

# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

The annual standardbred horse sale at Harrisburg, Pa., set new records for the amount of money paid for the horses catalogued. A new record for yearlings was the \$50,000 paid by Johnny Simpson, acting as agent for Thomas W. Murphy, for Bill Hanover, a brown colt by Hoot Mon, dam Brenda Hanover, ten of whose foals took records as follows: three in 2:09 or better, six in 2:05 or better, and one in 2:05.

One of the best of the above was Butch Hanover, 2:02 4/5 (as a two-year-old) and a later record of 2:01 4/5; he was trained and raced by Joe O'Brien and up to the end of last year had winnings of \$39,325.

Maritime bidders were quite active, with Lloyd MacAlay of Sydney the top buyer. Here are some of his purchases: Meadow Dancer - \$1,500; Effie May Clay - \$900; Top Admiral - \$1,600; Black Andy - \$300; Mr. Thunderbolt - \$900; and the yearling filly - Fancy Question for \$1,200. Don Rankin of North Sydney bought Scout Hanover for \$800. P. J. Cadegan of Glace Bay bought Mac's Mary for \$2,100. Dr. M. Laffin of Sydney paid \$900 for Bluefield.

R. O'Brien Brown, Woodstock, purchased Don Morse and Scotch Maplecroft. W. J. Boland, Dartmouth, N.S., bought William Forges for \$2,500. Dr. J. A. Delaney, Moncton, N.B., bought the two-year-old Geisha for \$1,200. W. J. Boland, Dartmouth, bought Alice Jane, by Scotland.

**O'BRIEN IS BUYER**  
Former Maritimers, Joe O'Brien and Earl Avery, were notable purchasers, the former bidding in the yearling Brooks Hanover, for the Camp Stables, for a \$35,000 price. Earl Avery bought the yearling, Munzo Hanover, for the Clearview Stable - price \$40,000.

The "Harness Horse" magazine, reporting on the sale, has the following: "The 21st annual auction of the Standardbred Horse Sales Co. saw all kinds of sale records tumble as the four-day session in Harrisburg last week brought a total of \$3,225,100 for 922 head - an average of \$3,498. Both figures were records for the sale.

"It was the first time a harness horse venue had ever gone over the \$3 million mark. Last year's \$2,514,350 at the same arena in Harrisburg was the best previous total. Highlight of the auction was the Hanover Shoe Farm's yearly consignment that brought \$1,109,850 - the first time an individual consigner at any sale had topped \$1 million. Their average for 123 yearlings was a remarkable \$8,879. Thirty-one of the Hanover yearlings went at five figures, or better, and 18 of those were at \$20,000 and higher, both records for a single consignment.

**\$29,286 AVERAGE**  
"The get of Adios and Hoot Mon made up more than half the Hanover total, and although a Hoot Mon was the top-priced yearling, never before in sale history had buyers gone for a stallion like they did on the Adios youngsters. Hanover sold 11 for \$377,500, an average of \$29,774. A total of 21 passed through the sale for \$615,000, for an average of \$29,286.

"Bill Hanover, the Hoot Mon colt out of the noted producer, Brenda Hanover was the top yearling, falling to the bid of John Simpson at \$50,000, while the top pacer was Ted Hanover at \$40,000. Stanley Dancer had the final bid of \$40,000 for the Adios filly, out of the Old Maid- Truly Hanover.

At Blue Bonnets Raceway, Montreal, two Island-bred trotters were winners last week. New Idea in 2:11 4/5 and Palacoona in 2:11 1/5. The purses were \$1,000 for each race, and both winners were sired by Russell Hanover, an Island-owned sire.

In the Trotter and Pacer column in the New York Herald-Tribune, Erwin Grossman gives some of the ideas that spectators have with reference to a race track. These are placed in "suggestion boxes" at Roosevelt Raceway plant. In some cases, the response by racing fans has been tremendous. One place, however, has been a sore spot.

**ONE DONATION**  
Just outside the race secretary's office, a suggestion box placed there away back in 1957 has received only one donation, and that didn't refer to the races. However, at both Roosevelt and Yonkers, other boxes contain many suggestions - quite a few with praise, others suggesting changes in program, and others containing "beefs" from disappointed patrons.

One on the appreciative side, from a lady, asked that the Raceway name a race in honor of 71-year-old Warren Dennis - the oldest driver at Roosevelt Raceway. He is very popular with the fans, she noted, and something should be done for him. One loser asked: "Why do you allow two brothers, or cousins, to drive in the same race. Don't you see they are crooked drivers?"

