



# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

One of the most popular trainers and drivers at Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceway is Dick Williams. He is also well known to many of our local horsemen. Dick is an excellent conditioner, careful trainer and his career as a driver has been featured by his reliability and the reputation for earning and retaining the confidence of the owners who entrust horses to him. He is 39 years old and was born at Richmond, Indiana. His residence when not racing is Ocala, Florida.

For the season of 1955 he had 133 starts, was 23 times first, 19 times second and 19 times third and his stables earned \$83,283, quite a good amount considering that he didn't have many big stake engagements.

Dick ascribes considerable of his success to the fact that he keeps what may be called "old care takers". At present he has six of them on his payroll, the youngest, Harry Birdsey is sixty years old and the oldest, Bob Bates, had his nineteenth birthday October 10th. These grooms look after only one horse with the exception of Harry Birdsey who takes care of two. Dick says it works out better that way. The older fellows are more reliable and they become very attached to the horses in their charge. Sometimes if the work gets a bit heavy for them Dick gives a hand or his second trainer, Frank C. H.

It would be interesting to have a roster of the horses that these six grooms have taken care of and to hear them tell tales of the way they got them ready for some big betting coups on the Grand Circuit in the old days. The participants were not in existence then and it was at the "pools" where the bettors made the big money with a successful winner. Bob Bates, the oldest of the group, was in the army, served his time and while there was in charge of horses. After he served his time he started in with race horses and has been with them ever since. He never made two weeks before he had to have done so his sweetheart died. His war record included the Spanish American War and action in China and the Philippines during the Boxer Rebellion.

**GREY PACER**  
One of the greatest pacers of the last few years is Phillip Scott 1:59 2-5, owned by George W. Reid of Fort Fairfield, Maine and the Gray Brothers, Jere and Percy of East Providence, R.I. About two weeks ago he scored a brilliant victory at Yonkers Raceway in the \$7,000 Brookland Free For All, heading such star pacers as the world's champion and record holder, Adios Harry 1:55, Sol Camp's Diamond Hal 1:57 2-5, Hillisota 1:59 and others. Torrid set the pace to the quarter in 30 seconds, Diamond Hal then took over with the next quarter in 52 2-5, the half being in 1:02 2-5. Then Phillip Scott came rushing up in high only a neck back of Diamond Hal and Franklyn Safford hustled him the last half in 59 2-5 to win in 3:01 4-5, holding Diamond Hal's challenge off by three parts of a length. Torrid was a like margin back for third, and the favorite Adios Harry seemed completely dull and never figured at all. Phillip Scott paid \$23.50 for a \$2 bill.

Now the news is that he has been retired to his birthplace, Walnut Hill Farm, Lexington, Ky., where he will enter stud duty next Spring. His breeding is really superb, his sire being Scotland 1:59 1-4, sire of 21 two-minute speed champions, and his dam was the renowned brood mare Holly-rod Phyllis 2:00 1-2. Her dam was the great brood mare Peri- scope 2:03 1-2. Phillip Scott sold as a yearling for \$5,500. He was not raced at two but was given a few starts as a 3-year-old, taking a mark of 2:07 1-4. At four he reduced his record to 2:01 and in 1953 lowered it to 1:59 2-5. He has met the very tops in pacers the past three years.

**MANAGER NAMED**  
And here's news for Martimers. The Lexington Trot Breeders Association has announced that Walter Gibbons, one of the best known track officials in harness racing, has been named general manager of the Lexington Trot. He will replace Colonel F. Alder Grey who is taking a new position as director of racing at Roosevelt Raceway. Walter Gibbons will still continue as general manager of Bay State Raceway, Foxboro, Mass. He brings a life time of experience in the sport to his new post.

He started in training and racing horses when quite a young man and our first meeting with him was in 1930 at the newly opened Saint John Raceway, Saint John, N.B., where he had a good stable and was very popular with all the drivers. Later on he raced through the New England States. That he has not forgotten how to drive was shown at the race meeting conducted at Orlando, Florida, last Spring in connection with the meeting of the USTA. Walter drove a horse that had the reputation of making breaks and won from such top reinsmen as Billy Haughton and was given a great ovation. His son is one of the racing managers of Roosevelt Raceway and his brother is in a similar capacity at Yonkers.

Every horseman is familiar with the accomplishments of Volomite 2:03 1/4 in the stud at Walnut Hill Farm, Lexington, Ky. where he passed away about a year ago. In the Horseman and Fair World appears a statement of the Good Time Stables trainer and driver Walter Cox regarding Volomite, who was consigned to the Fasig-Tipton sale in 1929. As a prophecy it cannot be excelled because Volomite is unquestionably regarded today as the greatest

of speed of all time. "Probably the most talked about and most admired colt that ever raced and it was because he did unheard of things. When you race against he best aged horses with a 3-year old for \$10,000 and you must have a great colt but that is not all he did. He raced all the year and was only beaten by one to racing luck.

