

Maritime Harness Racing Review

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George A. Walker of St. Stephen, N.B., who is considered a good judge of speed, was high bidder on Ableway 3, 208 4/5. He is a four-year-old bay horse by King's Counsel 1.58 and his dam is the celebrated race mare and brood mare Edna Brewer 4, 200, so his speed inheritance is 1.59. Edna is the dam of four in 2:05 or better and nine in 2:10. Ableway equaled his record in the past season and was third in a photo finish in 2:07 1/5 at Baltimore Raceway. His breeding can be truly described as superb and with his family history he should take a much faster record.

M. G. Wilbur of Moncton was the buyer of Kenneth Hanover, a four-year-old chestnut gelding by Castleton Farms' premier sire, Ensign Hanover 1.59 4/5. His dam is the noted young race mare Adieu 2, 204 1/2. He had been trained miles in 2:08 and 2:09.

George A. Walker of St. Stephen was also the high bidder on Nottingham Chuck 2.05. His sire is Frisco Dale 3, 1.59 1/5 and his dam is Emma Stone, dam of seven in 2:10. He is eleven years old and during his racing career has won over \$30,000. In 1952 he won over \$8,000 and was eligible to the 2:16 pace.

Pretty Bars, a year-old bay colt, sound, large and showing considerable trot, found a new owner in B. J. Milton of Moncton. Adios is a two-year-old bay colt by Symbol Gentle 2.01 3/4, that was given light training and showed miles better than 2:30, was held over, and the new owner is A. F. Ringette, Green River, N. B.

Al Langille of St. Stephen, considered the fastest pacer brought to the Maritimes in a long time—Sep Hanover p. 2.03, record taken over a half-mile track 2:04. His lifetime earnings to the end of this season were \$40,933 and he was officially timed in 2:03 1/5 at Roosevelt last summer. His sire is Scotland 1.59 1/4 and his dam is Margo 3, 2.05, so he is a superbly bred horse on both sides of his pedigree.

E. Holdaway of Houlton, Maine, is the proud owner of a yearling named Barcana Hanover, by Frisco Dale 3, 1.59 1/5, dam, Betty Worthy Axworthy 2.04. She was brought to Charlottetown and is now in the stable of James Arling and is being trained by him.

Myron MacArthur, Kensington, who usually brings a couple of horses back with him after the racing season is over in New Brunswick, this year has Derrick 2:11 2/5, an 11-year-old trotter by Calumet Eric. He was credited with 7 wins, 6 seconds and five thirds in 1952 with \$10,590, and he was eligible to the 2:14 trot. Derrick had been racing quite well around 2:12 and should be good company for a lot of trotters we have here at present.

Another horse brought over by Myron is Clipper Dale by Playday 2:04 1/2. He had a record of 2:15 4/5 in 1952 and in 35 starts, mostly against pacers, was 10 times first, four times second and four times third. We have no particulars regarding his racing in Maine this season but he looks like a very promising trotter.

Percy Bridges, Gaagetown, N. B., has the distinction of having brought the most distant-owned pacer to the Maritimes this season. He answered an ad in a harness horse paper a few weeks ago and Ritakey 2:10 3/5 by Long Key, arrived by express from Alexandria, Minnesota. She had raced

almost up to the time she was shipped and naturally was a bit thin. She is a roan mare and has raced good and is eligible to the 2:19 pace. The writer was talking to a very well known horseman recently at Columbus, Ohio, and he mentioned Ritakey and said she is a real good race mare and he was sure that the new owner would be pleased with her next season. The tracks that she raced over were not fast and she met with plenty of tough opposition so we believe our friend Percy has purchased a real bargain.

Ralph Gibberson of Bath, N.B., who was a visitor to the Harrisburg sale, bought by private sale Senator Hedgewood 2:08, a seven-year-old pacer by True Abbe, eligible to the 2:18 pace.

Recent imports to St. John, N. B., include the following: Kirkpatrick Bros. are the new owners of the pacer Belle Direct Heir 2:08 3/5, by Direct Heir. Last year he was four times first, seven times second and seven times third and is a 14-class pacer.

