



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

The 11-year-old trotter Projectile 204 by Protector 3, 1591, owned by the St. Maurice Stable, Montreal, and driven by P. Dussault, has been one of the big winners at Yonkers Raceway this season. He had raced at Hesper Park through the winter and spring and was the fastest trotter there. In 1952 he started 51 times, won 11 times first, 12 times second and 9 times third, mostly on the Quebec circuit and his all-time winnings are \$62,876. On May 20th at Yonkers he won the Cornwall AA Trot, purse \$5,000 from the best field of trotters that could be marshalled against him. The time at the quarter was 30 2/5, the half in 1:02 1/5 and the mile in 2:06. One thing about the sons of Protector is that they have long-lasting qualities. It is certainly something out of the ordinary to have an 11-year-old horse meet the fast brigade and head them to the wire at a track like Yonkers.

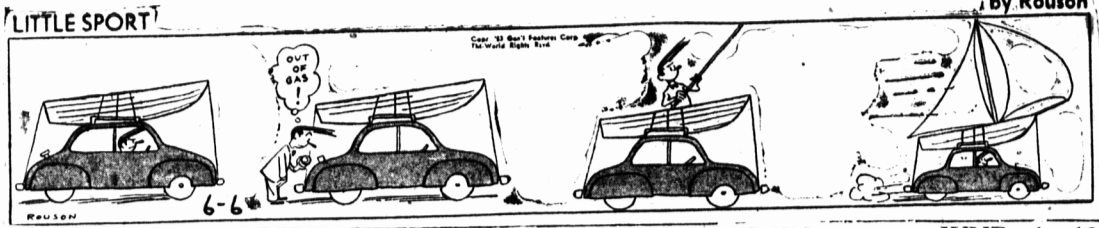
Wendell Wathen, son of S. A. Wathen of Fort Fairfield, Me., whose horses are well known in the Maritimes, has been doing great things with the pacer Chuck Volo this year. He had been laid off because of an injury for over a year but on one of the final nights at Yonkers he won the \$12,200 United States Harness Writers' Trophy race in 2:03 2/5 from a field of eleven, the final quarter in 29 4/5. It was up until then, the fastest time made this year but 2:02 mile has since been chalked up. In that race the \$30,000 Sarcitor, that took a record of 1:57 2/5 as a three-year-old at Lexington, was a starter and there was an awful lot of the public's money on him but he broke at the start and did not have a look in.

The horse that went the fastest mile this season was Thomas B. Scott, a 7-year-old son of Scotland, owned by Thomas Carlock, who also drives him. In the Free For All, purse \$7,500, at Yonkers, he closed so fast that he beat H.L. Forbes, driven by Henry Cluey, by a neck. The first quarter was in 29 3/5, the half in 1:00 3/5, the three-quarters in 1:31 2/5 and the mile in 2:02, terrific speed for a half mile track in May. H.L. Forbes was second, Meadow Rice 1:58 1/5 third.

A highly touted trotter for the Hambletonian stake, the world's richest award, is Smiting Sword 2, 204 4/5 by Dan Hanover 3, 1581, dam, Sarcitor 2, 209 2/5, owned by Mrs. Robert Critchfield, Worcester, Ohio. His dam won 42 races as a two and three-year-old, so his owner has reason to expect much of him. He has been in Jimmie Jordan's stable and has been trained by him and a couple of weeks ago at Yonkers he won a \$5,000 trotting event in 2:07 4/5.

Albert "Ted" Gibbons who has been racing secretary at Yonkers Raceway for the past four years, has been appointed general manager at Bay State (Foxboro) Raceway by the track president, Paul Bowser. Bay State opens a 75-night meeting on June 12th. Ted is a brother of Walter S. Gibbons, who is secretary of Roosevelt Raceway. Both were born in the Maritimes.