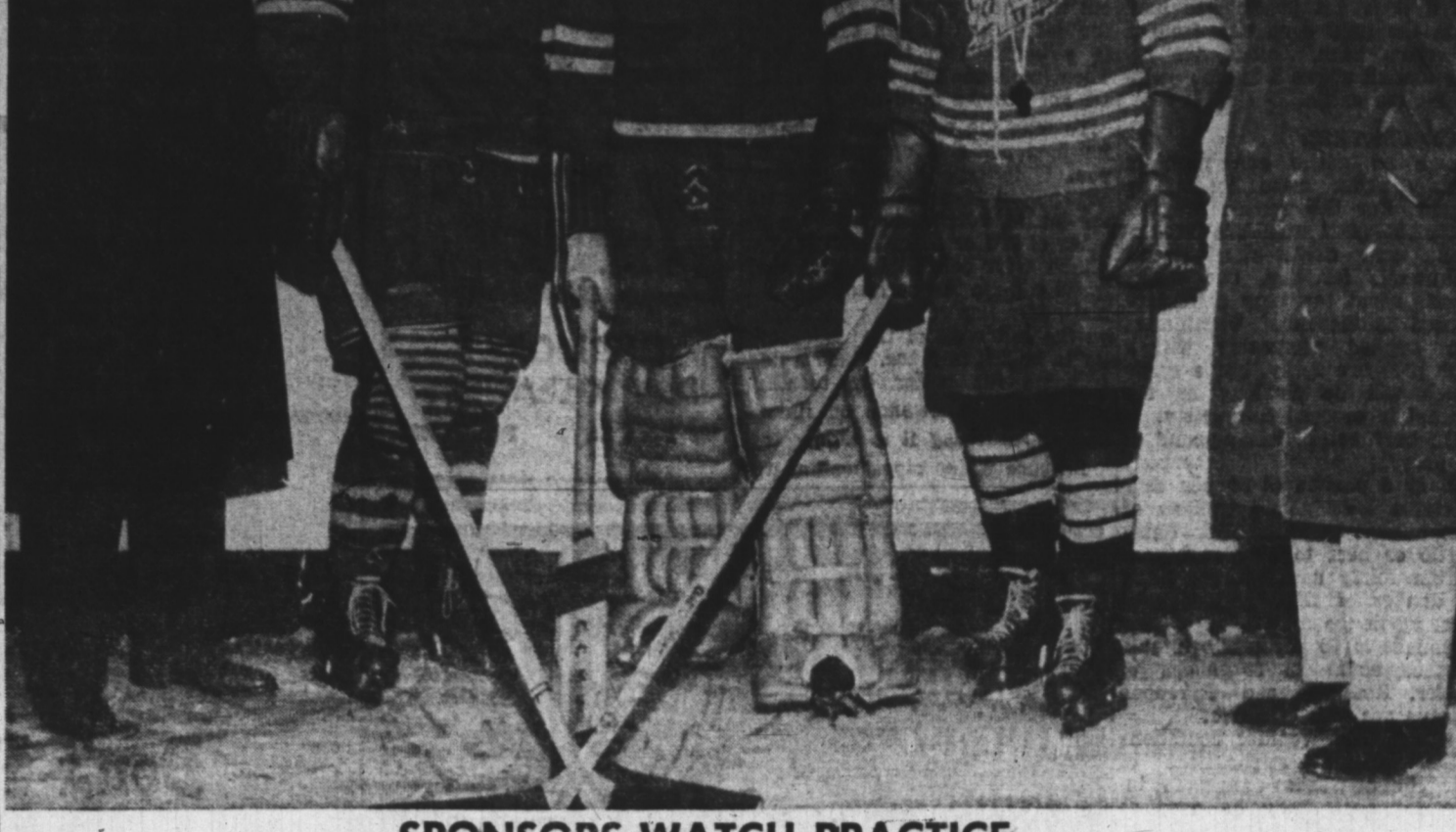
Then there is the fan who wants to know why drivers bring in horses not fit to pull snowplows. "Some of the drivers should get in the grandstand so that they can see what the fans really think of them."

The writer does not believe that the driver needs to be in the grandstand. All he has to do as he pulls up is to pass close to the fence in front of the stands, and he can find out as I did what a fan thought of me the night when Stalag Hanover was

leading beautifully to the three-quarter pole, and then made a top and had to be taken to the outside, and he finished up in the rear.

**FALL SPEED SALE**  
The 12th annual Fall Speed Sale at Delaware Ohio, was held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and no doubt there are some Maritimers attending it. There are upwards of 100 good horses with records from 2:01 4/5 to 2:4 and no doubt some of them are excellent buys.

In addition, there are many yearlings by outstanding sires, a number of outstanding brood mares and young mares. Heading the list of fast pacers is Mailonidem, with a three-year-old record of 2:01 4/5.