Harry MacIntosh has Golden Amber 2:13 4/5, a six-year-old horse by Wilmington 1.59 1/2. At the end of 1952 he was eligible to the 2:30 pace, and looks like a horse that should be good in his class the coming season. Joseph P. Hatty has Scottish Boy 2:01 3/5, a pacer that should make it interesting in the fast classes. Millett Coughlan has the ex-Ontario pacer Peter Lee Brewer 2:10 2/5, a real bulldog, eight years old by Corporal Bell 2:04 1/4. In 1952 he started 35 times, was 15 times first, 6 times second and 5 times third.

Lloyd McKinney, Gaagetown, N. B., has added the former Prince Edward Island pacer Donald G. R. 2:08 2/5 to his stable. Donald G. R. is familiar to all Maritimers and if he shows the form that he did a couple of years back he will be tough in any class. He has been racing in the State of Maine the past couple of years.

Heber M. Sweeney of Bridge-water, N. S., who believes in buying the best, has brought in two of the likeliest young pacers in Ohio—Avalon Gal, a bay mare two years old, by The Widower 1.59 1/2, dam, Scot's Princess by Scotland 1.59 1/4. Scot's Princess is a young brood mare and is already the dam of Mac Scot 2:10 4/5. Mr. Sweeney's other pacer is Anthony L., a three-year-old with a record of 2:10 over a half-mile track. He is by the up and coming sire, Brookdale 1.59 1/4, by Abbedale 2:01 1/4. Brookdale is already the sire of five trotters and 80 pacers with two in 2:00 and six in 2:05. Anthony L.'s dam is Mildred Grattan by Dominion Grattan 1.59 1/2. Anthony L. is high-class in every respect, with breeding, soundness and perfect gait.

We have just learned that George Jabalee, North Sydney, N. S., was present at the recent Delaware sale in Ohio and was top bidder on the two-year-old Top Brass, by the young sire Bombs Away 2, 2:04 1/2, and out of the noted brood mare Selka Abbey by Guy Abbey 2:06 3/4. She is the dam of five in 2:10. There was very active bidding on this youngster and Mr. Jabalee had to go to \$3,500 to own him.

Herb Wisener of Pictou, N. S., who has had such success the past season with May S. Grattan, winning ten firsts and giving her a record of 2:12 1/5, has a new one in his stable recently arrived, that looks good. David Hill Scot 2:10 1/5, is a five-year-old by Norman Scot 4, 2:07. David took a four-year-old record of 2:12 4/5 at North Battleford, Sask., and lowered it last spring as a five-year-old in Florida to 2:10 1/5. He has had numerous wins and is now eligible to the 2:19 pace.

Another newcomer to the Maritimes is the five-year-old pacing mare, Princess H., by Cardinal Prince 1.58 3/4, dam, Symbol Eloise 2:12, by Symbol S. Forest 2:01 1/4, grandam, Eloise by McGregor the Great 4, 2:03 1/4. She was bred by J. L. Harrell and Paul Hungerford at Shelbyville, Indiana, and she gave her a three-year-old record of 2:15 2/5. This year she reduced it to 2:12 and the proud new owner is S. H. Horseman of Covendale, N. B.

The above completes the list of known imports to the Maritimes and our best wishes go to the enterprising and enthusiastic horsemen who brought them in.

The above completes our Review of the 1953 racing season.



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Atlantics Increase Lead To Nine Points With 3-1 Win Over Islanders

We trust it will give pleasure to our readers and afford a picture of the happenings of the past that many of them have witnessed and which they can recall to memory. We wish to extend our most grateful thanks to Mr. Rupert Godfrey, proprietor of the Photo Craft System and an expert technician, whose worth is being recognized not only in Canada but in the United States as well. The installation of his system at the wealthy Blue Bonnets Race Track, Montreal, where its splendid pictures are praised to the highest, is another evidence of his genius and ability, and he is not resting on his laurels. We predict greater things for him in the future.

