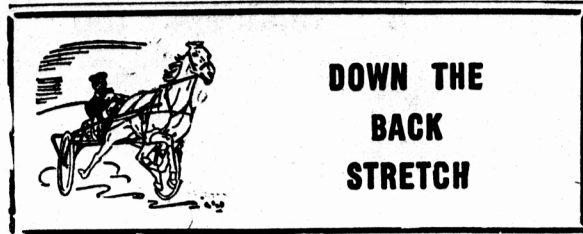


St. Mary's Edge Islanders For 2-1 Victory



Rollie Wood, well known horseman of Southport, has returned from a week-end visit to Cape Breton where he looked over the stables of prominent horsemen and saw several of the new purchases from the Harrisburg sale. He was much taken with the five-year-old chestnut trotting stallion, Question V 209 2-5. This horse is by Dandy Jim, son of Lord Jim 200 3-4 and the celebrated race mare Millie Irene 2031, and his dam is Marie X Me, dam of Dr. Sewell 210. Her sire was Double Peter 211 1/2, a son of Peter Volo 202 and her dam was Anna Ane Mc 207 1/4. The new owner is Arthur Lipton, Sydney, N.S. — also the owner of Vella La Vella 208 1-5. Question V looks to be a rare bargain. In 1949 as a four-year-old, he took part in ten years and retired with a record of 1:21.1. This season he must have been going places to lower it to 1:09 2-5. A question mark on his forehead and a V on his nose is the reason he bears such a peculiar name.

Another horse Rollie liked is the two-year-old trotting stallion Waymark, bought at the sale by J. Cadenan, Glace Bay, and afterwards sold to the well known driver, Charlie Sweet, North Sydney. Waymark is by Peter Astra 201 1/2, one of the greatest money winning colts trotters of a few years back, and his dam is Lovely Lady 203 1/2 by Scotland 159 1/2, dam Frances Knight 3, 208 1/2. Waymark is eligible to the 224 trot and was considered a great bargain at the sale. Charlie Sweet is a name to conjure with in horse racing annals. Over thirty years ago Charlie was one of the leading drivers in the Maritime Provinces. Possessed of a nice pair of hands, a disposition that made him friends with the horses he drove, and a good judge of pace, he won a large number of firsts during his long career.

Another one led out for Rollie's inspection was the three-year-old pacer June Bee, owned by James A. Ferguson, Sydney, president of the Cape Breton Sports Club. She is a three-year-old bay filly by Congressional 204 1/2, dam, Margaret Bee, also the dam of Gertrude Bee 112 1-5. Margaret Bee is by Leon June, sire of four with marks better than 2:06, and her dam was Calumet Ezekial, a full sister to Hayes 204. Tracing back to her fourth dam we find it is Margaret Bee's 205 1/2 dam of two in 2:00. Five in 2:10 and granddam of 20 in 2:10 and one of the world's greatest brood mares. June Bee was broken as a two-year-old and then turned out and this season was up to a mile in 2:19 with the last quarter in 32 seconds. Her sire, Congressional, has come right into the limelight this season because of the number of good campaigners sired by him that are racing. Rollie had a pleasant visit with Allie Lewis, whose exploits of the past with Lee Brewer 2:05 1/2 and numerous fast record paces were not to be forgotten. He also had a good talk with Willing Lewis, who inquired about his numerous friends here, and he is looking forward to a big season's racing in 1951.

