



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We had a letter from Dr. Dave MacKenzie dated Azusa, California, the other day... "Lovely weather here. Attended the harness racing at Santa Anita yesterday. Good racing with close finishes. We leave here today for Montreal for a two week visit with Dr. D. W. Junior and Miss. at 3 Grove Park, Westmount, then on to P. E. I." Dr. Dave and Mrs. MacKenzie's many friends here will be delighted to welcome them back. While retired from practice, Dr. Dave has one of the most enviable reputations as a surgeon in Canada, and in his specialty is unsurpassed anywhere.

A. D. Napke, general secretary of the Chatham, N. B., race track, has forwarded us the following list of nominators for the \$1,000 Miramichi 230 class stake, which will be raced at Chatham, July 1st. It will be noted that they are 23 in number and come from various parts of the Maritime Provinces.

M. Carver, Vernon River, P. E. I.; Edward Cole, Hunter River, P. E. I.; A. B. Cutcliffe, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; F. C. Coates, Amherst, N.S.; Charles J. Craig, Halifax, N.S.; C. L. Dauphinee, Halifax, N.S.; William Flemming, Juniper, N. B.; George Guergis, Summerside, P. E. I.; George Irving, Rexton, N. B.; F. Kennedy, Truro, N.S.; Herb Killam, Sussex, N.B.; W. P. MacArthur, Shediac, N. B.; William McComb, Newcastle, N. B.; N. A. Renton, Moncton, N. B.; Strang and Monaghan, Chatham, N. B.; J. S. Wait, Gaspe, P. E. I.; J. S. Watson, Chatham, N. B.; Wilfred Walker, Halifax, N.S.; Vernon Polke, Campbellton, N. B.; A. D. Napke, Newcastle, N. B.

Last year this event was won by Joe Eves, owned by James S. Watt, Gaspé, and driven by Wib Jardine, with 1-2, Surprise Lady, owned by James S. Watt, and driven by Edgar Shirley, was 3-3-1; Mr. McGee (DeWitt) 2-2-3, six other starters; time 2:22.1/2. The management of the Chatham track deserves great credit for promoting this big stake year after year. It has brought together with accuracy the racing races so successfully. Years ago Chatham was considered the fastest track in the Maritime Provinces and for several years held the Maritime trotting record of 2:10, set up there by The Exposer, owned by H. C. Jewett of Fredericton, N. B.

We are glad to have the following from our good friend James Read of Truro, one of the keenest observers in harness racing in the Maritime Provinces, a man who has been in the good ones for the past fifty or more years. "I am glad Joe O'Brien is continuing to be so successful. There is no doubt but that he is one of the very best drivers in America. I am also glad that Bill Gillespie has been so successful in getting so many entries for the colt stakes. The fact that Old HomeWeek has offered classes for them and Truro Raceway also, will make it worth while for owners to train and race their colts. I like to read about the races of the long ago in Down the Back Stretch. I have seen many of them. Regarding the mare Karina from Saint John, I saw her race in Amherst. It was away back when Parkside, owned by the late W. A. Brennan of Summerside, and Stranger raced in Amherst. Fred Cameron was there with a bay mare by Parkside, owned by the late Charles Chandler. It was tough racing in those days—sometimes all afternoon until dark and they would finish the next day. I was out to the Truro track on Sunday and the horses are working splendidly and horses are working over it."... Thanks, friend Jim, it is always good to hear from you.

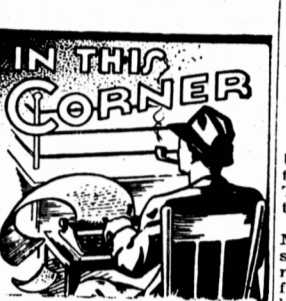
The Charlottetown Driving Park management are planning for the biggest season's racing of all time, as will be noted by their program issued with early closing and stake events. We understand that night racing will be on Friday and Saturday and in addition to the stake races early closing there will be the usual dash events, so that all trotters and pacers will have a chance to show their mettle. With the splendid accommodation, the jogging-in-track in the centre and the excellent half mile strip, horses trained there should be ready to take the word in fine shape for the opening night of June 28th.