We would also like to say that this review could not be made possible but for the co-operation of many race secretaries and other persons who have gone to a lot of trouble to help us. To all of the above and to our reading public we extend our best wishes for a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fireside Meditations

—by Walter Palmer—

When the colts are snug and cozy from the chilling winter blast; And you're all alone and dozy; Just a-dreaming of the past, Then the ruddy, glowing embers, fitful shadows paint for me Scenes when life was light and happy and my heart was fancy free;

Just a boy, a dog, a trotter—ah! I'd give my very all Just to live those old days over, when I slept out in a stall.

You can have your golf and polo, and your yachting, if you please, I can tell you of a pastime worth a dozen such as these, Get a trotter or a show horse for there's naught on earth compares

To the fun a fellow really has who does the glad Fall Fairs. Throw away the pepsin tablets, smash the bottles, one and all, Just forget your pains and troubles, back to nature in a stall.

There's no orchestra a-playing, there's no giddy cabaret, Just a colored groom a-strumming on a banjo far away, "Old Black Joe" and "Swanee River", sweet as from a linnet's throat,

While your trotter stops his munching, so you needn't miss a note, You may have your prima donnas, for to me the best of all Are the melodies of nature that you hear out in a stall.

You can talk about your Billmores and Blackstones and Savoyes With their taxi-cabs, and tele-phones, and bell-hops and their noise, You can have your elevators, and your marble lobbies fine, But I'll take a pair of blankets and a box-stall for mine; You won't need a call for breakfast, and there's no scheme you can propose

That will wake you half so surely as a hungry, velvet nose. No electric lights to puzzle, and no gas to kill you dead, Just a good old-fashioned lantern from the rafters overhead, But it's sombre scintillations seem to beckon you to stray

To the waiting arms of Morpheus, when your trotter's "put away"; There's no Ostermoo or feathers that a landlord ever saw That will give you half the comfort of a bunk out in the straw.

There's no costly lavatory, there's no valet to be fed, Just a bucket of cold water and a rub-rag's all you need, You'll find a broken mirror on the boot-board over there— you've not parted with your hair, There's be no manicurist and no barber, Neither will you need a doctor if you sleep out in a stall.

Oh ye weary men of "millions" with your multitude of cares, Don't you know the Silent Reaper sweeps upon you unawares? Get yourself a good game trotter, one of those that always trys, There's no nobler, truer comrade underneath the vaulted skies, If you'd live long and be happy, from early Spring 'till Fall, Cut out care, and eat your fortune with a trotter in a stall.

Scratch matches in the mixed curling competition at the Charlottetown Curling Club will be held at the Club this evening at seven o'clock and eight-thirty.

The League leading Halifax Atlantics sparked by the outstanding goaltending of Roy MacMeekin and a two goal effort by winger Johnny Morrow, skated to a 3-1 victory over the Islanders in a New Year's Day game before 1700 fans at the Forum last night.

The agile MacMeekin turned aside 36 shots as he came up with a number of saves in the second and third periods that bordered on the miraculous. Almost single-handedly he held the fort in the third frame as the Islanders pressed into Halifax territory on attack after attack.

The Islanders went into a 1-0 lead in the first period on a goal by Claude Robert while Johnny Morrow sat in the penalty box. Morrow atoned for his sins in the middle twenty minutes when he scored twice in sixteen seconds to give the Atlantics their victory. Jean LeClerc scored the insurance tally later in the period.

Frank Roper made his third appearance in the M.M.H.L. when he stepped into the Islanders net as a last minute substitute for the ailing Roger Besette. Despite the fact that he had been out of action for nearly a month Roper gave a good performance and came up with a number of hard stops in the third session.

The Islanders held an edge on play throughout the cleanly played contest. The defense played well but failed to organize their pattern plays over the Halifax blue-line.

The Atlantics held a man advantage twice early in the first period, but a strong Islanders penalty killing unit of Trainer, Ritchie, MacLaughlin and Blackburn held the visitors scoreless.

The teams played at a fast clip throughout the night. The Islanders, with Whitlock and Sandon both making dangerous sorties to the Halifax net not only to be turned back by MacMeekin.

Morrow was chased for slashing at the 16:56 mark and while he was off Robert scored on a 40 foot slap shot. Robert, playing on the point, took passes from Whitlock and Sandon to beat MacMeekin on a screened drive along the ice.

