

# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH



The judges at Richelieu race track in Montreal handed down a very severe sentence to driver Shaw Hoyt Edwards, of Sumpter, with Carolina, last week. It was a 15-day suspension, for allowing misleading information about his horse, a four-year-old with a record of 2.09, to be printed in the track racing program.

Sumpter Rose won a recent event at Richelieu, and there was no mention in the program of a previous win in Florida in 2.06-4.5. This will be something for all drivers to ponder over and take cognizance of. Usually the clerks leave everything to the clerical staff at the track where he is racing, and it is very seldom—in fact we have never heard of a happening like the above—that an occurrence of the kind takes place.

The error in this case was that the clerk of the course at the previous track failed to enter the win on Sumpter Rose's eligibility sheet.

Last Wednesday night at Richelieu track, the "D" Pace, purse \$700, was won by Sampson's Girl, owned by Ned Galentine of Moncton, N.B., time 2:10 3/5. Last year racing as a two-year-old, she took a record of 2:13 at Xenia halm mile track, Ohio.

**PACER SOLD**

The big news of the week is the sale of the free-for-all pacer, Convaire, 3, 2:01, that Harry Hirsch of Sydney sold to Francis Breaux of Moncton, N.B.

Convaire started his racing career in 1955 as a three-year-old, and had winnings of \$7,846 and was given a time record of 2:01 at Lexington, Kentucky. That fall, or early the following spring, he was purchased by Harry Hirsch of Sydney, N.S., and in the 1956 campaign won 20 firsts and 15 seconds and \$7,911.

In 1957, he won 19 firsts, 8 seconds and 5 thirds, with \$6,295, and in 1958 he made 28 starts, was 15 times first, twice second and three times third with winnings of \$6,112. The total winnings charged up to him, with deductions, is \$35,590 and he is eligible to the 2:10 Pace.

Mr. Breaux, since taking up harness racing, has purchased several good horses that have been crowd pleasers at the Charlottetown track and elsewhere, and now he has the honor of owning the fastest horse in the Maritimes.

Our information is that Mr. Breaux's horses will be moved to Charlottetown track this week, and this will be the main base for their campaign for the season.

Here are the other members of the Breaux stable: (winnings included for last year)—Betty French, p. 2:03 4/5, won \$2,553 last season; Jolly Jim, p. 2:09-41,267; War Cry Ranger, p. 2:09 won \$1,737 last season; Pepper Clegg, p. 2:10 3/5—\$3,322. This makes a very respectable total of \$8,579 won by the stable last year.

**LOW TRACK**

Len O'Meara is racing his stable at Richelieu track, Montreal, and on Tuesday night of last week, in the "B" Trot for a purse of \$1,500, Victor Darnley (Dusseault) was the winner. Sectionman (Len O'Meara) finished second, time 2:10 4/5.

The conditions were very bad on the track, and the fastest time of the night was in the fifth race, won by Homestretch Lady in 2:10 2/5. In the "D" Pace, purse \$700, Pat Frost, a pacer that came from Delmar, California, was the winner in 2:17 3/5. Sectionman, a five-year-old with a mark of 2:03 3/5, is owned by G. Eliot Saunders of Lexington, Mass.

**DRIVERS' STANDINGS**

In the latest release of drivers' standings at Yonkers Raceway, New York, we find that Stanley Dancer, who trains all his horses in northern New York State, had 28 wins; Billy Haughton had 15, and George Phelan was third with 14 wins.

Phelan drove his first winner on a harness racing track when he was only 18 years of age, and he has been winning on them ever since. It is to be expected that he will be well up among the top drivers at Roosevelt and Yonkers at the end of this season.

Last year he made 523 starts, was 83 times first, 67 times second and 72 times third, with winnings of \$240,695.

Phelan is a little mite of a fellow, stands about five feet, five and a half inches, and weighs about 135 pounds. His formula for success is: "All you have to do is to outguess the other drivers and hope you have the best horse in the race in front of you." He seems to like this mood, and has been having exceptional success at the notorious, muddy meeting which has characterized racing at Yonkers since its opening in succession, rain came down steadily.

