

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

A Prince Edward Islander—Joe O'Brien—son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Brien, Alberton, has now the largest stable of trotters and pacers in the world. Up until a few days ago his charges numbered 37 but an offer made by Sol Camp, millionaire horse breeder and harness horse enthusiast of California, has resulted in Joe taking over the training and racing of that stable. It had been trained and raced by Wilbur Beattie the last two seasons. Joe's career with the harness horses since he went to the U. S. A. has been nothing short of remarkable. It was in September, 1947, that he left here after having been leading driver of the Maritimes for several years. He took his stable to the newly opened track at Foxboro, Mass., and very quickly made a name for himself as a winning driver, and when the season ended he held several records.

Sep Pallin, trainer and manager of the Castleton Farm stable at Lexington, Kentucky, on the look-out for an assistant trainer and driver, was told about Joe and negotiations were soon on which resulted in Joe taking over the training of the stable which was then on its way to California. He had them all in good shape when

Loyalty to patrons has been one of the reasons Joe has resisted offers from Mr. Camp on previous occasions, but no doubt some arrangement has been made for him to continue for this season at least, with the horses owned by A. L. Derby of Wichita, Kansas, and the Milky Way Stables of New York. These include some real young trotters and pacers such as Great Colby, that Joe recently drove to a three-year-old winning record of 2:06 at Santa Anita—and it is the fastest by a three-year-old this season. He has also won three races with Dinner Date 2, 2:07 1/5 and she is looked on as a good prospect to win the Hambletonian stake. Then again there is Vonian Chief, with a two-year-old record of 2:06 1/5 over a half mile track and winnings of \$23,000, and he is staked in the Little Brown Jug and other big events. These are just a few of the horses who have been noticed while in California. In addition there are several two-year-olds that showed ability to trot or pace in 2:15 or better a couple of weeks ago.

Hitherto the biggest stable on record was that of Johnny Simpson and he, it will be remembered, had telephones and all kinds of paraphernalia so that he could keep in touch with the various parts of it. This year Simpson is training and driving exclusively for the Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, Pa., and will probably not be racing more than fifteen or twenty horses. What Joe's plans are we have no idea, but it is quite possible that when the stable moves east to Roosevelt Raceway at the conclusion of the present Santa Anita meeting, quite a number of the lesser prospects will be weeded out and it may cut down to approximately forty horses. The bookkeeping of such a stable is tremendous and this has been carried on by Joe's very capable wife, Betty, daughter of James Flood of this city. Joe and Betty are very popular with owners and all help and that makes things go quite smoothly. He has a splendid assistant trainer and will no doubt need another. Anyhow it must be admitted that it is a tremendous tribute to a young man like Joe, who left here a comparative stranger in the harness driving ranks in the U. S. A. a few years ago to be placed in charge of one of the most expensive stables in the world.

A visitor to Earle Semple's stable, Kensington, tells us that all his horses are in splendid shape and getting ready for a big racing campaign that has been mapped out for 1952. Mary Merk, the star of the stable, has been raced by Earle for several years. Last season she won the first heat in 2:04 2/5 and then won the final heat in 2:01 1/5. He met a similar field at Lexington, Ky., later on and Mighty Sun was second the first heat in 2:00 2/5 and won the next two and race in 2:03, 2:02. The same afternoon he drove Mr.

The Neighbors

By George Clark

"Oh, don't worry, Mrs. Wilks, the boys are getting on fine. They've got their arms around each other."

LITTLE SPORT

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3 Teams Win Fourth Victory Without Loss In Major Ball Leagues

(By the Associated Press)

Brooklyn Dodgers and Cleveland Indians, favored to clash in the 1952 World Series, and the amazing St. Louis Browns scored their fourth victories without a defeat Friday as the majors staged their secondary openers.

The games in eight cities attracted 223,432 fans compared to the 143,079 who witnessed the six openers Tuesday. Poor weather and the postponement of two games held Tuesday's crowds down.

Handy Andy Pafko blasted a home run in the 12th inning, his second of the day and third of the season, to give the Dodgers a 7-6 victory over their arch rivals, New York Giants, before 31,032 fans at Ebbets Field.

The Giants smeared Clem Labine, who blanked them 10-0 in the second playoff game last fall, for five runs in the first inning, but Carl Erskine and bonus baby Elmer Gagne kept the Giants in check the rest of the way.

Brooklyn pounced on Jim Hearn and Hoyt Wilhelm for four runs in the first two innings and tied the score in the eighth at 6-6 on Jackie Robinson's first homer of the spring. Loebs blanked the Giants on 11 hits and fanned five in the last five innings.

HUNTERS' CORNER

The opening day of the trout season is now past history. It was not a pleasant day by any stretch of the imagination. A grey dawn was made greyer by mist and fog banks that lay low amid the alder swales. It was not cold in the morning but as the day advanced the temperature lowered steadily until by evening a deep chill penetrated layer upon layer of clothing. It takes a lot to discourage a die in the wool angler and Tuesday's weather was taken in stride. As the shades of night closed down along the banks of the Morell, long bamboo poles made eerie swishing sounds in the dark, spruce bound coves.

Anglers were out in force and in all ages. In the fog shrouded dawn, pint sized kiddies, some barely able to furnish the muscle power to keep a bicycle moving, headed countryward along pavement edge. Some of them caught trout too. Shortly after daybreak I stopped at a narrow stream that ran deep and fast down an alder bordered valley. A number of adult anglers, equipped with the latest in fishing rods and reels, were checked but all were troutless. As I moved upstream I glimpsed a long silvery object that appeared to leap from the water like a bird in flight and, after describing a complete arc, came to rest on a patch of sod at bankside.