At present the following horses are at the track: Len O'Meara's Stable—Miss Knox 2:09%, Dean Swift 2:15, Suffolk Chief 2, owned by Cmdr. G. H. Buntain; Esso 2:12%, New Forest 2, 2:33%, (now three), Bell Hop 2, and the two-year-old trotter Robert Lee, owned by Mrs. James Poulton; the three-year-old pacer Betty Play, owned by C. H. Sutherland, Sydney, and Quick Lick 2:10%, owned by John MacLean, Souris, and Len's Fall owned by George Gregory. Assisting trainer O'Meara are Ed Downe and "Doc" Lawlor. Austin Tierney stable—the three-year-old pacer Wayne Budlong, owned by Ray Keenan; the two-year-old pacer Roy Harvester, owned by Ray Genge; and the four-year-old pacer Robin Clegg, owned by Hugh Simpson, Jr. Eric Moreside Stable

the trotter Tartan 2:16 1/2, owned by Major T. B. Rogers; the pacer Worthy Ermine 2:08 1/2, owned by Myron Bell; the pacer Holly Harvester, owned by Bert Strang; a two-year-old by Pagliacci and a three-year-old by Kalmack, owned by Eric. Dr. R. P. Seaman Stable—the two-year-old trotter Just A Squire, the four-year-old trotter Wraymark, the pacer mare Just Sandra and the brood mare Just Betty 2:10 1/2. They are being trained by Pete McKenna. The Horace Willis Stable—Argot Pacer 2:07, J. S. A. 2:11 1/2, Bud Chato; the three-year-old trotter Big Boy and a three-year-old trotter by Pagliacci. They are in charge of trainer Howard McKay. During 1951 the Charlottetown Driving Park track featured 275 dashes and a total of 1,927 horses faced the Starting Gate in these events, made up as follows: 138 P. E. I. owned horses, 45 Island owned colts and 41 horses from other parts of the Maritimes, making a total of 224 horses. This constitutes 2.07 per cent of the horses starting under the U. S. T. A.

The March issue of the Canadian Horse and Thoroughbred has a feature article entitled, "Make Way for Lee Harvester, a Sire of Quality." At 33 he is the daddy of Canada's top Standard Breds. Lee Harvester was foaled in the farm of J. O. McAllister, Lexington, Ky. in the spring of 1919 and was sired by the then world's champion trotter Lee Asworthy 1:58 1/2. His dam, Willina H. was by The Harvester 2:01, former world's champion trotting stallion that was purchased by C. K. C. Billings for \$51,000. Lee Harvester was placed in the hands of Charlie Dean for early training and in his three-year-old form took a record of 2:16 1/2. Injuries prevented him from lowering this record and he was sent to the auction and became the property of P. Vandellac of Montreal, Que. A couple of years later he was sold to F. Stewart Scott, owner of the Manchester Stock Farms, Gat. Ont. There he sired a total of 182 trotters and 95 pacers.

One trotter, Lee Harvester, took a record of 2:00 and two took records of 2:05, while three of his pacers took records of 2:05 or better. Not only that but his sons and daughters have produced 23 trotters and 48 pacers in the list. The best known of his get in the Maritimes is that outstanding trotter Lee Brewer 2:05 1/2, the co-holder at one time of the Charlottetown track trotting record which was then 2:07 1/2. A few years ago Lee Brewer, although well along in years, made a return to the race ovals and showed at his old time speed. Sometimes he would be many lengths in front of his opposition but would then decide to let up. He certainly caught the fancy of the crowd and will not soon be forgotten. At present he holds the track trotting record at St. Peters of 2:11 made August 31, 1949, driven by Emmett Bernard, and also the trotting record of 2:12 1/2, at Riverside, Oct. 8, 1947, driven by Myron Bell.



Summerside kids, unable to get a proper chance to develop their hockey talent due to the lack of a rink in their town, are being given every opportunity to learn their baseball. Last summer Summerside started something worthwhile when they brought in "Chick" Wielan from Boston to teach the youngsters the fundamental points of the game. The proof of the pudding is in the eating and when it came time to take part in the Island playdowns the Summerside teams in the pee-wee midget and bantam classes walked away with the titles.

This year 'Summerside's Bill Veck', J. K. Curran, has arranged to bring in Johnny Carroll, a top-notch outfielder from Duke University. With the emphasis being placed on Little League baseball, this move will again pay off handsomely for the town. The kids are free from morning to night in the summer months, will learn how to make the double play, slide into bases, field ground balls, play the outfield and know how to do it correctly. Not only will they win the Island titles but they will be the most likely to go up the baseball ladder.

We would like to see the kids in Charlottetown get some of this coaching. This year, by the looks of things the City kids are going to get the best baseball break they ever got through the organization of a minor league. They will have every opportunity to play ball and when they are out there they may as well be learning the correct way. Someone with a sound knowledge of the game and the time to impart his knowledge, is needed on the sandlots.

The first statement of anything definite about next year's hockey plans came from Col. Oland, manager of the Halifax Saints last night. According to Col. Oland the Saints are already on the hockey trail looking for talent and regardless of what league they are in it is pretty plain that the Saints are building for the Maritime championship.

Among the players signed for next year is a Charlottetown boy, Orin Carver who played with the Halifax Juniors for the past two years. Carver was one of the best forwards on the junior Saints when they carried the Maritime colors into the Eastern Canadian playoffs this spring. Another Charlottetown player whom the Saints are trying to secure is Lorne Hennessey a line-mate of Carver's and a capable performer. Both Hennessey and Carver would probably enter Col. Oland's plans of having four home brew players on each team.

