



# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

The annual meeting of the United States Trotting Association was held in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, March 5-6. Twenty-three Directors were present from all parts of the United States, with Directors McCurdy and MacKinnon from the Maritime Provinces. President Henry Knauf submitted a report for 1949 which showed greatly enlarged programs of racing and a more prosperous year in every particular for the U.S.T.A. New tracks are being built and will be in operation this season that should create another increase of between 10 and 15 per cent, he thought, in race purses, etc. All the activities of the Association seem to be in a very healthy state.

Among the figures submitted by Mr. Knauf showing the increase in purses we may take the figure of 1942 when total purses raced for at all member tracks was \$1,341,365. In 1949 the total was \$1,862,785. In 1942 the number of horses starting on U.S.T.A. tracks was 4,568 and in 1949 it was 9,789. In 1944 the active members of the Association numbered 3,871 and in 1949, 7,821. In 1944 the track members totalled 437, in 1949, 593. Drivers licenses in 1949 totalled 815. Mr. Knauf said that due to the tremendous increase in racing activities and all that goes with them, a great amount of work had been thrown on all the officials of the Association and he paid a very fine tribute to vice-president Don R. Miller, who has full charge of handling the Association's affairs at the head office in Columbus, and his staff.

The Treasurer, Dunbar Bostwick, tabling his report which showed that the excess of income from expenses for the year was a tidy sum. He stated that a big effort was made to keep expenses of the Association at as low a level as possible, the idea being to build up a nest egg for possible lean years in the future. He said it was a pleasure to report that the first full year of the operation of the financial affairs of the Association at the Columbus office has been very successful. A number of improvements have already been instituted in conducting these affairs and certain additional improvements are under consideration.

The rules which were formulated at the meeting in Columbus in December had to be thoroughly gone over before being finally adopted. In a vast country like the United States, with the Maritime area added thereto, there is naturally a divergence of opinion in connection with the application of many of the rules and certain localities want something that is suitable to them. It is therefore very difficult in all cases to have rules that will meet the desires of everyone, but every consideration was given to the arguments put forth by those who wanted changes and we think when the 1950 rule book appears within the next month it will be favorably commented upon.

The annual meeting of the U.S.T.A. is characterized by hard work. Committees usually get together shortly after nine o'clock and one evening it was 8:30 before an adjournment took place with one hour having been allowed for lunch at noon.

In The Harness Horse of March 1st appears a list of pacers campaigned in 1949 which were victors in more than 20 dashes. At the top of the list is Amber Grattan 2, 208 2-5 that in 61 starts won 49 dashes, was second in five, third in five and once fourth. In second place is Lucy Lester 209 by Orcus Grattan, credited with forty winning dashes. In third place is Scott Spencer 208, owned by Harry Hirsch, Sydney, and driven by George Lewis, with 31 dashes. In fourth place is Peter S. Harvester 211 with 15 wins and 22 dashes. Winner of 22 dashes was Lella La Vella 208 1-5, owned

by Willard MacDonald, Summerside, and driven by Willard Kelly, Southport. Winner of 21 dashes was Billy Jane 206 1-2. Billy Jane was purchased at the Harrisburg sale in 1945 by W. G. Stewart, New Glasgow, N.S., and reared in his stable in 1946. The list concludes with pacers who won 21 dashes in the United States or Canada and features 27 pacers, and we may say that the first four were owned in Canada, three of them being Canadian bred. We looked up a summary of one of Billy Jane's races at Blue Acres, N.S., Sept. 25, 1949. Billy Jane 4-1-1, The Great G. 1-2-4, Jean Henley 3-2-2, The Walnut Abbe 2-4-3, Dominion Grattan 5-5-dr. Time, 2:12 1-2, 2:10, 2:10 1-2.

Another of our ex-Island owned horses that has figured prominently at race meets in Ontario the past year is Giffline 208, bay gelding, by Bennett Volo, that Jimmie Power bought from Charles Barrett, Park Hill, Ontario, some years ago and raced with success here. Giffline made 23 starts last year and won \$1,064.58. His owner certainly kept him in the move and we note where he is racing again this season at Dufferin Park track Toronto and headed a summary.