The Islanders defense of Gustavson, MacLaughlin and Blackburn disorganized the Halifax attack in the early minutes of the second period as the Atlantics attempted to force the play. The Atlantics defense also played well and once Arcan stopped a Ritchie shot just as the puck reached the goal line.

At the 6:57 mark Morrow tied the score at 1-1 on a play with Jean LeClerc. The Halifax centre-

man shot the puck to the corner, beat out an Islanders defenseman and centred out to Morrow who backhanded a 25 footer into the net.

On practically the next play Morrow raced in on the right wing to whip an ankle high shot into the twines for the winning goal. Again LeClerc fed him the puck on a play with the League leading scorer Billy Ford.

Orin Carver and Vip Palladino raced in on MacMeekin on great plays but both were stopped cold. Palladino drew MacMeekin but the Halifax goalie made the stop with his stick.

Those stops turned the tide of the game for LeClerc came back at the 16:24 mark to take a pass from coach Dugger MacNeill and beat Roper with a backhander from point blank range for the insurance goal. Bob Bowness made the play for the goal by carrying over the line.

The Islanders carried the play in the third period but they couldn't click for a goal as MacMeekin proved himself a regular rampart thwarting all marksmen with veteran assurance. Once he beat Whitlock from point blank range. On another occasion he slid across the net to turn aside a screened shot by Gustavson and again he moved like lightning to block a drive by Gigfax.

Ford, Wywrot and Bowness all skated in on Roper only to be turned back. The third period was the roughest of the night at Sandon and Morrow, MacLaughlin and LePine engaged in shoving duels.

First Period
1—Charlottetown, Robert (Sandon, Whitlock) 18:33
Penalties: Gustavson 1:18, 5:21, Bloom 8:26, Morrow 16:56.

Second Period
2—Halifax, Morrow (LeClerc) 6:57
3—Halifax, Morrow (LeClerc, Ford) 7:15
4—Halifax, LeClerc (Bowness, LePine) 16:23
Penalty: Morrow 14:00.

Third Period
No scoring.
Penalties: Gustavson and Morrow 15:03.
Stops: Roper 5 1 7—11; McMeekin 11 16 9—36

Final Score
Atlantics 3, Islanders 1

Hockey Standings

Team	G	W	L	T	Pts.
Halifax	41	26	13	2	54
Sydney	42	22	19	1	46
Glouce Bay	42	17	25	1	35
Ottawa	41	16	25	0	32

Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting of the Charlottetown Driving Park & Provincial Exhibition will be held in the office of the Association, Great George Street on January 13, 1954, at 1:30 p.m.

It is the intention of the directors to postpone this meeting to a later date, notice of which will appear in the press.

G. H. BUNTAIN, Secretary.

HUNTERS' CORNER



The old man with the scythe has slipped quietly out into the land of past memories and the rosy cheeked cherub, with the white unruffled wings, has moved in and made himself at home. We know what the old year left behind but as to what lies in store for us in 1954 we can only guess.

Some are already making plans and dreaming about the big catches waiting in the year that lies ahead and taking no thought of unpleasant happenings that are bound to occur. There are those who believe there is no point in meeting trouble halfway. Be that as it may but this columnist can spot trouble, trouble in Box Car letters, looming on the trout fishing horizon.

There is tendency among the rank and file of trout fishermen to pull the ostrich act and hide their heads in the sand when they run into happenings on their favorite trout stream or pool that just shouldn't be happening if the future of our trout is to be taken into consideration. Never in all the history of trout protection enforcement have I received so many complaints about illegal activities in regard to trout as I did this past season. I know of trout streams and pools that were systematically raped last year. There is a certain class of gentry on the rounds who believe in taking trout... the means does not matter.

If trout will not look at artificial flies or bait, some do not even try but just carry a rod of sorts along as a blind, anything goes, be it a net, jig, snare, shotgun, rifle, dynamite, lime or anything else I have overlooked. All that I have mentioned were used last year. I planned on doing a spot of trout fishing last year and with that in mind purchased a complete outfit. It was the latest in glass rods, an up-to-date reel, tapered line and the best in leader material. I never even assembled the outfit. To enjoy trout fishing one has to have unlimited time with no pressing business just around the corner.