Two of the most interested spectators at last night's hockey practice of the Perfection Penguins were John A. Percy Simmonds, president and vice-president of Central Creameries Ltd. who are sponsoring the team in this season's Island Senior Hockey League. When Lorne Hennessey gave his team a breather John and Percy posed with three of the players for this picture. Left to right they are: Percy Simmonds, Junior MacLeod, team captain; goalie Mane Doyle, coach Lorne Hennessey and John A. Simmonds.

## Chovalo Retains Crown; Halts Yvon Durelle In 12th

TORONTO (CP) - Canadian heavyweight champion George Chovalo of Toronto retained his title Tuesday night with a 12-round knockout over Yvon Durelle, Canadian and British Empire light-heavyweight titleholder, in a bloody battle before a crowd of about 10,000 at Maple Leaf Gardens. Durelle went down for the count at 1:01 of the round after taking a beating most of the way.

The 22-year-old Chovalo, jittery and obviously nervous in the early part of the fight, gave Durelle a fearful beating. He was down for a three count in the first round, again in nine in the fifth and was dropped to the canvas twice in the 10th, for counts of eight and seven.

Durelle, who says he is "past 30," was repeatedly beaten to the punch by the 22-year-old Chovalo who won the Canadian heavy-weight title in September, 1955, and had only two fights since.

The fighting fisherman from Baie Ste. Anne, N.B., who weighed in at 186 1/2 pounds against Chovalo's 210 and who was three inches shorter than the six-foot-one-half-inch Chovalo, proved only one thing

to the big crowd - that he could absorb punishment.

**FORCED FIGHT**  
Durelle forced the fight most of the way, but took only stiff lefts, right smashes and left right uppercuts to the head and stomach for his trouble. He bled from the nose in the wild second round, his right eye started to puff in the fifth and he was bleeding from a gash around his

right eyebrow from the sixth round on.

Durelle had a hard time tagging his taller opponent. He fought from a crouch most of the distance and was clipped smartly with short lefts and rights as he leaped in efforts to land looping rights.

Chovalo, cool and with his nerves under control after the opening round, repeatedly scored with short left crosses and right uppercuts.

ever, and the champion blamed the situation on the Michigan boxer being a southpaw. Charnley also is a left-hander.

"All left-handers should be taken out and drowned," Brown said shortly before the Lane fight.

**Saints Defeat Road Kings 48-45**  
Canada Road Kings, a travelling hoop team, ran into some stiff opposition last evening when they played Saint Dunstan's varsity hoopers.

The Saints, with only four players remaining from last year's varsity squad, eked out a 48-45 victory over their opponents.

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**KENNEDY GOES TO EDMONTON**  
TORONTO (CP) - Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League today brought up centre player Murray Oliver from their Edmonton Flyers farm club.

At the same time centre Forbes Kennedy and defenceman Pete Goegan were sent down to the Western Hockey League team.

Coach Syd Abel said Kennedy agreed that he needed more ice time. "We feel he has a lot in him but he needs to play a lot more."

Detroit plays Toronto Maple Leafs here Wednesday night.

**Montague Holds Curling Meet**  
At the opening meeting of the Montague Curling Club held last night in the clubrooms, it was decided that the 1959-60 season would get underway on December 1st.

Over 25 members attended the meeting at which Doug MacGowan, Glen Murphy and Pete Summitt were appointed as games committee.

D. MacGowan, at MacDonald and Joey Fraser were appointed to provide teams for the Gaboury competition which will be held this year at Summerside.

Skips appointed for this season are: R.R. Beck, T. Clair, J.S. DesRoches, J. Cudmore, A.A. Fraser, Dr. L.A. Johnston, H. Moar, At. MacDonald, D. MacGowan, Dr. P. MacIntyre, Will MacLean, C. Nicholson, G. Nicholson, Sarl Stewart, Art Sullivan, Lou Poole.

**Basketball Loop Holds Meeting**  
A meeting of the Island Senior 'C' Basketball League was held last evening. In attendance were Bill Ledwell, president of the league, Tom Scantlebury, secretary, Scantlebury was also representing PWC at the meeting. Other team representatives were: Trotters - Wendell Gump Gillis; YMCA - Jack Ross; ROAF - Gary Weese. Also in attendance was Fil-L. Don Hepburn, president of the P.E.I. Amateur Basketball Association.

The meeting recognized the formation of the Charlottetown basketball league and tentative arrangements were made for the formation of an Island Senior 'C' League to operate on a reduced schedule.

Possible entries in this league are R.C.A.F., Trotters, PWC and YMCA combined and Saint Dunstan's. The SDU team however, was not available for comment.

Another meeting will be held at a later date when team representatives and league executive can express their views.

**Curling Draw**  
T.P.M.  
Ice 1 - Dr. Gallant, F. MacMillan, W. Millar, N. Kelly, vs. Doug Saunders, G. Greenough, C. Ready, H. Rector.

