



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

The 15th annual auction of the Standardbred Horse Sales Company commences Monday morning at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show Arena, Harrisburg, Pa. We understand that a number of Maritimers are making the trek there and no doubt as a result some new trotters and pacers will be finding their way to these three provinces. The 900 horses catalogued is considered one of the finest collections of speed both trotting and pacing ever offered at auction and they are equally as well bred, if not better bred, than any consignment that has preceded them. It is estimated that over a million dollars will change hands before next Friday night when the sale closes. While the colt averages are not expected to be as large as last year, the bigger number of the offerings should make up the deficit. We trust our Maritime readers who buy their winter come back with trotters and pacers that will amply repay the time and money spent for them. The spirit of adventure that characterizes those who attend such sales and are the high bidders.

That there are many bargains at sales is shown by the performance at various race tracks. Take Saratoga Springs for instance. A trotting filly and two pacing colts that demanded paltry prices in 1952 as yearlings provided bargain investments this season with most of their racing at Saratoga Raceway. They were Paula Scott, Jack Brooke and Master Fingo. Together they cost \$1185, and when the Saratoga season was over their combined earnings stood at \$13,443.63. Paula, a daughter of Symbol Gantle, that Murray Kay, well known auctioneer of Southington, Conn., bought for \$650 at the Harrisburg sale last fall, was the most prolific dollar collector of the three with winnings of \$7,702.80. She was the leading performer at Saratoga in the two-year-old amateur trots, taking a record of 2:10 3-5 and having five wins, three seconds and three thirds in 15 starts before moving to Yorkers Raceway. Murray Kay drove Paula in all her events and she is included in the auction consignments at Harrisburg next week.

Jack Brooke was bought for \$135 at the annual spring sale at Saratoga and Jacob N. Enders of Oneonta won \$3,295 with him. In 20 starts he was eight times first, six times second and five times third. He started racing May 2nd and continued racing right through until closing week, taking a mark of 2:12 3-4 and looked as though he could beat 2:10. Master Fingo is one of the colts by Calumet Fingo 2:04 1/2 that was sold at Harrisburg last fall and purchased there by Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Parhart of Johnston, Pa., and all they had to shell out was \$400. The son of Calumet Fingo amply repaid them by winning \$2,445 and the owners were offered considerably more than that for him after the season was over. Many other instances of similar buys could be cited and of course on the other side of the picture there would probably be quite a number of disappointments. Maritimers who were big buyers at Harrisburg have on the whole done quite well and if you look over the list of winners throughout the season and those now racing at Blue Bonnets you will see that many of

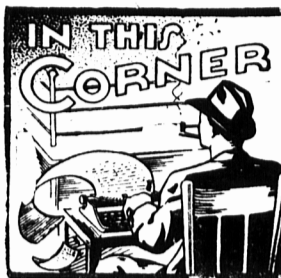
them have made good. Youthful Billy Haughton is closing the season's racing with a bang and recently he took over as leading driver for the first time. Two weeks ago he boasted six victories and that broke a three-year tie and put the 29-year-old Pul-tonville sulky sifter to the top of the heap with 109 wins for the season. Jimmy Chapman of Tennessee is second with 105 and trotting and pacing are equally as well bred, if not better bred, than any consignment that has preceded them. It is estimated that over a million dollars will change hands before next Friday night when the sale closes. While the colt averages are not expected to be as large as last year, the bigger number of the offerings should make up the deficit. We trust our Maritime readers who buy their winter come back with trotters and pacers that will amply repay the time and money spent for them. The spirit of adventure that characterizes those who attend such sales and are the high bidders.

The death by shooting of one of the guards employed at Yorkers Raceway, New York, some weeks ago topped off a tremendous scandal and pages have been devoted to it and its causes in such great papers as the New York Times, also lesser sheets in New York and all through the U.S.A. It appears that Yorkers Raceway paid out the sum of \$200,000 for protection of the track and its operations from actions of gangsters. To us it might seem a very peculiar thing to do but to those who know what is going on in New York City it would seem that it was a very wise move for the track management. Anyhow there were no untoward happenings. The guards were not molested or intimidated and everything seemed O.K. until the murder. The result of that murder was the attempt to lay the blame on the Republican Government of New York State and Governor Dewey, and this probably had a great deal to do with the result of the election in New York where a Democratic mayor has once again been elected and a Democrat representative in New Jersey.

