

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH



A friend of Walter Craig, well known driver of this city, told us the other day that Walter is handling the horses owned by John Stewart at Easton's Corner, Ontario. There are nine in the string and all are in top condition for training miles when the season opens up.

John V. Cash of Emerald has a five-year-old dark chestnut mare by Jollity 2:09 1/2, dam Catherine Clegg by Abner T. Clegg 2:04 1/2, granddam Hilda Hal by Great Hal, third dam Colorado Belle by Colorado L. that he has been giving light training and roadwork to all winter and expects to start her in the pacing classes this summer. She has a nice easy style and might be one of the top Jollity's of the Maritimes when she gets racing experience. Mr. Cash will be remembered as the owner of Patsy C., a horse that was highly thought of among harness men in that vicinity years ago.

We were delighted to have a letter from our friend R.R. Bell, Q.C., who has been holidaying with Mrs. Bell and they took in a race meet at Roosevelt Raceway on the night of April 10th. A three-year-old gelding named Wayne MacPherson, a 4-year-old gelding named the entire mile route and was beaten only by Mighty Green. Lester Pullen, the driver, was unseated just as the starting gate pulled away from the wire but the horse behaved in perfect fashion, went into the turn and paced fourth in the middle of the 8-horse field. As they came to the three-quarter pole he challenged for the lead as though guided by an expert reinsman and just missed taking the victory from Mighty Green. A picture was enclosed showing the horses finishing and it is a real curiosity.

Our thoughtful friend, Colonel Jim Calkin of Woodstock, has very kindly forwarded us a write-up on the popular Woodstock driver Earle Avery, who is now one of the outstanding reinsmen of the United States. The past season he drove the 2-year-old trotting filly Egyptian Princess to a record of 2:02, which made her a world's champion for age, sex and gait. Egyptian Princess won \$29,665, and Hillsota 1:59, also trained and driven by Earle, was the winner of \$60,913 last year.

Harness horsemen with long memories will remember an afternoon in August, 1936, when Earle won the Free For All Pace at Charlottetown with Bud Wenger. Time was 2:05 1/2. It was a desperate battle between Bud and Calumet Budlong 2:02 1/2, driven by Billy Hood. Bud Wenger had the advantage of drawing the pole and try as he would the Budlong horse could not beat him to the wire. The record made that day still stands for pacing over the Charlottetown oval. Other good ones that Earle drove later were Happy L. 2:03 1/2, Love Song 1:59 and Christie Budlong 2:06 1/2. Earle was a former Canadian potato farmer and Dominion Government seed potato inspector prior to his taking up harness racing as a lifetime job.

BRIGHT SPOT
Our thanks to Gordon Pettie, secretary of the New Brunswick Horsemen's Association, for a copy of the New Brunswick Horseman of which he is editor and manager. It is a bright newsy, well printed 8-page paper devoted to Maritime horses and their doings. There is a story of Bright Spot 2:09 1/2, written by Reg Younker, that will please many of her admirers here.

A race we particularly remember was that of September 12, 1945, at Covehead Raceway. Bright Spot owned by the late Walter Hennessey and driven by Joe Hennessey, was 2:11, O. U. Volo (H. Stead) 1:22, Pagliacci (Bailey) 3:33, Time, 2:10 1/2, 2:12, 2:11 1/2. The same afternoon Alcyone (T. Weir) won the Free for All with 1-4-1, Royal-at-Law (J. Hennessey) 3-1-2, Wil-

READY FOR STAR ROLE - By Alan Maver

MICKEY MANTLE, OF THE WANKES, WHOSE SPRING TRAINING FORM HAS HIS JANS CONVINCED HE'S READY FOR THE STARDOM THEY'VE ALWAYS PREDICTED FOR HIM.

HE'S BEEN BELTING THE KIND OF HOMERS THAT CRY OUT FOR A TAPE MEASURE, BUT MORE IMPORTANT HE HASN'T BEEN STRIKING OUT WITH HIS ACCUSTOMED FREQUENCY - BATTED 35 TIMES BEFORE HE WAS FANNED AND THAT WAS ON A CALLED 3RD STRIKE.

Chatham Clips Beavers 5-2 To Enter Allen Cup Finals

CHATHAM, Ont., (CP)—Chatham Maroons unleashed a devastating first-period offensive Friday night to defeat Saint John Beavers 5-2 and enter the championship series for the Allan Cup.

