



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We had a pleasant visit the other afternoon from Charles Pooley of Victoria, who was accompanied by Waldon Woodside of the same place. Mr. Pooley is the owner of the brood mare Mollie Grattan 2:08 1/2 by Orcus Grattan, sire of Dominion Grattan 1:59 and many other greats. He also has a four-year-old by Playdate 2:04 1/2, a year-old by Abner T. Clegg 2:04 1/2, a four months old colt by Jolly 2:05 1/2 and the brood mare Jean Hal with a three months old colt by Jolly. Last but not least is Harvest Melody 2:10 1/2 that is being wintered at Mr. Woodside's. She is in foal to Russell Hanover 2:08 1/2. Many will remember the little Melody mare when she arrived from Newfoundland some weeks prior to Old Home Week, 1936, and without ever starting in a race or being trained on a half-mile track prior to coming here won the 2:16 trot and in the second heat equalled the track trotting record of 2:10 1/2. Two afternoons later she won the Free For All Trot with Silk Girl winning the first heat in 2:09 1/2. It was a new track trotting record. Harvest Melody won the next two and race. She also won at Fredericton and Halifax. Her breeding is exceptionally good on both sides of her pedigree, tracing back to great sires and world's champions. Mr. Pooley is not a young man by any means but is a very active one. He has forty head of cattle, a large number of pigs and a farm with its many tasks to look after. He is one of the many who have contributed to making this province a Garden of the Gulf.

His neighbor, Waldon Woodside, is a strapping young man and is bitten by the horse bug also. He is the owner of Melody Chimes, a colt by Big Gun out of Harvest Melody. Big Gun is bred in the purple and we believe is now a successful sire in Ontario. In addition he has the brood mare Linda Darnell with her weanling colt by Abner T. Clegg 2:04 1/2.

We are very glad to have a letter from Cpl. James D. Sutherland, No. US51 001 232, Headquarters Btry, 169th AAA ABW (SP), 43rd Infantry Division, A.P.O. 112, c/o N.Y., in which he enclosed information on the horses which were being sold at Harrisburg, Pa. The prices they brought and the parties that bought them. His letter states: "Since leaving the U.S.A. I do not get much of a chance to know what is going on in the sport. I happened to get hold of this copy of the Hanover Evening Sun and read the list of horses being sold. Since I have been here I found that they have ice racing the same as on the Island. They race at a resort for servicemen which is up in the mountains of Bavaria. I hope to see some of these this winter as I am very interested in harness racing. I hope you will find use for this list and two of the races held at Yonkers Raceway, N.Y." We thank our good friend for having remembered us and we are sure there will be many in this province who will remember him also and will be glad to know that he is continuing his interest in harness racing although so very far away from home. His present location is not too far away from the headquarters which Adolf Hitler built in the Bavarian mountains. The Bavarians are very thrifty people, good farmers and stock raisers and that part of Germany would appear to be as interesting a place as any to be located. Best of luck, J.D., and we hope to hear from you again.

Charlie Mason, well known Maine driver, is not located at the Lewisville race track and among the recent additions to his stable is the pacer Jimmie Highland 2:00 2/5, that forced Tassel Hanover to establish two new world's records at Lexington. He also raced two heats at Delaware, Ohio, faster than 2:04 and is eligible to the 2:14 class. Prince Chief 2:07 took his record over the Northville, Ill. half-mile track this season and was the winner of eight of his sixteen starts. Another good prospect is Jill Revere 2:09 1/2, bay trotting mare that has performed quite well the past two seasons. These horses are owned by Joseph Cook of Poland Springs, Maine. Jimmie Highland cost \$7,500 and Prince Chief \$3,400 at Harrisburg. In addition to those horses Mr. Mason has a number of others that he is wintering and will later move further south to winter training.

Earle Sample dropped in to see us a few days ago and we got some particulars about his race experiences in the U.S.A. the past season. It will be remembered that in the early spring he changed Mary Merk over from the pace to the trot. She had taken a pacing record of 2:08 3/5 and had total winnings of \$4,259 at the end of 1950. This year she started the season on the new gait at Montague and won, also at Charlottetown and beat a good field of pacers at Truro, July 11th in 2:11. Shortly after Earle moved to Yonkers where he won several races and then on to Roosevelt Raceway. She won there but bruised her heel and had to be laid up for some time. Recovering, the stable then moved to Foxboro where Mary met and defeated the best trotters in 2:02 2/5.