Phelan says: "I don't mind driving in the mud; it is not dangerous at all. But one night I would like to sit out a rainy evening—may be, if the judges would let me. When you are entered in a race, they won't let you skip out unless you have a mighty good reason."

With a wife, four children and a mother to support, Phelan is taking no chances in skipping out of an evening. Although he has only twelve horses stabled at Yonkers, he is one of the most active men on the grounds, and

is considered one of the best "catch-drivers" in the business, and has already pounded out 15 victories in 98 starts, which is 16 behind Stanley Dancer, and only one behind Billy Haughton, who has made 134 starts.

Since the sale of Convaire 2:01 to Francis Breaux of Moncton, horsemen are speculating as to what will be the next move that the Maritimes' most astute harness horse owner, Harry Hirsch of Sydney, will make.

We will be anxiously waiting to see what Harry will come up with next. This most recent sale brings to three the number he has sold in the past several months: Convaire, 2:01, Stalag Honover, p. 2:07; and Dark Yankee, 3, 2:07 2/5. The latter is a trotter.

The Clarke Smith section of the Stanley Mayhew stable moved into the Charlottetown track last week. It consists of the following:

Blake Hanover, 2.09 4/5, that won \$2,250 last year.

Victory March, p. 2.06 2/5, that has won \$10,370 and is eligible to the 2:17 Pace.

Beware, 2.06 4/5, winner of \$1,092 last year, eight years old.

Pearl Mac, p. 2.14 2/5, winner of 7 firsts, two seconds and one third last year.

Dexter Scott, 2.11 2/5, trotter, winner of 4 firsts, 5 seconds and 5 thirds last year.

Just Verdict, p. 2.06 2/5, that was 4 times first, 5 times second and 3 times third last year.

Izzie Reynard, a four-year-old pacer that last year took a record as a three-year-old of 2:14-1.5.

Bobby Brook, p. 2.11 2/5; eligible to the 2:12 pace.

Tribune, p. 2.09 3/5, winner of \$1,062 last year.

Coronation Lass, Newcap's Jolity, Doctor T.F. Royal Value, 2.04 2/5, winner of six firsts, two seconds and two thirds last season.

We have just learned of a recent purchase by Mr. Mayhew—the pacer Beverley Lee, that took a five-year-old record last year of 2:10 on a half-mile track. This is a bay mare by Bob Lee, and was formerly owned by L.Q. Wright, Pittsfield, Maine, who recently sold the trotting mare, Wendy June, to the writer.

Last year Beverley Lee made 31 starts, was 5 times first, twice second and three times third with winnings of \$2,318. She is eligible to the 2:17 class.

**ANOTHER STABLE**

Another stable that recently moved into the Charlottetown track is that owned by Ralph MacFadyen, the "Potato King" of Hunter's River, P.E.I. The stable is under the excellent care of Johnny Gay, and it includes:

Gay Spirit, p. 2.08 2/5, won 8 firsts, 7 seconds and 9 thirds last season.

Cooley Boy, p. 2.12 1/5.

Allablaze, p. 2.12 4/5, winner of six firsts last season.

All Budlong, 2.14 and Bud's Echo, 2.15 3/5, both trotters.

Also a three-year-old filly, a full sister to Allablaze, and Lou Budlong, owned by Johnny Gay.

At Yonkers Raceway last week, 27-year-old John Quinn, a native of Charlottetown, won the "C" Pace, purse \$2,000 with Wicomico Tom in 2:07 4/5, and on April 23, Joe MacDonald of Sydney, N.S., drove the four-year-old trotter, Rodney Frost, to a win in the "C" Trot, purse \$2,000; the time was 2:06 3/5.

An excellent performance on a slow track by Joe MacDonald. The same night, the Warwick Pace for a \$5,000 Purse, was won by Meadow Mystery (Storey) in 2:04 4/5, and the Second Division of the same event was won by Adios Judge (Myer) in 2:05 2/5.

**Williams Hopes To Play First Game Tuesday**

BOSTON (AP)—Outfielder Ted Williams of Boston Red Sox says he hopes to play his first game this season here next Tuesday night against Chicago White Sox. Williams has been out all season with a stiff neck caused by a pinched nerve in his shoulder.

The 40-year-old American League batting champion, bubbling with enthusiasm after a long workout, said Tuesday he has been swinging a bat for four days and hasn't had any pain.

