

# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

At the annual meeting of District 10, U.S.T.A. held in the Hotel Touraine, Boston, Mass., we note where Lou Najac, a Marl-timer and popular Rhode Island harness racing columnist for the Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin, was given a vote of thanks for his splendid services to the sport of harness racing for over 41 years. Regrettably, Mr. Najac had not recovered from a recent illness and could not be present, but the action of the New England horsemen will serve as a tonic and health builder to our friend Lou.

The largest money winning Canadian horseman that we have record of is Ken MacKinnon, Owen Sound, Ontario, who purchased the three-year-old Malcolm Hanover 2:04 3/5, by Spencer Scott 1:57 1/4 at the Harrisburg sale three years ago last fall for \$5,500. Malcolm was consigned to that sale by Ben F. White, Lexington, Kentucky, and late in the summer had been turned over to the pace and given a time record of 2:07 2/5. Since that in Mr. MacKinnon's ownership he won over \$10,000 up to the end of 1952. The past season he was raced nearly all the time at U.S.T.A. tracks and occasionally at Thorncliffe, and gathered in the substantial sum of \$22,881.50. He was voted the harness horse of the year in Canada, having had the most successful campaign of any trotter or pacer. In his three seasons racing he has won 57 victories for owner Ken.

The pacing sensation of the Antipodes is the stallion Petty Officer, owned by Noel Simpson, Auckland, N. Z. He has been racing this winter in both Australia and New Zealand and he is a hot favorite for the inter-Dominion championships to be raced at Perth, Australia, in February. Some of us may think that is not very much of a trip from Auckland to Perth, but it amounts to 4,000 miles and he will be transported by plane. Previous trips to Australia paid off handsomely. On January 17th he won the Sydney cup with a purse of \$4,000 and set a new record for the distance. The week before he won the \$1,000 Free For All Pace at Sydney track. This season he set a record for one and one-half miles of 3:07 3/5 and has been timed a last half over a grass track in 59 1/5 seconds. His sire was Gold Bars 1:59 3/5, winner of the two mile New Zealand cup and his dam Navy Blue had a two mile record of 3:15 and had won the Auckland cup.

Gold Bars' sire was Grattan Loyal, a son of Grattan Royal p. 2:06 1/4, sire of three pacers in the 2:00 list, and Grattan Loyal was foaled in Canada in 1920 and exported to New Zealand while a young horse. His owner is considering shipping Petty Officer to the United States for his inter-Dominion races, feeling that in the longer distances over here such as a mile and a half and two miles, he should probably win and possibly set up new world records. In Australia the type of racing sulky is much heavier than ours, having longer shafts, heavier frame and heavier wheels, and hooded to our lighter type of sulky might make a difference also.

When we think of this horse's achievements and the many other descendants of Grattan Royal, we recall very vividly Charlie Barrett's prediction to us in February 1924 when we went up to see him. Pointing to Grattan Royal he said, "There's going to be the sire of the fastest pacers in the world." At that time Lou Grattan and Roy Grattan were showing their stuff and many others followed them, notably

## HORSE RACING AT NEW GLASGOW TO-DAY 2 p.m.

Four Well-Filled Classes will face the starter.

- CLASS A:—Romoo, Bob Dale, Mabel Patch.
- CLASS B:—Royal Jim, You'll See, Dot Budlong, Christopher Stout, Gingerbread Man.
- CLASS C:—Holly Harvester, Eddy Dale, Bob Clegg, Bud's Echo, Lady Blondell.
- CLASS D:—Sample's Queen, Guy Todd, Norma Dale, Valley Queen.

**At Stud**  
WILKIN (3) 2:08  
by McKinney Guy  
Dam Wilma 2:02 1/4  
Service Fee \$35.00  
Standing f  
GEO. S. REEVES  
FreeTown, P.E.I.

Grattan Bars 1:59 1/4, that won three \$25,000 stakes one season and then tore a tendon and was out of racing for all time. It is the belief of many that he would have been sound for a year or two longer. Vic Flemming who drove him, said that he often paced eighth in 13 1/2 seconds. It was Vic who set up the present world's record of 1:55 with Billy Direct.

