



## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

A correspondent writes: "I have been following your column for many years. Am a great horse lover and have watched the racing in different parts of the Maritimes and in Maine and I am offering a suggestion which I hope you will publish. We notice from time to time sales of different breeds of cattle and they seem to be a great success. You call this country the 'Kentucky of Canada.' Don't you think it would be a good idea to have an auction sale early this spring of two-year-olds? There are several in my vicinity, well-bred, well-developed and very promising. Probably among them there would be some equally as good as Bob Mac 211 1/4, Parkwood, Hilda S. 216 and dozens of others whose names are written on the scroll of Fame. I would like to see the horsemen get together to this and put it through. Our friend wishes to remain anonymous but his suggestion is certainly worthy of serious consideration."

"Ollie" McNeill, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., writes: "In a recent letter I mentioned Sailor Hal as one of the most promising pacers on our circuit. I had a message yesterday from the secretary in Regina stating that Sailor Hal has been sold for \$6,500 to parties in Quebec City. He was shipped by express in a heated car and the cost was almost \$500. It will be very interesting to watch this horse's career this coming season. He will be in good hands and will receive the best of care and given every opportunity to lower his record. The man who trained and raced him knew more about growing wheat than he did about racing. The Quebecers are certainly putting out the dough in an endeavor to corral the most promising pacers in this country. . . . Thanks, Ollie, we will keep our eyes on Sailor Hal in the Year Book for 1951. We notice where this horse took part in 29 races, was first 18 times, second four times and third five times. He is now seven years old. Last year he was sensational in the west. He is of the western sire Guy Hal 206 1/4."

Jim Keely of Lumsden, Alberta, whom we mentioned last week as being banqueting in Regina prior to his leaving for the United States where he will locate as a trainer and driver, has developed some real stars. Here is a partial list: Battle Axe 201 1/4, Del Whirlwind 200 1/2, Direct Boy 206, Guy Hal 206 1/4, Hal Riggs 206, Jettie Hal 208, Guy Riggs 209 3/4, Battle Direct 201, Whitney Bets 204 1/2, Laurel Grand 206, Greta Todd 211, Shep Hanover 207, Buddy Direct 204 1/2, Jess Porter 206, Battle Todd 207, Battle Todd was afterwards owned in Cape Breton; Dr. Zoff 206 2/5, Mabel Cash 206, Dr. Battle 208, etc. With such a reputation Jim Keely should not have any difficulty in securing some of the best horses to race in 1951.

Sam L. Pitts of Harrison, Maine, is a prominent breeder, handler of race horses and conducts the Narrow Gauge Sale Co. at Lewiston, Me., where a lot of broilers and pacers are disposed of annually. In a letter to the Canadian Sportsman he states: "We were very much pleased with the direct results of the advertisement we had published in The Canadian Sportsman. A great many of our sales were to our good friends across the border. In fact, all the stock with any class went to Canada. You might be interested to know that I have a yearling here that we have just broken, and are now driving. She is out of Ann Royal 210 by Abner T. Clegg, Ann Royal was raised by George A. Callbeck of Summerside, P. E. I. She was purchased when three by Arthur McGee of Augusta, Maine, and driven to her record by Harry Coleman, who was then

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The Halifax Atlantics did not add any new players to their roster before the January 15 deadline. It was learned here last night from Charlie Campbell, Secretary-Registrar of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, that the Sydney Millionaires submitted the name of M. A. H. A. President Walter Vitale for the sudden-death of the latest report it appears though Vitale does not wish to head east to the Maritimes. Big Phil was waived out of the Quebec League and is presently at his home in Toronto.

The Millionaires and Glace Bay Miners have until January 25 to add one new player. This was made possible by the recall of the Miners Herb Schiller and the Millionaires Bill Tyshko. The two players were called up by their parent clubs recently and at the C. A. H. A. meeting in Ottawa it was decided to give the Maritime Clubs ten days in which to obtain replacements. The extra ten days of grace was obtained through the efforts of M. A. H. A. President Walter Vitale. The Sydney Post-Record had several complimentary comments about Walter's efforts in this regard in a recent issue. Its good to see the Maritimes getting their rights in these matters.

