

# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

A selection of winners in the Hennessy to Mrs. Hennessy told of the purchase made by Wal at Harrisburg, Pa., of True Hal and Royal Value. Many of our readers will remember the season of 1946 when True Hal was racing in the Hennessy colors at Charlottetown and Covehead. He had been owned previously by Joseph J. Hoy of Catskill, N. Y. and had won at Roosevelt July 8th in 207 1/2 and later won over the same track in 206. At the Goodwill races, Charlottetown, Sept. 11th, True Hal (Hennessy) was 1-1-4. Tip Abbe (J. O'Brien) 2-3-1, Jolilly (Hood) 3-2-3, Royal-at-Law (Moreside) 6-4-2, Anti-Aircraft (Miller) 4-6-4, Rhea Mae (Coates) 5-5-4. Time, 2:09 1/2, 2:10 1/2. Later in the year For All at Covehead, purse \$1000, Chuck Worthy (J. Campbell) 1-1-1, True Hal (Hennessy) 2-2-5, Tip Abbe (J. O'Brien) 3-3-2, Harry Direct (Burt) 4-5-3, Jolilly (Hood) 5-4-4, Anti-Aircraft (Miller) 7-6-6, Royal-at-Law (Moreside) 6-7-7, Time, 2:06 1/2, 2:07 1/2. The 206 1/2 is the track record and the three heats were the fastest paced over any track in the Maritimes that year.

Later Mr. Hennessy sold True Hal to Rosaire Bedard of Charlottetown, P.Q., and he has been racing in various stables since and not so long ago we noticed where he was winning in quite good time. He is a richly bred horse the sire being Hal Dale 202 1/2, sire of eight in 200 and 22 in 2:05, and the sire and grand sire of over half a dozen world's champions. His dam is True Athlete, also the dam of Josedale Comet 2:09 1-5 and her sire was Athlete 2:03 1/2 and his granddam is the famous brood mare True Ella, dam of True Chief 1:59 3-5 and several others in 2:10 including the Cape Breton owned Crusader Chief 2:09 2-5. When True Hal's racing days are over he should be a good horse in the stud.

Royal Value is a four-year-old black stallion by Royal Napoleon 2:00 1/2, dam Miss Abbie Dillon 2:09. She is the dam of three in 2:10. He has won over \$16,000 racing at Roosevelt and Yonkers last season and this season and took his record of 2:04 2-5 as a four-year-old at Roosevelt. His total earnings are \$21,684. In buying we believe Mr. Hennessy has made a good choice and has a horse that should get his share of the money in the fastest free-for-alls in the Maritime Provinces.

In the latest issue of The Harness Horse great praise is given Earle Avery, formerly of Woodstock, for the way he has brought Bertha Roscroft along and made her the winner of large stakes. On October 26th at Yonkers she won the AA Trot, purse \$4000, in 2:07 3-5. A week previously she had won a similar race and prior to that had been second to Torch Key in 2:04 3-5, which was a world's record, and the final night of the Grand Circuit meeting she won the AA Trot, purse \$4500, in 2:05 3-5, which boosted her life time earnings to over \$33,000. Earle has had what we can call exceptional success this season with his racing both at Roosevelt and Yonkers and is now considered one of the real top drivers.

Another Canadian that is making good at Roosevelt and Yonkers is Del McTavish of Sherbrooke, Que., a great friend of Rankin McLaine's. On October 27th he won the CC Trot in 2:09 2-5 with Bob Lybrook and the same night

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### LeBlanc, LeChance Sign Contracts With Islanders

Defenceman Bill LeBlanc and centreman Gerry LeChance were signed to Islanders contracts last night, it was announced by Islanders coach Wes "Bucky" Trainor. The two players arrived from Montreal yesterday and will play against the Halifax Atlantics tonight. Forward Orin Carver will also rejoin the Islanders for the Halifax game.

LeBlanc who was born in Montreal, has been service with the Montreal Hawks, Quebec Aces and Montreal Joli. He is 25 years old, weighs 175 pounds and stands five feet, eight and a half inches. LeBlanc played with the Montreal Hawks during the 1949-50 season and the following year went to the Quebec Aces. He played with Quebec during the 1950-51 and 1951-52 seasons. Last year he joined Montreal Joli and was chosen all star defenceman in the four team league. He picked up 52 points during the season.

