



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We are greatly pleased to have a letter from Alderman J. Harry Breen of Halifax, N. S. Harry and Frank Adams are two of our earliest horsemen friends in the sport and we are glad that they are still so interested. Here's Harry . . . "I was indeed glad to hear from you and note you are still keeping horsemen informed of what goes on in harness horse doings. The rumor of Frank Adams and myself importing anything this fall is absolutely untrue. We have at home this winter the following: Whizaway 2:10 2/5, Watchim's Imp, John Jollity and a seven-month-old weanling from Whizaway by Argot Pointer 2:07. Whizaway was not bred this year but will be in 1954. Watchim's Imp is a two-year-old full sister to Watchim's Julie that is racing so well. She was not eligible to the two-year-old stakes here so we trained her carefully up to a mile in 2:30 with eighth in 17 seconds and liked her very much. As she had no races we then stoned. She is larger than other Watchim colts I have seen and I have seen them all as yearlings.

"John Jollity is owned by John Jewell. He bought him on the Island this fall. His dam is June Peters. I believe she is by Peter G. This fellow is a dead duplicate of his sire, not too big but very well made and a perfect legged colt. He is now receiving kindergarten lessons and we are taking our time ground breaking with him as he is very alert and would learn to do the wrong things very quickly. If hurried, the weanling by Argot Pointer 2:07, dam Whizaway 2:10 2/5, is seven months old but could be easily accepted for a yearling. He ate crushed oats when five days old and has not missed a day since. Whizaway is a wonderful mother and this fact sure shows results of being healthy with a good body. He is almost white at present, has a waxy white strip on face, a beautifully formed body, heavy boned and we think a very nice colt. Whizaway should be a good brood mare as she is by Wisdom, a son of Abbedale and her dam, Camilla Hedgewood 2:08 3/4 is by Hedgewood Lad 2:09 1/4. Camilla was a good race mare, also a good brood mare. I think she has four in the 2:10 list.

"About the middle of October John Jewell took two Jollity colts to Saratoga and delivered them to Angie Allen. They are the property of Fred Lahey of Dartmouth. He also delivered to Earle Avery of Yonkers (our disappointment) Bona Boy. Earle begged for this horse when he was a two-year-old and in fact made a tempting offer for him. He turned out to be a smart horse for us. I believe if he can be straightened out he has ability to trot enough to be a useful horse for Earle. Anyhow, he will have a try with him.

"As you know, Frank Adams and myself never did anything to speak of. We had the horses because we just liked them and enjoyed the Fairs and summer afternoon's racing. As I have only Matchim's Imp as a prospect to train and race I probably will

weaken and get something to go along with her. This is a long letter, Colonel, but I have enjoyed writing you as I sure do miss the old crowd and so many of them have gone that I have rated among my very best friends. This takes me back to when I was still at school. I had bought with my entire savings some tickets on a mare of yours, Miss Alcione. You won the race after a number of heats, but I had taken cold feet and sold my tickets. After that she won the fourth heat and race. When you see George Callbeck ask him if he happens to be in our town to drop around and I will take him out to see Watchim's Imp. I know he will be interested now that he has Watchim's . . . Thanks, Harry, for replying so promptly to our letter and we are sure horsemen friends all over the Maritimes who remember what you have done for horse racing, will be glad to welcome you back again into the racing game. As our readers are aware, Argot Pointer 2:07 was owned and raced by Mr. Breen for several years prior to being purchased by Horace Willis. Horses owned by him a few years previously were Sully 2:08 1/4 and Star G. 2:09. They were but two of the many raced over the years by Harry.

Here's the race Harry mentions: Halifax, Sept. 17, 1914. 2:24 Mixed, purse \$400. Miss Alcione (MacKinnon) 1-1-2-2-1; Prince Baron (Sharen) 2-2-1-3-2; Queensboro (Simpson) 2-2-3-3-1; Baron Britt (McDonald) 2-2-3-4-4; Cocholetto Lady, 4-3-4-6-6; Mud Lake, 6-5-7-7-3; Don Amulator, 7-7-8-7-7; Premier, 8-8-8-8-9; Princess Ella, 3-4-6-4-4; Time, 2:19 1/2, 2:18 3/4, 2:19 1/2, 2:20 1/4, 2:22 1/4. The time was slow then but tracks were very heavy as no one wanted a fast record.