He is the best headed, gamest, safest, toughest and the best race colt I ever drove. If ever a colt should go on and be a world's champion this one should. There is no limit to his capabilities. He is sensible never breaks, can go like a runner all the way around, sound as any horse that lives, and still eligible to a class he can have to consign a horse like this to a sale. He is too good a colt to sell at auction. Selling him here is like evicting a fine he has done—of the ordinary.

And what a stud he will make, the best breeding in the book. The sire and dam both the best of the two families. Where could you find one like him? When he grows out he will be the right size and a grand looking horse. I only hope one of the great breeding farms will buy him, train him for a world's record next year and then have the greatest young horse in America.

**FIRE**  
Tattersalls corporation barn and arena in which the sales have been held at Lexington for years was destroyed by fire last Saturday, only a month before the November horse sales. The building was completed in 1914 and has recently been remodeled in preparation for the sales. Hundreds of the best trotters and pacers, also show horses, have been auctioned at that barn over the past forty years. The building was owned by the Lexington Trot Breeders Association headed by Frederick Van Lennep of Castleton Farm.

The 18th annual auction known as the Harrisburg Sale will be held at Harrisburg, Pa. November 12 to 16. Quite a number of Martimers are planning to attend this sale and will probably return with a trotter or pacer to make things livelier for 1957. Several of those bought there last year have made good.

The 15-year-old Time Table was the winner of the sixth dash of an eight dash program at Exhibition Park, Saint John, N.B. Wednesday night. It was his 99th win since he started racing, his total winnings at the end of 1955 being \$32,974. According to the rules his racing career will be ended this season. There was a regrettable accident in the eighth race which resulted in drivers Blair Andrew, Aubrey Wood and Hazen Kirkpatrick being in a smash up in which they received minor injuries. The accident occurred when the leading horse, Kennoch Play- girl, driven by Hazen Kirkpatrick, fell. Earl Forbes of Hi-Lo, driven by Blair Andrew, ran over her and Scott Dolly also got into the mixup. Panama Chief driven by the veteran Al Langille, Sr., stepped the fastest mile of the night—2:14 4-5.

Summaries: Dash 1 - Top Royal (A. Wood) 1, Hi-Lo's Baron (W.H. Kirkpatrick) 2, Time, 2:15 4-5. Winning owner, R. Creamer. St. Stephen Dash 2 - June Lee Direct (E. Langille) 1, Gay Music (M. Govang) 2, Time, 2:17 3-5. Winning owner E. Langille. Coldbrook Dashes 3 and 7 - Tom Day (B. Andrew) 1-4, Frankie Budlong (W. Carr) 2-1 DeSota Girl (E. Langille) 7-2, Time, 2:16 2-15 3-5. Tom Day is owned by Chief Stables, Saint John, Frankie Budlong by A.J. Allain, Moncton, Dash 4 - Billy Lee C. (H. Jones) 1, Wind- volo (M. Coughlan) 2, Time, 2:19 2-5. Winning owner, H. Jones. Lower Kars Dashes 5 and 8 - Panama Chief (E. Langille) 1-2, Vanguard (M. Coughlan) 3-1, Earl Forbes of Hi-Lo (B. Andrew) 1-2. Time, 2:14 4-5, 2:16. Panama Chief is owned by A. Langille, Sr., Coldbrook, Vanguard by M. Coughlan, Dash 6 - Time Table (J. Lang) 1, Thelma Lou (M. Downey) 2, Time, 2:16 4-5. Winning owner, T.P. Downey, Saint John.

They had another good program

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### SECOND PLACE TO BE DECIDED

## Bench Clearing In West As W.I.F.U. Ends Schedule

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
There'll be some bench clearing today in Winnipeg and Regina as the Western Interprovincial Football Union ends its regular sched-

ule with the major items of business settlement of second place and the individual scoring championship. Edmonton Eskimos, assured last

weekend of their fourth-straight first-place finish, have stated they will not dress five of their first-string regulars against Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

### HUNTERS' CORNER

## The Raven Is A Scavenger

Looking back over the years it is amazing to discover how many species of wildlife have changed their habits and adapted themselves to modern civilization. They did not try to survive — it was just as simple as that. Take 'Jimmie' Skunk for example. Before the bounty was placed on his head he's step around a farmer's yard as if he owned the place. Now a family of skunks could be under a building for a year and the owner none the wiser. They'll creep out at dusk and return at crack of dawn. At least the smart ones will. There are dumb members in the wildlife family tree.