Rounding a bend in the alders, I came upon a beaming faced kiddie wrestling with a pounce sea trout. On the grass nearby was a nice gad of trout, eight of them, strung on an alder branch. For a rod he was using a three-foot length of dead alder that was fully an inch and a half in diameter. Attached to this club was a few feet of cheap fishing line. I said to him: "How old are you and do you live around here?" "I'm ten years old and I live in Pownal" and then as an after thought he explained: "I'm Dick's boy" that explained a lot of things. I watched him for a few moments. He checked his bait and then cast in. The line floated under a submerged alder overhanging that rose and fell with the swift current. In less than five minutes there was another neave ho and a 9 inch trout left that hole like it was jet propelled. A few yards above him were two anglers who were plying the latest in telescope steel rods and the same distance below were two other hopefuls whose reels were as mute as "The harp that hung on Tara's walls."

Q.S.S. Wins Hoop Game At Souris

The Queen Square School basketball team defeated the Souris High School team 47-23 Wednesday night in an exhibition game at Souris.

George MacGuigan paced the winners with 22 points followed by Ronnie Hughes with eight and Billy Kelly with seven. Reg Peters and Lorne Mooney led the losers with eight points each.

Q. S. S.: G. MacGuigan, 22; B. Kelly, 7; J. McQuarrie, 2; R. Hughes, 8; F. Smith, 3; K. McDonald, 5; total, 47.

Souris: M. Gallant, 0; M. Paquette, 0; R. Peters, 8; S. Paquet, 0; H. Paquet, 4; L. McCormick, 0; L. Mooney, 8; R. Ellis, 0; J. McIntosh, 3; total, 23.

Referee—Wendall Gillis.

Dodgers Scout To Arrive Here Early Monday

Amiable Bill O'Connor, Brooklyn Dodgers scout will arrive in the City early Monday morning for a three day stand in the province during which time he will address various schools and clubs in Charlottetown, Summerside and Kensington.

At each of the meetings he attends Mr. O'Connor will be showing baseball films and giving addresses on baseball.

Following is the itinerary which has been lined up for Mr. O'Connor: Monday—West Kent College, 10:45 a. m.; Rotary—12:45 p. m.; Queen Square School—2:30 p. m.; Provincial Sanatorium—4:15 p. m.; Gyro Club—6:15; Armouries—7:30 (open for general public); Armouries—9:30 (games room for special session with officials, coaches, managers and players).

Tuesday—Parkdale School—9:30 a. m.; Prince Street School—10:45 a. m.; Spring Park—2:30 p. m.; D. U.—4:15 p. m.; Holy Redeemer Community Centre—7:30 p. m.

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Apparently the Aces iced two teams Thursday night, one a defensive squad of five players and the other the offensive team of Bellevue. In addition to scoring three of the Aces four goals, Bellevue had 11 of the 15 shots which the Quebec team took at the Saint John net. Speaking of Bellevue's drives, Saint John goalie Hal Gordon stated he has a hard, fantastical shot.

Feller and Lemon Win

Bob Feller, with help in the ninth from Bob Lemon, pitched the Indians to a 5-0 six-hit victory over Detroit Tigers before 56,068 fans at Cleveland.

The triumph was Feller's 231st of his career.

Feller was lifted after he walked three batters with one out in the ninth. Lemon quickly doused the fire by inducing pinch-hitter Steve Souchock to ground into a game-ending double play.

Harry Simpson led the Indians' seven-hit attack against four Tiger pitchers by driving in two runs on a pair of singles.

The Browns rewarded a turn-out of 12,573 fans at St. Louis by thrashing Chicago White Sox 7-1 behind the five-hit pitching of Duane Pillette. Pillette is the fourth Brownie pitcher to travel the route in as many games. His defeat was the fourth straight for the "Go Go" Sox.

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A tentative date of April 21 had been mentioned previously. The definite date was set with the return to Montreal of general manager Frank Selke of the Forum, who conferred with promoter Raoul Godbout.

Langlois won a decision over Charlie Salas of Phoenix, Ariz., here March 31.

led in the first two quarters as the Ontario boys had difficulty finding the range. St. Kitts stepped up the pace later and were pulling away at the whistle. St. Mary's shot the works in the beginning and faded toward the end.

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By BILL KING

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Van Zant, except for a third place in 1948, has not been impressive in his four starts in this famed 26-mile, 385-yard "grind". Last year he wound up 10th as Lafferty finished runner-up to Japan's Shigei Tanaka, whose 2:27:45 timing was two minutes, six seconds slower than the course record set by Korea's Yun Bok Suh in 1947.

Lafferty also was Van Zant's runner-up at Yonkers, N. Y., last May. About two weeks later, Lafferty won a Laconia, N. H., marathon.

The outstanding member of a three-man Guatemalan team, Velazquez finished eighth, despite an injured foot, in his first Boston A. A. start in 1948.

Among other foreign threats besides the Canadians are Sevik Karu, Turkish-born representative of New York's Pioneer Club, and Wang Chen Ling of South China.

Canadian entries are: Robert Shaver, Gerry Loiselle, George Hard, Lloyd Evans, Roland Bouffard, all of Montreal; Paul Belliveau, Peter R. Gough, George Lolland, Warren Eyre, Donald and Lionel Nesbitt, Fred Begley, Peter Richard, all of Toronto; George Gallant, Shediak, N. B.; Gordon Gilmour, Quebec City; Donald James, Winnipeg; James Sherwood, Hantsport, N.S.; Louie Beda, Galt, Ont.; Don Shetler, Sydney, N.S. Evans finished fifth in both 1944 and 1945.

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