# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We had a letter from A. K. "Ollie" McNeill recently. He was one of the leading fox breeders in the West until the decline set in and is now one of their top mink breeders, but back of all that Ollie is a keen horseman. He gives us the news that he is in Lakewood, Colorado, where he and his son own a mink ranch and where he is recuperating from an attack of pneumonia. Early last spring Ollie was sounding the praises of the western pacer Sailor Hal and predicted that he would take a very fast record. Whether it was Ollie's boosting or someone else's, a party in Quebec bought him for $5,000 and he has been one of the top pacers in Quebec this season. In the last race he took part in he was second in 2.05 1/5 and has won many races in better than 2.10. A neighbor friend of Ollie's, Wilbur Thompson of Weyburn, Sask., also had great success racing on the Quebec circuit with Mighty Cox 2.05, Huron Express 2.06 3/5 and Hollyrood Direct. Huron Express was bought late last fall from the Gardner Stable, Goodrich, Ont., and has proved a big money winner.... Thanks, Ollie, and we trust that you will soon fully recover from your recent illness.

And here is a letter from S. Thane Belyea, our faithful friend from Fredericton, N.B.:—"I was up in Edmundston last week and stopped at Woodstock on my way back to see some of the boys. I saw J. Henry DeWitt's new pacer Parker B. 2.07 that he bought at Harrisburg for $3500. He is a nice big horse, a free-legged pacer, nothing but the harness and is sound as a bell. He is certainly a nice kind of horse to own and I feel sure Henry will have good success with him. He is using Brighton 2.11 1/5 under saddle and he looks real good. The other two he owns are the three-year-old Margy Frisco 2.11, that has turned out a good winner for him and a two-year-old, by Bell Boy 2.01 named June Prince. Clayton Killam has Mighty Grand 2.10 2/5, Tommy Clegg, My Clegg, a yearling by Bell Boy 2.01, in his stable on Island Park.

"Jimmie Smith has Free Spirit 2.05 2/5, George Spirit by Free Spirit, Little Abner, out of May Budlong, Lucky Spencer 2.17 2/5 Major Dime 2.12 1/5, Zeekey Volo and Hero's Child 2.18 4/5 by Hero Mine 2.11 4/5. Bob Brown has Skelter 2.07, Titan's Lucy 4, 2.14 3-5, Worthy Rosecroft 3, 2.15 2/5 and Chris McElwyn 2.12 3/5. His horses all look good and I never saw Chris McElwyn look as well coming home from the races. Lorne Britton has Heinie Strong 2.09½, Connie Clegg 2.19, Little Joe Clegg 2.17 4/5 at Hartland. I did not have time to go up to Bill Stiles' stable but he has a barn full of horses, colts and brood mares and I will make that stop some other time. Percy Bridges had a mare called Ritakey 2.10 3/5 by Long Key, arrive by express on Thursday from Alexandria, Minnesota. He said she was raced right up to the time she was shipped and was quite thin. She is a roan mare and has raced good. I hope he has luck with her. Percy also has a two-year-old by Federal 2.01½ out of Dawn McKillop, a weanling by Mighty Hanover 2.06½ out of the same mare, and she is in foal again to Federal. He sold a yearling some time ago by Widow's Pride 2, 2.04, out of Dawn McKillop. Ralph Giberson of Bath, N.B., returned home from Harrisburg sale the owner of Senator Hedgewood 2.08, a seven-year-old pacer by Truabbe. He is eligible to the 2.18 pace."

We noticed Ritakey advertised in The Horseman and Fair World and she looked mighty good, that is she raced well this season. Last year as a seven-year-old she made 31 starts, was seven times first, six times second and four times third, racing at the smaller meetings in the west where the purses are also small. She was eligible this season to a 2.19 pace. We expect her to be quite a factor in next season's events.

Sol Camp, California potato king whose acreage stretches for miles, has the distinction of being the leading purchaser of trotting and pacing yearlings at harness horse sales this fall. According to United States Trotting Association records Mr. Camp paid $111,400 for 13 standardbred yearlings. That is $2000 more than he paid for ten head last year when he held down the number two spot behind the Allwood Stable (which Tommy Murphy advises) had paid $120,000 for seven. This year the Allwood Stable is in number two spot, purchasing four head for $72,500. With trainer-driver Joe O'Brien acting as his advisor, Mr. Camp spent as little as $3,600 and as much as $25,000 to get the colts and fillies he wanted. Nine head were bought at Lexington, Ky., sale and four at Harrisburg, Pa. Camp paid his top price for Butch Hanover, a son of Hoot Mon consigned to the Harrisburg vendue by Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, Pa. It was the highest price paid for a yearling at Harrisburg — $25,000.

