



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We were certainly delighted to receive in the mail yesterday a letter from a horseman friend who has been absent from the province for several years and is now located in Toronto. He writes:—"Enclosed is a notice which appeared in this afternoon's Toronto Telegram after it occurred to me that you might be interested in some of the offerings or if not possibly my good friends Willard Kelly, Rankin McLaine or some other horsemen. The listing looks quite impressive. I might add that while I have lived here continuously in Toronto for the past sixteen years your Island races still hold my keen interest and as the Guardian and came by I never miss your Down the Back Stretch which is always enjoyed. Yours sincerely, Jim McIntyre." Horsemen of the years ago will remember with pleasure friendly Jim McIntyre, who lent a glamour by his presence to the Montague track and is a brother of George McIntyre, Dr. Preston McIntyre, Montague, and Dr. Heath McIntyre, Charlottetown. All are horse lovers and come by that naturally, being sons of the late Dr. John D. McIntyre, who with others was the founder of the Montague race track and owned many of the good horses of the long ago.

The ad is the complete dispersal sale of Standardbreds owned by Alex Stewart & Son of Port Hope, Ont., which will be held at the farm there on March 12th. Alex Stewart has been one of the noted breeders of Canada for many years, the celebrated stallion Miller Brook 2044, Canada's leading sire being located there. He has a number of excellent brood mares by the world's greatest sires and 16 yearlings by his stallions, also his racing stable which consists of Mighty Cox 208, True Kartin 3 205, that was timed in 2:03 as a three-year-old, Poplar Wayne 206, record taker last year as a three-year-old, State Express by Billy Direct 155, International Brook by Miller Brook 2044, Bobby Key 214 and Bucknell 212, also other good race horses and equipment.

It is certainly news to learn that Alex Stewart and son are making a complete dispersal of their Standardbreds as their farm and stable has been much in the public eye not only in Canada but in the United States for many years. Maritimers who want to add to their strings should take note of this sale because there are some mighty chancy trotters and pacers that will go under the hammer. Thanks to you, Jim, for so kindly remembering that many will be interested to know that you are still keeping in touch with us.

Jack Scott's big International ice meet was scheduled to start at Moncton yesterday, continue today and be completed on March 1st. Polly Lake, just outside Moncton, is where the course is being laid out but should the ice there not be satisfactory Moncton track has been kept in condition. There is a \$500 Pace championship and a

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If "Hub" Macey, the capable coach of the Glace Bay Miners had his way, the Miners would be playing against the Halifax Atlantics in the first round of the play-offs rather than against the Islanders. Last week Macey didn't have any choice between the two but last night he made it clear that he would prefer to play against the Atlantics. The reason, he said, was the goaltending. Macey and the Miners have been beating Roy MacMeekin of Halifax quite frequently and they figure that MacMeekin will blow in a pressure series.

The Miners are not too disposed towards letting the Sydney Millionaires in the play-offs. Macey claims the Millionaires are making a shambles of the League and don't deserve to get in the post-schedule playdowns. "Every time we play them and get ahead, most of the players give up and make a joke out of it," charged the Glace Bay coach. The Miners are now 16 points ahead of the cellar-dwelling Millionaires and hope to increase the margin to more than 20 points before the schedule is completed.

A very important meeting of the Maritime Major Hockey League will be held in Glace Bay this afternoon. Among the matters to be discussed is the arranging of the play-offs. The Islanders will be represented by President Frank MacDonald and first vice president, Forrest Clow. The two men will leave here on the early flight this morning.

Murph Chamberlain was on the ice almost as soon as Gary Gordon scored the game-winning goal last night and the Hardrock was a highly pleased individual over the showing of his players. "Those guys were dog-tired but they never gave up," was his comment. The win was the third for the Islanders in three starts this week and it practically clinched second place for them. The Islanders still have a good chance of catching Halifax. They are six points behind and out of the nine games left they meet Halifax twice.

Kenny Watson showed again last night that he is a mighty dangerous man. Watson's first goal was a smart piece of work on his part as well as on Bill Burega's. Watson spoiled the opening when he was at centre ice and he timed himself perfectly to pick up the puck as it came off Burega's stick. When he got the puck he was well in the clear. Bill McCracken of the Miners suffered a spinal injury in Sydney on Wednesday night and had to retire from last night's game in the first period. McCracken injured the base of his spine.

Halifax Saint Mary's had all they could do last night to handle the Sussex Junior Rangers in the opening game of their semi-final series for the Maritime Junior Hockey Championship. Actually the series could almost be classed as a clash between Charlottetown and Summerside Juniors. There are five Summerside boys playing with Sussex and four Charlottetown youths with Halifax. Bob Schurman of radio station CJRW, Summerside will broadcast tonight's game beginning at nine o'clock.

Goaltender Frank Roper and winger Cecil Dowling returned home this week after spending the season in the New Brunswick Senior League. Roper spent the season with the Fredericton Caps while Dowling played with Saint John Beavers before Christmas and joined the Capitals in late January. Both players had very good years. Roper was a standout in the Fredericton nets while Dowling turned in good effort with both Saint John and the Caps.