Earle Avery is training some 20 trotters and pacers at Azalea Park, Florida. The choice of the two-year-olds is Angel Song, bred by C. T. Black, Pleasantdale Farm, that has a very attractive way of trotting and effortless speed for so early in the season. One of his aged stars is Betty French, and a two-year-old that is awfully well liked is Sonny Mon by Hoot Mon. Earle has two of his own in his string and 2/5 by Federal, owned by Frank A. Ryder of Moncton, N. B. At the time this was written he had been in 2:45.

In the list of two-year-old pacers earning over \$2,500 in 1952 appears the name of Mighty Deb 2:08, by Mighty Del, winner of \$7,288.44. Mighty Del was purchased last fall by Cecil Letcher of Springhill, N. S., from S. A. Wathen & Son, Mighty H. also has in that list Mighty Brave, that won \$7,740. Mighty H. took a record as a three-year-old of 2:04 and is by Volomite 3, 2:03 1/4, and his dam is Eula H. p. 2:06 1/2, that set up a track pacing record at Charlottetown of 2:08 in 1931. She has proven to be a prolific brood mare, also her daughter Eula Mite.

Del McTavish, popular Canadian harness horseman of Lachute, Que., has been rated for some years as one of the best drivers to go out of Canada each season to compete at U.S.T.A. tracks. At present he has a dozen in his stable at Lachute, but on March 1st will move to Syracuse, N. Y. track for spring training. His stable is headed, by such trotters as Roy S. 2:05 2/5, Willie S. 2:03 4/5, Lou Darnley 2:03 3/5, Hasty Pete 2:05, Our Honor 2:02 4/5, Bernie Hanover 2:07 2/5 and the pacers Direct K. Guy 2:06 3/5, Senator Hedgewood 2:08, Doctor J. A. 2:09 4/5, recently purchased from Dr. J. A. Donahoe of Toronto, recently competed in matches at Utica, N. Y. where he was considered among the tops in the racing game. The past week no doubt he was playing at Quebec City and there he will meet one of his favorite friends, Rankin McLaine of this city.

The annual meeting of District 11 of the United States Trotting Association, was held in the Hotel Brunswick, Moncton, N. B., on Monday afternoon, February 2nd. There was a large attendance from all parts of the Maritimes and 101 proxies from members who could not attend. The presence of John DuCharme from the head office of the United States Trotting Association, Columbus, Ohio, was no doubt responsible for many coming such and hooded to our lighter type of sulky might make a difference also.

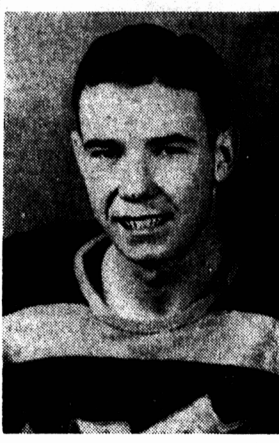
The chairman after heartily greeting the members said that F. C. McCurdy had been unanimously re-elected for the third time as a Director. During the years he has been a very worthy representative, always having in mind the good of the horseman and particularly those in the Maritimes. Mr. McCurdy had made a great contribution to harness racing, having for many years held outstanding race meets at Truro with his partner J. A. Kerr, and he had also owned many race horses, two of the best being Simcoe Harvester 2:04 1/4, one of the fastest pacers ever raced in Canada and now a very successful sire, and San Tom 2:07 3/4, a half brother. Mr. McCurdy called upon, thanked the

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## Holdaway Stars As Goaltender



Young Chuck Holdaway (above), pinch-hitting for Al Millar during the final two periods of last night's game in Halifax turned in a terrific netminding job, it was learned here this morning from Forum Manager Bill Brown who accompanied the Islanders to Halifax.