Maroons, who amazed the experts and dumfounded the opposition with power not expected from a club that finished fourth

in the regular season, knocked Beavers out of the best-of-seven Allan Cup semi-finals 4-1.

Maroons, who captured the eastern Canada senior hockey crown with Friday night's victory, now meet Vernon Canadians for the Canadian title.

The first game of the best-of-seven affair, is scheduled for next Thursday, probably in Vernon. All the games will be in the west but the venue has not yet been decided.

BENDO SCORES THREE
Left winger Lou Bendo fired three goals for Maroons in the wild engagement. Lloyd Ferguson and Danny Blair got the others. Forwards Vip Palladino and Sid Puddicombe scored for Beavers.

Maroons, who just squeezed into the playoffs when they ended up fourth in the Ontario Hockey Association Senior A race and then ousted three teams to hit the eastern Canada final, broke out for three goals Friday night before the



HUNTERS' CORNER

April's 'right about face' has put a serious crimp in the plans of fishermen for the fifteenth. Be that as it may it was better to have occurred on the tenth than on the fifteenth. The severe storm caught everyone napping. Even Nature's children, some of them at least, were caught off base by the unseasonable blizzard. It has happened before and it will happen again.

In 1927, that's the year if my memory serves me correctly, on April 22nd a howling blizzard broke from the North-east and buried the fox pens up to the top wire covering with drifted snow. I remember the date for it was on the anniversary of the first German gas attack in the Ypres salient.

I for one had the feeling that spring was here. The crows were picking out nesting sites and numbers of Great Blue Herons and Bronzed Grackles (Cranes and crow black birds to many) had arrived from the south. A lot depends on the weather between now... Wednesday the eleventh... and Sunday on what troutling conditions will be like. Some dams will be open while others will still be sealed with a covering of ice. Some were open before the storm. Dingwell's at Fortune was ready to break on the 8th... a ribbon of black ice that wouldn't carry a rabbit extended well around the point. Dams that are short on bottom and have a heavy ice sealed for a longer period.

ELIGIBILITY

Owners of horses that will be racing this season are reminded that their application for eligibility certificates made prior to May 1st are only \$2.00 and that for the remainder of the season they are \$4.00. We will be pleased to mail eligibility, membership driver's license and registration forms to anyone who requests them.

CHARLIE BALLARD

We are very glad to have a letter from our friend Charlie Ballard of Sydney Mines, N. S., who did so much to promote harness racing in Cape Breton and also campaigned some of the best pacers that performed on Maritime tracks. Here is Charlie: "Thought I would drop you a line to let you know I was still going strong - Cross my fingers - at 84 years and 2 months. Got the Guardian mentioning me and my old boss Calumet Browne. They were the days: "I still go up to the race track most every day, generally drive my car 30 or 40 miles a day with the window down to get the fresh air. Think that has a lot to do with me feeling so good at that age, but it's snowing and raining today, and after that rough to get out. Not much doing at my track, the Sydney outfit, headed by Jim Ferguson, leased my track for the last few years to give the horsemen over here a chance to train, and the Farmers Association put on the only race I have now, Labor Day."

"I get to Maine every year yet with my car. Still drive around 12,000 miles a year. I'm keeping Bachelor's Hall now, my housekeeper for around 25 years passed away a year ago this month. I eat two meals a day and live mostly on eggs, easy to cook and I am my own cook now, gives me something to do. Captain Ryan was in Friday, he was quite a race fan. Don't know if you remember him or not. He is also keeping Bachelor's Hall like myself and is about your age. I shall be making my yearly Maine trip through P. E. I. this summer so as to see some friends there. Hope you are well. Take care of yourself and will be seeing you this summer."

Bye.

Charlie's remarks on the eggs diet is in line with articles which we have been reading lately that emphasize the importance of protein in one's nutritional requirements. The fact that he is so sprightly at 84 leads me to believe that the product of the humble hen has a great deal to do with it. There is only one Charlie and all horsemen who have known him through the years will be glad to

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Carver Up To Old Tricks; Leading Playoff Scoring

Parkdale playing coach Allie Carver is up to his old tricks again and threatening to add another trophy to his already considerable collection.

The Parkdale coach, who has won one trophy as the Island Senior League's most valuable player and another as the league's leading scorer, holds the lead in the scoring during the playoffs and the top playoff scorer will go to the A.R. MacInnis trophy.