Big Bill played ten games with Montreal Joli this season before the team folded. Neither he nor LeChance have been on skates for a week.

LeChance, who is 23 years old, played with Quebec Aces during the early part of the 1950-51 season. He was sold to Montreal Joli and that year led the league in scoring. Last year he was second in the scoring race with 115 points.

In English LeChance means "good luck". LeBlanc claims that Gerry will be a standout centre in this circuit. He weighs about 160 pounds and stands 5' 11".

Monte Joli, Rimouski, Matane and Rivere-Du-Loup formed the four team circuit. Don Bellingier played with Rimouski last year but was unable to catch a berth in the league this season.

### Frank MacDonald Resigns As Islanders President; New Appointment Today

Frank J. MacDonald (right), President of the Islanders Hockey Club for the past year, resigned last night due to business reasons at a special meeting of the hockey club in the City Hall. MacDonald, re-appointed President this year against his own wishes after handling the presidency in a highly successful manner last year, was forced to resign on account of travel in connection with his business.

His resignation will go into effect almost immediately as he will be leaving the Province during the first of the week on a business trip to the Magdalen Islands after which he will make a similar trip to Kentville.

The following week he will commence an extended trip with the president of his company.

A special meeting of the executive will be held today to select a new President.

Frank MacKenzie, vice president of the club, will support MacDonald to resign due to illness. Mr. MacKenzie is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Charlie Praught of Charlottetown and Keith Myers of Hamilton were elected to the executive to fill the vacancies.

The enthusiastic meeting, which was attended by well over 100 hockey fans, named a 25 man financial committee to help raise funds for the club. Approximately \$250.00 was collected at the meeting in a voluntary donation movement. George Hooper of the Boosters Club also turned in \$75.00 to swell the fund to nearly \$350.

The meeting also endorsed a resolution requesting the Forum to open four ticket wickets on nights of a game. Two of the wickets are to be reserved for general seats and two for general sale and rush.

The members felt that this would eliminate a bottleneck in the purchase of tickets and that seat holders would not lose valuable time standing in a lineup.

The shareholders who have pledged their support to the club and to keep the team in operation. "We never quit for anybody and we don't have to take a back seat to any of the

### HUNTERS' CORNER

Unland game bird hunters who pass their spare moments seeking the elusive Huns and pheasants are watching the calendar with a worried frown puckering their foreheads - - there are just 6 more days for tramping stubble and swale with a shotgun in hand. Time passes quickly and the 36 hunting days allowed on Huns and pheasants - - Sunday's are out - - seemed long at the start but right now one wonders where the days went.

The Hun coveys didn't take a very heavy beating this season. Wet weather kept many hunters indoors for it's quite a chore wading through dripping alders and the clinging swale grass soon wears down the resistance of the toughest clothing and its not a comfortable sensation to feel wet cloth clamped tight against one's knee caps. Many coveys are still at full strength, or if they lost any members it's not noticeable, and are now wise to the ways of hunters and dogs. One has to work for all the Huns bagged at the tail end of the season. A hunter of my acquaintance who has had a lot of experience on Huns told me he was out one afternoon this week. He contacted two coveys but they were too many for him. As soon as his dog entered the field they were in they took to wing and didn't stop till they had eluded those who meant harm. "Vainly the fowlers eye might try distant flight to do the wrong goose hunters are griping over the way the birds persist in keeping well off shore but there's time enough yet to run up a nice score on ducks. The first snow flurries will cause the blacks to move into sheltered bays and coves. The ducks like

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Frank MacDonald, President of the Islanders Hockey Club, is shown in a portrait. He is wearing glasses and a suit.

### Jr. Abbies And S'ide High Play Here Today

The Interscholastic Junior Abbies will play the Summerside High School in an exhibition football game at Memorial Field this afternoon. The game will commence at two o'clock.

This will be the Junior Abbies' last appearance of the season. The boys, coached by Earl Nicholson have come along rapidly during the past two months as they have proved in games against St. Dunstan's and Prince of Wales College.