After Millar was banished from the game late in the first period for striking a lady spectator with his stick, Holdaway donned the pads. He handled 24 shots and allowed only two goals. One of the pucks that beat him went into the net off an Islanders' stick on a deflection.

Holdaway was working under added difficulties. Only yesterday he was released from hospital where he had been undergoing treatment for a diseased tonsil.

The game was the second for Holdaway as a goalie. He played one junior game as a goalie four years ago and allowed seven goals.

Chuck may be the Islanders' goalie for the next several games. Millar received a match penalty for his display and will be under suspension until Judge Hudson hands down a decision on his case.

The Islanders net custodian remained in Halifax to appear in court this morning on an assault charge. Murph Chamberlain stayed in Halifax with him.

Tonight the Islanders are at home to the Atlantics and at the time of writing it appears that Holdaway will be in the nets for the local team.

Another feature of tonight's game will be the new programs made up by Forrest Clow of the Islanders executive. Mr. Clow has gone to considerable work and expense in preparing these programs and hopes for a good sale tonight.

## Atlantics Edge Islanders 5-4 In Rugged Game Last Night At Halifax

HALIFAX, (CP)—Halifax Atlantics edged Charlottetown Islanders 5-4 Friday night in a Maritime Major Hockey League game featured by a match penalty and court action against Islander goalie Al Millar.

Millar apparently swung his stick at a spectator and missed, hitting a woman instead. It was not known if she was injured.

City police said several hours after the game that Millar was booked on an assault charge and is free on bail.

Charlie Holdaway, a left-winger by trade who played with Vancouver Canucks earlier in the season, donned Millar's pads and allowed Atlantics only one goal during more than two periods of play.

Several major penalties were handed out in the fracas which saw Millar ejected from the game and the first period halted at 18:01. The remaining time was played before the second started and it was during this time that Holdaway allowed Atlantics their final goal.

The Islanders made a valiant effort to come from behind a 3-0 deficit. Buck Whitlock broke the ice in the second and then Gary Gordon, Gus Gustavson and Walt Pawlyshyn tallied in the third before time ran out.

Halifax scorers were Bill Ford with a pair and Kenny Lauffman, Bob Hayes and Carroll Bloom.

Line-up:  
Charlottetown — Goal: Millar; defence: Gustavson, Brklacich, McLagan, Travis; forwards: Whitlock, Hurst, Gordon, Wiseman.

Penalties: Hollet 5:25, 13:07 major, 13:08, Wiseman 13:07 major, Gordon 18:01, McMeekin 18:01 served by McPhee, Millar 18:01 match.

Second Period:  
5—Halifax, Ford (Watson) 1:40;  
6—Charlottetown, Whitlock (Gordon, Clements) 12:55;  
Penalties: McLaughlin 5:12, Hayes 17:28 minor and major, Clements 17:28.

Third Period:  
7—Charlottetown, Gordon (Brklacich) 4:31;  
8—Charlottetown, Gustavson (Beaudry, Clements) 9:55;  
9—Charlottetown, Pawlyshyn (Wiseman, Power) 17:06.  
Penalties: none.

Stops:  
McMeekin ..... 9 14 10—33  
Millar ..... 6 0 0—6  
Holdaway ..... 14 10—24

## Glac Bay Miners In 5-0 Shutout Over Sydney

SYDNEY, (CP)—Glac Bay Miners blanked Sydney Millionaires 5-0 Friday night, the third straight shutout for the Moneymen on home ice.

The shutout was the sixth of the season for Miners' goalie Don Lockhart and his third over the Strucey club.

Connie Bonhomme shot two goals for the Miners and singles went to Jim McKenzie, Ken Watson and Gordie Miller.

The Miners, striving to improve their third-place standing, jumped ahead 1-0 in the first period and struck for three quick goals in the second.

Nick Pidsodny, Sydney netminder, was given little protection inside his own blueline and handled 26 shots besides the five he lost.

Lockhart sparked several times to save his shutout. There were 10 penalties, five to each team.