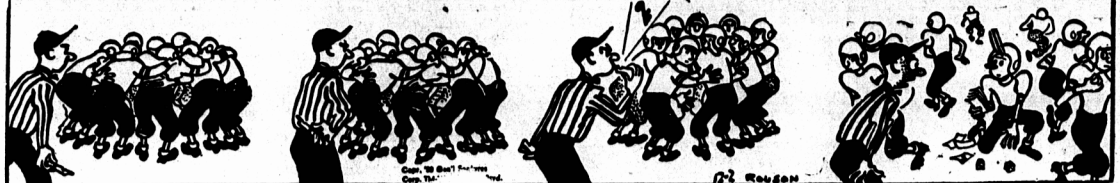
Some time ago Cecil Alexander of St. John, N.B., held an auction at Moncton, and among the horses disposed of was Colonel Sherbrooke, a ten-year-old pacer with a mark of 2:12. He is by Lee Harvester and at the beginning of this season was eligible to the 222 pace. The buyer is our good friend Cyril Smith of Hunter River, who gave Lady Abner her record of 2:15 1-5 at Truro. The Colonel had been owned by Percy Bridges, Glasgow, N.B. Other paces were Teuton by Dr. George Bishop, Charlottetown, and All American 207 1-5, to George B. Gay of Moncton.

Leo C. McNamara, proprietor of Two Gaits Farm, Indianapolis, Indiana, where the renowned stallions Chief Abbedale 200, Hal Dale 2:02 1/2, and several others are standing, has added to them the royally bred Sky Raider 2:02 4-5, a full brother to the world's champion trotter Greyhound 1:55 1/2. The sire of Sky Raider is Guy Abbe 3, 2:06 1/2, and his dam is Elizabeth by Peter the Great 2:07 1/2 dam Zombrower 2:04 1/2 by Zombro. Zombrower was also the dam of Peter the Brewer 2:02 1/2, sire of Calumet Budion 2:02 1/2.

Last spring some of our readers may remember that we referred to the success a young driver named Stanley Dancer was having at the night racing meets at Yonkers, N.Y. Then his success was attributed to the careful preparation he had given his horses during the winter and spring months, several of them that had not started for a year or two were beacrats over the heavy going of the newly constructed track. Now we see where Stan-

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

LITTLE SPORT



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IN THE CORNER
Vancouver papers gave Murph Chamberlain, ex-P. E. Islanders coach, headline splashes and wide-spread interest in their sporting editions when he landed in the West Coast City to take over the reins of the Vancouver Canucks there on Monday of last week. According to the Vancouver News-Herald "in the space of one 24-hour period, the Canucks conducted more business Monday (dedicated to improve their hockey position) than they have in many many years."

"Chamberlain" quotes the West Coast paper, "hadn't been in town for more than a few hours when the rumor started that the Canucks were unhappy over the treatment Coley Hall (Canuck's owner) had given Bill Carse (deposed coach) and would refuse to play for the new coach. "If the rumor is true" continued the report "it was well hidden, for the Canucks were six of one and a half dozen of another in respect to 'Murph'. Some of them liked the idea of his arrival, some felt sorry for Carse, but all agreed that if Chamberlain could locate the missing link and make them win, 'welcome to Vancouver bud!'"

In interviews with sports writers, one writer said: "The record book says your 35 Murph." "I'm 37 actually," he grinned, "but if the record book insists, let's just leave it that way." Chamberlain asked writers a few questions himself. "You fellows have been watching them play all year. What do you think we need?" One writer said "a forward line, defencemen and goalkeeper." "Huh. Not much, eh?" Murph exclaimed. "A goalkeeper, you say. I saw that kid Strachan out there this morning. He's a standup goalkeeper. What more can you ask?"

"Have you any defencemen who are aggressive in the corners?" Murph asked. "One," somebody answered. "We need four," Chamberlain said, making a mental note. "If you like it here, do you intend to stay with us for awhile as a coach?" Murph was asked. "That's a little hard to say," he grinned. "I've heard a lot about this owner of yours, Coley Hall. Heck, I haven't even bothered to unpack my bags yet. You can never tell you know."

Murph also stated that he had no intention of becoming a playing-coach. "I'm through. I'm up couple of years ago in my last season with Montreal, and that was definite. No 'one more tries' for me." After watching his team for the first time in a half-hour workout Murph stated "I don't think they were skating very hard." "On the contrary," Murph said. "You saw them when they were really digging. They can go much slower than that," said a reporter. "We'll see about that," Chamberlain promised.