The season's top yearling price was paid by Allwood Stables, which went to $35,000 at Lexington for the Gainesway Farm yearling, American Way, a son of King's Counsel. The get of eight stallions were represented in Camp's purchases. He bought three Hoot Mons, two each by Scotland, Rodney and Brookdale, and one each by Hal Dale, Knight Dream, Adios and King's Counsel. Frank Ervin, Aiken, S.C. trainer, bought seven head for $66,500 for patrons, some of them multi-millionaires; Newport Stock Farm, South Plainfield, N.J., $52,000 for seven head; E. J. Baker, St. Charles, Ill., $39,000 for three; Saunders Mills Stable, Toledo, Ohio, $31,600 for five; Arden Homestead Stable, Goshen, N.Y., $24,000 for three head; Stanley Dancer, New Egypt, N.J., $23,650 for 14 head; W. R. Haughton, Orlando, Fla., $23,550 for eight head; Gray Brothers, East Providence, R.I., $22,200 for six head; Marc Robinson, Walpole, Mass., $22,200 for three head. All the above were yearlings.

The biggest horse sale in Ohio history was staged at the Delaware fair grounds Coliseum commencing November 30th and extending to last Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, when the Blooded Horse Sales Co. auctioned a record 408 trotters and pacers. Six years ago the Blooded Horse Sales started busi-

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# FOR SALE

The nine-year-old trotting mare PEGGY ELLIS 2.11 3/5 by Follow Up 2.00 1/2, dam, Peggy Hanover 2.07. She is sound, good mannered, wears no boots, races with open bridle and no check. She raced all summer in Quebec. The price is right.

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# Last Night's Guessing Artists

The $25.00 Boosters prize for guessing the correct time of the first goal in the second period was won last night by Jerry "Smelt" Gillis of Charlottetown.

Harry Russell, male attendant at Falconwood Hospital won $5.00 worth of groceries donated by Pierce's Grocery.

# Pension Fund, Radio-TV Top Baseball Talk

ATLANTA, (AP) — The major league player pension fund and the miners' radio-television problems dominated baseball talk Friday as the minor league convention ended and the big leaguers headed for New York for next week's meeting.

Most startling news at the annual winter gathering was the player-commissioner dispute that threatened the existence of the pension fund. When the player representatives walked out on Commissioner Ford Frick because their lawyer couldn't attend, and Frick countered with the news that the majors were considering junking the pension plan, a bitter controversy flared.

Frick, taken ill at the meetings, is back in New York preparing for the meetings where the majors will vote on naming a committee to study the procedure for ending the pension plan.

Allie Reynolds of New York Yankees and Ralph Kiner of Chicago Cubs, the league player representatives, left with no apparent plans for further meetings with Frick.

The minors are optimistic that the majors will act favorably on their petition for controls of commercial radio and television broadcasts into their territory.

Senator Edwin Johnson (D-Colo.) has drawn up a plan which was adopted unanimously by the minors. It would bar big league commercial radio and TV over a station in a minor league city when the minor club is playing at home or away but would give complete freedom to any non-commercial sustaining broadcasts.

"They've got to go along with us," said Frank Shaughnessy, president of the International League.

# Play Continues In Bonspiel

First round play in the Lieutenant-Governor's Bonspiel at the Charlottetown Curling Club was continued yesterday evening with the following results:

E. McInnis 11, J. F. MacLeod 4
Dr. L. Prowse 7, J. S. MacDonald 6
R. G. Spillett 10, D. Saunders 6
C. MacLean 7, A. M. Howatt 9

Following is the draw for today starting the second round of the Bonspiel:

1:45:—
Ice 1—W. Worth vs. S. Moore
Ice 2—R. G. Spillett vs. A. Howatt
Ice 3—E. McInnis vs. Dr. L. Prowse.

3:00:—
Ice 2—Dr. Giddings vs. Clifford MacDonald
Ice 1, 3 and 4 open for challenge or scratch games.