All the facts in connection with the trotting and pacing sport in the United States were thoroughly exploited and it is stated that some \$362,668,886 was poured into the pari-mutuel machines in eleven states where such wagering was legal. The machines paid back \$305,000,000 to be divided among the bettors who would pick the right horses. The \$57 million "bite" taken out of the wagering pools was split among city governments and thirty race tracks from Maine to California. \$37 million, the biggest share of the machines' profit went to the race track operators. Of the remaining \$20 million New York State got \$14,360,040; Illinois took \$1,672,608; Maryland \$999,295; California \$988,178; Michigan \$776,612; Massachusetts \$590,308; New Jersey

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LITTLE SPORT



In three appearances this year in the Maritime Major Hockey League goaltender Frank Roper of Charlottetown has gained his way to two victories. He played well for the Islanders one night when they beat the Halifax Atlantics 3-2 and also for the Islanders when they lost to the Glace Bay Miners in Glace Bay. Last night, as a last minute substitute for the ailing Eddy D'Aoust he stepped between the pipes in the Glace Bay cage and gave our Miners their 5-4 victory over the Islanders. Afterwards in the dressing room coach Don Peniston and his players had nothing but the highest praise for Roper's work.

It was sportsmanship of the highest calibre for Roper to give such a display for the Miners. He has been the Islanders' sub-goalie this season and works out with the local team in practice sessions. Yet neither the Islanders nor Roper hesitated about what to do when they learned that the Miners had arrived in town without their goalie. D'Aoust, sold coach Peniston has been ill with thyroid trouble and has asked for his release from the team. The Miners expected to have their new goalie Bill Dion in time for the game but they missed the player on the road to the Island.

Had they not been able to use Roper they would have had to put one of their own forwards in the net as the Islanders did when Bessette was injured in Sydney earlier in the year. However Sydney may not have anybody like Roper around for work in such emergencies. Last year it will be remembered that a junior goaltender by the name of Floyd finished a game for Al Millar after he had been injured or removed from a game in Sydney.

Dion, the new Glace Bay goaltender, is a younger brother of a well known hockey player Connie Dion. Last year the younger Dion roared for the Inkerman Rockets and was spare goalie for the Ottawa Senators. He comes from Asbestos, Quebec and passed the Miners bus yesterday when they were eating lunch in Antigonish. He will be playing tonight when the Islanders tangle with the Miners in the Bay.

Coach Peniston also figures he met Kenny Watson on the road yesterday. At least he met a car with a California license plate and he had a wife from Watson in California weeks ago in which the player said he was leaving for Glace Bay to join the Miners. Defenseman Copper Leyte is expected to join the Miners today. "We'll have a pretty solid hockey club by mid-January," stated Peniston last night. "We won't take a back seat to anyone."

But Peniston seemed a bit pessimistic in comparison to Gordon Clark, the president of the Glace Bay Hockey Club. Less than a half-hour after we were talking to Peniston, the phone rang with Clark on the line. After an introduction he enquired "Who goaled for us tonight?" "Frank Roper from Charlottetown," we replied. "and he did a great job." "That's fine, that's fine," responded a jubilant Clark. "We're on our way now."

Then he proceeded to tell us about Dion, Watson and Leyte. "We also have three or four more players coming in and we think they will be here next week. We're going to clean up the Maritimes within three weeks," he continued. The rest of the clubs are a bit worried about Glace Bay and Charlottetown being too weak but they needn't worry about the Bay. I wouldn't say anything about Charlottetown but I know the Miners will be there when the firing is over and the smoke clears."

The Islanders hope to have a new forward here Monday from Quebec and to have definite word on MacNully and Burton. MacNully is playing with a club in St. Catherine's and wants to come here. However, the Club owner won't give him his release and as a result MacNully is threatening

Miners Score 3 Goals In Third Period For 5-4 Win Over Islanders Last Night

The greatly improved Glace Bay Miners, despite a three goal performance by sharp shooting Buck Whitlock came from behind in the third period last night to score three goals of their own and defeat the Islanders 5-4 in a Maritime Major Hockey League game at the Forum.

Bobby Brown, Hughie Campbell and Boomer Fyles netted third period counters for the youthful Miners to wipe out an Islanders lead and turn a Charlottetown victory into a Glace Bay win before a small crowd of less than 1,000 fans.

The Islanders, led by Whitlock, tried to get back in the game but an outstanding goaltending performance by Charlottetown's Frankie Roper prevented the Bucks. Trainer coached text from changing the verdict.

Young Roper, who didn't have the slightest inkling yesterday

afternoon that he was to play with the Miners, was called in as a last minute substitute for the ailing Eddy D'Aoust who was left behind in Glace Bay.

He got away to a shaky start, fanning on the first goal by Whitlock, but after that he steadied down and improved as the game progressed. By the time the third period arrived he in sensational form and in the final frame he turned back an avalanche of rubber.

