

# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH



The fastest mile in the Eastern or Middle United States was paced at Yonkers Raceway, N. Y., Thursday night when W. D. Direct, 4, 2.00 2-6, won the \$25,000 free-for-all from Eye Byz Byrd 1.57 4-5 by three quarters of a length. In third place was Speedy Pick 1.58 4-5 and the time for the mile was 1.59 2-4.

There was a very large crowd present, and the winner was given a great ovation when the time was announced from the judges' stand.

Another season's record was lowered at the Charlottetown track Monday morning when the pacer Perfect Hal, p. 2.08 2-5, paced a seemingly easy mile in 2:17 1-5, driven by Ed Downe, who has had him in his care and has been training him for some time.

This horse has exceptional breeding, being sired by one of the world's greatest pacing progenitors - Hal Dale 2:01; and his dam is Peerless Princess, p. 2:04 1/4, by Peter Volo 2:02. He is a full brother to Super Hal 2:01 2-5 Nephew Hal 2:04 2-5, Superior Hal 2:05 and several other fast ones. He is owned by George Gregory of Charlottetown.

We are delighted to learn that Moncton Raceway has been officially leased to Ernest O'Brien of Moncton, and he has been assured of the cooperation of harness horsemen, not only in Moncton, but also in other parts of New Brunswick.

Last weekend more than 50 horses were stabled at the track receiving regular work. William Rigley, chairman of the Chatham track, has informed O'Brien that July 1st would be the only date on which the Miramichi horses will be unable to race at Moncton. On that date, they will be taking part in the regular big program on Dominion Day.

Here are some of the horses that will come down from Chatham: Plagman 2:06; Abbeband 2:06; Josedale Courier 2:07; Harvest Queen 2:12; Walter Federal 2:12; Bud DeSoto 2:08; Top Royal 2:07; Hedgewood Chief 2:06; and several others.

With Moncton being a summer starter in the 1959 racing campaign, it means there will be no vacancies and the same number of tracks will be in operation in the Maritimes as in the previous year.

Maurice Michaud, president and largest shareholder of Moncton's Richelieu Raceway, was buried last week after a short illness. He was 49 years old.

As a young man he took an interest in harness racing, and when his business interests developed he was one of the first to see the possibilities in harness racing in the Montreal area, and he purchased an interest in Richelieu track. Later, he added to his holdings until he became the largest shareholder, and he was in his seventh year as president of the track.

Friendly, generous, and with a happy smile for all, he had a lot to do with making Richelieu track the center of harness racing in Quebec. Out of respect to his memory, the program for last Monday night was cancelled.

Among the horses he headed was Prudence's Boy 1:58 3-5, and he also defeated Brave Scot 2:00, and other fast steppers.

When we read about the victories of Bay State Pat, our memory goes back to some six year ago when our friend Andrew Perry of Summerside returned from Woodstock, New Brunswick, with the reported-to-be no-good four-year-old pacer. Under Andrew's ownership, and with James MacGregor training and driving he showed his heels to some of the best pacers in Quebec City, and was sold for what was then considered a long price.

Last year his winnings amounted to \$44,344, and his all-time winnings to the end of the 1958 season totalled \$122,748.

A season's track trotting record was set at the Charlottetown track Monday afternoon when Basil's Girl, owned by Reg MacKenzie and driven by Ed Downe, trotted a mile in 2:19. This looks like another good prospect for the trotting classes here this season.

Great interest is taken in Europe in the \$50,000 International Trot, which will be raced at Rosevear Raceway on August 1. Several of the best trotters in Europe are expected to come over for this race.

France's Jamin, European trotting star; Ascara The Great, that will be Denmark's standard-bearer; and Sweden's entry "Adept," that has been unbeatable in his homeland and has been clocked a mile in a mile and a half race in 2:10, will all be starters.

In Sweden, there is no starting gate, and Adept has been trained to go from a standing start. To get him accustomed to conditions that he will have to race under in the United States, he will be shipped from Sweden early in the summer.