In connection with the annual meeting of the Charlottetown Abegweit Amateur Athletic Club held at the City Hall on Wednesday night, Mr. Gordon Bennett (now the new Club President) gave an excellent report on the Club's activities in the recent rugby season. Here are some interesting excerpts from his report:

"In the early fall months," Mr. Bennett stated, "your committee decided to attempt a return to competition in Senior Rugby in the Maritime Provinces. We realized that our task would be difficult as the Abegweit Club had not participated in football on this level for a great many years.

"However, our appeal to many players who had come up through the local schools and colleges was well received and we found our initial practices were well attended. As the season progressed we experienced a little more difficulty with our practice sessions because of the early beginning of hockey locally as well as the shorter hours of daylight for our work-outs. In spite of these difficulties we were able to field a strong team.

Gordon Kuhn Hired As Coach Of Moncton Hawks; Seeking 4 New Players

MONCTON, N.B., Dec. 1 — (CP) Acting-coach George Bell of Moncton Hawks of the Maritime Major Hockey League tonight told members of the parks committee of the City Council that Gordon (Doggie) Kuhn of Bedford, N.S., had been engaged as coach of the team. Bell's announcement was made as members of the hockey club reported to the civic committee in charge of operating the city-owned Stadium. Committee members expressed concern over a sharp drop in attendance at Maritime Major Hockey League games in Moncton this season. G.D. Montgomery, president of the Hawks Club, Limited, in reply to a question, said the club planned to carry on "as long as we can." He did not elaborate. Bell said efforts were being made to obtain four new players to bolster the Hawks and said word was expected "momentarily". He said Kuhn had not taken over the coaching duties because in the opinion of the club the assignment would be difficult for any mentor until new player material had been obtained. Kuhn played amateur hockey in the Maritimes and was with several American League teams. He coached Truro Bearcats when they played in the Maritime League, Dartmouth Arrows in the same League, and filled in as coach of Moncton Hawks in the League finals two seasons ago. Stadium manager Harold (Dud) James reported attendance at League games had dropped about 50 per cent from last year's figures in recent games, although the aggregate so far this season was almost on a par with last year. The hockey club and the city split the hockey receipts on a 70-30 basis with the larger portion going to the club.

Statement To Public By Islanders Hockey Club

Great satisfaction has been expressed by thousands of fans at the return of big time hockey to this Province. This feeling is pronounced in practically every section of the Island, and spectators from extreme east and west and intermediate points are found at the contests in this City.

This happy result is due to the initiative of the Islanders Hockey Club, who at great expense of time and effort, have produced a team of outstanding talent, acclaimed in all parts of the Maritimes, and held in high regard by Island hockey lovers.

It is generally understood that the cost of operation is high. To carry this expense a reasonable spectator charge was fixed. At the outset, the impression left with the Club directors was that no amusement tax would be collected and on this belief the schedule was begun. However, the Club Directors have been notified that the tax will have to be paid on each game so far played, and all future games. The Government tax is twenty-five cents on \$1.50 tickets, seventeen cents on \$1.00 tickets, and fifteen cents on 85 tickets.

The Islanders Club feels that it is unable to pay this tax on each game, and believes that the public will be pleased to contribute so that operation can be continued.

The Directors therefore are asking that spectators pay ten cents on each ticket purchased. The equipping, transporting and maintenance of the Club runs at so substantial a sum that the Directors are confident the public will be glad to pay this additional ten cents to permit the Club to operate at its present successful level. Club members, coach and members of the hockey team have fully co-operated in the creation of a team which has come to be the pride of Islanders. The publicity value of the success of the local team is enormous. The press not only in the Maritimes, but across Canada, have carried many flattering notices.

It is doubtful if any single factor has done more to favorably publicise the Island Province than the exploits of a team which has come to mean so much to Prince Edward Island.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 — (AP) — Ray Famechon, the sharpshooting European featherweight champion from France, put on a dazzling boxing show before he knocked out young Archie Devino of Newark, N.J., tonight in 243 of the seventh round at Madison Square Garden. Famechon weighed 127 3/4. Devino 129.

