

# DOWN THE STRETCH BACK

The Castleton Farm stallion Scottish Pence 1.57 4/5, that is to be retired at the end of this season to the stud at the farm, has probably led a two-mile pacing record behind him that will last for a long, long time. It was in the winning of the \$50,000 Nassau two-mile pace at Roosevelt Raceway that he made the greatest effort of his career and set up a new world mark for two miles on a half-mile track — 4.13 2/5 — which cut 3 2/5 seconds from the former world record held by Grattan McKiyo and made in 1949. Scottish Pence's division of the purse amounted to \$22,500 and his total winnings to date are now \$130,480. Fourth in the big event was Red O'Brien, driven by Joe O'Brien, and Joe no doubt received much praise from the owner for making such a good showing in such a terrific company. Two accidents occurred in one of which the pacer was driven by Frank S. Ford, who over Thomas B. Scott and in another accident Stormyway made a standstill break and White Mountain Boy stepped into his sulky wheel and they were put out of the race.

At Tattersall's auction, Lexington, Kentucky, Thursday night, October 4th, among the high class yearlings that will be featured is Norway, a black colt by King's Counsel 1.58, dam Alcione 2081, by Scotland, second dam Abnacy 2041. This is her first foal. In the harness horse is a splendid photo of Norway and he certainly is a very handsome individual, resembling his dam in color and other characteristics. Many will remember when W.F. McGibbon of Moore's Mills, N.B. brought Kavola and Alcione to Charlottesville where they raced and Alcione afterwards set up a new track record at Covehead on Sept. 12, 1945, of 2:09 1/2. She was then owned by Mr. McGibbon and was driven by Teddy Weir. The following week both Kavola and Alcione were purchased by P.C. McCormac of Charlottesville, who later sold Alcione to Clarence F. Gaines, proprietor of Gainesway Farm, Lexington, Ky.

We learn that the noted brood mare Isola's worth \$3,203 1/2, bred recently at Walnut Hall Stud, Lexington, Ky. She was 27 years old and was a daughter of Guy Axworthy 2:08 1/2. She had an impressive racing career, being winner of the Hambletonian, Kentucky Futurity, Horse Review Futurity and Horsemens' Futurity and her earnings totalled \$56,538 when purses were small compared with those of today. But her greatest fame in the future will be her record as a brood mare. She has produced 205 performers, three of them 2:00 trotters — Algiers 1.58 4/5, Long Key 3.00 and Scotland's Comet 2:00. Her daughters have also produced many winners including Kaola, that won the first \$50,000 Golden West Trot and set up a world record in California Long Key 3.00 is the sire of Mary Merk 2:11, well known to Maritimers.

Among the winners at Gorham Raceway last week was the 16-year-old Harry Direct, that won his event in 2:12 3/5. He made his first appearance here with Bob Ryan in the sulky and later was owned by J.D. Mehan of St. Stephen. The new rule will retire Harry next year and no doubt he will miss the thrill of racing. Another winner at the same meeting was Janet Dale by Playdale, time 2:09 2/5.

Among the wins at Saratoga Raceway last week was Folk Song that was first in the Gloversville Trot, purse \$3,000. He was owned and driven by Frank Wiswall, President of Saratoga Raceway and one of the key figures of the U.S.-T.A.

We appreciate very much a letter from Llovd Evertson, at present in Hamilton, Ont. Llovd is a very keen harness horse fan and was looking forward eagerly to seeing the results of Old Home Week racing and the admiral of Joe O'Brien of Albion, and remembers when Joe appeared on the Charlottesville track as a 16-year-old boy driving Nita Volo to a win in the Two Year Old Pace. Thanks, Llovd, we are glad to hear from you and wish you every success in your new home.

Truro Raceway, Ltd. race program for the week of Central Nova Scotia Exhibition will commence with night racing next Monday night and continue Wednesday Aug. 29 with afternoon and night racing, and Thursday, Aug. 30, also on Labor Day, Sept. 3rd. Among the events will be a Junior Free For All Classified, three dashes at \$300 a dash, a two mile trot classified, one dash, \$400, a Free For All three dashes of \$400, per dash and a one and one-half mile pace classified one dash, \$350, and a Free For All three dashes, \$400, a dash as well as other events. We sincerely hope that Secretary Carl McKenzie will have a splendid entry list of the best horses in the Maritimes and a very successful race meeting.