The Miners expect to have Kenny Watson in camp some time next night from the New Brunswick team. The Bay coach expects the Saint John Beavers centre to arrive in the Bay on Sunday. The Miners were also dealing for Johnny Arundel and would have obtained his services had he been waived out of the Q.S.H.L. Arundel was up for waivers and some Q.S.H.L. team grabbed him, reported to have been farmed him out to an Allan Cup team in Ontario.

The Miners were also attempting to secure ex-Halifax rearguard Danny Dixon who is playing for the Quebec Aces. Nixon was expected to be waived out of the League and would have been had Quebec been able to obtain Gene Fashoway of the New Westminster Royals of the Western Hockey League. This did not come about, however, and the Miners will have to do without Nixon. While on the subject of Quebec players, Denis Smith, who played with the Islanders last season, has been released from the Aces at his own request. Smith has been bothered with a back injury.

With the exception of one player for Glace Bay and one player for Sydney the only hockey players who can enter the M.M.H.L. are those replacing recalls. Professional clubs may call up players until February 15 on the grounds that such players are recalled. Fashoway of the Islanders is on 24-hour recall to the Vancouver Canucks. Bill Hagen, who was called up by Syracuse and is now playing in Sudbury, was never registered on the Islanders playing lists, it was learned last night from Charlie Campbell.

Sherbrooke Saints will never obtain goalie Al Millar from the Islanders. It was stated last night by Murph Chamberlain. "We purchased him for \$1,000 from the Quebec Aces with the right to re-purchase him at the end of the 1952-53 season for the price of \$1,000," said the Hardrock. Millar has been registered with the Central Registrar as the property of the Islanders.

Following Wednesday night's game in Halifax which the Islanders won 2-1 Murph Chamberlain had a few words of praise for his team. Chamberlain was happy over the manner in which the Islanders swept the two games this week from the Halifax Club and had this to say: "Everyone played heads up hockey during the two contests but there were two men who gave a little more than they were accustomed to giving. If I had to pick two guys who really rose to the occasion then I would have to select Hub Beaudry and

## Glace Bay Miners In 3-2 Overtime Win Over The Islanders

The Glace Bay Miners, who have not lost a game on Charlottetown ice since the Bonhomme-MacKenzie trade several weeks ago, came through again last night with a 3-2 overtime victory over the Charlottetown Islanders at the Forum.

And true to the script Bonhomme and MacKenzie played big roles in the Miners' victory. Both drew assists on the game winning goal by centreman Eddy Joss at the 4:05 mark of the sudden-death overtime. In addition, Bonhomme scored the game's opening goal with assists going to MacKenzie and Joss.

Since the two-for-one trade with Glace Bay by which Walter Pawlshyn came to the Islanders, the Miners have won two games and tied one in three starts at Charlottetown. These are the first points the Miners obtained here this season.

The Miners led 1-0 at the end of a poorly played first period as the result of a goal by Bonhomme. The score was 2-2 at the end of the second frame with George McLagan and Hub Beaudry scoring for Islanders and Johnny Raynak for Glace Bay.

The teams battled through a well played third period without scoring a goal. The Islanders controlled play in the overtime but the Miners took advantage of a defensive lapse to fire the game-winning tally.

Referee Hughie Gillis temporarily back on the M.M.H.L. refereeing staff following the resignation of Ross Morrow, handled last night's game and was called upon to hand out only one penalty.

That was a two minute sentence to the Islanders' Ronnie Hurst for charging. Hurst hit Bill McCracken along the boards at centre ice and dumped the Glace Bay forward into the seats. McCracken was badly shaken up but returned to play the rest of the game.

The winning goal was scored with a backhand swipe at the puck from about 12 feet out. Connie Bonhomme poked the puck out of a scramble and the uncovered Joss fired the puck over the prostrate Al Millar.

Prior to the goal the Islanders had several good scoring opportunities but failed to click. Bob Gray drilled two hard shots at Lockhart and Hub Beaudry also tested the Glace Bay netminder with a hard drive in the overtime.

The outcome of the game left the league standings unchanged. The Millionaires and Miners both advanced two points closer to the top as the results of the games here and in Sydney.

Ronnie Hurst gave the 1500 fans on hand the first thrill of the game when he dumped Floyd Hinchberger of the Miners about the three minute mark with a good check at centre ice. Seconds later Gus Gustavson turned over Bob Verrier with a smart hip check.

