



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Part of the Stanley Mayhew stable has moved to Sackville Downs, where they will be in training in preparation for an early opening there in June. The stable is in the hands of Junior Mayhew, who has the following horses to get ready: Mayhew's Pick 18 36 - eligible to the 2.26 class; First Again, 2.09 2-5 - eligible to the 2.19 Pace; Pericles, 19 45 - eligible to slow class; and finally, that good pacer, Seware, p. 4, 2.06, that last year on \$1,082 and has all-time earnings of \$20,345.

He is eligible to the 2.12 Pace, and at one of the opening meetings last year at Sackville Downs, a June 11, 1958, he finished 1-3, Newport Chief 3-1. The A. Nick 6, Miss Wilma Dale 5-2, Way 11 44, Sycamore 6-2, the former mark was the fastest in the Maritimes at that date.

INTERNATIONAL
The management of Roosevelt Raceway, New York, has made arrangements to bring the top trotting horses of France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Canada to race their purses of \$50,000 on August 1st.

In addition to the above, the United States will have an entry, and every effort will be made to bring over a Russian trotter. The distance will be a mile and a half, and the race will be called "The International."

From France will come Jamina, that showed his heels so successfully to two American trotters, Great Lullwater and Egyptian Princess, that were flown over here to race this winter. West Germany will be represented by Adolph R., and Denmark is sending Ascar The Great. Italy's representative will likely be leave IV, and from Sweden will come Adept. Holland will send Halros II, The Canadian and United States horses will not be selected until some time in June.

Colonel Alden Gray, director of racing at Roosevelt, believes that Jamina is the fastest trotter in the world today. "He is accustomed to doing his final quarter in 29 seconds or even better," says Gray.

Colonel Gray also has words of praise for the entry from Sweden. He says that Adept, from Sweden, will be a credit to the race.

The International will open the 1959 racing season at Roosevelt, and will be the first event of its kind in harness racing on this continent. He considers this program as the starting point in international contests, and believes that it will have the result of creating more interest in Europe, and also in this country.

WOOD PROSPECT
A syndicate in California, consisting of Jim Camp, Joe O'Brien, Bill Jeffries, Bill Lachenmair, and two others, has purchased the trotter "Wattage," by Bill Galin, dam Evelyn Watt. He is a three-quarter brother to Stenographer, and has shown up so well in training that they expect him to be a phenomenal trotter.

The earliest spring meeting that we can recall in the East will be held at Rockingham Park, New Hampshire, commencing on April 3rd, and will run for 38 nights through until May 16.

The minimum purse will be \$500, and the top races will be for \$2,000. We hope the weather will moderate prior to that date, otherwise it would not seem to be possible to draw crowds to harness racing so early in the season.

VETERAN
At the Santa Anita, California, meeting, which opens shortly, the driver associated with harness racing for the longest time, Norman Shively - will celebrate his 50th year as a trainer and driver.

In his early days he also had experience with thoroughbreds.

STERLING SOUTHPAW - - By Alan Maver

MILWAUKEE'S WARREN SPAHN, WHO'S EASILY THE M.V.P. OF BASE-BALL.

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STANDINGS

National League				
	P	W	L	T
Montreal	68	38	17	13
Boston	68	31	26	3
Chicago	68	27	26	13
New York	68	25	31	12
Toronto	68	25	32	11
Detroit	68	25	35	8

Curling Draw

Mixed curling draw for Saturday.

1:30 P. M.
Ice 2 - H.R. Carruthers vs. C. MacLean.
Ice 3 - Ed Tanton vs. T.W.L. Frowse.
Ice 4 - F. Hansen vs. R. Jones.
Ice 5 - W.R. Jenkins vs. F. MacLeod.
3:00 P. M.
Ice 2 - M. Jenkins vs. J. Cameron.
Ice 3 - F. Curtiss vs. C. Gallant.
Ice 4 - E. MacNutt vs. C. Trainor.
Ice 5 - Dr. Giddings vs. H. Peters.

