



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Ben White, the dean of all Grand Circuit reamers, celebrating his 85th birthday on February 25th. Ben was born in Canada but has spent nearly all his life training and racing horses in the United States. . . . Thunderclap, the free-for-all pacer recently purchased by A. Demers, Quebec City, from the Saunders Mills stable, will race in the fast classes at Santa Anita in March prior to being shipped to the new owner, Wendell Warren, son of S. A. Wathen, Fort Fairfield, Maine. It is only forty years of age but he now rates as one of the top harness horse drivers. In 1935 when he was 21 years old he led all race winning drivers for that year, having won 56 victories with his stable of five horses. His star trotter was Alloway 206 1-4, that he won ten races with out of 12 starts. Alloway was afterwards a winner of the Free For All Trot at Charlottetown, stepping his mile in 2:07 3-4, which was at the time a new track trotting record. He was owned at first by Bob Ryan. The same season (1935) that Wendell was cutting such a swath on the race tracks, Vic Flemming had the famous Calumet, Evelyn, that he gave a pacing record of 1:58 1-4 and a trotting record of 2:00 1-2. By some she is called the greatest racing mare of all time.

Trainers are giving their horses some fast miles in preparation for the harness race meet that starts at Santa Anita March 12. The fastest mile of the year to date was stepped by the four-year-old pacing stallion Hawkins' Host, for trainer Clarence Hanson, that was over the mile track at Stockton, Cal., 2:04 1-5. At nearby Del Mar oval over 600 horses are being prepped for the campaigns of 1954 and hundreds of railbirds are there every day watching the workouts. A horse that is attracting a great deal of attention is a green trotter named Doc Silk that was recently converted from the pace and last week was timed in 2:06 for the mile. That same day Harry Fitzpatrick worked the free-for-all pacer Irish Hal in 2:06 2-5.

Among the list of horses named for the free for all stakes at Santa Anita are the following pacers: Scottish Chief 1:59 1-5, Irish Hal 2:39 3-5, Miss Mammie 1:59 3-5, Express Hal 2:00, Warpath 2:01 2-5, Rime's Widower 2:01, Freeman Hanover 2:01, Favonian Chief 2:02 4-5, Scotch Spencer 2:02, Ranger Hanover 2:02 3-5, Quiet Guy 2:04 1-5 and King Games 2:04 3-5. Eleven horses have been named for the trotting stakes of the early meeting at Santa Anita. They are, Beck Hanover (Joe O'Brien), Darn Flashy, Dutch Harbor, Anderson Hanover, Mabel Tass, Jasmine Hanover, Signal F., Holly's Isola, Mainliner, Sidney Guy and Sheraton.

Harry Pownall, who trains horses for multi-millionaires, according

to reports, has one of the best stables of two and three-year-old trotters he has ever trained. Those belonging to the Arden Home-stead Stable are particularly promising. This stable is owned by E. Roland Harriman, son of the famous E. H. Harriman, railroad builder and the man who brought into being the Union Pacific and other great roads and was the owner of the famous pacer John R. Gentry 2:00 1-2. Harry Pownall was the first man at Orlando, Florida, to ride a mile better than 2:30 this season with one of his new two-year-olds named Tyrant, time, 2:29 4-5.

Del Miller has the largest stable of any trainer in the United States. It now numbers 80 head at Orlando and he has six assistant trainers; one of them, who recently joined him is Houston Stone, who has made quite a reputation in the mid-western U.S.A.

A letter from Glen Jenkins, Chatham, N.B., gives us particulars of a new purchase made by him and Alphonse Napke of Newcastle, namely, the eight-year-old pacing mare Treva Rale 2:08 by Chief Abbedale 2:00. She is eligible to the 2:18 pace and at Quebec, Aug. 12 she was 2:2 in 2:09 4-5, 2:10 1-5, Aug. 22 she was 2:3 in 2:09 1-5, 2:08 1-5; Sept. 2 she was 2:2 in 2:12, 2:11 3-5 and Sept. 15, 1-1 in 2:10 1-5, 2:11 3-5. She is a good looking mare weighing 1,025 lbs. with excellent feet and legs. Messrs. Napke and Jenkins are partners in the ownership of Future Counsel 2:04 1-5 that was raced by Johnny Conroy, Truro, last season, and in 15 starts was eight times first, twice second and four times third in fast company. Three of his winning miles were stepped in 2:08 3-5, 2:09 1-5 and 2:09 4-5 over the Truro track. Our congratulations to friend Glen on being a good picker. Every year or so he turns up with a horse that makes good in the Maritimes and Glen, who worked with Johnny Conroy, has the greatest faith in him and of course we all know it is justified. There is no more conscientious trainer or driver anywhere than Johnny.