At the start of the season there were few of the players with any football experience. However, eagerness, natural ability and good coaching has moulded the players into a well knit squad which augurs well for the future of football.

The Abbies have been particularly adept at tackling. In one game they exhibit more low tackling that can be seen in most of the senior contests.

In the first game of the season the Abbies defeated Summerside High School 3-0 in an exhibition contest at Summerside. This is the return engagement.

The referee will be Dr. Frank Jekis.

### Abbies Leave Today For Sudden-Death Game With Glace Bay Caledonias

The Charlottetown Abbies will leave today for Antigonish and their sudden-death football game with the Glace Bay Caledonias tomorrow afternoon for the Maritime Senior Football Championship.

The Abbies, headed by coaches Jim Coyle, Elmer Blanchard and manager Mike Campbell will catch the three o'clock boat at Wood Islands. They expect to arrive in Antigonish about 5.30 this evening.

Despite a few bruises, painful souvenirs of last Saturday's game against Saint John's Mariners the Abbies will be in fairly good shape for Sunday's important fixture on the St. F. X. field.

Forward Billy Ledwell, who has been sidelined for the past two weeks with a bad knee, will be back in the lineup while forward Joe Coyle has been released from hospital and will play.

Roy MacDonald is expected to officiate at the game. If not the whistle will be handled by Gordon Bennett.

This morning Elmer Blanchard, Noel Wilson and Harold Howatt will leave for Truro to take in the sudden-death game between Acadia University and Mount Allison for the Maritime Intercollegiate Championship. The Intercollegiate winner meets the Senior winner next week in the finals for the McCurdy Cup.

Following is the Abbies lineup: Forwards, Ebbie Devine, Bill Ledwell, Claude Field, Joe Coyle, Charlie Huestis, Charlie Ready; halves, Jack Ready, Harold Howatt; three-quarters, George Kelly, George Scantlebury, Gerry MacDonald, Cleo Gillis; fullback, Art Perry; subs, Gerard Burge, Joe Revell, Briar Chandler.

### Crests For City Athletes Today

A presentation of crests to the junior, midget and Little League Provincial and City level champions of the 1953 seasons will be made at the Armouries at two o'clock this afternoon.

### Canadiens In Players Shift

MONTREAL (CP) - Montreal Canadiens Friday announced the recall of centre Johnny McCormack from Buffalo of the American Hockey League and a shift of players between Canadiens and Montreal Royals of the Quebec Hockey League.

The club has been going along with two centres shelved with injuries - rookie Jean Beliveau and Dickie Moore. In Thursday night's game here with Chicago, left-winger Paul Meger suffered an injured knee.

Winger Lorne Davis and Paul Masnick go to Royals and Dick Gamble, Eddie Litzberger and Skippy Burchell come up to the National Hockey League club.

Burchell, Litzberger and Gamble will be up under a three-game lease arrangement and final decision on them will be made afterward.

Under regulations Davis and Masnick must remain with Royals for at least 14 days.

Gamble will replace Meger, Litzberger will replace Davis and Burchell will replace Masnick. McCormack specializes as a defensive centre but has done well with Buffalo. He was with Canadiens last season and most of the 1951-52 season. He was sent to Buffalo at the start of this season subject to 24-hour recall.

### All-Time Record At Horse Auction

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - An all-time record for a harness horse auction sale was established here Friday as five days of standard-bred trading came to an end. Sales totalled \$1,622,200 for 881 head. The previous top was \$1,601,000 from 799 head established in 1951.

The record was especially noteworthy in that there was no dispersal sale this year comparable to the W. N. Reynolds sellout which added \$335,000 to the 1951 figure.

Top price at Friday's sale was the \$14,000 which Charles Hollenbach, Lock Haven, Pa., paid for the good pacer Poor Pop.

Epicure, an aged trotter, brought \$10,500 to the final bid of E. C. James, Wheaton, Ill. The last session saw 164 head change hands for \$233,475.

Salt deposits 1,000 feet thick have been found in parts of northeastern Alberta.