The use of the whip will be greatly curtailed by one of the rules which will appear in the 1950 rule book. Commenting on the above we quote from The Harness Horse. "Unfortunately some spectators in an excited mood imagine that the driver with both reins in one hand, using the other to lambast his mount with the whip like a carpet beater, and one foot out of the stirrup kicking his steed in the bargain, is the only individual really trying. We well recall one trotter which many of us thought had a hide like a rhinoceros from the beatings he took and when his owner turned him over to Harry Stokes many figured it was a mistake, as Harry seldom more than tapped his mounts. But the gelding put on flesh, won in 207 1-4 on a half mile track and in 203 1-4 on a mile ring, defeating horses which previously had his number."

Horses are peculiar, some like a "lambast" encouragement with the "persuader" others if you hit them a hard tap are liable to slow up very much. A horse we remember quite well was Peter Reaper 207 1-4, that had a world of speed but had to be trained very gingerly as he seemed to lack substance. A perfect idea was to get in behind the leading horse and stay there until about fifty yards from the finish, pull him out then and he would try. In a race which I will not soon forget we had the above in mind but the pole horse, Josie the Great, did not get away on high and we found ourselves out in front as we turned into the back stretch. We tried to take back but no one seemed anxious to take the lead so we were out in front at the three-quarter pole, when Josie the Great and a couple of others passed by. As we turned into the home stretch we were still in fourth position but at the wire we were last by a big margin. We never touched him with the whip as we knew that would be fatal. The next heat, scoring in the back tier we managed to get in behind Josie and made a wonderful finish. Friends said to us afterwards, you were not trying that first heat, and no doubt that was the thought of most of the people watching the race that day.

Up in Gardiner, Maine, where they really speculate on ice racing, Peter Budlong by Calumet Budlong, still is top horse, winning the feature event in 30 1-2 and 29 1-2 seconds. The Class D was won by none other than Just Bill, by Calumet Budlong, and driven by George Reed, with 1-2-1, Mike Bunter (Carter) 2-1-2, Time 33, 33 1-2, 33 1-2. There were

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# SPORTING NEWS



## IN THE CORNER

Important decisions in playoff competition both in hockey and basketball will be decided over the week-end according to the present schedule of events. In hockey, Kensington rink will be the scene of the Juvenile hockey championship finals tonight, when the Charlottetown Abbies and the Kensington Juniors will clash in the second of their best of three game series for the Ed Garnham Challenge Trophy and the right to represent this Province in Maritime Juvenile championship.

Although the Abbies took an 11-4 victory from the Kensington squad in the opening game of the final series on Wednesday night, they look a 7-2 beating from the Western boys over Kensington Ice a couple of weeks ago, which gives all the prospects of tonight's battle being a really rugged, closely contested encounter all the way. If Kensington wins tonight, it will force the series into a fourth and final game here next week, so both local and Kensington fans can depend on seeing the best clash put up by their stoutest resistance of the season. On the other hand, if the Abbies lose, a win for them means the title and the end of the series, so they too will be making tonight's performance an all out effort.

The local Abbie club will leave the City bus terminal by special bus for Kensington at seven o'clock tonight, and it is understood that there will be a number of seats available on the bus for local hockey fans who wish to make the trip and take in this all important juvenile hockey clash.

On the basketball schedule, it will be the final game in semi-final playoff competition between the Charlottetown Army cadets and the Summerside R.C.A.F. Hoopsters at the Prince of Wales College auditorium tonight for the right to advance into the final playoffs next week with Ray's Millionaires who eliminated Saint Dunstons' University in their semi-final playoff contest.

In the home and home, total point series, the R.C.A.F. hold a 43 point advantage going into tonight's fray as the result of their landslide victory over the Army at Summerside last week in the series opener, and are the favourites to take tonight's clash. That is how the situation stands now, but may not necessarily hold true after tonight's final score is tallied, although the Army are not only facing a very strong team but almost unmountable odds as well.

Looking back a week or so, however, if our memory serves us correctly, the Millionaires were facing a similar situation, and although not nearly as serious as Army's present position, going into the final game against Saints, Ray's were trailing by a five point margin, and by a 10-point margin at the end of the first half of the final game, only to drive back powerfully to take the encounter 49-40 and win the series by a narrow four point edge.

This is a typical sample of what can happen in sport, and although we don't think this will happen tonight, it still could, and there is no doubt that the Army boys will give it everything they have to gain this end, and in any event can be depended upon to make it a rugged, fast battle all the way, despite which team will be the final victor. If Army should score such an upset, or even close to one, this writer and Island hoop fans alike, will take great pleasure in doffing the well known "hat" in their honor.