In the early minutes of the third he charged the complex of the game. He turned buck Bob Gray with a sprawling goal mouth save and twice within a matter of seconds he outscored Merv Towse on break-away efforts.

That was practically it. The Miners' their young forwards leading with brilliant speed, caught the Charlottetown defence out of position on several occasions and whipped in on Bessette to score the trying and game winning goals.

Bessette had his moments of brilliance especially in the first two periods when he backed up a leaky defence with a sensational exhibition of goaltending. The first and third periods were fast and at times very wide open. The tempo slowed during the second frame but picked up towards the last of the period.

The Islanders, as the result of Bessette's brilliant goaltending and Whitlock's two goals led 2-1 at the end of the first period. The tempo goals in the second frame and the Miners outscored the Islanders 3-1 in the final session.

Bob Gray set up Whitlock for the first goal and Buck scored with a 30 foot shot that never left the ice. The shot caught the far corner, with Whitlock letting it go while he was partially covered by a defenseman.

Midway through the period Whitlock struck again to put the Islanders two goals ahead. He carried into the Glace Bay zone and shot a pass to the corner. Bob Gray centred back to Trainer and the point and Trainer's shot was deflected into the cage by Whitlock.

Gordon Miller, assisted by Hughie Campbell, scored the Miners' first goal. Campbell carried over it.

Hat Trick



The Islanders Roy "Buck" Whitlock, (above) as dangerous as they come around an opposing net, scored three goals last night as the Islanders bowed 5-4 to the Miners at the Forum.

Sydney In First Place In MMHL After 5-2 Victory Over Atlantics

SYDNEY, (CP)—Sydney Millionaires upset Halifax Atlantics 5-2 here Friday to take sole possession of first place in the Maritime Major Hockey League.

It was all Sydney in the last two periods after Atlantics scored the sole goal in the opening period for a short-lived lead.

Millionaires were ahead 3-2 by the end of the second period and added two insurance markers in the third.

Ray Lacroix scored two goals to lead Millionaires. Sizles went to Roger Guay, Stan McDougall and Bill Matthews.

Muckle Hollett and Pete Wywrot were the Halifax scorers.

The game was lively all the way and in the second period referee Cy Taylor sent the teams to their dressing rooms after a wild display around the Halifax bench.

Halifax winger Johnny Morrow became involved in a fracas with a fan on the way to the penalty box to serve a roughing penalty.

Before order was restored practically the entire Halifax team

was engaged in a stick-swinging action against some Sydney fans who continued to heckle them. Police were called to the scene and after a short lull play resumed.

Lineups:
Halifax—Goal: McMeekin; defense: Bloom, Arcand, McNeil; forwards: Wywrot, Watson, Ford, McPhee, Bowness, Hollett, Morrow.
Sydney—Goal: Defelice; defense: McIntyre, Matthews, Reardon, McDonald; forwards: Robertson, Pirie, Cowan, Guay, Lacroix, Beaupre, Kubinec, Marshall, McDougall.

SUMMARY
First period: Halifax, Hollett (Bowness) 8:08. Penalty: Lepine 13:49.
Second period: Sydney, Guay (Lacroix, Beaupre) 2:25; Sydney, McDougall (Kubinec) 4:56; Sydney, Lacroix (Guay) 11:47; Halifax, Wywrot (Hollett) 15:36; Penalties: Reardon 7:36, Morrow 7:36 minor and misconduct, McMeekin 7:36 misconduct.
Third period: Sydney, Matthews (Robertson) 1:09; Sydney, Lacroix 2:30, Penalties: McPhee 8:29, 17:32, Arcand 11:29, McNeil and McIntyre 11:56, Wywrot and Lepine 15:46 misconduct, Morrow 17:10; McDonald 17:32.
Stops: McMeekin 6 7 10—23
Defelice 3 6 4—13

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Skating—City and Country 8-10

HUNTERS' CORNER

In my last week's column I intimated that the dollar muskrat might be with us this season after many years absence. Latest reports indicate a heavy slump in all classes of raw furs. I have just received a price list that was forwarded by the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company at Montreal covering our main fur bearers relative to this Province. Top muskrat pelts are quoted at \$1. The best wild mink \$10 to \$12—beaver \$15 to \$18—Ermine (white Weasels) \$60 to \$65—Silver fox \$3 to \$4.50—top raccoon \$2.50—red fox 2.00.

Fur buyers were warned to watch for shot holes in muskrat and beaver skins that are undamaged should average from \$7 to \$8. The 1953 season may go down on record as the year that hit rock bottom in respect to raw furs. When I think of red fox pelts being quoted at 25 cents my thoughts go back 12 or 15 years when prime reds were fetching from \$18 to \$23 on the local market. In those days most any mink caught would bring \$30.