In the past season's campaign she was 12 times first six times second, once third and once fourth and her earnings totalled around \$4,500 for the season. Many believe she can do 2:05 over a half-mile track and as a matter of fact the writer and others timed her in 2:10 over Charlottetown track prior to leaving here in July and it seemed just a job for her. Mary is not only a fast trotter and fast pacer but is perfectly mannered with exceptional breeding. Her sire being Long Key 2:00 and her dam one of the world's great brood mares. Faw Worthy M. 2:14 1/2, dam of many others including the mare Gray Mist 3:20 3/4 by Volomite, that sold for \$16,000 at the dispersal sale of the Village Farm, Langhorne, Pa. Earle brought home with him a great trotting prospect in the two-year-old Dean Gallon by Bill Gallon 3:15, dam, Louise Hanover by Dean Hanover 1:58 1/2. He was in the stable of Johnny Simpson and would not have been sold only for the fact that Johnny has become a private trainer for the Hanover Shoe Farms.

This colt is an exceptional trotter having been timed in 2:11 over a half-mile track this season. He is staked in some of the largest futurities for 1952 but it is unlikely that Earle will continue the payments as it would mean that he would have to be southern trained. He also bought the pacer Patchen Volo 2nd at Roosevelt Raceway. He had taken a record of 2:09 there, and the pacer mare Kay B. Braden with a record of 2:15, eligible to the 2:22 class. He also brought back with him for Clayton MacLeod, Westville, N.S., the trotter King Wyn 2:10. This horse raced as a three-year-old in 1949, took a record of 2:16 2/5 and was first to the wire on five occasions. In 1949 he won the 2:26 trot at Old Orchard, Me. mile track in 2:10 1/5. We have no line on him for 1950 or 1951. His sire, Calumet Eblis, is the sire of quite a number of good trotters that have been racing this season.

Asked about the difference in racing at Yonkers and Roosevelt as compared to Maritime ovals, he said the tracks are so wide that if a horse draws an outside position and stays there for any length of time he is covering an awful lot of extra territory. One thing he noted about those tracks was the absence of any rough driving. Everyone seemed to have lots of room and did not interfere with anyone else. That is probably due to the very close supervision given by the patrol judges. He said the tracks are very hard and there are an awful lot of lame or sore horses as a consequence.

William A. Irving, Cherry Valley, P.E.I., is the proud owner of a weanling foal by Calumet Budlong 2:02 1/2, dam, Queenie Kalmuck by Kalmuck 2:15 1/2. It is a light bay of handsome conformation, very stylish looking and gives every evidence of speed. Friends of Mr. Irving share with him in admiration of the youngster and we hope that he will turn out as good as their expectations.

Most everyone who races at Foxboro knows Paul Bowser is one of the big shareholders, but perhaps they have forgotten or are not aware that Paul in addition to being a great wrestler some years ago was also a great harness horseman and has owned some of the best in the Year Books. According to the writer Tap Goodenough, Paul awakes or awakens, dreams of harness horses. Trotters and pacers are his life and his first love. At sixty-five he is as chipper as a debutante and enjoys jogging horses. "Glad you came out to the track" was his greeting as he got down off his sulky. "I drove on the Grand Circuit with your grandfather Henry B. in the good old days. Come into my office." Photos lined the walls, eyes of

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Millionaires Come From Behind To Win 6-4 From Islanders

Bill Dinning's Sydney Millionaires weathered a torrid first period attack and took advantage of every break that came their way as they came from behind to hand the Islanders a 6-4 defeat at the Forum last night.

Trailing 2-1 as the second period got underway the money men struck three times in five tries during the session to take over the lead. They blinked the red light twice in the final 20 minutes while the best the locals could do was gather one goal.