## Prince Street School Captures Top Honors At Speed Skating Meet

### Miners Even Series With Millionaires

GLACE BAY, N. S., March 10—(CP)—In one of the roughest games seen here this year, Glace Bay Miners trounced Sydney Millionaires 7-3 tonight to tie their best-of-seven Cape Breton Senior Hockey League finals at 1-1.

Miners held a wide edge in the opening frame when they took a 2-0 lead but dropped behind during the middle period as Millionaires, leaders during the regular schedule, tied it at 3-3.

Miners again took the upper hand during the closing canto to rap in four unreplicated tallies. The period was costly for Miners, however, with Jack Thaler injuring his hand after being checked into the boards by Johnny Myketyk. Thaler will be out of action for the third game tomorrow night at Sydney.

Millionaires goalie Jack Gibson was called on to stop 17 while his opposite number, Eddie D'Aoust, held out 18. A crowd of about 4,000 witnessed the game.

### Miners Even Series With Millionaires

The Fifth Annual Provincial Interscholastic Ice Sports went over with splendid success at the Forum last night before a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators when a total of 333 skating competitors, representing 24 individual schools throughout the Province, came up with some excellent speed skating performances in quest of Island titles.

Prince Street School captured top honors in aggregate scoring in the boys division with a total of 26 points to just edge out Queen Square School boys by one point, who placed second. West Kent School was third with 17 points.

Souris High School was the big winner in the girls division, walking off with a total of 26 points, well ahead of Montague and West Kent who tied for second with 17 points, while the girls from Borden were third with 12 points.

In other major events on the program, Bobby White of West Kent School took first honors in the boys mile event, Forbes Kennedy of West Kent first in the 1-2 mile event and Clifford Gillis of Queen Square, first in the

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## S'ide Crystals Defeat Ch'town Vics 12-6 In Opening Game Of Series

The Summerside Crystals took a first mortgage on a place in the finals of the Prince Edward Island Physical Fitness Hockey League at Crystal rink last night, defeating the favored Vics of Charlottetown by the score of 12 to 6. The game was the first of a home and home total goal series.

From the opening whistle it was apparent that the Crystals were a different aggregation than the team that took a 6 to 4 setback from the Vics some weeks ago. They forced the play from the drop of the puck and Ward had a few close calls before the home-clubers finally broke into the scoring column. At 2:10 Emmett Trainor got a pass from Snyl Bernard, skated in on Ward and coolly picked his spot. Three minutes later Garth Jay led a three-man attack across the blue-line and Laysh Schumann banged one past Ward from close in. Seconds later Davis took a pass from Grady and fired a scorching shot into the meshes making the score read 3 to 0. At the 8-minute mark Jay beat Sprague on rather an easy shot from right wing. Grady's lateral shot caromed into the Vic cage at the half-way mark and two minutes before the period ended Trainor realized again on a fine rush from his blue-line to within ten feet of the Victoria cage. The period ended 5 to 1 for the Crystals.

In the middle session the Vics had all the better of the play for the first ten minutes, the Grant-McIver crew seemingly content to coast along with their four-goal margin. Bradley's high shot at the eight-minute mark caught the up-per right corner, and 5 minutes later Bub Dowling, who was talked relentlessly all evening, managed to break from his check to make the score 5 to 3.

Then the Summerside attack really began to roll, the home forces getting five counters in the final four minutes of play. Laysh

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## Charlie Fusari Wins Decision

NEW YORK, March 10—(AP)—Charlie Fusari, sharp-shooting welterweight contender from Irvington, N.J., handed young Jimmy Flood a terrific lacing tonight as he won a unanimous 10-round decision over the New York middleweight in Madison Square Garden. Fusari was outweighted 158 to 151 3-4.

## Q. S. S. And W. K. S. Hockey Tonight

The Queen Square and West Kent School pucksters will cross sticks at the Forum tonight at 7:30 in a regular City Interscholastic Hockey League tilt.

The game is expected to come up with a wide open encounter, with the Q.S.S. boys striving to increase their second place standing, now trailing the league leading Prince Street squad, while the West Kenters will be coming out strong in an effort to garner their first victory in four league starts.

## Entries For Ice Races Here Today

The following are the entries for this afternoon's ice racing meet over the North River course which gets underway at 2 o'clock sharp under the sponsorship of the Victoria Driving Club. Racing fans attending the meet in cars are advised by officials to keep to the north of the old track to avoid shell ice.