Buck Whitlock tested Don Lockhart with hard shots near the seven minute mark but failed to outguess the capable Glace Bay netminder. Shortly afterwards the game was held up for several minutes after Larry Travis put Johnny Raynak through the door in the south end.

Bonhomme opened the scoring with a shot along the ice from about 20 feet out. The goal resulted from poor clearing on the part of the Islanders. Bonhomme's shot skipped along the ice and rolled into the far corner of the net.

The tempo speeded up during the last minutes of the period and the first outbreak of the game threatened at this time in the Islanders' end as Al Millar and Connie Bonhomme exchanged bumps.

The Miners pressed as the second period opened and Millar came up with two smart saves off playing coach Hub Macey. The hockey improved at this stage of the contest with Ted Powers especially going well for the Islanders.

Ronnie Hurst.  
Right winger Lyle Wiseman missed last night's game due to a foot injury. Lyle hurt his foot during the last Halifax game. Marcel Clements is still on the sidelines with bad knees but expects to be able to play sometime during the last of the week. Orval Lavell is still laid up with the flu but should be getting out of hospital today. The Islanders will leave for Glace Bay by plane this evening at five o'clock. There are five empty seats on the plane and anyone wishing to go along should phone the Forum today.

## HUNTERS' CORNER

Of times we are prone to judge dams from the standpoint of hunting, fishing and water conservation and seldom think of them as the main source of winter sports such as skating and hockey. Late one afternoon a week or so ago I drove across the river on business connected with my work. It was a typical winter day, bright and crisp, with just enough frost in the air to offset the rays of the January sun.

All four private dams that I passed, the Premier's at Bunsbury, Eddy MacPhail's, Southport, Gay Judson's, Alexandra and John Worth's, Pownal, were crowded with skaters and hockey players both old and young. These dams were constructed in 1932 and have already proven a great blessing to those residing in the aforementioned communities. While driving along the highway it's a common sight to see couples or small groups with skates draped over their shoulders either hurrying toward the dams or sauntering leisurely homeward. The dams I supervised building last summer are too far in the sticks to be of much benefit as far as skating or hockey is concerned but they'll all serve a useful purpose in more ways than one. On Wednesday afternoon, as the deepening dusk foretold the coming of night and scattered snow flakes sifting earthward increased in volume and gave warning it was time to be pulling out, I stood on the old dam and watched foam-crested water surging down the by-pass . . . a by-pass that hadn't felt the musical rurs of water for over a score of years. The old dam of father's day has once again come

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## Islanders Paid For Vitale

"The Islanders sold Phil Vitale to Valleyfield and were paid their asking price," it was stated last night by the Islanders ex-President, Dr. F. C. Dougan. Dr. Dougan was referring to a report out of Halifax to the effect that the Islanders had not been paid for the colorful defenseman.

"Vitale was sold to Valleyfield on the condition that the Islanders could get the first chance to re-purchase him if Valleyfield decided they did not want his services," added the Doctor.

The big defenseman has been waived out of the Quebec League and may be through with hockey for this season.

## Abbie Juvenile League Opens Here Tonight

The four team Abegweit Juvenile House League will swing into action at the Forum tonight with the Blueshirts meeting the Greenhirts in a game scheduled for 19:45.

The four teams in the League are Prince of Wales College, Blueshirts, Redshirts and Greenhirts. The Redshirts and Prince of Wales will meet next week.

Following are the lineups of the teams for tonight's game: Blueshirts, Joe Sommers, Arnold Mullins, Frank Smith, Billy Hughes, Ron Hughes, Jack Weatherbie, Joseph Revell, Orville Wood, Jack MacDonald, Sandy MacDonald, Greenhirts, Earl Shephard, James Fardy, Lloyd Dalziel, Redge Harper, Claude Carroll, Clifford Gregory, David MacLeod, Emanuel Kays, Jack Ross, Philip McGee, Frank Roberts.