At that same meeting Mayor Todd, owned and driven by Hammond Kelly, won the 2:35 trot in straight heats, best time, 2:20 1/2. Hilda S., owned by Alfred Stewart, Southport, and driven by Peter Conroy, won the Free For All Pace with 2-1-1-1, best time 2:16. Dr. Sharper, owned and driven by the writer, won the 2:15 trot with 5-2-2-1-1, Oakley, H. Cameron 1-1-3-3-2, Dora (Boutiller) 2-2-1-2-3-3, best time 2:18 3/4. Dora had been the champion trotter of Austria and was exported to the United States and sold at the Old Glory sale and bought by a Halifax horseman. The 2:17 mixed was won by Hilda S. (Conroy) with 5-1-1-2-1. A Game of Chance (Raymond) 8-4-5-1-2; Helen R. (MacKinnon) 1-3-2-3-3; Mary Cromwell (Boutiller) 2-2-3-4-6; four other starters, best time 2:18 1/4. A Game of Chance was a horse brought from Indiana and was an outstanding pacer but would jump off if carried too fast to the first turn. The following year he was raced on the Grand Circuit and took a record of 2:02.

And here's a letter from Yvon Couture, Rimouski, Que. . . "I think your readers might like to have the following news. The racing season closed here October 18 and the leading driver was Harvey Cormier, well known trainer and driver from the Maritime Provinces. Harvey had 208 starts, was 73 times first and was only nine times out of the money. The horses he raced this year were: Sister Mary Hen that gave a mark of 2:09, Lady Cash, that lowered her mark from 2:11 3/5 to 2:10, Miss Forbes Chief, a three-year-old that took a record of 2:11, Hum Dale, that he raced free-legged this season and lowered his mark from 2:17 1/5 to 2:13, also Pontiac, formerly known as Historian, that he raced in the Free For All at Charlottetown Old Home Week and won in 2:06 4/5, the fastest mile paced in the Maritimes this year. He also drove Argot Pointer the fastest mile paced there in 1951-2:07. Other horses he raced successfully from his stable were Becky Smith 2:10 1/5, Peggy Ellis 2:11 3/5, Sapera 2:20 2/5 and Filbert 2:09. A banquet was held in Harvey's honor at the Hotel Manlor

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LITTLE SPORT



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The Islanders newest forward Vince "Bip" Palladino is a long time buddy of Connie Bonhomme, Marcel Clements and Hub Braudry who have been great favorites with Island hockey fans during the past three years. The 24 year old Palladino hails from Sudbury, Ontario the home of Clements and Bonhomme. In fact he once played on a line with them in junior hockey. During the past two years he played with the Sioux Indians and before that he played amateur hockey in San Francisco.

Vince is a right winger who has seen a bit of action at centre ice. He reports that Bonhomme and Clements are both going well with the Sioux. Marie Michigan Indians. Neither player has been scoring too many goals but both are working hard and carrying their share of the burden. In one game a week or more ago Bonhomme scored the winning goal as the Indians defeated the North Bay Trappers.

The man whom the Islanders need to keep them rolling in the Maritime Major Hockey League is Big Butch Stahan. Last year with Ottawa Senators in the Quebec Senior League Stahan played 56 games, scored three goals, assisted on 13 more and spent 118 minutes in the penalty box. His time in the cooler was exceeded only by Gordie Hodgson of Shawinigan Falls who had 140 minutes to his credit. Stahan had the doubtful distinction of averaging more time per game in the sin bin than Phil Vitale. In 33 games Big Phil had 62 minutes to his credit which is not quite an average of 1.9 minutes per game. Stahan's average was a shade better than 2.1.

Let us give the impression Stahan spends all his time bashing opponents to the ice. Let us point out that it isn't so. He has the reputation of being quite a solid performer and also a colorful one. When he played for several weeks in the NOHA League this season he was regarded as the most colorful character in the circuit. A fellow worker who saw him play for four seasons claims he was a standout in the Q.S.H.L. and would be a standout here.

But now the question is will he listen to Tommy Gorman when the Ottawa owner advises him to come to the Maritimes. Stahan figured he was a free agent when he left Ottawa this year to act as playing coach of the Pembroke Lumber Kings. The C.A.H.A. claim he is not free but the civil courts in Ontario rule that he is clear of all obligations to Ottawa. Unless Stahan, himself, wishes to come this way it is unlikely that we will see him.

At any rate we don't expect him here until after Christmas. The Islanders play only three more games before December 25, all of them with Glace Bay Miners. The four M.M.H.L. clubs have a five day lay-off between next Wednesday and the following Monday. To help out the defensive duties next week coach "Bucko" Trainor is bringing in Irving "Tiger" MacKie, for Monday night's game.

MacKie is a former Charlottetown star, who once tried out with the Boston Bruins. He has been around hockey for a long time and has played with a lot of good teams throughout Canada and the United States. In recent years he has played with New Glasgow in the A.P.C. League. He makes his home in New Glasgow where he owns a welding business.