Line-up:  
Glac Bay — Goal, Lockhart; defence: Cooper, Amadio, Hinchberger, Verrier; forwards: Joss, Bonhomme, McKenzie, Watson, McCracken, Backor, Keller, Raynak.

Penalties: Pidsodny served by Hill 6:29, Joss 14:09, 19:33, Morrow 15:00, Marneau 19:53.

Second Period:  
2—Glac Bay, McKenzie (Bonhomme, Verrier) 6:51  
3—Glac Bay, Watson (McCracken, Backor) 8:58  
4—Glac Bay, Miller (Raynak) 10:40  
Penalties: Hill 5:08, Hinchberger 11:30, Morrow, major 13:59, Miller, major, 13:59.

Third Period:  
5—Glac Bay, Bonhomme (Joss, McKenzie) 1:43.  
Penalty: Joss 7:54.  
Lockhart ..... 5 10 7—22  
Pidsodny ..... 10 10 6—26

## Islanders Report Good Financial Showing

The thrifty executive of the P.E. Islanders Hockey Club last night reported a deficit of \$2,736.37 for the current season's operations to a well attended meeting of shareholders in the City Hall.

The executive received a loud round of applause after secretary Ralph Carr read his financial report which covered operations up to January 17th of this year. The shareholders applauded again when it was announced that the deficit included the \$1,000 bond which the club forwarded to the M.M.H.L. at the start of the season and which will be refunded as soon as the hockey season is completed. Thus the club is actually only \$1,736.37 behind for the present year's operation.

In addition the Club has paid the Government income tax owed from last year out of the present year's operations.

Attendance figures:  
At the same time it was announced that the attendance at games to date this year has been about 16,000 less than the attendance for a similar period last season.

Club President Frank MacDonald presided over the meeting. First vice president, Forrest Clow; second vice president, Walter Cox; secretary-treasurer, Ralph Carr; and executive members Wally Scantlebury and Ivan Doherty were present.

The total Club debt for the last three years of operation is approximately \$16,000. President Frank MacDonald stated that the Club intends to pay off all the debts before the next hockey season rolls around.

The drive to sell tickets for the Ship Contest was launched and 100 books with 20 tickets to a book were picked up by the shareholders for distribution.

During a discussion on complimentary tickets, it was learned that the president and members of the executive have holding seats and purchase their tickets for each game. It was estimated that about 15 complimentary tickets are granted each year.

Smoking tickets  
Considerable discussion took place

## Millar To Appear In Court Today

HALIFAX, (CP)—Goalie Al Millar of Charlottetown Islanders was booked on an assault charge Friday night after he struck a woman spectator with his stick during a Maritime Major Hockey League game.

Police said Millar is free on bail and will appear in court Saturday. Millar apparently swung his stick at a man but missed and hit a woman. It was not known immediately if she was injured.

The Islanders and Halifax Atlantics were taken off the ice following the incident and the two minutes remaining in the first period of their game was played before the second period started.

The woman's companion said legal action was planned but did not elaborate.

Millar was with Quebec Aces of the Quebec Senior League before he joined Islanders.

## HUNTERS' CORNER

From a total of approximately 4,500 Resident Hunting and Angling licenses sold in 1952 up until February 8th there have been 178 game census returns... 104 from those who both hunt and fish and 74 from those who fish but do not include hunting in their outdoor sport. The following is the total game bag reported from the first 104 hunters reporting: Geese — 181, Ducks 1,289, Huns, 609, Pheasants, 95, Ruffed Grouse 82, Rabbits 320, Woodcock, 7, Wilson's Snipe, 30.

Geese averaged slightly better than 1 1/2 per hunter, Ducks 12, Huns, five, Rabbits, three. The three top goose hunters bagged 25, 21 and 14. The biggest bag of ducks reported to date was 74, Huns 73, Pheasants 20, Ruffed Grouse six, Rabbits 52, Woodcock, two, Wilson's Snipe 10. One hunter reporting drew a blank on all species of game listed on the census bracket and not to be outdone added a new species... Mice (House), one (it wasn't even a wild mouse). That's getting under the wire by a whisker.