Muskrats are expected to react to the low price prevailing and regain the ground they lost over the years. I remember when every lake, stream and marsh in the Province fairly teemed with muskrats. Before the First Great War the late Charlie Pippy shot from 50 to 60 on Fullerton's Marsh every spring. At high tide on some marshes four and five muskrats could be seen crowding a single nummock that was left uncovered. For years running muskrat skins fetched \$4 and higher. Every man and boy hunted them from October until June and later, and at one time it looked as if this prolific furbearer was on the way out. I, for one, feel it is a good thing the animal with the rich brown fur and the scaly tail is getting a break.

November so far has been a drear month. It's never too bright at anytime and when 4 o'clock comes the day is about over. I always associate November as a month with the sodden feel of wet leaves under foot and a breathless hush in woodland and swamp as if its denizens were awaiting, with fear and trembling, the coming of King Winter. One evening this week the sun sank below a cloud bank in the west while I was yet a half mile from the car. The swamp path seemed to darken and shrink in a matter of minutes and the stillness and quietude

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Coaches Leave For Grand Falls

NEW GLASGOW, (CP)—Hockey players Alex Robertson, Jim MacDonald and Don (Ducky) MacLean have left for Grand Falls, Nfld., to take jobs as playing coaches in a three-team league.

Robertson and MacDonald were with Stellarton Royals of the APC league last season. MacLean, a former centre ice star with Mickey Roach's northside juniors, played with St. Francis Xavier University last year.

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Another Dodgers' Manager Prospect

VERO BEACH, Fla., (AP)—The name of Bill Terry, former New York Giants manager and now a Florida business man, Friday was added to the list of possible prospects for the Brooklyn Dodgers' managerial post.

President Walter O'Malley of the Dodgers, inspecting the baseball club's spring training camp here, was non-committal when asked about the report circulating in this baseball town.

He declined to name any likely prospects for the job vacated by Charley Dressen last month.

Terry is an automobile dealer at Jacksonville, Fla., and owns an oil company in Memphis, Tenn. He has told reporters in the past he was "too busy" to become active again in baseball.

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P.W.C.-Saints Resume Series This Afternoon
The third game of the immediate intercollegiate series between the Second Saints and Prince of Wales College will be played this afternoon on the Saint Dunstan's field at 3.30.
The Saints lead the series by one game after defeating the Welshmen 3-0 here on Wednesday afternoon. The opening game ended in a 10-10 draw.
Coach John Eldon Green of the Saints announced last night that he would be sending his team into today's game without five of his regular players. Two of the players will accompany the first team to Dalhousie, another is sick, one boy is home and another has been demoted.
Missing from the team will be forwards Lewis MacDonald and Max Callaghan, who are in Halifax with the senior team. Kenny MacDonald is at home as the result of the death of his father R. J. MacDonald and Billy MacIsaac is on the sick list.
Newcomers to the Saints lineup today will be Peter Green and John P. MacDonald in the backfield. Pius MacInnis will play in the forward line while MacDougall, Hickey or O'Halloran will join the boys in the scrum.
The Welshmen will also be playing without a number of their regulars. However, they will use the same lineup as that which played on Wednesday afternoon. In that game they were short five of their first string men.
The referee will be Earl Nicholson.

Jr. Abbies And P. W. C. Play Today
The Junior Abbies will play the Prince of Wales College second team in a football game this afternoon on the St. Dunstan's field commencing at two o'clock.
The Junior Abbies are requested to meet at the Prince Edward Theatre at 1.30 for transportation to S. D. U.

New Forward For Islanders
The Islanders will obtain a left winger from Quebec early next week, it was learned here last night from coach Wes "Buck" Roper.
The player performed with the Quebec Junior Citadelles last year and tried out with the Quebec Aces this season. It is expected that he will be here Monday.

Hockey Scores
By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Maritime Major
Glace Bay 5 Charlottetown 4
Halifax 2 Sydney 3
Ontario Senior A
Stratford 6 Hamilton 3
Sarnia 2 Chatham 2 tie
Ontario Junior A
Quebec 6 Barrie 8
St. Michael's 6 Marlboros 4
Hamilton 3 Guelph 7
Northern Ontario Senior A
Pembroke 2 Sudbury 8

Snowstorm Cancels Racing Program
CAMDEN, N. J., (AP)—A snowstorm forced cancellation of Friday's horse racing program at Garden State Park.

UNITED SERVICES OFFICERS' CLUB
We regret to announce that the meeting to receive an address by Lieut. Gov. MacLaren is cancelled.
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