We wonder if new tracks being built will follow the lead of Hazel Park Raceway, Detroit, Mich., which is five-eighths of a mile, or possibly Vermont Downs that is three-quarters of a mile. Drivers that have raced at Hazel Park say they like it very much better than the half-milers, because the horses in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth positions have a much better chance to win than horses starting in similar positions over half mile tracks. That, of course, is understandable as they have a longer stretch to get straightened out in



Sport Echoes From Prince County

The Journal-Pioneers have shown everyone that they can win games by lap-sided scores without Armstrong on the mound. They lambasted the Legion team 21-9 with Ballem, a pretty fair hurler himself, tossing them across. The truth seems to be that this team is good from Armstrong right down to the bat boy. We're waiting to see how they fare against Charlottetown competition.

By the way, that new name which the Goats have adopted is much too long for everyday use. We've decided to shorten it by using the first syllable of the first name, and the first letter of the second, and calling them "Jepers" for short. Now, if some careless reporter gets a "k" in there instead of the "p", we'll have to leave town.

Donnie Simmons, in his pitching against these high-flying Abbie Intermediates, demonstrated pretty clearly that he is one of the best pitchers in these parts. Donnie made the McCormick Intermediates look as if their ammunition was all wet. We won't say that Holman's would have won the contest if Donnie had started, because the boy needs more work, and was losing some of his effectiveness in the last two innings, but come mid-summer, if he's around, there's going to be a lot of ball batters wearing a path from the dugout to the plate and back. Especially back.

Gordie MacKay's one-hand stab of Whitlock's daisy-cutter through centre topped any brilliant plays we've seen made by infielders on the Queen Elizabeth Park diamond. MacKay doesn't have his batting eye yet, but his speed on the base paths is as dazzling as ever. He reached first once on an error by the shortstop, and though that didn't fatten his batting average, there is little doubt that his speed caused Whitlock to hurry his throw, and hurried pegs are quite often inaccurate.

The Curranites look 50 per cent stronger at bat this year. Granted that "Red" Mackenzie was probably not at his best form, the C. and B. stickers were still getting surprising distance with their clouts. Maurice Cannon, who surprised a lot of fans with his ability when he broke in last year, looks as if he is going to stake a claim for "Mr. First Baseman of 1953." He's a real cannon at the plate, and around first he combines effectiveness with the grace and polish that Hank Landry used to show in short field. He'll have lots of competition from last year's Eddie Lund. Lund can stretch like a hungry man reaching for board-house biscuits, and he can also hit that long ball.

All baseball fans know that a god umpire, when it comes to a decision on judgment, won't change it, come flood, or famine, or an angry manager shaking his fist. No matter how raw the decision appears to be to fans and players, it's the wise ump who sticks by his guns. Because this is true in decisions of judgment, umpires sometimes get the idea it is also true regarding decisions involving rule interpretation. Nothing could be farther from the truth. If an umpire misinterprets a rule, the more quickly he admits his mistake, the better. It isn't an easy thing to do. It is bound to bring down upon the umpire a flood of sarcastic remarks from the umpire baiters who can be found in any baseball crowd. But, nevertheless, it should be done immediately. After all, we all make mistakes, and umpires are no different than other people. If they stubbornly refuse to admit their mistakes, trouble in the way of protests, etc., always develops.

A little bouquet in closing to Jimmie Gallant, who plays right field for the gorgeous gals. Jimmie is one of the best lady softball players in this little isthmus called Summerside. She's pulled off some fancy catches, and she hits for extra bases most of the time.

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Race Tightens In Battle For Softball Honors

The battle for leadership in the City Softball League tightened last night as the Guardian Angels moved into a first place tie with Canada Packers and the Sunshine Island Dairy advanced to share second place with the Basilio Youth Club.

The Angels defeated the Bowery Bombers 7-2 while the Liquorian Youth Club stopped Canada Packers 11-3. The waltymen handed the Canadian Legion a 10-4 setback.

As a result of last night's games Canada Packers and the Guardian Angels each have nine points followed by the B.Y.C. and Sunshine Island Dairy with eight. The Dairy-men and the B.Y.C. each have a game in hand but they meet each other on Monday night.

Young Wilf Shephard, almost fully recovered from an illness that hospitalized him for two months, returned to the ranks of the Liquorian Youth Club and hurled the L.Y.C. to their win over the rampaging red coats from Canada Packers.