Our Brant is another example. Before the eel grass failure in 1933-34 brant were very loath to fly over land. If a hummock bird outside the rig of decoys a flock would swing around the hummock. When the eel grass went and they either had to change their feeding habits or 'go out' they adapted themselves to changed conditions. I have watched flocks of several hundred brant alight in clover fields in the spring and feed there like a flock of domesticated birds.

**THE RAVEN**  
The Ravens are a classic example. In 1926 a book—"Birds of Western Canada," written by the late Dr. P. A. Taverner, one of Canada's foremost ornithologists at the time, was published. In his book Dr. Taverner wrote the following commentary on the Raven: "The Raven is traditionally a bird of ill-omen. Sombre of colour, dismal in voice, solitary and wild of habit it fills in the far south. The Raven holds aloof from the haunts of men. As civilization had advanced into the prairie vastnesses the Raven, unlike its close relative the crow, has retired and is still today what it was in the beginning, a bird of the wilderness.

"Knowing only the physical requirements and food habits of the two species, one would naturally think that the raven could survive as well under civilization as the crow. It is omnivorous and can adjust itself to almost any food supply. It is hardy and can live in climates and under severer conditions than its congener, yet for some unexplained reason, the crow increases and the Raven disappears when settlement advances."

At Sackville Downs on Wednesday night with a big attendance present. Races 1 and 4, B. Trot and Pace - Sea Plant (C. Smith) 1-2, All spice (Haley) 2-1, Time, 2:17 3-5, 2:18 2-5. Sea Plant is owned by Ray Stewart, Murray Harbor, P.E.I. and All spice by H.L. Palmer, Moncton. Races 3 and 7 - Perfect Hal (O'Meara) 1-3, Abbe Brewer (Etter) 4-1, Mighty Deb (Moreside) 2-5, Jo-Jo Spencer (McGregor) 5-2, Globetrotter (Mauger) 3-4, Time, 2:16 2-5, 2:17 1-5. Perfect Hal is owned by Barbour and Gregory, Charlottetown and Abbe Brewer by George E. Irvine Rexton, N.B. Race 5 - Countess Blondell (Campbell) 1, Ramsay's Brown G. (H. Walsh) 2, Signal Bill (B. O'Brien) 3, Time, 2:23. Winning owner, Thomas L. Chambers, Halifax. Race 6 - Jolley Lad (O'Meara) 1, Bell bark (Kenney) 2, Just Barbara (MacAlduff) 3, Time, 2:15 4-5. Winning owner, Mrs. Keith Thomas, Halifax. Race 8 - Texas Hal (Haley) 1, Jingle Gale (H. Walsh) 2, Jimmie Flood (Cruikshank) 3, Penny Royal (Smith) 4, Time, 2:23 2-5. Winning owner, Don MacAulay, Pugwash.

In Dr. Taverner's comments on its economic status the following line is worthy of note, "Avoiding civilization as it does it has little direct economic status." Some 30 or 40 years ago when Dr. Taverner conducted his studies of the Raven his foregoing comments on its habits and scarcity in numbers was perfectly accurate. I well remember over 60 years ago, when just a mere lad, hearing father lament on missing a shot at a raven on the Klondyke Road and his remark: "I may never have a chance at a raven again". He never did see one again. Incidentally the spot where he fired at the raven, and missed, is approximately a mile and a half from the old homestead. The area is still under woodland and the ravens are back at the old stand.

**POETIC JUSTICE**  
I saw my first Ravens in the spring of 1937 when I was farming at Mount Albion. A pair built a nest in a clump of ancient hemlocks at the east end of Moss Lake and made periodic early morning raids on the spruce hedge west of the orchard. These same grackles continually raided the robin nests around the farm premises and I felt the ravens deprecations in their ranks as a case of 'Poetic justice' and for this reason allowed the raiders a free hand. Between the ravens and the B.S. A. 22 cal. rifle the grackles found it was too hot for comfort and moved out.

At the time I knew of only two other raven nests — one in the high ledge cliff at Halliday's Wharf and the other at East Point-also built in a high bank. The following year a raven nest was located at Durell Point not far from Howe Bay. Today ravens are almost as plentiful as crows in some districts.

Nine years ago a farmer at Mount Albion killed a number of horses to be caned as dog food and hauled the offal to his back woodlot. On a January evening at sunset I counted 54 ravens circling and cutting didoes over the old Hoop-er swamp. It was quite a sight. The air was frost laden and clear as crystal and the birds resembled miniature black fighter planes.