**Softball Meeting Will Be Held This Evening**

A meeting of the City Softball League scheduled for last evening was called off, due to team delegates being unable to attend. The meeting, instead, will be held tonight at Union Hall on Queen Street.

Only teams having delegates at the meeting will be eligible to take part in the league.

**3rd Sacker Goes To Vancouver**

BALTIMORE (AP)—Brooks Robinson, who held down third base for Baltimore Orioles last season, was optioned to Vancouver of the Pacific Coast League Tuesday on 24-hour recall.

# Lack Of Fights Forces Supple Into Retirement

MONTREAL (CP)—Eddie Supple, father of Canadian, bantamweight boxing champion Pat Supple, says his son has retired from the ring because of difficulty in raising fights.

Pat, 21, has been inactive since last January when he returned from Europe, where he split four decisions against top-calibre British fighters.

His father said Tuesday Pat taken a job as a salesman with a Montreal department store and "is thoroughly fed up with the fight game."

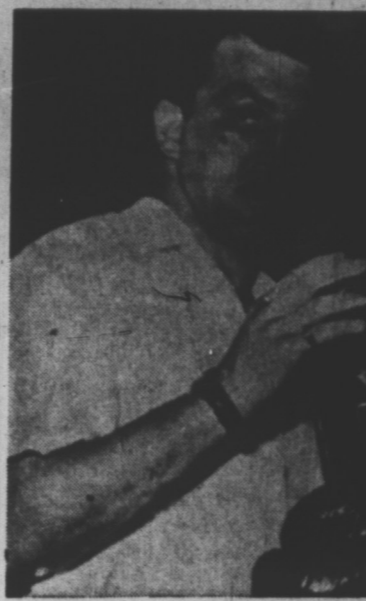
**Probable Pitchers**

NEW YORK (AP)—Probable pitchers for major league games (won-lost records in parentheses):

**American League**  
Baltimore at Cleveland (N)—Peppas (2-0) vs Bell (2-1)  
Washington at Chicago—Paschal (1-2) vs Wynn (3-1)  
New York at Kansas City (N)—Dwimer (0-1) vs Grim (3-1)  
Boston at Detroit—Brewer (1-2) vs Footack (0-3)

**National League**  
Los Angeles at Milwaukee—Snyder (1-1) vs Jay (1-1)  
Chicago at Pittsburgh—Schaffernoch (1-0) or Hillman (1-1) vs Haddix (2-0)  
St. Louis at Philadelphia (N)—Kellner (1-1) vs Semproch (2-1)  
Only games scheduled.

Gene Letourneau of Quebec City, national commissioner of the Canadian Boxing and Wrestling Federation, has been notified by mail of Pat's decision, said Eddie, the fighter's co-manager.



GETS GLOVES THAT BEAT HIM

Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, right, presents his gloves to beaten British challenger Brian London, after Patterson knocked out London in the 11th round of their heavyweight title bout. London asked Patterson if he might have the gloves as a memento of the bout and the champion obliged.

(AP Wirephoto)

Pat won the Canadian crown May 28, 1955, by scoring a eight-round knockout over Gil Geekie of London, Ont., in a title scrap at Quebec City.

His only two losses as a professional came on his overseas trip after he had piled up a record in Canada of 38 wins and two draws, with 20 knockouts. As an amateur he won 120 and lost four.

In Canada, his last major fight was at Quebec City last year when he moved up a division to outpoint Canadian featherweight champion Gerry Simpson of Montreal in a non-title scrap.

**Maple Leafs Top Royals 6-2**

MONTREAL (CP)—Toronto Maple Leafs tied together their base hits neatly and exploited some sloppy fielding by Montreal Tuesday to claim a 6-2 International Baseball League victory over the Royals.

The Leafs took advantage of several fielding lapses in the opening inning to pour across three big runs and start right-hander Bob Chalkals off to his third victory against one setback.

Three singles, two walks and another Montreal error produced two more runs for Toronto in the third inning and they added a lone tally in the ninth on Archie Wilson's fourth home of the season.