The fastest mile trotted or paced in 1951 was Royal Blackstone's, owned by Bill Brown (not our "Bill") winner of the first heat of the mid-American Free For All Pace at Springfield, Ill. in 1:58 3/5. The purse was \$10,000 but the winner's share went to the California owned Prince Jay 1.59 4/5, that won the second heat in 2:00 and the final heat in 2:05 with the last half in 37 4/5, "that's going some!" It was Joe O'Brien that had the greatest success with Prince Jay



## LITTLE SPORT



### IN THIS CORNER

Ever since local boxing fans saw Tommy (Gun) Spencer and Harry Poulton battle to a belting ten-round draw decision at the Forum some three weeks ago in a Maritime welterweight title scrap, they have been looking forward to seeing a return match between the two clever, hard hitting ringmen, and now they are going to get that opportunity. The two boys will meet here next Tuesday.

Forum manager Bill Brown announced this week that he had received the final approval from the New Waterford title holder, Spencer, to stake his title on the line again to the eager local challenger and former champion, Poulton. It will be the fourth meeting between the two boxers in the last few months and promises to be a natural for a brilliant match that will produce stellar boxing and power-packed action.

In their first meeting at Halifax earlier in the summer, Poulton (then the champion) took a comparatively easy decision over the New Waterford boy, but in a return match at New Glasgow a couple of weeks later, Spencer came through with a much-improved performance to earn a split decision and lift the crown from Poulton. A clean, sporting fighter with a keen sense of the word, Spencer put the title right back on the line here three weeks ago. It was a brilliant go, but the local ringster couldn't do better than a draw decision in his quest of regaining the title. In fact he did well to do that.

A fast, hard puncher, Spencer floored Poulton twice during the late rounds but the local challenger came roaring back off the floor both times to display dazzling ringmanship at times that gave him well-earned points to keep on a level with his opponent and gave the fans one of the nearest ring battles to be seen here in a good many years. Softening his man up with hard body punching, Spencer scored both of his knockdowns with a lethal left hook he uses frequently, once in the fifth and again in the eighth. Poulton, on the other hand, did most of his fighting at long range, using the jab and straight left, that was usually keeping his opponent off balance while seeking an opening for a solid right that found its mark on a number of occasions.

Both boys are clever boxers that are ever ready to mix it and have been training hard ever since their last meeting that promises a wealth of smart action for the forthcoming Tuesday night bout. It is a big chance that Poulton can't afford to miss if he expects to regain the title and he is going all out in preparation for the contest. They are evenly matched, their previous meetings show that only too clearly, and it will be the kind of a scrap in which anything can happen and one that will be well worth going to see.

## Close Finishes Feature Races Under Lights At Charlottetown Track

Close, exciting track battles that kept the photo finish camera busy sorting out the winners at the wire was the predominant feature of last night's harness racing card staged at the Exhibition track by the Whitespot Raceway Association.

Driving down the stretch in tight finishes that were almost dead heats in some instances, every one of the ten dash events held provided a thrill a minute plus upsets and good payoffs at the pari-mutuel wicket for lucky bettors.

Only two of the five classes provided consistent winners, with the other three providing split honors in the twin-heat affairs.

The only double winners were Silk Hal (winner) in the third and eighth dashes and Feather Duster in the fifth and tenth events. Silk Hal, owned by Roy Bevan of Charlottetown and driven by Dave Wisner, breezed home in front of a seven-horse field from behind on both instances while Feather Duster, owned by Lester Johnstone of Fortune Bridge and handled by Lorne Kelly, proved to have too much speed on the stretch to win in a like manner.

Miss Playfair, owned and driven by Willard Kelly was the big winner in the first dash, but gave way to a driving field of Isaac Walton, driven by Len O'Meara in the sixth event. Nosing out Harold Cudmore's Prince Budlong in the second dash, James Heffel's Abner The Great was the winner in an almost dead heat at the wire, but the Cudmore horse made no mistake in the seventh dash to drift home a winner in front of Jenny Kalmuck and Filbert. Driven by George Sobey, Abner The Great went the fastest mile of the night in winning his event in a time of 2:12.

Sobey drove his second winner of the night when he guided another Summerside entry, L. McFarlane's Allan Mac home in front of an eight horse field in the fourth dash, but when the same class came out again for the ninth event, it was Joe Hennessey with Junior Hal that paced home to victory in a tight battle to the wire with Carl Aubrey and Abegweit in Milady.

## HUNTERS' CORNER

Trout fishermen have entered on the last lap of the yearly angling marathon as the end of the season is less than a month away. It was a good season, far better than most especially in the sea trout bracket, and anglers should have no regrets when they stow their fishing equipment in its winter quarters.

Trout are under heavy pressure from April 16th, it will open on the fifteenth next year, until September 15th when the legal season ends. In 1952 the season will close on the 14th of September and open a day earlier. The usual complaints are coming in regarding the actions of fishermen who do not stop at trifles when given the choice of either resorting to unsportsmanlike methods or returning home with an empty creel.