# Islanders Back In Third Place With Impressive 9-4 Victory Over Miners

The Charlottetown Islanders led by the red-hot Whitlock, Saindon and Gray line, went on a scoring rampage in the second and third periods last night to whip home eight goals and defeat the Glace Bay Miners 9-4 in a fast, wide-open game at the Forum.

The Whitlock line with Gray leading the parade collected a total of 19 points. Gray blasted home three goals and assisted on five more. Whitlock also got a hat trick and picked up three assists while Saindon scored once and assisted on four.

The crowd-pleasing game, played on hard ice, was watched by approximately 900 fans. Among those present were the kids from the Mount Herbert Orphanage as the guests of the Forum and the Islanders.

Goaltender Roger Bessette was a standout in the Islanders victory. He made 35 stops despite the fact that he suffered a cut just below his left eyebrow around the fifteen minute mark of the second period.

Bessette was struck on the eye as he made his second stop in a row off attacking Glace Bay forwards. He was taken to the dressing room where club physician Dr. Frank MacMillan closed the gash with four stitches.

Each team scored a goal in the first period but the Islanders soon pulled away in the second frame when they scored two quick goals as the Miners played a man short. The goals by Gray and Saindon were only seconds apart.

The winners counted four times in the second period and potted another four in the third. The Miners scored once in the middle period and twice in the last.

Resplendet in new red uniforms, the Miners got away to a good start in the first period. Led by big Hughie Campbell they held the Islanders to one goal while scoring one themselves.

They played well throughout the game and outshot the Islanders 39-30. The difference, however, was Bessette as he got in the way of many goal-labelled drives.

The Islanders goaltender also got good protection from a hard-working defense trio of Gus Gustaveson, Don MacLaughlin and Larry Blackburn. The latter turned in his best game since returning to the lineup after sitting out for nearly a month with injuries.

Gustaveson and MacLaughlin both dished out a number of thumping body checks with Gus turning over Leyte in the first period and MacLaughlin upsetting Amadio with a good hip check in the second frame.

The defense and Bessette had to be good at times as the fast skating Glace Bay forwards swept in on the attack. They blocked and got the puck ahead to the Island forwards who made the most of their breaks.

Bob Gray had his hat trick by the time that the midway mark of the second period was reached. He scored the Islanders only goal of the first period by knocking home MacLaughlin's rebound. His second goal was a blazing wing shot and his third was the coup de grace as he skated past the Glace Bay defense and pulled Dion out of the net.

Whitlock then went to work on his hat trick. He scored his first on an open net after Gray pulled the goalie out of position. Early in the second period as the Miners played a man short he added two more. One was a soft 30 foot shot that fooled Dion and the other resulted from a loose puck around the net.

Red-headed Kevin Rochford supplied the Miners main scoring punch with a two goal performance. Copper Leyte and Needham accounted for the Miners other goals. Needham, the new defenceman who joined the Miners, from Valleyfield, turned in a fine game for the losers. Both Needham and Leyte had a goal and an assist.

Orin Carver and Cecil Dowling rounded out the scoring for the Islanders. Dowling backhanded a 20 footer past Dion after being set up by Lorne Hennessey in the third period.

Carver scored the last goal of the game on a breakaway. He was sent into the clear by Bob Gray and fired a shot along the ice into the corner.

Elwood Ritchie of the Islanders and Whyte of the Miners were forced to leave the game due to injuries. Ritchie twisted his knee in the first period when he and Hughie Campbell fell to the ice together. He hopes to be able to play by tonight.

Whyte was forced out early in the third. He blocked a shot and the puck struck a nerve in his knee. He will be playing tonight.

Playing coach Bucko Trainor dressed for the game but did not play. He injured his neck in a game against Halifax earlier this week and will have to report to hospital for X-rays today.

Trainor shuffled his lines at the start of the game using Whitlock between Gignac and Carver and Ritchie at centre between Gray and Saindon. The Whitlock line was re-united late in the first period and immediately started clicking again.

Lineup:—

Glace Bay: Goal, Dion; defence, Cooper, White, Amadio, Treen, Needham; forwards, Miller, Connolly, Brown, Rochford, Lumley, Leyte, Campbell.

Charlottetown: Goal, Bessette; defence, Gustaveson, McLaughlin, Blackburn; forwards, Whitlock, Saindon, Carver, Gray, Hennessey, Ritchie, Gignac, Towers, Trainor, Dowling.