For Shephard it was a familiar role. It was the same Shephard who pitched the L.Y.C. to the City League championship last year when the Youth Clubbers were the Sunshine Island Dairy in the league finals.

Shephard got strong support from his teammates, particularly brother Paddy who played centre-field as though he owned it. His running catch off Ernie Trainor in the seventh inning was the best fielding play of the game.

Henry Gauthier pitched for Canada Packers. The Ballem brothers Art and Ced limited the Legion to two hits as the Dairy-men whipped the Vets 10-4. Art Ballem started for the Dairy and struck out five men in the first two innings but lost his control in the third and was replaced by Ced. The latter struck out 10 batters, walked one and gave up one hit.

Ivan Connors pitched for the Legion and went all the way giving up 14 hits, striking out two and walking three. Dick Carroll and Len Arsenault each tripled for the Dairy men while Connors hit a double for the Legion. Phil MacGee pulled off the outstanding fielding play of the game when he raced in be-

Busy Week-End Expected On Local Golf Course

A full week-end of golfing competitions await golfers on the Charlottetown Course today and tomorrow provided that the weather-man cooperates.

The Saturday afternoon sweepstake, which is open to all golfers, will be played today and at the same time competition for the seventh and eighth positions on the Charlottetown team which will play in the Rose Bowl Tournament at Dartmouth late in June may be started.

Six players have already been picked to play on the local team. The remaining two positions are open to all players with a handicap of 20 or lower. Competition for these positions originally started last Saturday but on account of the unfavorable weather it was decided to begin the competition over again so that everyone might have an opportunity of making the team.

Golfers wishing to compete must play two 18 hole rounds. The first round must be played between today and Wednesday, June 10. The second round will be played between Saturday, June 13 and Wednesday, June 17. The two players with the lowest total scores at the end of the 36 holes will play on the Charlottetown team.

Tomorrow a four ball men's foursome competition will be started. This competition is open to all male members and will get underway at nine o'clock Sunday morning. The draw will be made as the players arrive at the Pro Shop. All players are urged to compete in this event which will be played in four stages with a round every Sunday for four weeks.

Mount Logan in the Yukon, 19,850 feet high, is the highest peak on Canadian territory.

The ground where Cardiff Castle stands was first fortified by the Romans in AD 75.

HUNTERS' CORNER

A dream, that had its inception over fifty years ago, materialized for Neil Ross, Sr., Fortune, in May of this year when a heavy earthen dam was thrown across the Big Brook a few hundred yards below the point where the McInnis Brook joins this stream. Mr. Ross told me that over half a century ago when he lumbered with his father along the banks of the Big Brook he found this ideal site for building a dam. It has been in the back of his mind ever since and this spring he decided to get busy, regardless of the cost, and make his dream come true.

I looked it over this week and was amazed at its possibilities for trout, ducks, geese and fur-bearing animals. The dam he constructed, resembling an inland fresh water lake rather than a dam. Mathieson and MacMillan, Contractors, Montague, built the dam. The water has flooded an immense area of marsh and interval on the Big Brook watershed; I would say off hand well in excess of 100 acres. Quite a few hunters and fishermen will remember the flat tidal area, with the remains of the old French dykes in evidence, that was reached by a boggy trail through a swamp that lies between the Ross homestead and the dam site.

This section is now under water and will be a made-to-order home for geese and ducks. Ducks always favored this spot on the Big Brook but it was not favored by wild geese as it lacked the water surface to afford geese the feeling of security they need when they drop in for fresh water and rest. Mink and muskrats have always frequented this area, about in limited numbers, but now the muskrats in particular will have a large area of suitable habitat in which to live and multiply. Muskrats are often beset with housing problems, like us humans.

In respect to the conservation angle it is this columnist's opinion that it is the sea run trout that will really benefit. This dam has eliminated the netting on the McInnis Brook and will give the trout moving up the Big Brook a much needed breather as the heavy schools that move up river every summer will be inclined to stop over in this large body of fresh water where food will be abundant and they will have lots of scope for foraging expeditions. The same situation will apply in the Ross dam only on a larger scale as occurs in the dam at Dingwells Mills. The dam on the pavement at Dingwells is a mere drop in the bucket compared to the Big Brook project.