**Cubs Defeat Pirates 6-3; Indians Win Over Orioles**

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Chicago Cubs blasted three Pittsburgh Pirate pitchers for 10 hits Tuesday night to beat the Bucs 6-3 and hand pitcher Bob Finnerd his first straight loss of the season.

Rookie George Altman highlighted the Cub hitting attack by smashing a home run in the sixth.

Altman's blast—his third of the year—put the Cubs in front to stay after the Pirates had come from behind to tie the game 3-3.

CLEVELAND (AP)—Lefty Don Ferrarese pitched a four-hitter Tuesday night and his Cleveland teammates backed him with two big scoring bursts as the first-place Indians posted a 9-1 American League victory over Baltimore Orioles.

**SPORT OF KINGS**

**Baseball In King's Co. Soon Will Be Underway**

Once more the baseball season is drawing near. And once again, the King's County Baseball League will see action. There is a strong possibility that the league will be divided into two sections because of the number of possible entries. Last year the league had: Peakes (they won the crown) Morell, Mount Stewart, Georgetown, and Souris. This year, Cardigan, Montague and St. Peters could be new entries.

Neither Souris or Georgetown had representatives at the league meeting. However, we have been given to understand that Georgetown will definitely have a team. Whether or not Souris will enter will not be known until the last of the week when they have their annual meeting.

If all teams join, we would suggest that Mount Stewart, Morell, St. Peters and Souris form one section, while Peakes, Georgetown, Cardigan and Montague, form the other. As yet, we don't know too much about the strength of the different teams. Reports we hear contradict each other.

**PEAKES STRONG**

Peakes should be as strong as they were last year, while the other finalist, Morell may be a slight bit weaker. The loss of Pius MacInnis, who, in our humble opinion was one of the top receivers in the league and one of the best clutch hitters, will be missed. Mount Stewart has a young team that was just starting to roll when the season ended. With a year's experience behind them, they should do much better.

Georgetown may be a slight bit stronger, while Souris may be about the same. The new possible entries, Montague, Cardigan and St. Peters will remain question marks until the season gets underway. All in all, it looks like it might be another banner year for the Island's most successful baseball league.

**SOURIS BASKETBALL NEWS**

A successful basketball season was drawn to a close last week, with the winning of the titles in the two girls' basketball leagues. In the league for Grade 7 and 8 girls, the Lucky Eights copped the championship and the Souris Fire Dept. Trophy.

In the semi-finals, the A11 Stars led by Gail Jennings eliminated the Blue Cats two games to one. In the finals, the Lucky Eights won the best of three series in two straight games. Members of the winning team are: Patricia Mullally (captain), Clare White, Arlene Boylan, Betty Lou Peters, Cliea Cheverie, and Helen LaPierre.

Top scorers for the schedule were: L. Townshend 222, P. Mullally 205, R. MacDonald 134, L. Roach 115, B. Peters 80, C. Cheverie 61, C. Power 38 and G. Jennings 38. Top scorers for the High School girls were: E. Burke 78, L. Paquet 58, J. MacPhee 42, A. McPhee 40, M. Burke 40, P. Peters 33, B. McGuagh 28. The championship of this league was won by the Tiger Cats. The trophy was donated by Rt. Rev. Monsignor J.A. Murphy. Members of the winning team were: Edie Burke, Linda Paquet, Paula Peters, Cindy LaBreach, Maurana Boylan, Genevieve Mooney and Paulette Grant.

**SOURIS BOWLING NEWS**

The quarter-finals in the Mixed League are about completed, and the semi-finals will get underway this week. Ken O'Hanley of the Sputniks won high average for the men while Emma MacDonald of the Slowpokes took the

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# Major Leagues Make Plans To Help Minors

NEW YORK (AP)—The major leagues at last have decided to do something about the plight of the minor leagues.

Commissioner Ford Frick appointed two committees, Tuesday, one to work out a formula for financial aid to the minors through television, the other to recommend legislation to curb control of players by the big leagues.

The efforts of the television committee, comprised of four major and four minor league officials, will be directed toward discovering a way of filtering a percentage of the major league television income into the minors.

The other eight-man committee, also equally divided, has been authorized by the commissioner to study the whole question of player control and to recommend legislation which would give minor leagues better opportunity to sign free agents. This group also will study the number of players under direct or indirect control of the major leagues.

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