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# Two Run Homer In 9th Gives Cubs 8-7 Victory

Chicago Cubs scored three runs in the ninth Tuesday to defeat Philadelphia and former teammate Taylor Phillips 8-7. Wally Poni's two run pinch homer in the top half of the ninth had put the Phillies' ahead 7-5.

The Cubs set the stage for their ninth one run victory in 17 games when Al Dark singled to open the inning. Ernie Banks also singled, and both runners advanced on a wild pitch.

Moose Moryn fanned for the first out before loser Phillips walked Earl Averill to fill the bases. Humberto Robinson, who reported Monday after his purchase from Cleveland, replaced Phillips and watched Dark score as Willie Jones fumbled Bobby Thomson's grounder.

Jim Marshall, batting for Lee Walls, then stroked a single enabling Banks and Averill to score the tying and winning runs for the Phillies' seventh straight loss.

Catcher Carl Sawatski's first homer of the year and his second double drove in the Phillies' first four runs and gave them a 4-0 lead in the fourth.

After the Cubs got to Gene Conley for their first run in the sixth and two more in the seventh, catcher Sammy Taylor smashed his second homer of the year to top off a two run eighth, giving Chicago a 5-4 edge.

Post, hitless in his last 13 times at bat, hit a pinch homer behind George Anderson's leadoff walk in the ninth to capture a 6-5 lead for the Phillies. Then Richie Ashburn singled and Chico Fernandez doubled for the losers' seventh run.

In other National League action, all at night, Pittsburgh was

## BASEBALL RESULTS

**American League**  
Detroit 400 200 000-6 8 0  
New York 020 001 000-3 12 1  
Moss (2-2) and Wilson; Ford (3-3) Dittmar (1), Sturdivant (7) and Berra.

**Cleveland** 030 011 000-5 10 0  
Washington 010 000 001-2 7 1  
Grant, 3-0, Brodowski (8) and Naragon; Griggs, 2-2, Clevenger (2), Pascual (8) and Porter. HRs, Cle - Colavito (12) Piersall (2) Held (7). Wsh-Porter (1).

**Chicago** 000 000 100-1 6 0  
Baltimore 020 000 00x-2 4 1  
Pierce, 5-3 Laitman (7) and Lollar; O'Dell, 2-2, Walker (8) and Triandox. HRs: Blt - O'Dell (1).

**National League**  
Pittsburgh 002 000 000-2 9 2  
St. Louis 002 220 11x-8 12 0  
Kline 3-2, R. G. Smith (5), Blackburn (7), and Burgess; Jackson 2-5 and H. Smith. HR: St. L-Cimoli (1).

**Philadelphia** 020 200 003-7 10 2  
Chicago 000 001 223-8 12 1  
Conley, Farrell (7), Phillips (0-3) (8), Robinson (9) and Sawatski, Hegan (9); Hillman Morehead Henry (8), Elston 3-1 (9) and S. Taylor. HRs: Pha-Sawatski (1), Post (7) Chi-S. Taylor (3).

**International League**  
Rochester 430 000 001-8 15 0  
Montreal 104 102 20x-10 16 2  
Greason, Merritt (3), Hilland (3) Browning (5) and Rand; Harris, Gray (2) Lalapine (3) Valdes (4) and Teed.

**Miami** 220 020 000-6 10 1  
Columbus 024 001 00x-7 9 0  
McDermott, Stewart (4), Bryd (8) Bucha; Lovenguth, Jackson (2), O'Donnell (8) and Hall.

**Havana** 000 200 001-3 8 4  
Richmond 100 060 11x-11 12 2

## Garrison Mess To Enter Team

The Garrison Mess will definitely enter a team in the City Softball League it was decided last night at a meeting held at the Armories.

The new league entry will play the B.I.S. Shamrocks in their season's opener tonight.