Class A Pace — Billy McVay, Calumet Onward, Johnny Kalmuck, Mary's Delight.

Class B Pace — Maudene Budlong, Rosalie Hooper, Miss Adele W. Calumet Duds.

Class C Pace — Margaret Jean, Miss Playfair, Bob Dale, Hard-road Bill, Direct Volt, Tony Budlong, Bee Budlong.

Class D Trot — April Bud, Lusty's Queen, Lusty Aubrey, Opitzdale, Orville B., Sister Verna.

## R.C.A.F., Army Hoop Game Tonight

The Summerside R.C.A.F. and Army Hoopsters will clash at the P.W.C. Auditorium tonight at eight o'clock in the final game of their semi-final series in Island Physical Fitness Basketball League competition for the right to meet Ray's Millionaires in the finals for the Provincial Basketball championship.

Although the R.C.A.F. are leading by a large 43 point advantage in the total point, home and home series, the Army boys are expected to make it a real contest tonight.



## HUNTERS' CORNER

January 24th was a typical winter day. The thermometer registered a few degrees above zero and a frost tang was in the air despite the bright sun. It had snowed the night before but the fall had ceased shortly before daybreak. It was a typical day to read tracks and other woodland signs.

That morning a car dropped me off on the 48 Road at Avondale about a quarter mile west of Curran's Corner I was travelling light as I had approximately 9 miles of wood roads to cover on foot before reaching the farmhouse where I planned to put up for the night. I didn't bother with a pack-sack instead stuffed a few chocolate bars, a slab of cheese and a dozen milk biscuits into the pocket of my short walking coat. A frying pan, tea kettle, etc. requires room and a pack becomes wearisome after four or five hours tramping.

Nothing tastes any better than a mug or two of tea brewed in the woods on a sharp winter day but I had timed myself a little too fine to permit any dallying along the route. At 11:00 a.m. I dropped in to have a chat with Joe MacKinnon, Avondale, and when he invited me to have dinner I didn't require too much urging. We sat beside the cosy wood fire and chatted while his wife dished up a real country style dinner that stayed with me for the balance of the day. His hard to beat home cured ham with all the trimmings for a satisfying meal.

After leaving Joe's I struck due north into the heavily wooded country of Avondale and Water-vale a wilderness area that includes swamps of the Fraser's Beaver dam country, the hardwood ridges and softwood swales of the 'Stern's Property' and the black spruce thickets at the head of Wisner's Dam. One could easily get lost in this region if it were not for the old wood roads. Even at that the trails fork at different times and one has to have an idea of which fork to take.

The main object of this trip was to secure a first hand check on the rabbit population and to look over several trout spawning springs in the district. I had received so many conflicting reports from rabbit hunters respecting the bunny crop for the current season I wanted to have a personal looksee.

I was wearing three quarter length walking boots and the ten inches of fine snow didn't bother me. Along a wood road leading to Ing's Camp I saw where a fox had decided the trail had made easier walking than the adjoining thickets. The tracks had been made after the snow had ceased falling and I figured Brer Fox was headed for some cosy lair in which to spend the day after a night's hunting. Like some young bloods of my acquaintance he had made a night of it and unless I was mistaken day was already breaking when he trotted along this woodland path.

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## Murray Harbor Wins King's Intermediate B Hockey Championship

The Murray Harbor Bruins captured the King's County Intermediate B hockey championship at Souris Rink last night by sending the Morell intermediate pucksters down to a 6-4 defeat and take the home and home total goal series by a 12-5 score.

The Bruins won the series opener at Murray Harbor on Wednesday night by a score of 6-1. Murray Harbor will meet East Royalty Royals in a home and home, total goal semi-final series which will be decided at Borden tonight. The semi-finals will commence at North River Rink on Monday night and back at Murray Harbor on Saturday. East Royalty won the Queen's County title last night over North River All Stars.

The game at Souris was played before a large crowd of fans and was a fast, clean encounter that came up with smart passing attacks on both sides. Both teams broke even on the first period coming back starting on Saturday night 2-1 in the second for their goal lead. In the final session, Murray Harbor added three more goals to their total while Morell chalked up two, giving Bruins their 6-4 victory.