The Saints may have trouble finding teams to keep pace with them if they have a team of major league calibre. However, Col. Oland's statement should set the wheels in motion and stir the other centres into some sort of action. We believe the Saints would like to see the Islanders in a league with them in view of the gate attraction the Islanders have proved during the past two years. The Islanders return to the game in Halifax, a man connected with the hockey picture in the Nova Scotia capital told us several weeks ago.

New York Fights
NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—Bobby Dykes, making his first fight since his split-kidney litle loss to welter champion Kid Gavilan, gave Ted Murray a whipping tonight at St. Nicholas Arena to win a unanimous 10-round decision. Dykes weighed 153-1-2, Murray 147.

Warming slowly to his task, Dykes first outboxed Murray and then sliced him up, feinting Murray into wild swings. He stabbed the New York Negro's left eye shut. Blood streamed from Murray's nose and mouth from the fifth round on.

Aces' Coach Admits Beavers Deserved Win

QUEBEC, April 25—(CP)—Quebec Aces "just gotta get up off the floor" and win the Alexander Trophy, Coach Punch Imlach said tonight.

Saint John Beavers, Maritime Major Hockey League champions, slapped Aces down Thursday night with a 6-0 victory, their first in four starts against Quebec. The win was "well deserved" by the Easterners, said Imlach. Aces have to wake up Saturday night and "show their stuff". After a bad start Thursday—Beavers took a 3-0 lead in the first period—Aces didn't play like the Quebec Senior League champions that they are, he said.

Playing Coach Johnny O'Flaherty didn't have much to say about the win. "We'll play them one on at a time."

He said Beavers finally got a break in the final series for the trophy. They will need to be on their toes Saturday because Aces need only one more victory to wrap up the best-of-seven fixture.

Imlach was unabashed. "One defeat doesn't upset the apple-cart."

Beavers remain a good, fast-skating, smooth-passing bunch. "They proved it in the first period Thursday. That set our boys back on their heels and we failed to recover." One Ace broke his skates, another had an attack of recurrent heart palpitations and the team was so shaken by the Saint John splurge that the game was lost right then.

Two Quebecers may be out of Saturday's game. Marcel Bonin suffered a shoulder injury and Armand Gaudreault came out with an illness. It will not be known until before game time if they'll don the uniform Saturday.

Baseball Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago 001 010 002—4 9 0
Cleveland 110 000 003—5 9 1
Pierce, Alomo (9), W. Kennedy (9) and Lollar; Wynn and Hegan.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
St. Louis 000 330 000—6 12 2
Pittsburgh 000 001 030—4 8 0
Staley, Brazle (8) and Rice, Muir, Werle (5), Kline (6), Wolfe (8), Wilks (9) and Garagiola. Cincinnati 200 000 001—3 5 0
Chicago 001 030 305—7 9 1
Blackwell, Jordan (7), Byerly (7) and Semnick; Kelly and Atwell.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Syracuse 100 100 000 03—5 8 3
Montreal 001 000 001 02—4 9 1
(11 innings)
Holloman, Woop (11), Eisenmann (11) and Drescher; Alexander, Hughes (10), Mills (11) and C. Thompson.
Buffalo 000 000 060—6 8 1
Ottawa 000 200 110—4 10 2
Birrer, Marlowe (8), Jordan (9) and Ciesielski; Hrabcsak, Murray (8) and Folles.
Springfield 100 001 000—7 10 4
Rochester 002 121 000—6 16 4
Inde, Simpson, Jacobs, Dohernie and Burbrink; Tiefenauer, Crimlam, Swartz, Faszhold, Lewadowski and Bucha.
Baltimore 102 010 000—4 9 0
Toronto 110 020 001—5 9 0
Starr, Donnelly (9) and Oswald; Fahr and Anderson.

Halifax Plans Major Calibre Hockey Team

HALIFAX, Apr. 25—(CP)—Halifax St. Mary's are planning for a major calibre hockey team next season even though the future of the Alexander Cup series isn't known.

"Look at it this way," said President Victor Oland tonight. "If we operated an Allan Cup team our salaries for players would be down about one third."

"But that would be the only saving. Transportation, equipment, and all the other expenses of running a hockey club would be the same."

When Coach Will Field left Halifax a few days ago he was told to scout for major series players.

"I don't know if the league will operate next year... there will be a meeting likely within the next three weeks," said Mr. Oland.

"However, now is the time to line up good players, but if anything breaks, we will be prepared."

Asked about rumors that Field was trying to sign Ray Fredericks and Willie Marshall of Charlotte-

ton Islanders, Mr. Oland said: "Emphatically not. Before Field left he decided he was not interested in anybody in the Big Six other than some of our own players. However, a number of players with other clubs have been in touch with Field, offering their services. It could be... some of these players will join us."