Visit our noted trout streams at any hour of the day or night and this passing strange if one doesn't encounter a Duke of Isaac Walton, or several of them, hopefully wielding a fly rod. Sometimes I drop in on some well stocked pool in the wee sma hours just to keep in touch with the golings on in the fishing world. There is a fascination in night fishing. Eerie shadows and reflections lend an even familiar surroundings a weird touch of unreality.

On a Saturday night this past month, as the winking hour of midnight was minutes in the offing, I approached a well known trout water within a few miles of the city. Headlights of cars returning from the races along a paved highway nearby and the reflection in the sky of the city lights threw an eerie glow upon the placid pool — a ribbon of quicksilver in an inky belt of blackness.

Carefully I felt my way along a fringe of alders that bordered the water. A flashlight in my hip pocket was for an emergency only. I could hear the hissing whisper of a trout rod in action but it was minutes before I could locate the angler. The flare of a match in cupped hands gave him away. I used to wonder why, when doing a turn of Sentry in France, we were warned not to smoke. I have long ago ceased to wonder. A whiff of tobacco smoke will give one's position away quicker than Jerry wrote the note.

Commando tactics were brought into play and I moved within inches of the rod wielder. He was talking to a companion across the pool. Minutes passed and it was evident they were angling legally. A slight nudge with the butt of the flashlight in the back and the fisherman knew he had company. I then cast the beam of light on his companion on the opposite side of the pool. He was a smallish man whom I wouldn't have been surprised to run across at Whitlock's but never knew he patronized this spot of fishing water. Standing motionless in the reeds and water on the pool's brink focused in the flashlight's beam he could easily have passed for a crane. Incidentally his only resemblance to a crane lies in his inability to catch trout. After his fisherman left soon after but before dawn's light came other anglers took their place. Yes, our trout haven't much time to relax.

The Rovers-Anchors clash scheduled for Thursday, and the scheduled tilt between Stars-Anchors slated for last night, both had to be postponed when rain earlier this week left a great portion of the infield submerged in two or three inches of water that couldn't be drained sufficiently to allow proper playing facilities. Plans earlier in the week called for a double-header in Junior play, but it has now been decided to use the field to wind up the City circuit when the visiting Curran and Briggs juniors intimidated they could not make the trip this week-end.

The games will be staged as seven-inning affairs, the Rovers and Anchors meeting in the lead-off tilt at two o'clock and the Stars and Anchors clashing in the finale immediately following the conclusion of the first contest.

POMPTON LAKES, N.J., Aug. 24 — (AP) — Sugar Ray Robinson, former middleweight champion who is determined to regain his crown from Randy Turpin Sept. 12, belted two sparring partners in a four-round boxing drill today.

GROSSINGER, N.Y., Aug. 24 — (AP) — Middleweight champion Randy Turpin, who arrived at his training camp last night, wasted no time in getting down to work for his return bout with Ray Robinson Sept. 12.

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## C. And B. Wins Way To S'ide League Finals By Victory Over Airmen

The Curran and Briggs Juniors won their way into the Summerside A.A.A. League finals with Holman's by defeating the R.C.A.F. Royals 4-3 in seven innings at the Airport diamond last evening. They took the semi-final series two straight. The finals will be a best-three-out-of-five series.

Bob LeFurgey won his first ball game of the year but had to be relieved in the sixth inning, when after two were out he hit Barlow and Carson in succession and Hunter doubled to score. Barlow, Carson, slow on foot, held up at third. Finn came in but pitched to only one batter, walking DesRoches and filling the sacks. With the score 4 to 2, Donnie Simmons relieved Finn and walked Ashe to force another run in and the Airmen were within one run of tying the score. Donnie MacKenzie fled to the pitcher, however, to end the threat and the inning.

The C. and B. Juniors picked up three runs in the second inning. P. Schurman and N. Walker walked, Sonier sacrificed them around to third and second, and Delaney came across with the pay-off single driving both runners across the plate. Laysh Schurman then laid down a neat bunt squeezing Delaney home. The Royals broke into the scoring column in the fourth inning. Embrett singled to left but was out stealing. J. Grady got a life when Whalen juggled his roller between first and second. He went down to second on St. John's bingle to centre and the boys pulled off a double steal. Schurman's throw to third going into left field and Grady scoring on the miscue. The Curranites made it 4 to 1 in the fifth. Grote Grady walked, went down to second on a wild pitch. After Coke Grady grounded and Whalen struck out, P. Schurman walked to put runners on first and second. Neil Walker then singled to right center scoring G. Grady.

LeFurgey in taking the victory allowed only four hits and Munroe and Ashe for the Airforce gave up three and two respectively. Mark Delaney won the Victory Cleaner "balting" award with seven points, the result of a single, a double, and two runs batted in.

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