Officials: Laurie Powers, Art Perry and Johnny Squarebriggs.

Summary:

**First Period**

1—Charlottetown, Gray (Saindon, McLaughlin) 2:19
2—Glace Bay, Leyte (Campbell) 6:02
Penalties: Campbell and Blackburn 11:19; Connolly 14:07; Dion 19:36, served by Miller.

**Second Period**

3—Charlottetown, Gray (Saindon, Whitlock) 1:37
4—Charlottetown, Saindon (Gray, Whitlock) 1:43
5—Charlottetown, Gray (Whitlock, Gustaveson) 11:44
6—Glace Bay, Rochford (Leyte, Brown) 13:06
7—Charlottetown, Whitlock (Gray, Saindon) 14:28
Penalties: None.

**Third Period**

8—Charlottetown, Whitlock (Saindon, Gray) 1:01
9—Charlottetown, Whitlock (Gray, Gustaveson) 2:25
10—Glace Bay, Needham (Treen, Cooper) 5:44
11—Glace Bay, Rochford (Needham) 8:54
12—Charlottetown, Dowling (Hennessey, Blackburn) 13:02
13—Charlottetown, Carver (Gray) 18:16
Penalties: Needham :27; Blackburn 3:31.

**Stops:**

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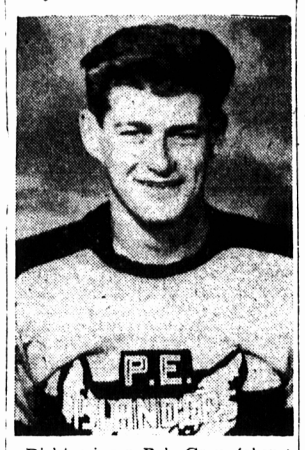
| Dion | 10 | 4 | 7—21 |
| Bessette | 13 | 12 | 10—35 |

# Eight Points



Right winger Bob Gray (above) went on a scoring spree last night as he collected eight points in the Islanders 9-4 win over the Miners. Gray scored three goals and got five assists.

## LOCAL STATIC

CARDIFF, Wales, (CP)—A case of television interference here was traced to the 42-inch pendulum of a spring-action grandfather clock. The trouble was removed by simply grounding the metal workings of the clock.

December changed the duck and goose picture overnight. Wednesday the 2nd was a real rip-snorting day . . . torrential rain interspersed with snow squalls and winds of gale force. It certainly dispersed the day-dreaming rafts of waterfowl that wiled away the days and weeks on the tidal flats, bays and estuaries but, contrary to the general opinion, it wasn't a good day for ducks and geese. Waterfowl do not like to fly on a day when it is blowing too hard and more especially so if the wind is accompanied by heavy rain. Ducks hate to fly in rain . . . period.

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On a day like Wednesday waterfowl prefer to sit the storm out in the lee of a sandbar, a sheltered cove or seculded pot-hole. If disturbed they'll move but hunger has to be acute before they will pull up stakes and move out into the storm. Wednesday was an ideal day for creeping up on a flock shedding the rain on a mud bank or sandbar and taking a "pot" shot . . . it's an easy way to get a succession of good dinners . . . but insofar as "rigging" out and playing a waiting game it wasn't too hot a day.

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Hunters were out in force at the height of the storm and undoubtedly some were lucky although it's too early to gather in accounts of individual success or failure as the case may be. One thing is certain it sure woke the birds up. I imagine the geese moved during Tuesday night or in the early hours of Wednesday morning as birds have a faculty of sensing a storm in advance. I imagine a portion of the northside geese took up location on the south side of the Island but there are some very convenient sandbars at New London and Tracadie Bay readily available as shelter stations.

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The black duck population in the Hillsboro (East) River was augumented greatly prior to the gale but I have seen "rafts" of blacks ride out worse storms than Wednesday before this. When several thousand ducks fore-gather,

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# Island Coach To Have X-Ray Today

Islanders playing coach Wes "Bucko" Trainor will enter hospital this morning for X-rays to determine the extent of an injury he suffered while playing against Halifax this week.

Trainor, although suffering from pain in the region of his neck, shoulder and chest, dressed for last night's game but did not play. He underwent medical examination yesterday and was told to report for an X-ray today.