Secretary-treasurer George Dudley of the C.A.H.A. has again postponed the announcement on the outcome of the executive vote on the proposed suspension of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association. The postponement was made until today when a meeting

Islanders Come From Behind, Edge Miners 4-3 In Overtime

The under-manned Charlottetown Islanders, who are rapidly earning themselves the title of "Comeback Kids", last night won their second over-time game of the week as they cooled off the visiting Glace Bay Miners 4-3.

Gary Gordon's low shot from a face-off in the Glace Bay end at the 1:42 mark of the over-time period gave the Islanders their margin of victory. It also moved the Islanders to within six points of the league leading Halifax Atlantics, killed the Miners hopes of taking over second place and snapped the Miners winning streak at nine games.

But until Gordon zipped his low drive past goalie Don Lockhart the Islanders had fought an uphill battle. They trailed 2-1 at the end of the second period and were behind 3-2 in the third until Bob Gray tied up the game with less than seven minutes left in regulation time.

The Miners tested goalie Al Miller in the Charlottetown net three times in the first minute of the over-time period and on one occasion Connie Bonhomme the ex-Islander failed in his attempt to flip the puck over the prostrate goaltender.

Play shifted into the Miners end and tempers almost got out of hand in front of the Glace Bay net as Burega bowled over Hurst and Clements dumped Burega. The play was blown down and from the ensuing face-off Gordon sifted home the winning goal.

The teams split goals in a slow first period. Lyle Wiseman sent the Islanders ahead at the 9:42 mark with a 35 foot shot after Bob Gray set him up with a pass back from the corner.

Fast skating Kenny Watson equalized matters six minutes later on a play with Bashing Bill Burega. The Miners defenseman was stickhandling his way through the Islanders defense when the puck rolled off his stick. Watson, who was speeding down centre, picked up the rubber and rode in on Miller to fire a backhandler into the twines.

The Islanders, playing with only two complete forward lines opened fast in the initial period and Lockhart was sharp as Larry Travis raced through at the 30 second mark after taking a pass from Clements. "Buck" Whitlock pulled off a sensational play midway through the period to send Bob Gray in the clear but Gray's low shot skimmed past the corner.

The Miners turned on the pressure shortly afterwards when the penalty box and some great defensive work kept them off the score sheet. At the end of the period Gary Gordon came up with a smart one-man effort only to be beaten at the goal mouth.

Burega scored the only goal of the second period on a slap shot from fast inside the Islanders blue-line. Watson started the play from the corner as he stickhandled in front of the net only to see his shot kicked off by Al Miller. Pete Backer slipped the rebound back to the waiting

will be held in Montreal to consider the matter. The proposed suspension arose out of the actions of the Montreal Junior Canadiens in using forward Ron Atwell against Three Rivers. The C.A.H.A. had ruled that Atwell belonged to the Ontario Hockey Association and was ineligible to play with a Quebec Club. The Q.A.H.A. on the other hand claimed that Atwell was eligible to play for Montreal.

Atwell last year signed a draft-card with Waterloo of the Ontario Junior League. Waterloo disbanded at the end of last season but according to the C.A.H.A. ruling Atwell became a member of the O.H.A. The Q.A.H.A. claimed that the Ontario draft rule was not applicable in Quebec and further more that Atwell had not signed his draft card before the September 1st deadline. On top of that there is another C.A.H.A. ruling which states that a player who isn't a member of any club is a free agent. From here it looks as though the Q.A.H.A. has some pretty solid arguments.



Since last week's column, dealing with fall and winter poaching of trout, appeared in print, many trout fishermen have spoken and expressed concern over the situation. Apparently the news did not come as a shock although some were surprised at the scope and extent of the raids upon spawning beds. All agreed conditions were bad and a few expressed the opinion that they were getting worse instead of better. I do not care to express an opinion on the latter assertion but I do know that any change in the out of season taking of trout, if there is a change, is definitely not for the better.

Judging from what I learned this winter the overall trout picture is pretty grim. No one county can throw stones at the other or any one particular district point the finger of scorn at another... it's just that bad. I know it had been going on but not on such a scale since I began game enforcement work and long before that. As one farmer put it: "This has happened on my property every fall for the

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Abbies Play "Stad" Tonight

The Charlottetown Abbies basketball team will play the Stadacona hoop team in an exhibition game at Prince of Wales College this evening. The game will get underway at eight o'clock.

The "Stad" squad are a highly rated basketball quintet. They play in the Halifax City League and have played a number of exhibition games with mainland universities. Last night they played against Mount Allison University at Sackville.

The Abbies, although short on practice sessions, have quite a number of outstanding basketball players on their lineup. They have been playing at the rate of one game a week in the Island League and can be depended upon to give a good account of themselves this evening.

The teams staged a desperate battle in the last two minutes of regulation time in an effort to score. Walter Pawlyshyn steamed through the Miners defense with a minute and 15 seconds left but Lockhart turned back his brilliant bid.

