

# BACK STRETCH

Direct 1. Guy p. 2.11 3-5, is a 4-year-old chestnut gelding by Guy 2.03. We have no record of his races this year. Tronla's record is a 4-year-old pacer, half-brother to Tronla Worthing, 2.06 1/2 by Bob Lee 2.03%. Mr. Walke's record is a 5-year-old chestnut pacer by The Widower 1.59%. He started 28 times this season and was in the money 21 times and was in the lead 11 times. He was electrically timed in 2:06.45, was elected to the 2000 series in several races he was timed in 2:07 with two wins in 2:09. He is absolutely sound, has the best of manners and is easy to drive. The Widower is one of the top sires and a 2-year-old by him made a world record over a half mile track and several of his get have beaten 2:00. This could be a worthwhile pacer for the Sydney oval.

Great credit must be given our friend Lloyd for the time and effort he has used in travelling, selecting these horses and making arrangements for bringing them back. His automobile business is one that requires a lot of attention and it speaks well for him that he will drop other interests to assist so much in helping to make harness racing more interesting and spectacular for the fans in Cape Breton.

In the sale at Delaware we notice that No. 116 is Bannerway p. 2.07 2-5, 3. 2.04 3-5, by King's Counsel p. 1.58. The statement is: He is one of the fastest and best-looking young stallions in America. His breeding is faultless and he has beat some top horses at Roosevelt, winning four races and \$6,330 in 1955. Bannerway is owned by R. J. Logue of Sydney and was purchased as a yearling and trained and raced by Sanders Russell.

**TO SAINT JOHN**

And now we take a look at the purchases made by our Saint John friends. Heading the list is Hi-Lo's Baron p. 2.09 4-5, brother to Hi-Lo's Starwa. He is a 4-year-old pacer gelding by Hollywood Hermes, a two-minute sire, and his dam is Starlight Girl p. 2.09 2-5 by Volomite 3. 2.03%. This is his first year to race and had before consignment won five races. He is absolutely sound and never makes a break. Earl Forbes of Hi-Lo 2.09 2-5, a brother to Hi-Lo Forbes p. 1.58, 1.58 3-5 hmt, by Frisco Forbes. He is an 8-year-old bay gelding, sound and good mannered and was sold to dissolve a partnership. Tenniswood p. 4. 2.09 2-5, by the famous Ontario sire Coporal Lee 2.05. The owner raced him for five years and he had never taken a lame step, has the best of manners, does not pull, sideline, spoil a score, hit his knees or make a break. In his career he has won 10 races. He is a perfect race horse. He raced at Blue Bonnets Raceway in Montreal the past two years and won his share of the races there. He was 8 times first in 1954, 4 times second and 5 times third and won \$2,547, racing for small purses.

**JOHN FREDERICK** p. 2.07 3-5, a 9-year-old bay horse by Harold Canonian. In 1954 he was 4 times first, 7 times second and 4 times third and won \$3,762. He was still racing when the catalogue was compiled and eligibility was given at time of sale Windsor Volo p. 2.10 3-5, a 4-year-old bay pacer mare by Allewyn Volo 2.08 3-5. She is described as a sound, perfect race mare that anyone can drive. No faults. DeSota Girl is a 3-year-old

winings at the end of 1954 were \$26,000.

We again welcome to this column our friend Jerry Gillespie of Parrboro, N.S. Jerry writes: "Was more than sorry to hear of George Hooper's illness. Do hope he takes care of himself and has a speedy recovery. My brother Alex is in Probisher Bay, Baffin Island, but I know he will be very sorry to hear that George is on the sick list. They were great friends. I remember the day George drove Captain Jackson. He had not been acting good but George got the touch and away he went. That was back in 1925. Major S. raced that day too and was driven by Claude MacMillan.

"Tom Holmes drove Maud Axworthy and Marie Forbes for the late Captain C.B. Merriman. The next day the grand old man Harry Lydiard won with Briar Mac and I believe you bought Briar the following day. Briar Mac and Major S. turned out to be real ones. Back to George Hooper again, he acted as a starter at a meeting where Peter Brooks Jr broke the track record with a mile in 2:09 1/4 with Earl Avery driving. He also drove that iron horse MacFingo, a mile in 2:17 1/4. What a horse he turned out to be. Had a visit from John L. Read and he told me about his sure you wouldn't waste time talking about anything but horses!" Thanks, Jerry, and congratulations on your good memory.

## Czechs Have Sighs On Canada's Hockey Crown

By ROBERT RICE  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP)—Czechoslovakia's crack hockey team, gunning for Canada's world crown, has been grooming itself in matches against Canadian players in England.

The touring Czechs, in a five-game swing around the English National League, won four and lost—and picked up valuable experience of the rougher, faster Canadian style of play English teams are largely staffed by Canadian players, though the English game is a trifle milder than the brand practised in Canada.

The Czechs gave Canada's Pen-Union V's a tough battle in the 1955 championships in Germany, losing 5-3. In their only defeat in England this month, they went down 6-2 to Harringay Racers, playing with 11 Canadian imports and three homebreds.

**WORLD TITLE THREATS**

The star Czech centre, Vladimir Zabrodsky, had no excess.

"They were much more clever than we were," he told a reporter. "But we will be in better form for the championship."