MacKie played with the Charlottetown Junior Abbies in 1931 when that team went to the Memorial Cup finals before bowing out of the picture to the Toronto St. Michael's Juniors. That was probably the greatest junior team ever produced here. In 1933 he played with the Senior Abbies against the Halifax Wolverines and the Halifax Club later went on to win the Allan Cup. MacKie teamed up with Harold Gross on defense. The year that MacKie tried out

Islanders Show Scoring Power In 9-4 Victory Over Halifax Atlantics

The Charlottetown Islanders were as hot as the weather was cold last night when they cooled off the league leading Halifax Atlantics 9-4 at the Forum before the largest crowd of spectators here this season.

Displaying the most potent power attack yet unleashed by any combination of players in the M.M.H.L., the Islanders capitalized on three Halifax penalties to subdue the league leaders.

The re-vitalized Islanders scored three goals within the space of 56 seconds in the first period when Pete Wywrot of the visitors sat out a penalty.

They bettered that mark in the second period as the Atlantics played two men short. While Wywrot and Bloom sat out minor penalties together the Islanders blasted three more goals past Roy MacMeekin in only 43 seconds.

The Claude Robert, Paul Saindon, Oren Carver string led the Islanders' assault by accounting for eight of the goals. Between them they accounted for 17 points with Saindon getting seven, Robert six and Carver four.

It was a terrific harvest for the Islanders' latest power string. Carver and Saindon each fired three and Robert, the brilliant ice general, got the other two.

The Atlantics were badly dazed by the deadliness of the Islanders' attack in the first period and they didn't come off the ropes until the

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Detroit In Top Spot After Win

INDIANAPOLIS, (AP)—Detroit Red Wings rolled into top spot in the National Hockey League Friday night on the heels of a 3-1 conquest of Chicago Black Hawks before 8,374 non-partisan fans.

with the Bruins at their training camp in Saint John he returned here and told about a bright young prospect. That prospect was Mill Schmidt, who has developed into the greatest forward Boston ever owned Uncle Millie, as he is known around N. H. L. circles is still Boston's leading forward.

MacKie later played with Johnny Squar Briggs for the Baltimore Orioles and afterwards performed with Pittsburgh Hornets. He saw service in the Quebec League with the Quebec Aces and played with Windsor in the Michigan-Ontario circuit. For a time he played with an amateur team in Detroit-Ontario circuit. For a time he played with an amateur team in Detroit before returning to the Maritimes and the Glace Bay Miners around 1941. From Glace Bay MacKie moved up to New Glasgow.

There will be a number of coincidences when MacKie skates onto the ice Monday night and all of them won't be strange. The fans and both hockey coaches will recall lots of bye-gone nights. Don Peniston as well as Bucko Trainor, knows MacKie well for Tiger once played under Peniston with the Quebec Aces. The last time he played here for an Island team "Bucko" Trainor was probably a young school boy sitting among the fans.

M.M.H.L. Standings

	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Halifax	35	22	12	1	45
Sydney	35	21	14	0	42
Glace Bay	35	13	21	1	27
Charlottetown	35	13	22	0	26

M.M.H.L. Leaders

	G	A	Pts.
Ford, H.	39	32	71
Wywrot, H.	21	39	60
Saindon, C.	23	28	51
Whitlock, C.	26	42	58
MacPhee, H.	21	28	49
Brown, G.B.	28	21	49
Hollett, H.	17	29	46

Hockey Scores

(Canadian Press)
Maritime Major—
Glace Bay 0 Sydney 2
Halifax 4, Chilton 9

A-P-C—
Pictou 3 Stellarton 9
Northern Ont. Sen.—
North Bay 3, Sudbury 4

Civilian Rifle Club Shoot

Below are the results of the opening shoot of the Civilian Rifle Club:

A. Mutch	100
R. Vessey	95
B. B. Jones	95
Bob Hamby	95
Don McDonald	95
Mrs. G. J. Rogers	95
A. Court	94
H. Wood	93
R. E. Jenkins	92
Bob Barwise	91
G. J. Rogers	91
R. J. Landrigan	91
Mrs. F. Mollison	88
Wanda McMillan	87
Mrs. C. Brennan	85
Eileen Mutch	81
E. Jones	81
Noren Auld	81
R. Brady	80
R. Jenkins	80

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HUNTERS' CORNER

Winter sure popped around the corner in a hurry and by the feel of things our Florida weather is over for some time at least. On Wednesday morning I poked my head out the door and then turned back and dug out my fur cap. When I put it on I generally stay with it no difference whether the weather moderates or not. It was an old saying in the Mounted Police when I worked with them: "When Jenks puts on the fur cap we know winter is here; when he takes it off we know spring is here." There was more truth than poetry in that.