Ice 2 - D. Walker, R. Maniag, F. Stephens, J. Morris, Jr., vs. Ed Tanton, A. Burke, Dr. Kelly, Dr. A. Roberts.

Ice 3 - W. Mellish, S. Beaton, A. Ballem, J. Burgess, vs. W.R. Burnett, F. Johnston, L. Doyle, Geo. Wilson.

Ice 4 - T.W.L. Prowse, L. Johnston, Bob MacLeod, H. Horsford, vs. H.R. Carruthers, J. Gorrill, B. Cox, Dr. Higgins.

Ice 5 - R. W. Manning, M. Reeves, J.S. Taylor, H. Smith, vs. A. MacLeod, T. Mitton, J. Johnston, T. Goodyear.

Ice 1 - Open.  
Ice 2 - E. K. MacNutt, C. Asprey, C. Boudreau, C. Bartlett, vs. Addie MacDonald, C. Whitehead, M. Pursey, Bud MacDonald.

Ice 3 - Lloyd Wellner, L. Campbell, D. Forsythe, J. Rawick, vs. B. Jones, E. MacDonald, L. Donald, Sterling Moore.

Ice 4 - K. Acorn, D. Matheson, W. Farrell, Bob Dillon, Lew Turner, J.L. Burnett, F. Bradley, Robert Shaw.

Ice 5 - Ken MacDonald, O.K. Presby, H. Douglas, E. Callaghan, vs. G. Storey, R. Newson, L. McPhail, Tom Walker.

Sir William Herschel, the famous British astronomer who died in 1822, was educated as a professional musician.

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## PLAYED ONLY SEVEN GAMES

# Oxford Student Is Rage Of Rugby Union Football

By JOHN FARROW  
LONDON (AP) - Pete Dawkins, former Army All-American half-back and Heisman Trophy winner Tuesday was all the rage of Rugby Union football - the man who took to the English game like a Norwegian takes to skis.

The husky son of a Royal Oak, Mich., dentist came to England as a Rhodes scholar only six weeks ago and saw rugby for the first time.

Now, only seven games later, he's the big tip for a place on Oxford University's team to play Cambridge at Twickenham Stadium Dec. 8.

No other American ever moved so quickly. No other American ever stood a chance of winning a coveted "blue," the award for playing against Cambridge, in such a short time.

**MODEST ABOUT WORK**  
"There are 14 other players on the Oxford team besides me," he noted modestly when swamped by reporters after scoring two tries (touchdowns) for Oxford against Blackheath last Saturday.

British sports writers are sure Dawkins is booked to play for Oxford against Cambridge and so set a time record that probably will stand for all time.

It is 28 years since Fred Hoyle of the University of Minnesota played for Oxford on the wing against Cambridge. But it took Hoyle about two seasons of learning to make the team.

Here are just a few British sports writers' comments about Dawkins' play last Saturday.

"Two tries, several fine runs, and a flair for being in the right position at the right time." - The London Sunday Times.

"He scored two good tries (touchdowns), ran well on other occasions, took a pass better than anyone." - The London Telegraph.

His pals argue that the Dawkins' approach to life and sport is that of a perfectionist.

"He's a player who wants to play rugby as well as he plays American football, and we think he can do it," said one of his Oxford teammates.

He'll find out Thursday if he's been picked for the Oxford team to play Cambridge.

## NAMED ROOKIE OF YEAR

# Giants' Willie McCovey Looks Forward To 1960

By JACK STEVENSON  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - National League rookie of the year Willie (Stretch) McCovey of the San Francisco Giants looks forward to 1960 for his first real test.

"Next season should really show how I'll do in the big leagues," the 6-foot-4 first baseman said Tuesday.

Manager Bill Rigney has no such doubts.

"Watch him go in 1960," said Rigney. "He could be baseball's next 400 hitter."

Willie's choice for rookie honors was unanimous by the 24-member selection committee of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

He crashed into the majors July 30 with two triples and two singles in four times at bat, bringing the Giants out of a slump. He continued through 52 games to finish with a .354 average and 13 home runs.

"With the wind blowing into right field at Candlestick Park instead of to left as at Seals Stadium," Rigney said, "there's no telling what a lefty swinger of Willie's talents might do."

The Giants move next year to newly built Candlestick Park from Seals Stadium where they played since moving to San Francisco two seasons ago.

"How many home runs will he hit? I'll put it at a conservative 30," Rigney said.

"I guess this rookie of the year business will end all talk we're going to trade him. We'll never deal him off as long as I'm manager of the Giants and still breathing."

McCovey didn't find the jump from class AAA ball in Phoenix, Ariz., to the National League too great. "The biggest difference is the pay," he chuckled.

He was the second Giant first baseman in a row to be honored as the National League's rookie of the year. In 1958 it was Orlando Cepeda who was moved first to third base and then permanently to left field after Willie reported in.

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