Ravens will congregate wherever food is there for the picking up but their nests are scattered from one end of the province to the other. A brood of three was reared at Langley, across the river from the city this summer and another of four at Avondale.

**KWONG RESTED**  
With little at stake in the Winnipeg contest, coach Frank (Pop) Ivy of Eskimos intends to shoot his reserve Canadians into the lineup. He's leaving at home full-back Normie Kwong, the league's leading ground gainer, and four United States players, all of them two-way men.

Bombers can be expected to relax a little, too, despite the fact coach Al Sherman says he'll dress his best team available.

### N.H.L. SCORING

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Veteran Ted Lindsay of Detroit picked up two assists Thursday night to remain a point ahead in the race for National Hockey League scoring honors. Lindsay boosted his points total to eight, one more than teammate Norm Ullman and Jean Beliveau of Montreal. Ullman and Beliveau each had a goal and an assist Thursday.

The leaders: G A Pts. Lindsay, Detroit 2 6 8 Beliveau, Montreal 4 3 7 Ullman, Detroit 3 4 7 Sloan, Toronto 4 2 6 Howe, Detroit 2 4 6 Harvey, Montreal 0 6 6 M. Richard, Montreal 1 4 5 Olmstead, Montreal 1 5 5 Mohs, Boston 0 5 5

Standing: Detroit, won 4, lost 0, tied 2; points, 10. Points Lindsay, Detroit, 8. Goals: Sloan, Toronto; Beliveau, Montreal, 4. Shutouts: Worsley, New York; Plante, Montreal, 2. Penalties: Beliveau, Montreal, 24 minutes.

Heavy concentrations of ravens are to be found in the Anderson Road area, Indian River, Minnigash; also in Prince County and at places too numerous to mention in Kings. One cannot stroll through a winter woodlot or swamp of any extent in January without hearing their harsh croaking. There is no doubt but what they have contributed in no small degree to the losses suffered last winter by our furs. The economic status of this columnist sees it, will be touched upon in next week's Corner.

# Sports

The Charlottetown Guardian, Saturday, Oct. 27, 1956

## New Brunswick In Football Spotlight Saturday, Sunday

BY CANADIAN PRESS  
New Brunswick becomes a football province this weekend with two of the season's biggest Canadian grid contests on tap at Sackville, Mount Allison University and Chatham's St. Thomas University.

Mount A. Mounties, playing in their first season of the Canadian game, entertain University of New Brunswick Red Bombers in a N.B. Union game that could decide which team will represent the Province against the winners of the Nova Scotia League. The game at Sackville starts at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The N.B. champions will meet Nova Scotia in the Maritime windup at Moncton November 3. At Chatham, St. Mary's University Tommies tangle for the Maritime Junior championship Sunday afternoon. It will be the first time a junior champion has been declared in the Maritimes.

Other football in the province has Moncton Hubs and Saint John Wanderers meeting Saturday afternoon in a scheduled N.H. Union contest that will have no bearing on the championship. In the fixture at Mount Allison, UNB needs a win, by at least a margin of nine points, to stay in the running for the right to represent the Province.

out of action with a sore knee. Maurice (Rocket) Richard and Floyd Curry are treating injuries but are not expected to be sidelined.

## Q.C.H.S. Nips P.W.C. 1-0 In Soccer Tilt

The girls of Queen Charlotte High School defeated P.W.C. girls 1-0 in a soccer game played at the high school yesterday afternoon. The high school lasses made a goal by Margaret Bradley on a neat pass from Judy Archer with only a minute to go in the first half, stand up in earning the victory.

The club spokesman said there is a possibility Bernie (Boomb-Boom) Geoffrion will return to action tonight. His injured elbow has shown improvement. Centre Henri (Pocket Rocket) Richard is still

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## Series Hero Johnny Podres Gets Release From Navy

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) — Johnny Podres, the pitching hero of the 1955 world series when Brooklyn Dodgers won their only world championship, was released from the U.S. navy Friday because of a back ailment.

The 24-year-old miner's son from Witherbee, N.Y., was released following a finding by a three-man board of medical survey for a back injury that existed prior to his entering the naval service.

Podres was inducted into the navy March 19 and sent to the Bainbridge, Md., naval centre for basic training. Podres defeated New York Yankees 3-1 in the third game of the

## Canadian Football Game At S.D.U. This Afternoon

Another experimental game of Canadian Football will be held at St. Dunstan's University this afternoon between a team from the University and another from the High School.

For today's tussle the field will be marked off in 10 yard zones and it is hoped that a public address system will be available so that an announcer will be able to give a commentary on the game and enlighten novice fans as to what is taking place on the fields. Game time is 3.45.

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