Den Hanover 3, 1:58 1-2 was the top sire of \$10,000 and over winners in 1953 with 21 such winners. Volomite 3, 2:03 1-4 follows with 14; Billy Direct 4, 1:55, 13; Scotland 1:59 1-4, 12; Chief Abbedale 2:00, 10; Darnley 1:59 3-4, 9; Hal Dale 2:02 1-4, 9 and Napoleon Hanover 1:58 3-4, 8. Dean Hanover has come right to the front as a sire in the past few years although he always turned out quite a number of good ones.

The Summerside Trotting Association, Ltd., proprietors of Summerside Raceway, Summerside, P. E. I., are planning an annual sale of Standardbred trotters and pacers, the first of which will be held on Monday, May 3rd with horses and colts paraded at the race track the afternoon of May 2, the sale to open at the Stadium at 10:00 a.m. May 3. This will be followed by a horsemen's get-together and banquet at 6:00 p.m. The manager of the sale will be Ken MacDougall, who is also manager of the Summerside Race-

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FRIDAY—
Children's Skating 4 to 5:30
HOCKEY—GLACE BAY—8:30.

SATURDAY—
Skating 3 to 5
Skating 8 to 10

FORUM DATES
FEB. 23 to 27

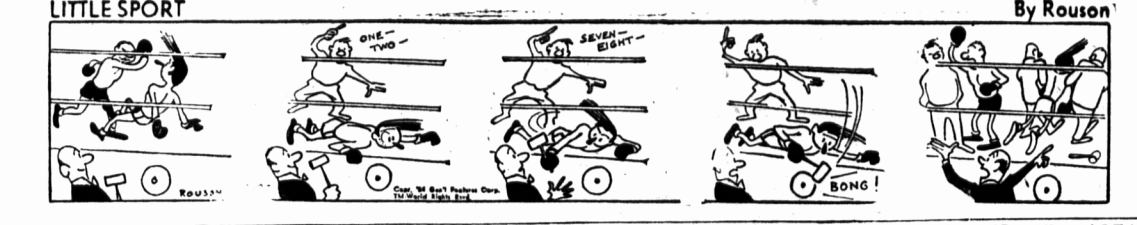
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INTERCOLLEGIATE BASKETBALL GAME
AT SAINT DUNSTAN'S GYMNASIUM
SAINT DUNSTAN'S versus UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
FEBRUARY 27th
Time 8 o'clock. Admission 50c.



IN THIS CORNER

Sincere sympathy is extended to Lt. Col. W. J. MacDonald, Mrs. MacDonald and family on the death of their son and brother Billy. Although only 17 years of age Billy was a sophomore year student at St. Dunstan's University and was outstanding in scholastic work, but also in certain athletic fields, particularly rifle shooting. Last August he was a member of the Canadian Cadet Corps which opposed the British Cadets in the D.C.R.A. Shoot at Ottawa and in June he had been a member of the Island team that competed in the Inter-Maritime Rifle Shoot at Bedford, N.S.

League President C. Roy MacDonald's proposal to cancel next week's Maritime Hockey League schedule and commence the play-offs looks like a pretty sound suggestion in view of the events of the past few days. However his suggestion has been turned down and it is believed by all four clubs Islanders Club President Smith MacFarlane stated salary contracts was the main reason why the clubs favored carrying the schedule to completion. He pointed out that most of the players are signed for a 20 week schedule and according to their contracts would have to be paid even if they did nothing. The Islanders also hope to have three home games next week. By the way things are going they'll need a game every night to maintain interest until the play-offs.

The postponements of the past week must have left the Islanders and Miners in desperate financial conditions. The Islanders have had one home game and the Miners as yet none. Out of all the bitter disappointments and setbacks of this week and this winter there is only one consolation. That is the cold, hard fact that any Maritime League comprising Charlottetown and Cape Breton teams is economically impossible. This week's proceedings have broken the camel's back. From now on there is no choice but that Cape Breton go their way in one League and the Islanders get in to another or get out.

Sunday's meeting at New Glasgow will be a fiery affair. The Islanders will be represented by Jim MacCallum and Charlie Praught while the Miners can be expected to have a strong delegation on hand. The last time the M.M.H.L. held a meeting in New Glasgow the Miners were represented by four men, Glace Bay and the Islanders will each submit protests regarding the loss of their home games. Both protests will be thrown out and most fans will be hoping that the M.M.H.L. throws out that last week of the schedule and commence the play-offs Monday night.