There was a reason I didn't bother to assemble the rod... I was too busy looking into complaints. I knew where I could have good trout fishing and it will be even better in 1954. To be perfectly frank I am worried about the future of trout fishing as it applies to the average angler. I am going to tell you why and I don't intend to mince words in the process. Never in all my 26 years of active game law enforcement, have I run into so many obstructions and snags as I have during the past year.

Most of them have to do with trout and as I have mentioned before my work in this connection is given free gratis. My appointment under the Special Fishery Regulations is honorary... meaning without pay. To give my readers a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes I'll relate my latest snag. It's really the one, as mother used to say, "That takes the cake with the plum in it."

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Booster's Prize Worth \$150

The Booster's Club programme guessing contest will be worth \$150.00 on Monday night when the Islanders play hosts to the Sydney Millionaires.

The money will be given to the person guessing the correct time or the nearest time to the first goal of the second period.

Hockey Scores

National League
New York 2, Boston 1
Detroit 2, Chicago 4
American League
Cleveland 6, Providence 2
Quebec League
Valleyfield 3, Montreal 4
Ottawa 2, Chicoutimi 6.

Hockey Standings

"SPEEDY"

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First Win This Season For Miners At Sydney

SYDNEY, (CP)—Don Penniston's Glace Bay Miners snapped their Sydney ice jinx Friday when they downed the hometown Millionaires 2-1 in the Maritime Major Hockey League.

The Glace Bay victory, first on Sydney ice this season, consolidated their hold on third place ahead of Charlottetown Islanders.

First Period
1—Glace Bay, Lumley 19:38
Penalties: Kubinec 6:50, Matthews 13:53.

Second Period
Scoring: None
Penalties: Lumley major 5:10, McDonald 5:10, Whyte 12:02.

Third Period
2—Glace Bay, Watson :35
3—Sydney, Guay
(Gowan, McDonald) 10:44
Penalty: Campbell 13:54.
Stops: Hicks 6 6 6—18

Football Results

(By The Canadian Press)
Cotton Bowl
Rice 28, Alabama 6.
Sugar Bowl
Georgia Tech 42, West Virginia 19.

Gator Bowl
Texas Tech 35, Auburn 13.
Rice at Tokyo
Marines 19, Air Force 13.
Cigar Bowl
La Crosse State 12, Miss. Valley 12.

Rose Bowl
Michigan State 28, UCLA 20.
Salad Bowl
Fort Ord 67, Great Lakes 12.
Sun Bowl
Texas Western 37, Mississippi 14.

Tangerine Bowl
Arkansas State 7, E. Tex State 7.

YEO THEATRE
Montague—Fri-Sat—1 & 2— 8 P. M.
SPRINGFIELD RIFLE
—Color—
Gary Cooper - Phyllis Thaxter
Wonderful Adventure - Intense Drama

YEO THEATRE
MONTAGUE—MON.-TUES.—4 & 5—8 P. M.
KID FROM LEFT FIELD
Dan Dailey, Ann Bancroft, Billy Chapin
Baseball Story — Human Interest

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Murray River Theatre
MURRAY RIVER — JAN. 2 — 8 P. M.
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STEVE COCHRAN
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WRITTEN BY CRANE WILBUR MADE BY MAX STONE DIRECTED BY LOUIS KING

FORUM EVENTS

DEC. 29 TO JAN. 2

SATURDAY—

General Skating 3 to 5

Rural and Urban Skating 8 to 10

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Rural and Urban Skating 8 to 10

TO-DAY'S DOINGS

AFTERNOON SKATING 3 to 5
NIGHT—8 to 10—THE POPULAR CITY-COUNTRY SKATING SESSION.

THESE HOLIDAY EVENTS ARE SOCIALLY PLEASANT.

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MONDAY—JAN. 4—8.30—FORUM

SYDNEY — vs — ISLANDERS

YOUR ATTENDANCE WILL HELP TO MAINTAIN HOCKEY IN OUR CITY.