Some heavy catches of trout were made in 1952. The record among those reporting to date goes to a veteran Charlottetown fisherman with a season's catch of 437. A Cavdigan angler placed second with 432 and Albertson and O'Leary shared third place with 400 each. In 1951, 4,251 resident hunting and angling licenses were sold but incomplete returns so far indicate an upward trend for 1952. On the other hand non-resident angling and hunting licenses sold have declined if returns submitted to date continue along the same trend. In 1951 147 non-resident hunting licenses were sold, 1952 may show a drop of 25 or 30.

1952 was a record season for ducks and geese. Most very hunter bagged his share of ducks. The number who shot in the 30 to 40 bracket is amazing with quite a few over the 60 mark. Hunting fortunes have a habit of changing over night with no apparent cause so what 1953 holds for waterfowl hunters is problematical.

The winter to date has been made to order for Huns and pheasants. There is nothing to disturb the even tenor of their ways except what foxes, owls or hawks may do. The big Goshawk and Snowy owl are two customers the Huns find hard to match. In fact either, if they catch a covey feeding in the open, have a made to order dinner for the taking. Sometimes Hun covens will burrow into the snow when they spot one of the big white owls coming. In such instances an owl has all the patience in the world.

An observer living on St. Peter's Island told me years ago that he watched a Hun covey do just that. The owl alighted on the snow and waited close to one hole. Every so often he'd walk around the edge and snap his beak clearly audible to the hidden watcher. The luckless Hun stood the str for about 20 minutes and then exploded out of the snow like a time bomb. It didn't get far, not over 30 feet. The owl moved quick as the flash of a

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## Former Boxing Champion To Join Army

Leaving this week to join the Active Canadian Army was George (Big Boy) Peterson, former heavy-weight champion of the Province. Balaising here, he travelled to Halifax via M.C.A. for his final documentation at Number 1 Personnel Depot.

Big Boy has appeared in many Maritime rings in recent years with varying success. He won the local boxing crown from former champion Jinks Jenkins and lost it to Cobey McCluskey three years ago. He expects to be assigned to the Provost Corps and will probably go to one of the training centres in Ontario for a six months course.

## SNAP SHOT FINISHING

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Slowsky ..... 5 0 1 10
Lawlor ..... 6 2 0 14
Shea ..... 6 0 2 12
Kelly ..... 1 0 3 2
Roache ..... 0 0 0 0
Farmer ..... 0 0 1 0
MacGuigan ..... 0 1 0 1
Kane ..... 3 1 0 7
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MacKinnon ..... 3 1 1 7
MacDougall ..... 3 1 1 7
Beaton ..... 0 0 2 2
Howatt ..... 0 0 1 1
Weeks ..... 0 1 4 1
LePage ..... 7 1 0 15
Totals ..... 13 5 8 31

## S.D.U. Breezes Through Mt. Allison Team For 104-66 Basketball Win

SACKVILLE, N. B. (CP)—St. Dunstan's University of Charlottetown breezed through the Mount Allison varsity basketball team 104-66 in the college gym here Friday night.

Playing coach Jack Reardon was the big gun in the visitors' attack as he ran up 37 points.

The Saints led 21-18 at the end of the first quarter, and 38-29 at half time. They mounted their scoring might in the final half to pass the century mark.

## Nine Beautiful Trophies Up For Competition At 7th Confederation Bonselpiel

Nine beautiful trophies and a valuable collection of prizes will be up for competition in the 7th annual Confederation Bonselpiel opening Monday at the Charlottetown Curling Club.

Highlight of the Island's premier curling event will be the provincial playdowns for the Consols Trophy and the right to represent the Province in the Dominion Championships at Sudbury, Ont. Two rinks from each of the four clubs, Summerside, Alberton, Montague and Charlottetown are entered.