7 P. M.
Ice 2 - E. McLeod, M. Blakney, G. Wright, M. Jardine vs. D. Wonnacott, G. McKay, D. Douglas, V. Wright.
Ice 3 - D. George, M. Buell, M. Pursey, K. Douglas vs. L. Blankney, D. Stewart, C. Cudmore, M. England.
Ice 4 - L. Doyle, M. Stewart, W. Willis, F. Wonnacott vs. F. MacMillan, I. MacDonald, J. Gorrill, D. Doyle.
Ice 5 - L. Turner, L. Webster, W. Scantlebury, M. Cudmore vs. G. Vessey, J. Grant, F. Bradley, M. Vessey.
Spare: P. Wynn, H. Doyle, H. MacDonald, G. Webster, L. Shaw.

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Absence Of Harsh Words Feature Of Grid Meeting

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer
The Canadian Rugby Union has reverted to the days when it was a tightly-knit family of amateur leagues with no axes to grind. Now the major pro leagues - Big Four and Western Conference - can fight their own battles with little or no interference from the amateurs.

This was evident last week end at the CRU's 68th annual meeting in Toronto when there was hardly a whisper of dissension. It marked the first time in years that business was conducted without harsh words.

In previous years delegates from the various affiliated unions went to the meeting with briefcases bulging with contentious items. Committee-room battles were the order and name-calling in one or two instances led to fist swinging.

The Ontario Rugby Football Union, unceremoniously kicked out of the Grey Cup competition by the Big Four and WIFU in 1956, was the leader in the bitter sessions. But this year, said an ORFU delegate, the meetings, held in camera, were unusually tame.

"This was the most docile meeting in years," he added. "There was no name-calling, no threats, nothing. It was tame." The switch back to the CRU's status as governing body of amateur football only started a year ago when the Canadian Football League, an amalgamation of the Big Four and WIFU, wielded the big stick.

The CFL gained control of 10 of the 15 votes in the CRU, took over organization of the Grey Cup classic and decided it would make its own playing rules without the amateurs having a say in the matter. The pros now run their own affairs and leave the governing of amateur football - particularly the juniors and intermediates - to the CRU.

The professionals, however, realize the development of Canadian players is necessary, and they will continue to put money in the CRU kitty for this purpose.

In 1957, for instance, the Big Four and WIFU clubs spent \$100,000 on junior and intermediate football.

British Columbia Lions of the WIFU topped the spending with an outlay of \$20,475. Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Big Four were next with \$17,000.

Hal (Edmonton Journal) Pawson has E. P. Taylor of Toronto, president of the Ontario Jockey Club, that he shouldn't call anything in Canada a triple crown in racing, unless it includes the West.

The OJC recently announced that Canada would have its own triple crown with races at OJC tracks in Toronto and Fort Erie, Ont., and Pawson had this to say about it:

"If there is to be a Canadian triple crown, may I submit it must include the Canadian Derby. This \$15,000 - added race just happens to have been run 29 times. We'll run it out here in Edmonton the 30th time this summer."

"It is a good race, Mr. Taylor. The only thing you, and your outfit, can knock it for is that it isn't run on an Ontario Jockey Club track."

Soccer Leaders' Try For Ban On TV Finds Little Support

LONDON (CP) - English soccer leaders are finding little support for their proposal that British sports organizations join together to ban television cameras from Saturday afternoon fixtures. In Britain, horse racing is the main sporting attraction served up for television viewers each Saturday. Race track owners say they want to keep it that way.

The move was started by the Football League, which is alarmed at the effect TV is having on small clubs' attendances.

SOCCER VIEWPOINT
Joe Richards, president of the 92-team circuit operating in England and Wales, said the league is considering making an approach to the controllers of all major sports organizations with a view to keeping sports programs off the TV screens while Saturday afternoon soccer matches are being played.

"We have got to safeguard the interests of the smaller clubs because we have evidence that they are suffering from Saturday afternoon television," said Richards.