The following are the lineups and summary:—  
Morell: Goal, Pierce, K. Jay; de-

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| ence, Eldershaw, G. MacInnis, J. MacAdam, A. J. MacAdam; forwards, J. Rossiter, McGrath, J. MacInnis, G. Jay, MacDonald, MacAdam, Sinnott.                  |       |
| Murray Harbor: Goal, MacKay; defence, W. Harris, L. MacNeill; forwards, Chapman, Nicolle, Hugh MacDonald, G. Harris, S. Hume, A. White, W. MacNeill, Penny. |       |
| Referees: Levie and MacFarlane.   |       |
| Summary:—   |       |
| First Period  |       |
| 1—Murray Harbor, W. Harris, (L. Herring).....   | 6-0   |
| 2—Morell G. Jay, MacDonald, (A. J. MacAdam).....  | 18-0  |
| Penalties: None.  |       |
| Second Period   |       |
| 3—Morell, J. Rossiter, (J. McInnis).....  | 6-11  |
| 4—Murray Harbor, R. MacDonald, (G. Harris).....   | 17-13 |
| 5—Murray Hbr., G. Harris.....   | 18-00 |
| Penalties: W. McGrath, W. MacNeill, S. Hume.  |       |
| Third Period  |       |
| 6—Morell, J. MacDonald, (A. J. MacAdam).....  | 1-8   |
| 7—Murray Harbor, Nicolle, (Hume).....   | 5-35  |
| 8—Murray Harbor, Nicolle, (Hume).....   | 7-20  |
| 9—Morell, J. McInnis, (MacDonald).....  | 12-5  |
| 10—Murray Harbor, R. Chapman, (Hume).....   | 15-50 |
| Penalties: W. Harris, L. MacNeill.  |       |

## East Royalty Royals Capture County Title

The Ernie Moore coached East Royalty Royals pounded out a decisive 7-1 victory over the North River All Stars in the final game of a home and home, total goal series played at North River Rink last night before a capacity crowd to capture the Queens County Intermediate B Hockey Championship.

Going into last night's fray trailing by four goals as the result of an 8-4 defeat earlier in the week at the hands of the All Stars, the Royals roared back to outshoot North River 5-1 to deadlock the series at the end of regular playing time, and going into one period of overtime, chalked up two more goals without a reply and take the series by an 11-9 count.

Frank Roper, who was out with a back injury and didn't compete in the series opener, was back between the pipes last night to turn in an outstanding performance for the Royals, and was a leading factor in helping to win the series.

East Royalty will meet the Murray Harbor Bruins, who won the Kings County title last night over Morell at Souris, in the opening game of the semi-final series for the Island championship. The first game is scheduled for North River

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## St. F. X. Wins Opener From U.N.B.

ANTIGONISH, N. S., March 10—(CP)—St. Francis Xavier University took the first game of a two-game home-and-home series for the Maritime intercollegiate championship when they whipped University of New Brunswick 8-2 here tonight.

The New Brunswick - P.E.I. champs netted their only two goals in the final period.

## Juvenile Clash Scheduled Tonight At Kensington

Kensington Juniors and the Charlottetown Juvenile Abbies resume their best of three playoff series for the Island title tonight at Kensington Rink. Abbies lead in games 1-0 after winning the opener 11-4 in the Forum Wednesday night but are not unmindful of their 7-4 defeat in Kensington Rink a few weeks ago.

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Versus  
ROY (Tiger) STEELE, Charlottetown  
SEMI-FINAL — 6 ROUNDS  
Emmett (Sluggo) Gallant vs. Johnny (Hambo) Russell  
Bobby Gallant vs. Duck Trainor  
All 4 Fights Preliminaries  
Other Good Preliminaries Scheduled  
Time: 8:30 Sharp  
Admission: Ringside \$1.00; Rush 75c; Children 50c

**BALANCE OF WEEK**  
THURSDAY — ISLAND HOCKEY LEAGUE  
S. D. U. vs. VICS  
FRIDAY — CHILDREN'S SKATE — 4 to 5:30  
ISLAND SKATING SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
7:30 O'CLOCK — SKATE AFTER  
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| Manitoba.....      | 7   | 3    |
| Ontario.....       | 7   | 4    |
| Alberta.....       | 6   | 4    |
| Quebec.....        | 5   | 4    |
| B. Columbia.....   | 5   | 4    |
| Nova Scotia.....   | 4   | 5    |
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| New Brunswick..... | 2   | 7    |
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