Last night's game was the second this season that the hard working coach has not taken an active part in.

Trainor received word yesterday that Claude Robert will not reach here until Monday. Robert has been unable to leave Ottawa on account of poor flying conditions.


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# Millionaires Win 3-2 In Overtime Over Halifax

SYDNEY, (CP) — Paced by Charlie Marshall, Sydney Millionaires moved to within five points of Halifax Atlantics Friday night by edging them 3-2 in overtime in a Maritime Major Hockey League game.

Marshall scored two goals, including the winner at 3.23 of the overtime period. Ray Lacroix got the other.

Doug McPhee scored for Atlantics after a scoreless first period and Bill Ford, the league's top marksman, whipped in the tying marker with only 88 seconds left in the game. The goal was scored during a six-man attack, with Roy McMeekin out of his goal.

In the overtime session, Halifax twice tested Gillis Boisvert, and he easily turned away each shot. McMeekin failed to stop Marshall's blazing drive, the first against him of the period.

There were six penalties, four to Halifax.

Sydney coach Terry Reardon announced after the game that Boisvert would return to Amherst Meteors of the New Brunswick Senior Hockey League. He had been on loan.

He also said that Roger Dubuc, the team's high-scoring right-winger, had left for his home in Quebec because he wanted to play closer to home.

Lineups:

Halifax—Goal: McMeekin: defence: Lepine, Arcand, McNeil, Bloom; forwards: Wywrot, Bowness, Ford, McPhee, Hollett, Watson, LeClerc.

Sydney—Goal: Boisvert; defence: McDonald, Matthews, McIntyre, Reardon; forwards: Cowan, Marshall, Kubinec, Robertson, Pirie, Guay, Lacroix, McDougall.

**SUMMARY**

**First Period**

No Scoring
Penalties. LeClerc 7:37, 9:53.

**Second Period**

1—Sydney, Marshall (Reardon, Cowan) 6:27
2—Sydney, Lacroix (McDougall, McDonald) 7:59
3—Halifax, McPhee (Watson) 8:48
Penalty: Bowness 5:37.

**Third Period**

4—Halifax, Ford (Lepine, Watson) 18:31
Penalties: Matthews 2:20, McIntyre and McNeil 9:47.

**Overtime Period**

5—Sydney, Marshall (Kubinec, Matthews) 3:23
Penalties: None.

Stops

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| McMeekin | 10 | 13 | 14 | 0 | —37 |
| Boisvert | 10 | 5 | 9 | 2 | —26 |

# Lach And St. Laurent Sidelined With Injuries

MONTREAL, (CP) — Montreal Canadiens suffered another blow Friday when it was learned that centre Elmer Lach has a cracked leg bone and defenceman Dollard St. Laurent a broken nose.

Lach was injured Nov. 26th in a National Hockey League game in Chicago but it was not until Friday that further examination showed the crack in the fibula of the left leg.

Lach is the third centre man to bt put out of action by injuries. Dickie Moore suffered a shoulder fracture early in the season and rookie Jean Belliveau came out of a game in Chicago Oct. 22 with a cracked fibula near the ankle.

Lach's injury, similar to that of Beliveau, may keep him out of action until early in January.

St. Laurent was injured on Thursday night's game here against Toronto when he tangled with Fern Flaman. St. Laurent was cut under the eye and across the nose. After the examination doctors said St. Laurent may have to undergo an operation and will be out of the game about a week.

Meanwhile, centre Paul Masnick of Montreal Royals of the Quebec Hockey League will remain with Canadiens, at least for the time being. In St. Laurent's absence the club will go along with four defencemen.

The first internal combusion engine is credited to Samuel Brown of London in 1823.

# Hockey Scores

(By The Canadian Press)

**Maritime Major**
Halifax 2, Sydney 3
Glace Bay 4, Charlottetown 9.

**Ontario Junior A—**
Kitchener 4 Guelph 14
Tor. St. Mikes 6 St. Cath. 3
Quebec 9 Barrie 8

**Ontario Senior A—**
Stratford 3 Chatham 4
Windsor 11 Sarnia 4
Kitchener 2 Hamilton 2

**Northern Ont. Senior—**
Sault Mich. 4 Sudbury 6

**Intercollegiate Senior—**
Toronto 1 Laval 3

**Ontario Senior B—**
Kingston 5 Peterborough 6


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