The reaction of the racing fraternity was summed up by the clerk of a leading north England course: "It would," he said, "be much more sensible if football did not take place on Saturdays and so did not keep people away from racing."

OTHERS COOL
Swimming and show jumping organizations are expected to adopt a similar attitude. Both sports have attracted thousands of new followers since their events began appearing on TV screens throughout the country.

Boxing and wrestling promoters and sponsors of athletics events have also jumped on the TV bandwagon. Many of them look on the fees paid by the TV companies as their main source of income. The BBC for instance, has paid the Amateur Athletics Board £20,000 to televise the sport over the next five years.

S'ide Wins Badminton Competition

Summerside racquet wielders won 13 of 24 matches from their Charlottetown rival in a badminton competition at the Charlottetown YMCA.

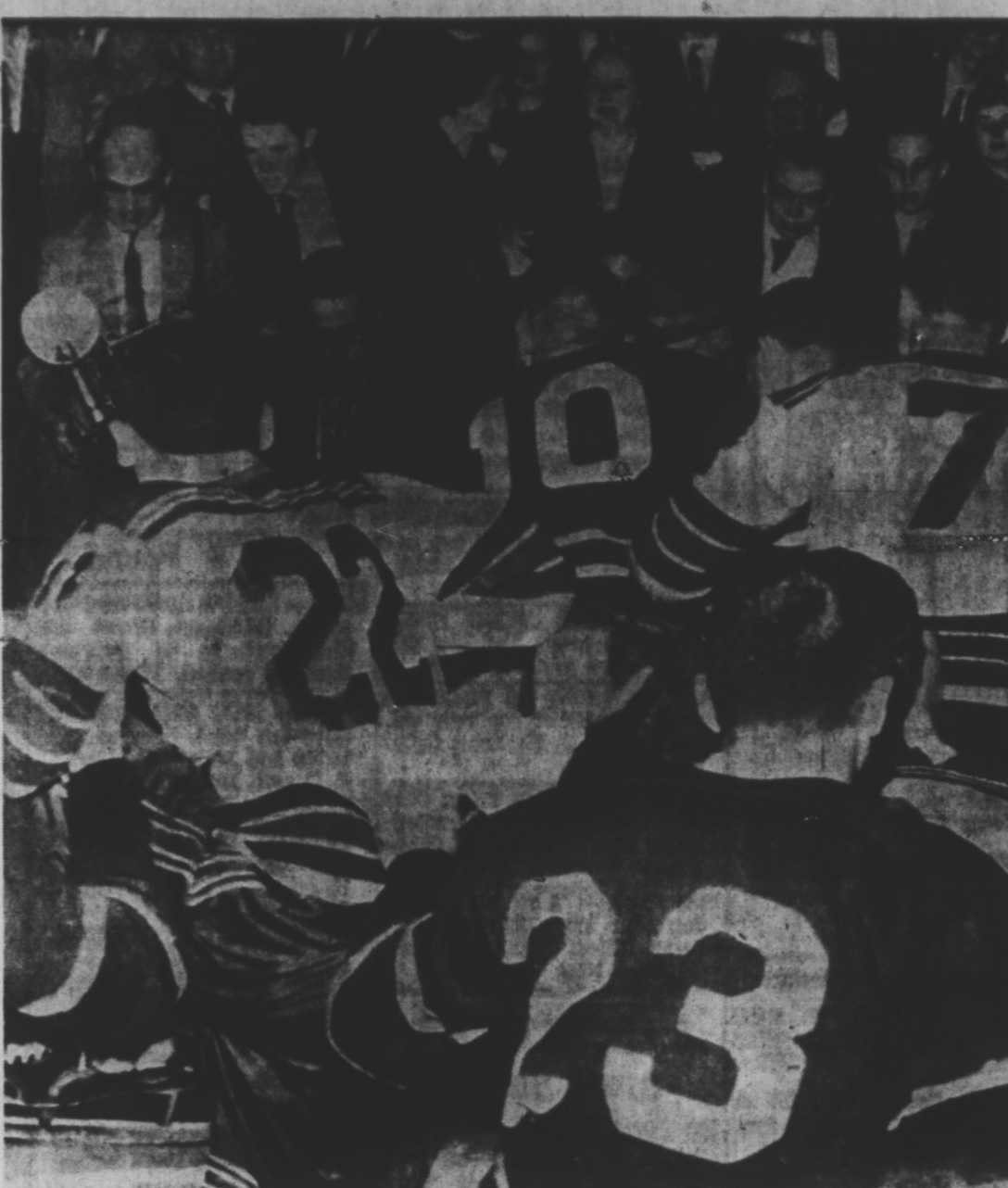
Summerside won four of six ladies' doubles matches and seven of 12 mixed doubles while Charlottetown held a 4-2 edge in men's doubles.