However, Carver's margin isn't nearly so great as the one he held in the scoring during the regular schedule. His 21 points made up of 12 goals and 9 assists are just one better than that of teammate Willie Dunn who has a record of 10 goals and 10 assists.

Next in line comes shifty Ed MacDonald, S.D.U. centerman, who has hit the twines on 6 occasions and tops all players in assists with 13.

Buck Davey of S.D.U. and Skip Carver of Parkdale round out the big five. Davey has 9 goals and 7 assists for 16 points and Carver has 8 goals and 6 assists for 14 points. These are the top five:

G	A	Pts.
A. Carver	12	21
W. Dunn	10	20
E. MacDonald	6	13
B. Davey	9	16
S. Carver	8	14

This is how the two teams stand: GP W L GF GAPS

Parkdale	5	3	2	29	6
S.D.U.	5	2	3	20	21

Hockey Greats Will Perform At Ottawa Charity Contest

OTTAWA (CP)—Hockey greats, past and present, will perform at the Auditorium here next Monday night as Ottawa old pros take on a crew of Toronto-Montreal puckmen in a charity game.

Des Smith, a former Montreal Maroon and Canadian player, is handling the organizational chores for the service club sponsoring the affair and he'll have a host of former league-mates on hand.

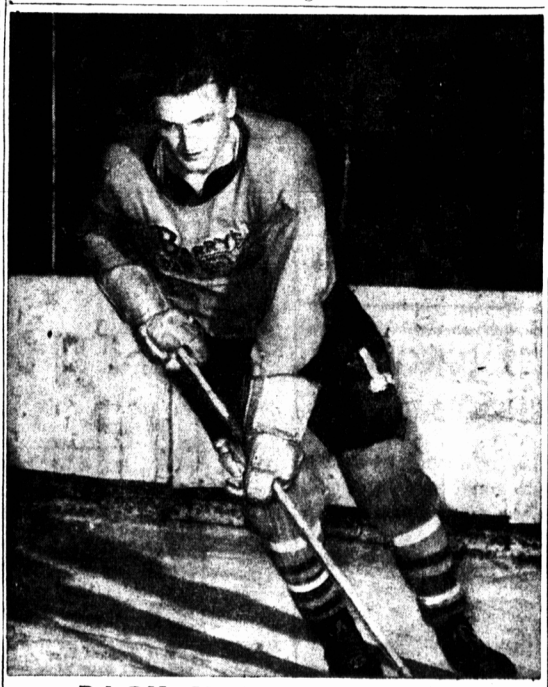
He has received word from the Stanley Cup champion Canadiens that coach Toe Blake, along with defencemen Butch Bouchard and Doug Harvey, will be numbered among the visiting performers. Other Montreal players are expected to turn up.

Also included in the team that

will be pitted against Ottawa is the former Canadian "razzle-dazzle" line of Gerry Heffernan, Buddy O'Connor and Pistol Pete Moran. There will be Syd Howe, Bill Cowley, the Kraut line of Bobby Bauer, Frank Dumart and Milt Schmidt, Porky (King) Clancy, Bill Durnan, Bill Beveridge, Cully and Thain Simon, Killy McDonald, Fred and Gerry Lowrey, Harold Starr, Sam Godin, Polly Drouin, Lude Check, Howard Riepelle and others in the Ottawa uniform.

Others on the visitors' team will include Jimmy Orlando, Elmer Lach, Murph Chamberlain, Bob Filion and Ray Gettiffe.

Proceeds of the game go to the Ottawa boys club and the Ottawa service clubs' juvenile hockey league.



BACK WITH PARKDALE

Parkdale Flyers figure to be a far different team on Tuesday when they meet Saints in the sixth game of the final series for the Island League crown with the return of steady Pete Hill to bolster their defence corps. Pte, a member of the R. C. M. P., was in

Winnipeg for the past few weeks taking a special course. Always a dependable performer Pete will considerably bolster the underdog Parkdale team and with a healthy Skip Carver in the lineup the Flyers should be enjoying their greatest strength since the semi-final series against B. Y. C.

PACED SAINTS' WIN

Jack (Miner) MacDonaid (above) paced the Saints to a 5-1 victory over Parkdale Flyers on Thursday by potting two goals, including the winner. The slick defenceman played heads up hockey all during the game for the Saints and his educated stick broke up many dangerous sorties. Another victory for Saints on Tuesday would force a seventh and final game.