## Hockey Scores

|                       |                  |                           |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Maritime Major        | Halifax 3        | Sydney 4                  |
| New Brunswick Senior  | Fredericton 1    | Moncton 0                 |
| Ontario-Quebec Junior | Three Rivers 1   | Toronto St. Michael's 4   |
| Ontario Junior A      | Barrie 1         | Toronto Marlboros 1 (tie) |
| Gait 8                | St. Catharines 2 | Oshawa 8                  |
| Kitchener 6           | (over-time)      | Windsor 0                 |
| Guelph 4              |                  |                           |
| Ontario Senior A      | Sarnia 3         | Stratford 7               |
| Hamilton 5            | Brantford 11     | Kitchener 4               |
| Chatham 1             |                  |                           |
| Intercollegiate       | Laval 6          | McGill 1                  |
| Montreal 3            | Toronto 7        | Northern Ontario Senior A |
| North Bay 2           | Sudbury 5        | A. P. C. League           |
| Truro 5               | Antigonish 4     | Pictou 3                  |
| Stellarton 2          |                  |                           |

**M.M.H.L. Standings**

|         |    |    |    |   |     |     |      |
|---------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|------|
|         | P  | W  | L  | T | F   | A   | Pts. |
| Halifax | 50 | 29 | 19 | 2 | 200 | 171 | 60   |
| Ch'town | 50 | 25 | 23 | 2 | 180 | 148 | 52   |
| Sydney  | 51 | 22 | 27 | 2 | 142 | 169 | 46   |
| G. Bay  | 51 | 20 | 26 | 4 | 144 | 168 | 44   |

## Millionaires Hand Atlantics 4-3 Defeat In Game At Sydney

SYDNEY, Jan. 16 —(CP)—Sydney Millionaires continued their two-point edge over the cellar dwelling Glace Bay Miners tonight as they handed the front-running Halifax Atlantics a 4-3 set-back in a slow Maritime Major Hockey League game here.

Out-playing the visitors most of the night the Mills took the lead in the opening frame and were never headed although Atlantics tied it up three times. The loss was the third for Atlantics this week.

George Robertson, back at centre-ice duty for the Mills, rapped home the opening goal and then scored the winner in the third period. Big feature of the night was the fine net-minding of goalie Roy McMeekin. In the second canto he robbed Mills of at least four sure goals as Sydney turned on the steam.

Mills took a one-goal lead in the first on a goal by Robertson but Halifax tied it up. Mills again went ahead in the second and Atlantics knotted the count. In the third the Millionaires moved out front for the third time but Halifax was again able to tie the score. Then Robertson got his second of the night and the Mills settled back to play tight defensive hockey.

The goal-getting was well divided for the night's play with Robertson the only man to get a pair. Alex Birukov and Nick Hill were the other marksmen for the Money-men. Bill Ford, Rob Hayes and Bob Bowness were the Halifax snipers. Only four minor penalties were handed out by referee, Charlie Goode with all but one going to Halifax.

## Business Girls Rink Wins Curling Competition

A Business Girls rink won the President's competition in a final match played Thursday at the Charlottetown Curling Club. The winning rink, skipped by Sybil MacMillan, defeated a Housewives rink skipped by Doris MacDonald 8-4.

Trailing until the final end the Business girls rallied strongly to take the match. It was closely played throughout.

Next Friday the Charlottetown lady curlers play hosts to four rinks from Moncton, two from the Moncton Curling Club and two from the Beaver Club.

Play in the Vice-Presidents Match at the local club is underway.

Personnel of rinks in the finals of the President's competition follows:

Business Girls—Grace Beer, first; Dorothy Stewart, second; Gillian Duchemin, third; Sybil MacMillan, skip.

Housewives—Florence Burke, first; Nora MacDonald, second; Ada Mahar, third; Doris MacDonald, skip.

## Hoop Game Tonight

Only one basketball game will be played in the Abegweit Basketball House League tonight. Rays will meet Prince of Wales College in a game at 8:30.

The Abbies were scheduled to play the second Saints but the Abbies will be unable to floor a team. The game will be played at a later date.

## Montague Teams At Georgetown

Last night the Montague Legion sponsored school hockey teams were taken to Georgetown for its first game of the season. The Pee Wees came off with a tie 2-2, while the girls were defeated 5-2. The citizens who provided transportation and accompanied the youngsters were most helpful in getting the kiddies organized for their game and ready on time.

The matter of youth hockey is a primary consideration at Montague this year, and the Legion has drawn up a program which gives to the youngsters several practice sessions each week together with games arranged with outside teams.

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