## STANDINGS

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**American League**  
W L Pct. GBL  
Cleveland 20 11 .645 -  
Chicago 21 13 .618 1/2  
Baltimore 20 14 .588 1/4  
Washington 17 19 .472 5/2  
Kansas City 14 16 .467 5/2  
Boston 13 18 .419 7  
New York 12 18 .400 7 1/2  
Detroit 12 20 .375 8 1/2

**International League**  
W L Pct. GBL  
Miami 22 15 .595 -  
Buffalo 20 15 .571 1  
Montreal 20 17 .541 2  
Richmond 17 17 .500 3 1/2  
Rochester 17 18 .486 4  
Columbus 17 18 .486 4  
Toronto 14 20 .412 6 1/2  
Havana 15 22 .405 7

## Probable Pitchers

NEW YORK AP - Probable pitchers for today's major league games (won and lost records in parentheses):

**American League**  
Chicago at Baltimore (N)-Donovan (1-2) vs Harshman (0-5).  
Cleveland at Washington (N)-Score (3-2) vs Kemmerer (4-2).  
Detroit at New York - Lary (3-3) vs Turley (3-4).  
Kansas City at Boston-Garver (3-1) vs Casale (1-3).

**National League**  
Milwaukee at San Francisco-Buhl (2-1) vs McCormick (1-2).  
Cincinnati at Los Angeles (two)-Lawrence (3-3) vs McDevitt (2-2) and Erskine (0-1) or Koufax (0-0).  
Pittsburgh at St. Louis (N)-Fried (0-6) vs Mizell (4-1).  
Philadelphia at Chicago-Cardwell (0-1) vs Drabowsky (1-3).

## Ball Practice

Barry's Lions will hold a practice at the Old Diamond tonight. All players are urged to be on hand.

to meet St. Louis, Cincinnati was at Los Angeles and Milwaukee was at San Francisco.

All four encounters in the American League were carded at night with Detroit at New York, Cleveland at Washington, Chicago at Baltimore and Kansas City at Boston.

Brian Lewis has called a practice for his Junior Legionaires this evening at 5.15 at the field directly west of the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Coach Lewis has asked that any player wishing to try out with the team attend this workout. All positions are still open on the team and the fact that a boy didn't perform with Legionaires last season is no bar to his performing this year.

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## CBC Negotiates For Title Bout

OTTAWA (CP) - The CBC still is negotiating to televise in Canada the Archie Moore - Yvon Durelle championship fight in Montreal July 15, CBC Vice-President E. L. Bushnell said Tuesday.

He told the Commons broadcasting committee "There's going to be trouble" unless Montreal promoter Eddie Quinn lifts some of his stipulations, including TV blackouts of places like Ottawa. Jack McIntosh (PC - Swift Current-Maple Creek) asked what the main stumbling block is in the way of agreement to televise the lightweight championship fight in Canada.

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# Rollaway Downs B.Y.C. 9-5 In First Game Of Season

The 1959 season of the City Softball League got underway in fine fashion last evening at the Old Diamond.

The first encounter saw the Rollaway Aces defeating Junior B.Y.C. by a score of 9-5. Will Shepherd, the winning pitcher, went the route, scattering seven hits, two for extra bases. He

looks on. The opening game saw Rollaway Aces down Junior B.Y.C. 9-5.

walked, four and his team gave him solid backing, only one error being committed.

The losers had young Mike O'Brien doing mound duty. O'Brien gave up nine hits, walked six and struck out two. Two misuses were committed by the Danny McCormack coached squad.

Councillor G. R. Foster, honorary president of the league, was called upon to toss the first ball to get the league underway.

League president Charles MacKenzie and his executive were in attendance for this opening fixture. A small crowd witnessed the game but the turnouts are expected to grow as the season gets older.

Tonight the Garrison team, new entry in the league, will do battle with the B.I.S. Shamrocks, with action slated to get underway at 6 o'clock.