RESULTS
Ladies' Doubles
McLure, M. MacDonald (C) 15, Rogers and Richard (S) 4; Rogers, Richard (S) 15, Evans MacDonald (C) 6; McGuire, Houston (C), McFarlane, Coles (S) 2; McFarlane, Coles (S) 15, Ives, Frizzell (C) 4; Reid and Hamilton (S) 15, Annear, MacPhail (C) 6; Reid, Hamilton (S) 15, Jardine, Currie (C) 4.

Men's Doubles
Smith, Stewart (S) 15, Evans Turner (C) 3; Smith, Stewart (S) 15, Judson, Weeks (C) 4; Wonnacott, McLure (C) 15, Campbell, Ruggles (S) 6; MacDonald, Partridge (C) 15, Campbell, Ruggles (S) 13; Jay, King (C) 18, Blatch, Hancock (S) 16; Mills, MacNevin (C) 15, Blatch, Hancock (S) 12.

Mixed Doubles
Judson, MacDonald 15 (C), Richard, Smith (S) 12; Richard, Smith (S) 15, Turner McGuire (C) 6; Rogers, Stewart (S) 15, McLure, McLure (C) 9; Rogers, Stewart (S) 15, Evans, Wonnacott (C) 6; Weeks, MacDonald (C) 15, McFarlane, Ruggles (S) 8; Evans Ives (C) 18, McFarlane, Ruggles (S) 16; Coles, Campbell (S) 17, MacDonald, Houston (C) 14.

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Grand National Chase Today Has 36 Likely Starters Set

LONDON (AP) - The list of 36 probable starters in Saturday's Grand National steeplechase at Aintree (post time 10:15 a.m., EST) showing name of horse, owner, trainer, age, weight, jockey and probable odds.