### Sydney Back In Tie For Top Spot With 6-5 Win Over Glace Bay Miners

SYDNEY (CP) - Sydney Millionaires jumped back into a first place tie with Halifax Atlantics in the Maritime Major Hockey League standings Friday when they downed Glace Bay Miners 6-5 in a fast-moving, action, packed contest before 2,330 fans.

Penalties proved costly to Don Penniston's Glace Bay Miners who had a five-game winning streak snapped. Millionaires took advantage of Glace Bay sentences to rack up three goals, including the winner by right winger Lorne Pirie.

Leading the way in the Mills attack was a new line with George Robertson at centre for Roger Dubuc and Pirie. Dubuc was the big trigger man, whipping three goals

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### Saints, Welshmen Force Fifth Game In Rugby Series

Two College teams giving everything they had on the Victoria Park Football field, the Second Saints and Prince of Wales College, played to a 2-2 draw yesterday evening in the fourth game of the Island Intermediate football series.

For one hour the red clad Saints and the blue jerseyed Welshmen ran, kicked and tackled in furious fashion but the best that each team could do was score a penalty kick.

The game was the fourth in a series that was supposed to be over in three. Each team now has a win and two draws and the fifth game will have to be played on the St. Dunstan's field probably early next week.

It was a dramatic contest with the Saints scoring on a penalty kick early in the first half and the Welshmen counting about fifteen minutes later.

The Welshmen had an edge on the play but when they pressed into scoring territory they could not get past the furious Saint Dunstan's tacklers who were going great and low for the Welshmen's legs in one of the best tackling exhibitions of the year.

The Saints too had their scoring opportunities but the Prince of Wales line held the game ended with the Saints, John B. Fisher leading an assault on the Prince of Wales 25 yard line.

Team Captain Tom MacGough, a big, raw-boned forward, made a big, strong game collected the Saints two points with a beautiful kick from a difficult angle shortly after the game opened.

Kimble Jay made the play for MacGough's penalty kick as he reared 40 yards into Prince of Wales territory after gathering in a kick at centre field. Only a brilliant tackle by Rollie Lee prevented Jay from scoring.

The Saints had the edge on play for the first 15 minutes before the Welshmen turned the tide and pressed into S.D.U territory. The Welshmen marched right to S.D.U. line but fullback John Kelly relieved the pressure with a long kick.

But the City Collegians weren't to be denied. They came back to gain and were awarded three penalty kicks on the Saints 30 yard line. They failed to click but when they got a penalty kick on the Saints 20 they made no mistake.

Gordon Tweedy took the kick and booted the pigskin high and true between the uprights for the game tying point.

As the second half got underway the Welshmen went on the offensive and led by big Dave MacLeod they twice reached the Saints five yard line. MacLeod on the receiving end of a good passing play raced twenty-five yards before a crushing, low tackle by forward Lewis MacDonald knocked him low in the Saints five.

MacDonald, playing a great game, was injured on the play but continued in the game. About three minutes later MacLeod charged down the wing once more but again he was stopped on the Saints five with five tacklers being required to bring him down. John F. MacDonald of the Saints was injured on the play and was forced to leave the game.

Doug Cudmore of the Welshmen plunged forward to the Saints 10 on another fine play several minutes later and Briar Chandler, rugged P.W.C. forward almost broke into the clear on another good scoring attempt.

The Saints line held and then the tide changed once more. Tommy MacGough and Jim Gaudet led a rush into P.W.C. territory and the Saints went to the Welshmen's five before being stopped.

Late in the second half the Saints lost the services of hard playing Jerry Johnston. The S.D.U. forward injured his ankle and was forced to the sidelines.

Play during the last five minutes ranged between the two twenty-yard lines. As the game ended the Saints were on the march once more.

A stand-out for St. Dunstan's if there were stand-outs in the hard played affair in which everyone was a star, was Max Callaghan. The Saints' heeler tackled like a fiend, ran well and was the best forward on the field.

Jackie MacDonald of the Saints stood out in a defensive light in the late stages of the contest as he stopped the Welshmen's Dave MacLeod with hard low tackles.

For the Welshmen MacLeod was outstanding. Possessed with enough natural ability to make him a future great, he ran and kicked brilliantly for the City Collegians.