Freetown Royals Stop Aces 7-3 To Take Series Lead



Freetown Royals made it 1-0 in games in their best two of three series with the Summerside Aces by defeating the home town boys at Civic Stadium last night by the score of 7-3.

The Royals had a decided edge on play and although the Aces shot the first goal, the Freetown boys tied it up in less than a minute, went ahead half way through the first period and were never threatened from then on in.

Des Roberts got the hat trick, scoring two counters in the first period and one in the third. Eustace Reeves shot two goals and MacMurdo and Taylor got singletons for Summerside. Bob Bowness, LeRoy Chlow and Ron MacArthur were the snipers.

Reeves stood out on defence for the winners, while MacArthur played one of his best games behind the blue-line for the Aces his goal was a fine solo effort, and he set up the play on which Bowness acted as trigger man. Both goalies, Gamble and Taylor made some fine stops, but Gamble was the victim of two soft ones, Des Roberts' first one in the third period being a long shot that bounced over the net guardian's stick. MacMur-

do's goal was a nice effort after a passing bout with Clayton Mill. The next game in this series will be played on Monday night 1:00 fans watched the teams in the second game after they had tied 3-3 all on Wednesday night.

Summary
First Period: 1. Aces, Bowness (Gaudet, MacArthur) 4:27; 2. Freetown, D. Roberts, 4:54; 3. Freetown, D. Roberts (Smith, Z. Roberts) 9:35; 4. Freetown, Taylor (Mill, MacMurdo) 19:26.

Penalties — Taylor, Taylor 8:94, (major); Gallant (major) Bowness (MacMurdo) 12:50; 9. Aces, Chlow (Pope) 3:02; 6. Freetown, MacMurdo (mill) 14:11.

Penalty: Bowness.
Third Period: 7. Freetown, D. Roberts 6:50; 8. Freetown, Reeves (MacMurdo) 12:50; 9. Aces, MacArthur 13:44; 10. Freetown, Reeves 18:30.

Penalties: Campbell (major), Bowness (major) Taylor (major).
Referee: Walter Simmons and Jim Razavet.

WINS MASTERS

Unfazed by pressure and an eight-strike deficit, Jack Burke, Jr., donned the U. S. Masters' crown by firing a one-under-par 71 on the final 18 at Augusta, Ga. His 72-hole total of 289 gave the 33-year-old Texan a lone-point margin over amateur Ken Venturi, who won runner-up laurels. The Masters' title is Burke's first major victory on the golf circuit.

Snead Leads Golf Open

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Sam Snead shot a 69 Friday and gained one more stroke on the field to lead the \$12,500 Greater Greensboro open golf tournament by five shots after 36 holes with 135 total.

The 43-year-old White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., pro birdied five of the last 12 to finish two under par and lead runnerup Doug Ford of Mahopac, N.Y., by five shots. Ford, United States Professional Golfers Association champion, had his second straight 70.

One point behind and tied with four others was Gerry Kesselring of Kitchener, Ont., who also had a 69.

Carnera Misses Wrestling Bout

SPOKANE, Wash., (AP) — Primo Carnera failed to show up for a scheduled wrestling match here Thursday night that had attracted 3,200 fans to the Spokane Coliseum.

Athletic commissioner Louis August said he is recommending that the former heavyweight boxing champion be suspended in both Washington and California until he fills a satisfactory date here.

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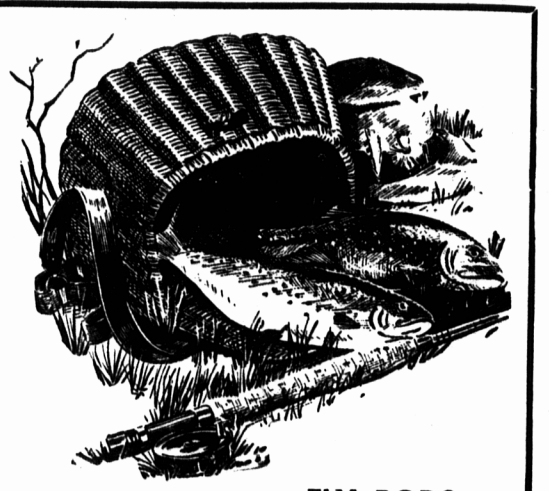
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