Stallion Enrolment
According to the provisions of the Stallion Enrolment Act all stallions two years old and over, standing for service in this Province, must be enrolled in the records of the Department of Agriculture. Horses offering for service must be inspected and graded and carry an inspection certificate. Applications for enrolment and inspection should be made immediately.

Applications for enrolment should be accompanied with the required fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) and should include name of horse, breed, age, colour description and registration number, if horse is registered.

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HUNTERS' CORNER

Trout streams, brimming from bank to bank with swift water, are foaming seaward and giving anglers who prefer stream fishing considerable trouble in controlling their offerings of Garden Hackles. One may know where the snag under bank hideouts of the trout are but guiding one's bait into such detached nooks is another matter. Unless one is equipped with a weighty sinker the blob of worms will surface many feet downstream.

The majority of good catches this past week have come from dams where the water is held reasonably stationary. Encouraging reports are coming in regarding the "by pass" dams constructed by the Department of Industry and Natural Resources this past few years. Even dams built last summer are producing sea trout up to two pounds in weight. Instead of being held up in the holes below the spillway, as in the case of the old fashioned dams, the trout continue on through the "by pass" which, in other words, is nothing more or less than a diverted creek channel.

The new type dams also open up an immense spawning area to sea run trout that the spillway type dam prevented from ascending. To fish ladders have never been regarded as being entirely satisfactory. It has been stated by observers that the trout appear to linger in the hole below the dam before attempting to run up the fish ladder. Whereas in the case of dams with a by pass there is no loitering along the way.

Last fall observers have reported immense runs of trout going full steam ahead up through the diverted channel into the dam above. Complaints have also been received in the past regarding the abuse of fish ladders when trout were using them. It was a simple matter, if one had no scruples as to how one got trout, to shut off the water and leave the fish

Newman Club Takes Lead In Hoop Series

The Charlottetown Newman Club defeated the Basildon Youth Club basketball team 52-42 Wednesday night in the second game of a round robin series between the Newman Club, and Queen Square School.

Lorne MacGulgan and Joe Revell led the Newman Club attack with 19 and 17 points respectively. Bernie MacDonald was high scorer for the losers with 16 points.

The Newman Club led 21-20 at the end of the first half.

Summary:—Newman Club: MacGulgan 19, Revell 17, Connors 4, R. MacDonald 8, Kays 4, Reid 0. Total 52. B. Y. C.: G. Burge 6, Beagan 4, McDonald 16, Ready 10, McCloskey 6. Total 42.

In the first game of the series the Newman Club defeated Q. S. S. 43-28. Revell was high scorer for the winners with 15 points while George MacGulgan led the school team with 16.

Summary:—Newman Club: Revell 15, MacGulgan 14, MacDonald 8, Kays 4, Connors 0, Reid 0, Kelly 2. Total 43. Q. S. S.: MacDonald 2, Kelly 0, MacQuarrie 2, MacGulgan 16, Gillis 6, Smith 0, Hughes 2, Carroll 0. Total 28.

Biltmores Win

GUELPH, Ont., April 25—(CP)—Guelph Biltmores swamped Regina Pats 8-2 tonight in the first game of their best-of-seven series for the Memorial Cup, emblematic of the Canadian junior hockey championship.

Cleveland Scores 5-4 Victory Over Chicago

By The Associated Press
Cleveland shook off its St. Louis Brownsie defeats and got back on the win path Friday by scoring three in the last of the ninth to trip Chicago 5-4 in the only American League action.

After Chicago broke a 2-2 tie with two in the ninth, the Indians slammed back with three. Harry Simpson's double drove home two runs and Luke Easter's fly with the bases loaded registered the clincher.

Chicago Cubs, almost as surprising as the Browns in their own league, turned on the extra base power to trim Cincinnati's Ewell Blackwell 7-3. The National League win boosted the Cubs' season record to 6-2, only a game behind league-leading Brooklyn.

Hank Sauer's homer, triple and two doubles led the nine-hit club attack while Bob Kelly gave up only five hits to the Reds. The loss knocked Cincy out of a second-place tie.

Wally Westlake and Stan Musial led St. Louis Cards to a 6-4 victory over Pittsburgh. Each had three hits, accounting for half the Cards total of Joe Muir and four others. Only 1,945 chilled fans, smallest crowd since Sept. 3, 1946, watched Gerry Stanley and reliever Al Brazie tame the Pirates. Staley became the first three-game winner in the league although he needed help from Brazie in the eighth.

Rain washed out the rest of the big league program including a big night game between Brooklyn and New York Giants at the Polo Grounds. Other postponements included New York at Washington and Boston at Philadelphia in the American and Philadelphia at Boston in the National. St. Louis Browns and Detroit were not scheduled.

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