As we see it neither the Islanders nor Miners are to blame for missing those games this week. The Islanders could not leave the Island by car on Wednesday morning although they could have taken the train to Borden and hired a taxi on the mainland. The Miners did everything they could to reach here last night. They could not take their bus on the Island roads so they phoned ahead for taxis. The fact that the taxis did not reach Borden was not the Miners' fault. If the cars had been at Borden the Miners might have reached here. The Islanders came down via the Bonshaw Road yesterday evening. One driver said it was possible to come from Borden to Charlottetown but impossible to drive from Charlottetown to Borden owing to more uphill travel.

For Club President Smith MacFarlane, coach Bucko Trainor and Forum Manager Forrest Clow these are trying times. There's no dodging the fact the Islanders have struck it as tough this season as any club has for a long time. The weather has hit them hard and often. The fact that they have survived at all is something of a miraculous nature. Except for a

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Islanders Submit Protest Over Miners Failure To Reach Here Last Night

The Charlottetown Islanders have lodged a protest with M.M.H.L. President C. Roy MacDonald over the failure of the Glace Bay Miners to reach here last night for a regularly scheduled game at the Forum. The game was the third in the M.M.H.L. this week to be postponed.

The Miners got as far as Borden yesterday evening but were unable to reach Charlottetown. Acting coach Hughie Campbell of the Miners did not contact the rink to inform the Islanders that he could not reach Charlottetown until 9:15. It was mainly on this point that the Islanders lodged their protest.

The Islanders themselves plan to leave Charlottetown at six o'clock this morning for a game in Glace Bay tonight. They feel that their arrival in Glace Bay will be proof that the Miners could have made the trip to Charlottetown.

Following is the text of the night letter sent to C. Roy MacDonald last night by Islanders Club President Smith MacFarlane: "Glace Bay failed to reach Charlottetown for scheduled game Feb. 26. If team left in sufficient time they would have caught the 2:40 crossing and would not have had any difficulty in reaching Charlottetown by train.

"Jack Murphy and others left Borden by car after the Glace Bay team arrived and were in Charlottetown for the game. If others could make it the Glace Bay team could also. Glace Bay did not officially contact club or rink. We were in contact with them after locating them and it was not until approximately 9:15 that Hughie Campbell told us he couldn't make it. We therefore demand that league ruling be invoked and that Glace Bay be fined \$1500."

League President MacDonald

will defer the matter until the emergency meeting in New Glasgow on Sunday afternoon.

The Guardian Sports Department was in conversation via telephone with Hughie Campbell about nine o'clock last night. At that time the Miners were in the C.N.R. rest room at Borden waiting taxis to convey them to Charlottetown.

Campbell reported that the Miners left home at 6:30 yesterday morning by bus. They lost an hour on a quarter mile of dirt road leading to the Strait of Canso. When the Miners arrived at Port Elgin, N. B., they phoned Charlottetown for taxis to meet them at Borden and carry them to the City. The Miners could not take their bus from Borden to Charlottetown on account of the weight restrictions on the Island roads.

The Charlottetown taxis however failed to reach Borden. An office spokesman stated the taxis were unable to pass Reid's Corner on account of the mud. At 11:30 last night the cabs had not returned to Charlottetown.

Upon being informed that the Charlottetown taxis could not get through Campbell stated that he called Summerside seeking travelling aid. He stated that the team would have returned to the mainland on the 2:30 crossing but for the fact that the Islanders had asked them to try and make the trip.

The Miners returned to Tormentine on the eleven o'clock crossing.

Last night the Islanders stated they would have personally seen that the Miners were brought here had they known about the Miners' plight in time.

Millionaires In 4-3 Victory Over Atlantics

SYDNEY, (CP) — Ray Lacroix's second goal late in the final period gave Sydney Millionaires a 4-3 win Friday night over Halifax Atlantics in a Maritime Major Hockey League game.

The win put Mills two games behind the leading Atlantics. The other league game between Glace Bay Miners and Charlottetown Islanders at Charlottetown was postponed because Miners were delayed by road conditions.

Mills split four goals in the first period, were tied 3-3 in the second and played on even terms with Atlantics until a power play got them the winner at 18:22 of the third.

George Robertson and Charlie Marshall got Sydney's other goals. Halifax was led by coach Dugger McNeil, who notched two, and Bob Bowness got the other.