The 1956 championships will be held Jan. 26-Feb. 5 at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Canada will be represented by Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen.

Russia also has its eye on the world hockey crown. A Soviet team has just played its first tour of Britain, and swept the boards. The Russians beat Harringay vice by 11-1 and 5-4, and then edged Wembley 3-2. Last Sunday they beat a team of Canadian players in Europe 6-2 at The Hague.

## Russians Not To Come To Canada

WINNIPEG (CP)—A proposed tour of Canada next summer by the Moscow Dynamo soccer team will not take place, George Anderson of Winnipeg, secretary-treasurer of the Football Association of Canada, announced Thursday.

Word was received from the Soviet embassy in Ottawa that the Dynamo team will consider a tour of Canada next October and November, the only time it is free to travel because the Russian soccer season extends from May to August.

Anderson said the FAC will continue to negotiate and, if possible, arrange for the Dynamos to fly to Canada "even for a couple of games."

Meanwhile, he said, arrangements are going ahead for the Aberdeen football club of the Scottish League to tour Canada next summer. Aberdeen will probably play a series of games against an English first division team which will be touring the United States at the same time.

## Says Job Kept Him Too Busy

MONTREAL (CP)—Vic Obeck says he decided to quit as executive vice-president and general manager of Montreal Alouettes of the Big Four football league because his activities had reached next summer. Aberdeen will probably play a series of games against an English first division team which will be touring the United States at the same time.

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a "point where 'my own kids hardly knew me.'"

"When it comes to a point where I haven't got time to teach my oldest boy how to throw a football, then it's time I abandoned something or other," Obeck said in an interview Tuesday night. He has four children.

Mrs. Obeck interjected: "It was this way, Vic had to choose between the Alouettes and me."

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### GOING UP

LONDON (CP)—A £54 damages claim—estimated cost of rebuilding a brick wall—was increased to £60 in a Lambeth court because of the "increased cost of living, building and price of work," Judge Clothier advised: "Get the action tried as soon as possible, before the cost goes up to £90."

# LISTEN TO Schurmans School Parade

TONIGHT AT 7.30 p. m.

Several Quebec horsemen were present and made purchases, two of them being Scotch Spencer 2.00 2-5, record taken this year, and winner of \$90,000. He was the fastest aged pacer gelding on half mile tracks in 1953-1954-1954. They also bought Direct Sun p. 2.04 1-5, from the same consignment. His

**CHIEFS MAY BE SHIFTED TO EITHER TOLEDO OR MIAMI**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)—Syracuse Chiefs International League franchise appeared headed for either Toledo, Ohio, or Miami, Fla. Tuesday.

Syracuse owner Martin Haske announced that he had received a second offer from a representative of the Storer Broadcasting Company of Miami.

Haske said the Storer interests told him they were not interested in consolidating their bid with that of Sidney Salomon of St. Louis. Salomon, an executive of the old St. Louis Browns, has offered to purchase the franchise as the agent of a group of Miami businessmen.

The Chiefs' owner said the Toledo offer came from Fred W. Galliers, representing a civic committee to return baseball to Toledo.

Meanwhile, in a sharp telegram to International League president, Frank Shaughnessy, Haske objected to published statements attributed to Shaughnessy that Philadelphia Phillies would not continue their working agreement with the Chiefs if the team remained here.

Haske said Shaughnessy was making "a deliberate attempt to wreck the possibility of Syracuse continuing in the league."

Haske told a reporter: "I think Shaughnessy should have spent more time trying to help us keep the team here. I should think they would do that much for a team that has been in the league for 21 years. It's the old story. When you get old, they throw you out."



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**Crowe Named To Coach B.C. Lions**

VANCOUVER (CP)—Glen Crowe, one of Notre Dame's famed "Seven Mules" was named Wednesday as the man who will coach British Columbia Lions through their third Western Interprovincial Football Union season.

Crowe, coach from 1951 to 1954 of Ottawa Rough Riders of the Big Four, replaces Annis Stukus, fired by Lions' directors at the end of the 1955 season.

Named as Crowe's assistant was Vic Lindskog, 1955 backfield coach who will move into the line coach position held by Crowe last season.

A U.S. college coach—unidentified by president Don Mackenzie—will also join the coaching staff.

Mackenzie declined to release his second assistant's name "because he is still working at the college."

Crowe was signed to a two-year contract at an undisclosed salary; his assistants to one-year terms. Stukus' salary was \$12,000 a year.

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Lloyd Vesey	87
Ullay Birt	86
Howard Watts	85
Raymond Vesey	85
Myron Ling	85
Dewar Swan	84
George Andrews	84
Leonard Vesey	84
Cecil Watts	84
W.L. Crockett	84
Arthur Brown	84
Joyce Ling	83
Harold Taylor	83
Aigus Cluney	82
Louis Vesey	82
Frank Vesey	82
Leigh Vesey	82
Harry Lewis	80
Betty Andrews	80
Everett Wylie	80
Bennell Ling	80
Willard Murray	80
Douglas Moore	80
Harry Walton	80
Robert Cooper	80
Irene Hardy	80
Donald Crockett	80
George Proud	80
Stuart Vesey	80
Laken Lewis	80
Elizabeth Watts	80
Norman Brown	80
Hazel Vesey	80
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