The Islanders, playing without the services of their regular goalie Hal Gordon, tore through the Millionaires at will in the first period and did everything but lift Pidsodny and the net out of the rink in their attempts to score. They did score twice but they missed enough chances in the first ten minutes to win the game.

Frankie Roper took Hal Gordon's place in the net and turned in an adequate job. The third period was his best of the game as he turned aside seven shots. Several of the drives that beat him were from close in and ones on which he had little chance.

George Robertson displayed some of the wares which earned him a bonus instead of a fine by the Millionaires executive. Robertson scored twice and helped set up Cliff Roach on another.

Frankie Bathgate, former Islanders centreman, scored the Millionaires fourth goal. He also drew two penalties and put on a Bathgate display that was slightly reminiscent of a few of his zanier games here last season. Other Sydney marksmen were Joe Levandoski, and Ronnie Matthews.

Phil Vitale scored his first goal of the season late in the second period to put the Islanders within reach of the visitors. Don Bellingier and "Buck" Whitlock scored for the Islanders in the first period while Walter Pawlyshyn completed the scoring for the night.

Right winger Bruno Favero, sat out the game and his place was taken by defenseman Bob Gray. The Millionaires dressed only 12 men with seven of them being forwards.

Don Bellingier opened the scoring with a short shot into the side of the net while Sydney took two men short. Bellingier took a pass in front of the net from Walt Pawlyshyn. About nine minutes later the Islanders went into a 2-0 lead when "Buck" Whitlock deflected Johnny Dutchak's slap shot into the twines.

HUNTERS' CORNER

Legal goose shooting is over for this season... it ended on Wednesday evening, December 5th. On the whole it was a good season. I watched it come in at Cavendish as the dawn wind rustled the dying leaves in the stately beeches and the clamour of wildgeese, breakfast-bound from the Park, throbbed and died and rose again in the clear morning air. I saw it go out as a misty moon rode over Orwell Bay and the low-pitched, contented gabble of resting geese drifted in from the seaward gloom of Donald John's.

November flight this season topped all fall records since the cel grass died out in 1933. Our goose shooting is coming back fast and the fall flight bids fair to rival the good old days when November geese gathered in thousands in our bays and estuaries. Farmers living along the shore of Pownal Bay and in the area bordering the East River complained of being kept awake at nights when the massed bands of the honkers tuned up. I well remember one dark late October night, in the days before the First Great War, when something disturbed the geese of Irving's Bar and the din of their concentrated calling filled the night with sound that beat against one's ear drums.

A lot of geese were shot this fall and a lot more missed... something that is very easy to do. Its a long time since so many geese dinners were enjoyed as was the case during the season just ended. The weather is keeping open and thousands of geese are still with us. The day after the season closed an old time goose hunter came to me with his eyes fairly popping. "Whadda you know," he fairly shouted, "X Bay is chock full of geese, and he added rather usefully, "the season's over."

A few goose hunters feel that they didn't get the "bug" out of their system and that they still have a score to settle with the black and white disturbers of a man's peace of mind. Some had better than average luck, others had to be content with one bird or two at the most. Some, despite a heavy hunting effort, have yet to shoot a goose. I know several old timers who missed a good opportunity to score and were denied the chance to redeem themselves. These are the hunters who feel that the geese owe them something and who watched the hands of their watches slowly creep past the zero hour with a feeling of frustration and disappointment welling up in their breasts.

Personally I have no regrets over what transpired since the goose season opened on October 16th although I have to class myself with the "one geese" Johnnies. The goose I bagged on the opening morning was my first and last. I made one other attempt on a November morning when slushy snow covered the ground and a marshy chill seeped through layer upon layer of clothing. It was a blank, but who expects to connect with geese every time out? Often what has all the earmarks of a sure thing fizzles out flatter than the proverbial pancake.

Many goose hunters have no one but themselves to blame for going home empty handed. It never pays off to be too greedy when out after geese. This scribe will settle for one goose any day... I learned to play it safe a long time ago. If a small bunch of geese come in to the 'rig', whether it be three or four, I'll make the play supposing a flock of one hundred are only two gunshots off. A goose in the hand is worth fifty on the offside.