The Frenchman made up for his dull American debut against Willie Peck last St. Patrick's Day by completely outclassing Devino in tonight's scheduled 10-rounder.

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 1 — (CP) — Glace Bay Miners gave Cape Breton League leading Sydney Millionaires their second trimming of the season tonight, coming out on the right end of a 4-3 score. North Sydney Victorias won the other game against Sydney on Nov. 13 by a score of 6-2.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 — (AP) — The first senior basketball game of the season will get underway at the Prince of Wales College auditorium tonight when the Saint Dunstan's University and Y.M.C.A. squads will meet in an exhibition tilt at 7:30.

The two teams in tonight's clash are entered in the six-team Island Physical Fitness Basketball League which will get its schedule rolling here early in January. The game will provide the teams with a great opportunity to test their strength and skill for future battles, and is expected to produce plenty in the way of smart hoop action.



On a crisp, wintry late afternoon in the third week in November I stood on the embankment of a beaver dam in a swampy, remote area in southern Queens. The dam was situated close to a mile in any direction from human habitation. On occasion beaver will start a colony only close to travelled highways but as a rule they choose a spot in some secluded back area. It was a routine check for illegal trapping.

Near the edge of the spill-way I saw the deep print of a man's rubber boot. The foot print was about two days old and I wondered what mission the maker of this track had been on. A thorough examination of the spill-way and 'runs' failed to produce any traps or signs of trapping and I came to the conclusion someone had used the embankment as a crossing place and had no designs on the colony's inhabitants.

Below the dam ran a narrow alder bordered valley flanked by tall, brooding spruce and the bright sun that slanted low in the west threw its glinting rays on the narrow ribbon of dark blue water that flowed slowly through a maze of sere, frost killed flags. It was a quiet scene and I should have felt at ease but somehow or other I couldn't quite get the footprint in the mud out of my mind. It was a rather unusual place for anyone to be unlegged with some definite business in mind, and I suddenly had a hunch, like I sometimes had in France, that all was not as it should be.

My eyes searched the expanse of flags and rushes below the dam and I caught a slight movement in the flags about fifty yards distant and the sun glinted momentarily on a patch of seal brown fur. I knew that my hunch had been correct but it was not until I was within a few feet from the spot that I saw the beaver. He, or she, was an immense animal that would weigh close to fifty pounds. It had been caught by the two middle flippers, or toes, of a hind foot in a heavy double spring trap.

The poacher had strung out a long guide wire and secured one end by a weight resting on the bottom of the creek bed. The trap would slide down this wire and the beaver would become entangled under water and drown. Hoyle, the trapper hadn't figured on such a heavy animal that was able to pull the clog up on the bank where he got entangled in the flags.

He sat on his haunches looking as big as a half grown brown bear and glared at me from small, deep set eyes that were half hidden by long silky fur. When I got within six or eight feet he lunged toward me with a deep warning hiss. I was in a quandary. I could not leave the animal for fear the poacher might return to look at his trap and kill him. Besides the afternoon was waning and it was a long mile to the car. Furthermore I didn't like the idea of leaving the beaver there all night for the signs pointed that he had been in the trap for some time and was beginning to show signs of distress.

I cut a stout cut to fend him off if he crowded me too close for a beaver has long, yellow, razor edged teeth that can chisel through wood like a knife cuts cheese. I squatted on my hunkers within a few feet of the trapped animal and talked to him in a low soothing (at least it was meant to be soothing) voice. For maybe ten minutes I continued the one-sided conversation and several times I reached out and stroked his fur with the stick.

Animals and birds have more reasoning power than most of us imagine. It would probably surprise me very much if I really knew what this beaver was thinking while I sat and talked to him. I could see him relax and the tenseness leave his body and finally he turned his head away and sort of crouched on the ground. It was a gesture that said plainer than words: "There's nothing I can do to stop you so do whatever you intend to do and get it over with."