There were only five penalties in the comparatively tame contest, and three went to Halifax. Halifax goalie Roy McMeekin had 23 stops, five more than Norm Defelice.

Line-up: Halifax — Goal: McMeekin; defence: Arcand, Lepine, McNeil; forwards: Wywrot, Watson, Ford, Bowness, LeClerc, Morrow, Hollett, McPhee.

Sydney — Goal: Defelice; defence: McCallum, O'Connor, McDonald, Cooper; forwards: Robertson, Pirie, McIntyre, Cowan, Chorley, Dubuc, Reardon, Marshall, Lacroix.

First Period
1—Sydney, Robertson

Mounties Defeat U.N.B. 83-66

SACKVILLE, N. B. (CP) — The Mount Allison University men's and women's basketball teams split a doubleheader with University of New Brunswick Friday night. Mt. A. varsity won 82-66 and the U.N.B. girls 48-42. The men's intercollegiate series will be decided at Charlottetown when UNB plays St. Dunstan's in the final game of a round-robin tournament.

Tickets Good For Next Game

Tickets sold for last night's game between the Islanders and Glace Bay Miners will be honored at the next M.M.H.L. game at the Forum. It has been announced by Forum Manager Forrest Clow.

Wins Ladies Curling Honors

A rink skipped by Bessie Prowse was the winner of the President's match in a ladies competition at the Charlottetown Curling Club recently. The Prowse rink defeated a rink skipped by Ada Mahar 8-5 in the finals.

Following is the personnel of the winning rink: Bessie Prowse, skip; Lillian Duchemin, mate; Ethel Sutherland, second stone; Gracie Campbell, first stone.

Basketball Games This Evening

Two Island League Basketball games will be played at Prince of Wales College this evening. The Sport Lodge Trotters will play the Air Force at 6:15 in the first game and the Nomads will meet the Air Force at eight o'clock in the second.



HUNTERS CORNER

Val Cartier, the first stepping stone, has memories all its own. Grubbing out blueberry bushes for tent sites... long lines of horses kicking and squealing... the soft, liquid murmur of the Jacques Cartier River in the quietude of night... black bass splashing in the pools... a Hunter's moon riding the old back ridge of the Laurentians... homesick memories of the Old Home Lake, the scent of spruce—the night throbbing to the clamour of incoming geese... .

Late in September Troop ships began slipping out of Quebec under cover of night and assembled in Gaspe Bay. On October 3, 1914, I stood on the deck of the S. S. Magantic, as the setting sun dropped behind the Gaspe hills, and had my last glimpse of Canada until May, 1919. At the Indian says: "Long time no see 'um". We formed in three lines. Our ship led the left line with the light Cruiser Eclipse showing the way.

It was a long hard grind before I dabbled my toes in The Rhine and places like St. Julien, Ypres, The Somme, Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, The Hindenburg Line, Cambrai, Valenciennes — were landmarks indelibly imprinted in Canadian history. I missed the freedom I had given up but it wasn't all hardship. In gun pits, dugouts, Billets behind the lines or wherever duck hunters happened to foregather the name of Jack had become legendary. I received regular bulletins on how he was coming on and could tell he was slipping. Such news items as "He's getting pretty good and rheumatism keeps him awake at night's" bothered me somewhat and I began to wonder if he'd last the war out.

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Sometimes, when in a reminiscent mood, the buddies I met and shared dugouts with, sometimes

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York Rifle Club Scores

Following are this week's scores of the York Rifle Club:

YORK RIFLE CLUB
The following are the scores for the week February 25th, 1954.

Stuart Vessey	96
Dean Watts	96
A. Brown	95
A. Swan	95
H. T. Vessey	94
D. Moore	94
H. Watts	94
J. Andrews	94
J. Hardy	94
P. Proud	94
A. J. Cluney	93
H. Lewis	93
H. Taylor	93
G. Andrews	93
A. Court	93
N. Brown	93
M. Ling	93
C. Watts	92
Lloyd Vessey	92
B. Andrews	92
R. Vessey	92
W. Birt	90
H. Buell	90
A. Buell	89
J. Vesey	89
Louis Vessey	89
I. Swan	88
F. Vessey	88
D. K. Swan	87
T. Haggerty	87
Leigh Vessey	87
R. Newson	87
D. Crockett	86
J. T. Andrews	86
C. Hardy	84
A. West	84
G. Proud	83
R. Cooper	83
J. Ling	81
E. T. Brown	80
L. Lewis	80
L. McAssey	80
Merril MacDonald	80
Alan Brown	80
Murill MacDonald	80

Eating Killed Them

EAU CLAIRE, Ont. (CP) — These cows ate themselves to death. The two, owned by W. J. Walsh of this farming community near North Bay were smothered when a pile of hay toppled over on them after they ate it away at the bottom.