Earl Nicholson again turned in a good job with his whistle as he handled the game in an efficient manner.

Lineups: P.W.C. - Forwards, B. Chandler, N. Hansen, B. MacKinnon, G. Tweedy, B. Hutochson, J. Revell; halves, B. Auld, D. Cudmore; three-quarters, D. MacLeod, N. Mizuno, M. MacFadyen, M. Ladder; fullback, R. Lee; subs, A. MacLean, T. Davie, B. Letch, S. D. U. Forwards - J. Johnston, M. Callaghan, C. Morrison, L. Clarkin, T. MacGough, L. MacDonald; halves, K. MacDonald, J. B. Fisher; three-quarters, J. MacDonald, B. MacIsaac, K. Jay, J. F. MacDonald; fullback, J. Kelly; subs, J. Gaudet, P. MacInnis.

### Geoffrion Fined \$250 For "Gross Misconduct"

MONTREAL (CP) - Bernie (Boom-Boom) Geoffrion was fined \$250 Friday by president Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League for the player's "gross misconduct" in Thursday night's game.

There is no suspension from play.

The \$250 includes the automatic \$50 fine which accompanies a game misconduct penalty - the punishment given Geoffrion by referee Frank Udvari, who was shoved into the boards by the Montreal player.

The incident occurred late in the third period of the game here with Chicago's Hawks following imposition of a minor penalty to Geoffrion for hooking.

Campbell said Geoffrion followed this up by "grabbing the referee with his hand and subsequently charging him into the fence as the referee reported the penalty to the official timekeeper.

"This penalty will serve as a warning to all players that they are to keep their hands and sticks off the officials," said Campbell in a statement.

### Gavilan Retains Title In Decision Over Bratton

By JERRY LISKA  
CHICAGO (AP) - Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan administered a terrific beating to challenger Johnny Bratton to retain his championship with an unanimous 15-round decision Friday night at the Chicago Stadium.

Gavilan, who weighed 146, had Bratton, 145 1/2, under complete control after the eighth round, in which he pummeled the challenger with more than 50 straight punches. The referee Frank Gilmer voted for Gavilan 85-65, while Judge Ed Hints gave it to the champion 88-67, and Judge William O'Connell voted for the Kid 82-68.

A crowd of approximately 18,000 paid upwards of \$175,000 to watch the match. It was Gavilan's seventh title defence and his third meeting with Bratton.

The referee was Frank Gilmore, and the judges were Ed Hints and Bill O'Connell. Under Illinois scoring, 10 points are awarded each round, a draw reading 5-5, a fair advantage 6-4, etc.

In the dressing room, Gavilan asserted: "It's my job to welterweight fight. I'm going to give up the title, but not before I go for Olson's middleweight championship."

After losing to Bobo Olson in a world title fight in Madison Square Garden, N. Y., Oct. 22, Turpin was charged with assault by Adele Daniels, a Negro, in her New York flat. She later withdrew the complaint and he was allowed to leave for Britain after putting up \$10,000 pending outcome of a threatened civil suit.

Turpin since has been suspended by the New York Athletic Commission and ordered to appear before the British Boxing Board of Control Dec. 9 to explain the unorthodox training methods he used before the losing Olson fight.

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### Boxer Randy Turpin To Wed

WELLINGTON, England (AP) - Boxer Randy Turpin, 25, and Gwyneth Price, 27, took out a marriage licence Friday.

The former world middleweight titleholder gave notice at the Wellington register. No date for the wedding was set.

Turpin is the son of a white British mother and a West Indies father. Miss Price is a white Welsh farm girl.

Turpin, whose wife divorced him in June on grounds of cruelty, recently was named co-respondent in a divorce suit by a British policeman.

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### Hockey Scores

Maritime Major	Glace Bay 5, Sydney 6.
Ontario Senior A	Sarnia 5, Niagara Falls 7.
Starford 1, Kitchener 2.	Owen Sound 1, Chatham 4.
Maribon 2, St. Michael's 5.	Quebec 2, St. Catharines 11.
Galt 4, Guelph 5.	Hamilton 2, Barrie 4.
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