My Dad used to have the same idea when the flickers (Yellow hammers) arrived. When he saw his first flicker he'd remark: "Spring is here . . . those fellows never make a mistake." He was pretty right on that score. Often when one sees a flock of robins or juncos one is inclined to think the winter is over but maybe in a day or so a regular blizzard sets in. I do not recollect ever seeing a snow storm after the Flickers arrive.

For my part I'm glad of the change. I'd hate to see such blizzard weather continue into the New Year with so many geese off our shores. Once geese stay until January I they seem loathe to leave for the South and have a tendency to stick it out. Every winter this past few years we have wildgeese remain all winter in King's county. A few years ago about 70 of them had to be fed. It would be a tough proposition if we had fifteen or twenty thousand to care for.

Curling Results

Rinks skipped by Dr. Wendell MacDonald and Clifford MacDonald tied for first place in the Turkey Bonsel at the Charlottetown Curling Club with scores of 220. They will play-off this afternoon at 3:30 on ice four. Following were the other high scores: A. W. Hyndman 190; H. Spillet 190; Dr. Giddings 180; W. E. McInnis 180; F. Acorn 170; W. R. MacNeill 170; D. Saunders 170; A. Likely 165. All four sheets will be open at two o'clock and three sheets at 3:30.

Millionaires In 2-0 Shutout Over Glace Bay

York Rifle Club Scores

SYDNEY, (CP)—Ray Lacroix scored both goals as Sydney Millionaires downed Glace Bay Miners 2-0 Friday night in a close checking Maritime Major Hockey League game.

It was Giles Boisvert's third shutout of the season. Boisvert, who replaced Norm Defelice when he was recalled to Hershey of the American League, successfully handled 29 shots.

After a scoreless first period, Lacroix scored against Cliff Hicks at the seven-second mark of the second, and added the other goal seven minutes later.

Boisvert handled 13 shots in the first period, the same number as Hicks stopped in the last.

There were six penalties, four against Miners.

It was the M.M.H.L.'s fifth shutout this season, and the fourth for Sydney. Defelice got the other.

Line-up: Goal: Hicks; defence: Needham, Treen, Whyte, Cooper; forwards: Watson, Fyles, Brown, Lumley, Amadio, Miller. Sydney — Goal: Boisvert; defence: McDonald, Matthews, Reardon; forwards: Guay, Lacroix, McIntyre, Robertson, Pirie, Marshall, Kobbene, Smith, Beaupre, McDougall.

Referee: George O'Donoghue; linesmen: McIntyre and Peters.

Summary
First period
No scoring
Penalties: White 7:20, McDougall 11:54.

Second period
1. Sydney, Lacroix
(McIntyre, Guay) 0:07
2. Sydney, Lacroix
(Guay) 7:25
Penalties: Rochford 16:54, Matthews 19:42.

Third period
No scoring
Penalties: Whyte 10:22, Needham 12:33.

Stops
Hicks 7 8 13-23
Boisvert 13 9 7-29

Some large factories in the Dutch ceramics industry date from the 16th century.

The following are the scores for Dec. 17, 1953:

H. T. Vessey	97
C. Watts	95
H. Buell	94
W. Crockett	94
A. J. Cluney	93
A. Court	93
A. Brown	92
Irene Hardy	91
S. Jackson	91
Edison Watts	91
Lloyd Vessey	90
E. T. Brown	90
R. Vessey	90
Peter Proud	89
Frank Vessey	89
Howard Watts	88
D. K. Swan	88
A. Swan	88
Annie Buell	87
Isabel Swan	87
Leigh Vessey	87
George Andrews	86
Norman Brown	85
Marion Vessey	85
Jack Andrews	84
Vivian Allen	84
Myron Ling	82
Betty Andrews	82
Louis Court	81
D. Crockett	80
L. Lewis	80
D. Moore	80
E. Ling	80
B. Ling	80
I. Johnson	80
Carol Hardy	80
H. Lewis	80
Eleanor Kaye	80
Elizabeth Watts	80
Aletha Brown	80
Joyce Ling	80
Edward MacLaughlan	80
Alan Brown	80
Marguerite Vessey	80
Muriel MacDonald	80

STURDY ICEBREAKERS
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. — (CP)—whaling ship Finback has been chartered to a paper company at Corner Brook for ice-clearing operations in the Humber arm this winter. The small but sturdy whaler is skippered by Capt. George Bugge with a crew of 12.

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