The big trout that frequent the deep pools below and above the Grove Pine Bridge and in the Black Marsh will still be open to persecution and vandalism every summer but the poaching pressure will be lessened. The Grove Pine Bridge is on the main branch of Big Brook where the stream meanders through a flat alder grown valley. This sector has always been vulnerable to netting but there is a possibility that before too long, the trout in this part of the Big Brook will get a break. Current rumor has it that plans are afoot to construct a large dam on this stream at a point above the road leading to Red House. The brook crosses this highway near the property of Clint MacDonald.

Such a dam, if it materializes, will flood the wide alder covered valley below the Grove Pine Bridge and effectually seal off the deep pools where the big fellows lie from netting and "jiggling" activities. An angler will have his choice of two methods of fishing... fly or bait... and that's how it should be. A number of private dams have already been built this spring and many more are expected to come into being before the summer wanes but it will be some time before a

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C & B Juniors Play Abbie Juniors Here On Sunday

The two rivals for Island Junior baseball honors, the Summerside Curran and Briggs Juniors and the Charlottetown Junior Abbies meet for the first time this season in an Island League game at Memorial Field on Sunday afternoon. The game will start at 2:15.

The Summerside team will be looking at the fast ball and slants of their last year's teammate Benny Carson while the Abbie batters will likely be going after the offerings of young Dee LeFurgey.

Both teams have made one start in the Island League and both have looked very impressive. The Curranites defeated M.C.A. while the Junior Abbies were noosed out by the strong Intermediate Abbies in a well played game here on Thursday.

Airmen Take Baseball Game By 6 to 5 Score

The Curran & Briggs ball club out-hit, out-ran and out-fielded the R.C.A.F. Royals at Queen Elizabeth Park ball diamond last night but lost the game to the Airforce boys 6-5. The R.C.A.F. got all their runs in the third inning. Vance Harris, starting his first pitching assignment, walked three consecutive batters, filling the bases. Then successive singles by Don MacKenzie and George Petty drove four runners across the plate. Coach Carroll then sent Harris to right field to replace Gordon Grady, and Dee LeFurgey went to the mound. Gaudet, the first batter to face him, was safe on an error by the shortstop, the only miscue committed by the Curranites. Petty raced home on a wild pitch by LeFurgey, and when Kilby sent a dribbler to Whalen at second, Whalen threw the ball home to cut off Gaudet. The throw was wild but not in time to catch the runner in any case.

The C. & B. boys got their first run in the initial frame. Donnie Cameron was on when the Airforce catcher juggled his roller in front of the plate. He stole second, and came home on an error by the right fielder after Whalen had singled. They added a tally in the second. Joe Dalton walked and stole second. Gordon Grady's single to right field brought him home.

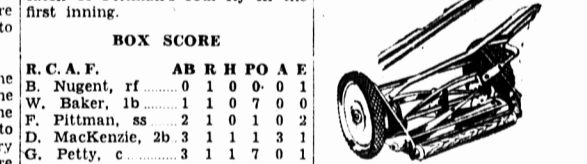
With the score 6-2 against them, the Curranites added three more in their half of the third. With one out, Paul Schurman walked. Coke Grady sent him all the way around on a double to centre, and Coke reached third when the R.C.A.F. centre fielder bobbled the ball. He came home when Gaudet threw wild to third. Cannon grounded out but Joe Dalton and Dee LeFurgey rapped out successive singles, and Ed Dalton sent brother Joe home with another base hit to right. This ended the scoring.

Vance Harris was brought back to the mound to finish the game after LeFurgey had gone one inning. In the sixth and final inning, Johnny Whalen was spiked and retired in favor of Maynard Schurman. Maynard in his first appearance pulled off a nice running catch to retire the side, and singled sharply in his one appearance at the plate. Ed Dalton made a beautiful one-hand catch of Pittman's foul fly in the first inning.

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