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IN THIS CORNER

For a young fellow up from intermediate hockey Frankie Roper did fairly well in the Islanders nets last night. It was a tough spot for the kid to have to step into and he stood up to the Millionaires better than most of the supporters of the teams should expect of him. His best period was the last when he stopped seven shots and this could probably be explained by the fact that he was settling down somewhat. With a year or two in a senior league Frankie would possibly be ready for competition in M. M. H.L. play.

On a couple of the goals that were scored on him he did not have too much cooperation from his defense. Several times the Sydney forwards caught the Islanders forwards and disengaged up the ice and broke away with only one man to beat besides Roper. This was the case when Frankie Bathgate scored twice and helped set up Cliff Roach on another.

Prince Edward Island junior hockey players still rank with the best in the rest of the Maritimes. The other night at Sackville when the Amherst Ramblers and the Moncton Bruins played to a 5-5 tie, all the Amherst goals were scored by Island juniors.

Mark Delaney scored three, Paul Schurman and Ron MacArthur one each. Delaney also had an assist while Schurman set up two of Delaney's counters. Defenseman MacArthur had one assist. All three players are from Summerside where they have been playing hockey for the past several years. Delaney and Schurman are pretty fair ball players and played with the Summerside Curriers and Briggs team last summer. Another Island junior, Thane Doyle played nets for the Amherst team. Brian Lewis and Stu MacLure of Charlottetown, who are with the team, did not play that night.

Twenty four hours is probably all that prevented the writing of Jim MacKenzie from playing with the Halifax Saints instead of the Islanders. Last Monday when the Saints were in town Coach Wilf Fields admitted that he tried to get MacKenzie but was one day late.

"We played Shawinigan Falls an exhibition game and I liked him then," stated coach Fields. He added that he had it in the back of his head to form a line with the MacKenzie brothers Kenny and Jim on it. It would be a good line and also good for publicity, he stated.

While Murph Chamberlain's Vancouver Canucks are still in second last place in the eight team Pacific Coast League the Canucks have been setting a pretty hot pace according to the Vancouver papers. The writers are even beginning to suggest that the Canucks are the hottest team in the league to which the Hard Rock flashes a warning about the danger of over-confidence. To illustrate his point Murph gave the papers a story about Conny Smythe and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"Con always has a fistful of tickets to Pittsburgh in his hand," Murph said. "He is not the least bit backward about handing them out either." There was the night not so long ago when the Leafs swarmed all over Chicago and outshot them something like 45-14. Chicago won the hockey game though 1-0. One of the youngest of the Leafs hopped into the dressing room after the game, smiling brightly and loudly proclaiming "We was robbed." He was fairly happy about it all, however.

Smythe noticed the smile and beckoned the youth over. "Son," he said, "was that a smile I saw on your face?" "It sure was Mr. Smythe," the boy gurgled. "Didn't we look great." "We lost a hoc-

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key game 1-0 and you're happy." Smythe growled. "My boy, there is never an excuse for a loss, and never a time anyone should be happy to lose. Here," he said, handing the boy the railway ticket, "is your new home."

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Game Odds and Ends
Frankie Roper made the first save of the game a long shot off Bill Cupolo. Frank Bathgate was only on the ice ten seconds before he received his first penalty for tripping Willie Marshall. The Millionaires were a man short at the time. Jig Phil received the biggest hand of the night as he scored his first goal.

Johnny Dutchak turned in a good performance and stopped a Bathgate slap shot with his ankle that must have hurt. In the third period referee Hugh MacLean threatened to award the game to Sydney if the fans in the north end persisted in throwing things at Pidsodny. Larry Travis made a smart defensive play when he stopped Roach and Robertson on a break in the second period. The two Sydney forwards were thorns in the side of the Islanders all night.

Aubrey Keizer, Sports Editor of the Sydney Post Record, Hal Gordon and "Red" Favero were visitors in the press box. "Red" broadcast the third period to the patients in the sanatorium. Big Phil and Pidsodny started to lough it up once but it only amounted to a skirmish.