Clements came close seconds later but again Lockhart shut the door. As the bell rang Kenny Watson was steaming into Islanders territory with Gus Gustavson taking him out of the play.

Lineup: Glace Bay — Goal, Lockhart; defence: Verrier, Burega, Hinchberger, Amadio; forwards: Cooper, Watson, Joss, Macey, Miller, Bonhomme, Backer, McCracken, Raynak.

Charlottetown — Goal, Miller; defence: Gustavson, McLagan, Travis; forwards: Whitlock, Hurst, Holdaway, Gray, Gordon, Wiseman, Pawlyshyn, Clements.

Referees: Mathieu and Perry.

First Period
1—Charlottetown, Wiseman (Gray) 9:42
2—Glace Bay, Watson (Burega) 15:57
Penalties: Hinchberger 8:05, Hurst 10:36, Pawlyshyn 12:00.

Second Period
3—Glace Bay, Burega (Backer, Watson) 3:54
Penalty: Raynak 7:14.

Third Period
4—Charlottetown, Holdaway (Hurst, Clements) 5:58
5—Glace Bay, Cooper (Bonhomme, Macey) 6:09
6—Charlottetown, Gray (Whitlock) 13:14
Penalties: None.

Overtime Period
7—Charlottetown, Gordon (Clements) 1:42
Penalties: None.

Stops: Lockhart 4 4 9 1-18
Miller 7 3 8 3-21



Winger Gary Gordon (above) scored an over-time goal last night to give the Islanders a 4-3 win over the Glace Bay Miners. The goal came from a face-off with Marcel Clements assisting.

Millionaires, Atlantics Battle To 2-All Draw In Overtime Game At Sydney

SYDNEY, (CP)—Halifax Atlantics and Sydney Millionaires played 10 minutes of overtime here Friday in the Maritime Major Hockey League with the final score standing 2-2. Kenny Lauffman led the Halifax attack, sniping both goals for the Atlantics.

Sydney scorers were Lorne Pirie and Eddie Marineau, and Johnny Horeck put the Sydney trigger men in position. Halifax took a 1-0 lead in the first period had a 2-1 margin at the end of the second and Sydney closed out the scoring at 2:30 of the third when Marineau finished off a play with Horeck and Nick Hill.

Referee Jimmy Kelly, who handled the game alone in the first period, clamped down from the opening whistle.

There were 15 penalties, Halifax having eight.

Lineup: Halifax — Goal, McMeekin; defence: Hayes, Bloom, Lepine, Bergeron; forwards: Watson, Campbell, Hollett, Lauffman, King, Bonness, Gould, McPhee, Ford.

Sydney — Goal, Plesodny; defence: McIntyre, Weaver, Marin-

Milton Hornets Winners Of Intermediate B Title

The Milton Hornets won the Queens County Intermediate "B" hockey championship last night by taking a two-game total goal series over the Parkdale Bombers by a 14-8 count. The Bombers won last night's game 4-3 after losing 11-4 in the opener.

The Hornets will next play the winner of the Morell-Georgetown series for the Queens-Kings Intermediate "B" championship.

Milton raced into a 2-1 lead in the first period of last night's game on goals by Hollis Jay and Andrews. The Bombers came back in the

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Hockey Scores

Maritime Major
Sydney 2 Halifax 2.
Charlottetown 4 Glace Bay 3.

Maritime Junior
Halifax 4 Sussex 3.
Halifax leads best-of-five semi-finals 1-0.

New Brunswick Senior
Moncton 1 Saint John 5.
Best-of-seven finals tied 1-1.

Intercollegiate
Toronto 1 Laval 4.

Ontario Senior
Owen Sound 5 Brantford 3.
Owen Sound leads best-of-seven semi-finals 2-1.
Kitchener 1 Stratford 5.
Kitchener leads best-of-seven semi-finals 2-1.

Ontario Junior
St. Michael's 6 Guelph 8.
Oshawa 3 Barrie 2.
St. Catharines 4 Kitchener 3.

S.D.U. Defeats St. Thomas Hoopsters 74-49

CHATHAM, N.B., (CP)—St. Dunstan's University of Charlottetown defeated St. Thomas University 74-49 Friday night in the Maritime Intercollegiate basketball round-robin playoffs. It was the second series win for the P.E.I. team over St. Thomas.

Reardon was top scorer for St. Dunstan's with 21 points. Taylor scored 17 and Dorais 15 for the winners. Jake Stephens accounted for 18 points for St. Thomas.

St. Dunstan's led 11-6, 27-19 and 44-33 in the quarters.

Both teams had 18 fouls called against them.

St. Mary's Edge Sussex 4-3

SUSSEX, N.B., (CP)—Halifax St. Mary's edged Sussex Rangers 4-3 Friday night in the opener of a Maritime Junior Hockey semi-final series. The second game of the best-of-five contest will be played here Saturday night.

After a scoreless first session, Sussex took a 2-1 lead in the second. The teams went all out toward the end of playing time and the result was a toss-up until the final whistle.

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