland-Boston games were postponed.

Nine Teams To Compete For Bowling Title Mon.

The 1953 Prince Edward Island five-pin bowling champions will be crowned at the Rollaway Alleys late Monday night following the completion of competition in the annual Provincial bowling meet.

Competitors from nine teams will have their eyes set on the Provincial title and . . . are when they line up for the first matches at 8:30 on Monday morning.

But for the bowlers, who annually spend one day late in May competing with the best in the Province, it will be no holiday for them it's a sixteen hour [illegible] bowling in what might be considered a bowling marathon.

Teams competing for Island honors this year include Gentle's Boys, Summerside; Horne's Rockets, the newly crowned City cham-

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