He was setting on the trap so I cautiously worked it out from under him and it took my two hands to press down the double springs.

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Visitors Cash In On Breaks In Close-Checking Game At Charlottetown Forum

In a game that produced a scintillating brand of fast, close checking hockey "Sweeney" Schriener's Halifax Saint Mary's pucksters squeezed out a 2-1 victory over the Charlottetown Islanders in a Maritime Senior Hockey League fixture here last night, played before a capacity crowd of roaring fans. Taking advantage of the breaks, smart breakaways by Black and Hugh Campbell netted the two goals for Halifax that sealed defeat for the Islanders. Marcel Clemente garnered the lone marker for the locals on a slick two-man effort with Mac Beaton, which was the opening goal of the game. The first goal for Halifax came while Islanders played two men short.

The Saintmarian victory adds two points to their second place standing and puts them nine points behind the league leading Islanders. Ed D'Aoust, John Beavens and Moncton Hawks are in third and fourth place with 25 and 16 points respectively. Although the game produced plenty of hard bodying, it was cleanly played with only six penalties being handed out for minor infractions.

Going wide-open on the play right from the start of the first period, Islanders got the jump on their rivals to open the scoring at 3:45 of the frame. Marcel Clemente did the honors when he combined with Beaton at centre ice, the latter setting him up with a nice pass going in over the blue-line.

Despite the fact that both teams waged a wicked war from then on, both having good scoring opportunities followed by smart goalending by Hal Gordon and Ed D'Aoust, there was no further scoring until the halfway mark in the second period. Taking advantage of two Islanders penalties, one to Duchak for charging and Favaro for hooking, Black and McGregor broke clear of the pack at the opposing blue-line. McGregor clicking on a nice pass to Hal Gordon going in on goal to send Black in to rifle one past Gordon from close quarters. The goal came at 10:32 and a very classy effort.

Again the two teams settled down to a fast, rugged brand of hockey that saw neither able to dent the armor of the two goalies, the period ending in a 1-1 dead-lock. With mild weather making the ice heavy going in the final session, both teams nevertheless kept up the fast pace set in the first two periods. Islanders pressed the attack to outshoot Halifax 6-3 by the halfway mark. But the Halifax were not to be denied, and putting on the pressure, came up with the winning tally at 12:35. From a faceoff just inside the Halifax blue-line, Bill Watson sent down the batter rushing straight down the centre of the ice all alone to pull Gordon over to the right of his cage and bang the puck in to the open left hand corner.

From then on the Islanders literally climbed all over the Halifax net in an effort to get the equalizer. Driving in with attack after attack they held the play inside the Halifax blue-line for minutes at a time. But D'Aoust was equal to the task, and despite many narrow shaves and some outstanding saves, barred the way to any further scoring by the Islanders.

Despite their defeat, Islanders held the better margin on the night's play, outshooting Halifax 9-4 in the first frame, 9-5 in the second and 10-7 in the third for a total of 28 shots on D'Aoust to 16 on Gordon.

Although there were many stars to pick from in last night's game, Ed D'Aoust's performance in the Halifax cage earned him the final nod from the press boys for the new hat donated by Henderson and Oudner on the ice.

Halifax-Goal, D'Aoust; defence, McLaughlin, Powers; centre, McGregor; wings, Black, Thomas; subs, Buck, Watson, Hollett, Campbell, Diguier, Ford, Miller. Charlottetown — Goal, Gordon; defence, Duchak, Vitale; centre, Bathgate; wings, D. Horeck, Horeck; subs, Travis, Conway, Flynn, Lagan, Trainor, Favaro, Pellyshyn, Beaudry, Beaton. Officials—Referee—Swain; linesmen—Bradshaw, Perry.

1-Charlottetown—Clements (Beaton) 3:45 Penalties—Powers. Second Period 2-Halifax — Black (McGregor) 10:32 Penalties—Powers, Ford, Duchak, Favaro, Diguier. Third Period 3-Halifax — Campbell (Watson) 12:35 Penalties—none.

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