HONORED MISSIONARY

The town of Leduc, near Edmonton, was named after Rev. Hippolyte Leduc, an Oblate missionary in the west.

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SDU Play UNB Here This Evening In Deciding NB-PEI Basketball Game

The New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Intercollegiate Basketball crown will be on the line tonight when the University of New Brunswick meets St. Dunstan's University at the S.D.U. Gymnasium in a game which gets underway at eight o'clock.

The Saints showed their best form of the season two weeks ago by killing Mount Allison's chances of winning the title and there is a feeling around here that the Saints will have to be equally as good tonight if they are to get past U.N.B.

The Jack Reardon coached Saints whipped Mount Allison 67-47 at Sackville two weeks ago for their second win over the Allisonians. That decisive win could be regarded as one of the basketball upsets of the year.

St. Dunstan's won the N.B.-P.E.I. championship last year without suffering a defeat. They can retain the crown by winning over U.N.B. this evening.

The Saints record in intercollegiate competition this year shows the local Collegians with two wins and a loss. That loss was suffered at the hands of U.N.B. in Fredericton in the first game of the League.

U.N.B. have a win and a loss in their first two starts. They lost to Mount A. last Saturday night by an 82-74 score. The return game was played at Sackville last night. Regardless of the outcome the Saints must win or at least get a draw tonight if they are to continue in the hunt for Maritime Intercollegiate honors.

Scores: Rose Mary Hill, Don Seaman, Hugh Simpson, Norma Simpson, 9:15 p.m.

Ice 1 — Dr. Gallant, M. MacNeill, G. Rayner, H. Likely vs. J. S. MacDonald, Kay Johnston, W. Hoyt, Y. Wilson.

Ice 2 — W. Worth, Mac Worth, J. S. Taylor, J. Giddings vs. H. I. Sillit, Jean Grant, J. Wilson, B. Roper.

Ice 3 — D. H. Saunders, Don MacDonald, A. MacMillan, E. Rayner vs. A. Likely, Agnes Hoyt, G. MacKnight, B. Martin.

Ice 4 — W. MacNeill, Jessie Parker, Anex Gallant, J. MacKnight vs. Art Roper, Eliz MacDonald, R. Parker, H. Taylor.

Scores — Nora MacDonald, W. M. Beer, Jean Hornby, J. Hornby.

Mixed Curling

Following is the mixed curling draw for Saturday at the Charlottetown Curling Club:

7:00 p.m.

Ice 1 — W. McLean, M. MacLellan, I. Kerry, S. Gordon vs. Doug Cameron, May Stewart, C. Campbell, E. Mutch.

Ice 2 — C. J. McLean, L. Duchemin, L. Bagnall, P. Todd vs. Mel Jenkins, B. Prowse, B. Conway E. Campbell.

Ice 3 — F. Hobbs, M. Beaton, H. Ferguson, E. Bagnall vs. R. Jenkins, M. Dockendorf, Nita MacDonald, N. Auld.

Ice 4 — B. Sutherland, D. Stewart, Marion Matheson, A. Cudmore vs. G. Anderson, E. Sutherland, G. Campbell, G. MacKay.

Scores: T. MacLean, L. Mac Cormick, 8:15 p.m.

Ice 1 — Doug Hill, J. MacLean, A. MacLeod, M. Cordell vs. J. Cameron, A. Wood, A. MacDonald, R. Stead.

Ice 2 — Ed Wood, B. Howatt, H. Stead, C. MacLeod vs. Walter Pickard, F. Cameron, A. Cordell, O. MacDonald.

Ice 3 — J. Burden, L. Pickard, G. Stewart, G. Seaman vs. A. Howatt, S. MacMillan, H. Willis, Viny Simmonds.

Ice 4 — Gil Henry, Ada Mahar, Aggie MacDonald, A. Willis vs. J. Simmonds, Paul Burden, M. Stewart, P. Henry.

Scores: Rose Mary Hill, Don Seaman, Hugh Simpson, Norma Simpson, 9:15 p.m.

Softball Meeting On Sunday

A meeting to discuss softball plans for the coming year will be held in the Holy Name Hall on Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Representatives from last year's City League teams along with others interested in entering the League are invited to attend.

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YEO THEATRE
MONTAGUE — SATURDAY 27th
"SILVER WHIP"
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