Now it seems that the Braves are headed for the world series once again unless somebody takes action right smartly. They have opened their greatest margin to date and there doesn't appear to be any great danger of losing it in the immediate future.

They are getting the right kind of pitching and their bats, particularly the big one of Henry "Hank" Aaron, are really booming.

Of course, they could fall into evil ways just the same, as the Dodgers, who a short time ago led the senior loop race. Right now the Dodgers are going nowhere but down and their fortunes certainly are due for a change. The Braves may soon taste a bit of a losing streak and should that streak occur while the other top teams are winning, then we could still have a race in the old league yet.

However, we see no good reason for those Braves to start falling apart. They appear to have what it takes to repeat as National League champions and there doesn't seem to be any club around capable of dethroning them. Of course strange things can happen and sometimes do in baseball games. There's very little difference sometimes between winning and losing ball games. The St. Louis Cardinals can tell you all about that. They have lost twelve games this season by a mere run and their last eight reverses (last night's results not included) were by that single run margin.

The Cardinals are nine games back and had they changed those twelve one-run defeats into victories, they would be leading the entire pack. That shows you there sometimes isn't a great deal of difference between a winner and a loser and in this case between a league leader and a cellar dweller.

There is one thing certain about this year's race and that is the hardluck guys are the boys from St. Louis. With any kind of a break they would have a much tougher standing than they now occupy.

Perhaps these Red Birds will have better luck the rest of the distance.

While the Braves are galloping in the National League their opponents in last year's world series are in bad shape in the Junior circuit.

Yes, the Yankees have ceased to be the terror to other teams that they once were. They have been getting very soft pitching, their hitting has left a lot to be desired and their fielding hasn't exactly set the league on fire.

## Solly Hemus Doesn't Think He's On Hot Seat

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Solly Hemus doesn't think he's on the hot seat as manager of the seventh-place St. Louis Cardinals in the National League.

"I think that Mr. Busch (club owner August A. Busch Jr.) understands our problems and will build for the future with young players."

"Of course, he wants to win," Hemus added hastily. "We are building toward a pennant."

There are indications galore, such as the club's trading for younger players, that Busch has resigned himself to a building program.

## Bengal Pitchers Give Up Most Homers In Majors

NEW YORK (AP) - A few years ago a not-too-bright ballplayer was asked: "Who's the best pitcher you ever faced?"

"I don't remember the pitcher's name," was the reply, "but I hit a homer off him almost every time up. He was the best pitcher I ever faced."

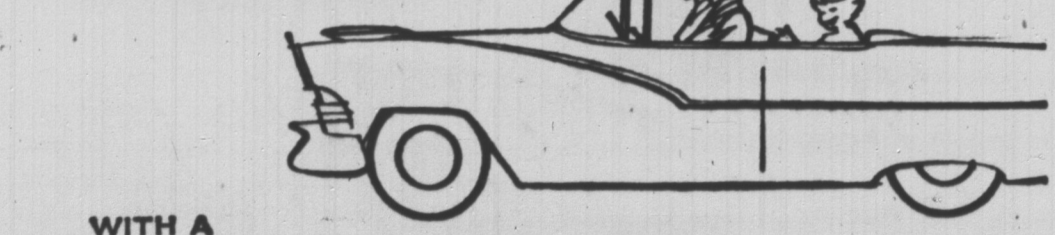
That's the way it is with Detroit Tigers.

The Tigers, with the addition of Ray Narleski of Detroit and Don Mossi from Cleveland, were figured to have a crack pitching staff. Now they are in last place in the American League and the other seven clubs are padding their home run totals at Detroit's expense.

The National League gopher ball leader is Lew Burdette of Milwaukee with 12. He is followed by Brooks Lawrence of Cincinnati, Von McDaniel of St. Louis and Vern Law of Pittsburgh, each with nine.

Chicago Cubs' pitchers have given up 43 home runs to pace the National League clubs.

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