Kersira, G. H. Moore, Major C. Bewicke, 9, 168, S. Hayburn, 28-1.
Mr. What, D. J. Coughlan, 28-1.
Taaffe (Ireland), 9, 163, Toss Taaffe, 6-1.
Done Up, J. U. Baillie, H. Price, 9, 157, Fred Winter, 100-7.
John Jacques, Mrs. D. G. Wares, Neville Crump, 10, 154, H. Beasley, 33-1.
Oso, J. E. Biggs, W. Stephenson, 8, 153, M. Scudamore, 100-7.
Wyndburgh, Mr. J.K.M. Oliver, J. K. M. Oliver, 9, 152, Tim Brookshaw, 10-1.
Slippery Serpent, B. Sunley, T. Deaper (Ireland), 8, 151, P. Taaffe, 10-1.
Mainslow, Mrs. M. Milne, Green Wight, 9, 150, M. Batchelor, 40-1.
Amiable Lee, Miss Dorothy S. H. M. Nicholson, 8, 150, S. Nicholson, 33-1.
Tiberetta, E. R. Courage, E. Courage, 11, 149, A. Oughton, 20-1.
Mr. Gray, P. Thrale, P. Thrale, 12, 149, S. Ancil, 22-1.
Daandras, C. B. Taylor, A. F. Taylor, 7, 149, C. Taylor, 100-1.
Glorious Twelfth, L. J. Joel, R. Renton, 10, 147, G. Slack, 40-1.
Green Drill, Lord Cadogan, Maj. C. Bewicke, 9, 146, G. Milburn, 100-6.
Armorial III, Miss E. G. Robertson, R. Fairbairn, 10, 146, T. Foran, 100-1.
Irish Coffee, J. A. Hale, C. McCarty (Ireland), 9, 145, C. Finnegan, 33-1.
Eternal, Lt. Col. R. Fenwick-Palmer, Fenwick-Palmer, 8, 144, P. Major, 100-1.
Vigor, Mrs. A. R. B. Owen, A. R. Turnell, 11, 144, W. Ees, 100-1.
Pintail, J. P. Bissill, J. Bissill, 10, 144, B. Wilkinson, 100-1.
Oscar Wilde, T. J. Jasper, W. G. R. Wightman, 9, 144, R. E. Jenkins, 28-1.
Surprise Packet, E. Richards, R. Richards, 10, 143, T. Johnson, 100-1.
Valiant Spark, O. H. Gibbey, Maj. E. G. S. Champneys, 10, 146, J. Lehane, 40-1.
Soltown, Vere Harmsworth, T. J. Faaffe (Ireland), 7, 143, G. W. Robinson, 25-1.
Pippin, K. R. Redfern, W. R. Whiston, 11, 142, R. Akehurst, '00-1.
Kilballyown, Mrs. M. A. Lynch, Capt. J. F. Norris (Ireland), 12, 142, E. L. McKenzie, 40-1.

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Als Trade Pat Abruzzi To Stamps For Switzer

MONTREAL (CP) - Pat Abruzzi, best fullback in the 12-year history of Montreal Alouettes, has been traded to Calgary Stampede for halfback fullback Verry Switzer in a surprise deal during the off-season of football.

In making the announcement Friday, managing director Gorman Kennedy said the Als will also receive rights to the Stampede's first draft choice of 1960 and "other considerations."

The deal is to become final only if both players report to their new clubs.

The Montreal Star said it had reached Abruzzi at his off-season home in Warren, R.I., and that Abruzzi said he will report to coach Otis Douglas in Calgary as soon as he hears from the Stampede.

No difficulty is expected in getting Switzer to report to the Als.

TO STRENGTHEN DEFENCE
The move by Alouettes is an effort to strengthen the club. They traded the four-year veteran in hope that Switzer will fulfil blocking and defensive assignments - categories in which the Als were weak last season. They were eliminated in the playoffs by Ottawa Rough Riders - in the semi-final series.

Abruzzi came to Montreal in 1955, a "discovery" of backfield coach Jimmy Dunn. Pat had been a standout performer in college football.

Pat more than lived up to expectations. He set an all-time Canadian touchdowns record in his first season, with 19 touchdowns. The next season he went one better and broke the Big Four league scoring record.

Montreal fans liked Abruzzi. He had driving power, and his brusque through the line were electrifying. During his Montreal career he scored three or more touchdowns in a single game eight times. On three different occasions he scored four or more.

Over his four-year span with the Als he scored 50 touchdowns in league play.

PLAYED WITH PACKERS
Switzer joined the Stamps at the import cut-off date last season. The former Kansas State star played two full seasons with Green Bay Packers of the National Football League before entering the United States armed services. He returned afterward to the Packers but was released midway through the 1958 season. The Star quotes Abruzzi as saying of the trade:

"I guess you have to expect these things when you are a professional athlete. I will never forget my four years in Montreal. The fans were wonderful to me and I enjoyed the privilege of playing with some of the greatest and nicest players in the game today."

Pat said he thinks he will enjoy playing for coaches Douglas and Frank Filchock.

"I've never met Douglas but I know Frank and I admire him very much. Calgary is an improving ball club and they might take it all out West this year. I hope so."

"And I hope the Als make it in the east. I have a hunch I'd enjoy that Grey Cup game more than the two I've played in with Alouettes."

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