Sydney-Goal, Pidsodny; defence, Levandoski, Matthews, Dinning, Whalen; forwards, Cupolo, Pirie, Biryukov, Roach, Hildebrand, Robertson, Bathgate.
Charlottetown-Goal, Roper; defence, Travis, Dutchak, Vitale, McLagan; forwards, Trainor, Gray, Pawlyshyn, Marshall, Bellingier, Bonhomme, Whitlock, MacKenzie, Morrow, Beaudry. Officials-MacLean and Gillis.

First Period
1-Charlottetown, Bellingier (Bonhomme, Pawlyshyn) 6:30
2-Charlottetown, Whitlock (Dutchak, Morrow) 15:08
3-Sydney, Robertson 16:29
Penalties-Levandovsky 4:36, 2:57, Bathgate 4:46.

Second Period
4-Sydney, Levandoski (Hildebrand, Matthews) 6:05
5-Sydney, Robertson (Cupolo, Roach) 9:20
6-Sydney, Bathgate (Cupolo) 12:22
7-Charlottetown, Vitale (Whitlock, Travis) 14:55
Penalties-McLagan 5:46, Bathgate 13:23, Dutchak 13:23.

Third Period
8-Sydney, Roach (Robertson, Cupolo) 9:21
9-Sydney, Matthews (Roach) 15:30
10-Charlottetown, Pawlyshyn (Gray, Trainor) 18:59
Penalties-Bellingier 14:33, Hildebrand 14:23, Whitlock 15:32, Robertson 15:32.
Pidsodny 10 9 8-27
Roper 6 2 7-15

DeMarco Outpoints Sandy Saddler

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Sunday's other games will see Montreal returning to Detroit and Boston moving into Chicago.

To Heave Unruly Fans From Rink
VALLEYFIELD, Que., Dec. 7 (CP) - President Arthur Vinet of the Valleyfield Braves said today that unruly hockey fans will get the heave-ho - and for the season.

A ruckus broke out in a recent game when Ottawa Senators were playing here in a Quebec Senior League game. Police went into action.

Vinet let it be known that persons throwing things on the ice or jumping on the ice will be put out of the arena and barred for the remainder of the season.

Islanders Club Considers New Deal For Goalie

A possible deal with a club outside the Maritimes, which would provide the Islanders with a second goal tender, is being worked out between the Islanders and that club, it was learned from coach Leo Lamoureux last night.

The goal tender may be purchased on a straight cash basis or he may be exchanged for players. There is a very slight chance, possibly a 100 to 1 shot, that he may be in the nets tonight when the Islanders play the Moncton Hawks. There are also complications involved in the deal which may prevent its completion. Coach Lamoureux would not divulge any of the details for publication.

The new deal was made necessary when right winger Bruno Favero refused to go to Glouce Bay in a straight trade for goalie Bob Arnell. Although Leo had the power to make him go or suspend him, he did not wish to use such measures.

After negotiating for several goalies since early this fall the Islanders have been forced into securing a goal tender at nearly any cost since the severe lip injury to Hal Gordon in Sydney Wednesday night.

If the new goal tender is not available for use in tonight's game, and coach Lamoureux does not think that likely, the Islanders will use Hal Gordon if he is in condition to play or Frankie Roper, who turned in a fair performance for the Islanders last night.

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Sherbrooke Looks For Help From Other Clubs

SHERBROOKE, Que., Dec. 7 (CP) - Forest Keene, Sherbrooke St. Francis business manager, said today he expects help from other Quebec Senior Hockey League and professional clubs within a week.

Keene said he would get players from other clubs to reinforce his hapless Saints.

"Saints, operating at a \$5,000 deficit, were planning to quit the loop. But the Sherbrooke City Council recently voted \$3,000 to help the club and \$7,000 is being collected from business men and other sports enthusiasts here.

Saints have been at the bottom of the league for the better part of this season and attendance has dropped considerably.

In 26 games Saints have won only seven.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 - (AP) - The possibility of a championship boxing bout between Kid Gavilan, world welterweight titleholder, and European champion Charles Humes of France was disclosed today.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 7 - (AP) - Baseball's minor leagues wound up their annual convention today by eliminating the ban on dickering with high school players and asking the majors for half their radio-television revenue.

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