Other trophies in the week-long spiel include, the Maritime Central Airways Trophy, the R. T. Holman Trophy, the Imperial Oil Trophy, the British American Oil Tankard, the Wholesale Grocers Trophy, the Morrison and McRae Trophy, the Prowse Bros. Trophy and the Roadmaster's Shield.

The first section of the competition will be completed by Wednesday night and the second section will be played Thursday, Friday and Saturday will see mixed curling.

The Bonselpiel Banquet will be held Tuesday evening and a dance Friday night.

Personnel of rinks from the various clubs in the Provincial Championship play follows:

Summerside — Jerry Hayes (skip), Dick Henthorn, lead, Fred Jones, second, Bruce McWilliam, mate.

Willard MacDonald (skip), Bill Morrison; lead, Frank Daley, second, Parker Crockett, mate.

Alberton — Erskine Campbell (skip), Cedric Hunter, mate, Chester Hayes, second, Heber Ramsay, lead.

Herbert Matthews (skip), J. H. Myrick, mate, Lloyd Wilkie, second, Hilton Barbour, lead.

Charlottetown — W. R. McNeill (skip), Paul O'Rourke, first, Ralph Jones, second, Danny O'Rourke, third.

E. F. Acorn (skip), first, C. H. Kydd, second, J. S. Moore, third. Montague — skip, L. H. Poole; mate, G. Gordon; 2nd, Doug MacGowan; 1st, P. D. Sinclair (skip). Skip, A. A. Fraser; mate, Alwood MacDonald; 2nd, Thomas Clair; 1st, Homer Moar (skip).

## Mount A. Downs Saints 6-1

Major Waldo MacCormack's Mount Allison University hockey team took a commanding lead in their two game total goal series with Saint Dunstan's University last night by coming from behind to defeat the Saints 6-1 in a game at the Charlottetown Forum.

The well conditioned Mounties spotted the Saints a goal in the first period and then came on to score twice in the middle period. They wrapped up the contest in the final frame with a four goal scoring spurge.

The two teams will meet in the final game of the series next Saturday night at Sackville. The winner will play the winner of the U. N. B.-St. Thomas series for the N.E.-P.E.I. Intercollegiate title.

Young Wilfred Gillis in the Saint Dunstan's net turned in a strong game and for two periods he kept the Saints within scoring reach of their opponents. Gillis made 25 stops against nine for MacGowan in the Mount Allison net.

Rusty Callaghan of Saint Dunstan's opened the scoring in the first period by scoring on Cliff Reedy's goal netting pass. The Mounties vigorously disputed the goal, claiming that the puck did not cross the goal line.

N. Walker evened the count for the Mounties early in the second period and Robertson of Mount A. took advantage of a defensive lapse on the part of the Saints to send Mount A. ahead 2-1 at the 16 minute mark of the same session.

The Saints gave it everything they had in the final frame but their lack of competition told its tale. Before the period was ended Nutt, MacDonald, MacLeod and Goad counted for Mount A. in that order.

Playing with the Mounties were Charlottetown boys Sneakers MacLennan and Roger Clarke along with Neil Walker of Summerside.

Louis MacDonald of the Saints

## Second Saints And P.W.C. Winners In Hoop Games

The Second Saints and Prince of Wales College basketball teams continued their winning ways in the Abegweit House League last night. The Saints defeated the Arabs 46-31 and P.W.C. downed Rays 65-39.

Lawlor led the Saints' attack on the Arabs with 14 points while Windy LePage of the Arabs was high point man in the game with 15.

Mark Ladner of P.W.C. scored 17 points and Lorne MacGuigan 14 in the Welshmen's victory over Rays. George Scantlebury of Rays came through with a 16 point performance.

FG FS FF Pts.
P.W.C.
MacGuigan ..... 6 2 3 14
F.W.C.
Large ..... 5 1 4 11
Ladner ..... 8 1 1 17
MacKinnon ..... 1 0 1 2
Crockett ..... 1 3 3 5
McPayden ..... 2 2 0 6
Seaman ..... 4 2 1 10
Totals ..... 27 11 13 65

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