

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

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It is a great pleasure to hear from Jim McIntyre, formerly secretary of the Montague race track, who is now residing in Toronto. Jim's letter should be read by all horsemen as it shows the value of winter training. The writer remembers when we raced over the ice circuits in Toronto and Mount Clements, that there were horses which had been unfit to race due to some form of lameness the previous year that were got ready during the cold weather and in January they were among the best raced at these meets. The trainers told us that cold acted like a bandage and that there was nothing better for a horse than to continue training over the snow and ice during the winter months. A real example of that was Fern Hal 2:05 1/4, that was raced by owner MacPherson winter and summer for many years, then sold to Dr. McAllister and placed in the hands of Fred Cameron who won most of the free for alls in the Maritimes for several years.

Veteran Ch'town Horseman Trains, Drives Own Horses

By GERRY MARTIN
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CHARLOTTETOWN, (CP)—Here in the Maritimes where harness racing is king and cagey veterans drive at a ripe old age, Dan MacKinnon is the grand-daddy of them all.

Today, at 78, he still trains and drives his three horses. Dan MacKinnon, soldier, pharmacist, newspaper columnist and fox-rancher, has had a varied and colorful career.

LONG MILITARY CAREER
"Colonel Dan" carries himself with an erect bearing that speaks of a long military career during which he won the Distinguished Service Order and the French Croix de Guerre. In 1954 Col. MacKinnon raced his horses 17 times, driving five winners, three seconds and two thirds. In addition to his driving he is rated the top authority on harness racing in the Maritimes and his weekly column "Down the Back Stretches" has appeared in the Charlottetown Guardian since the '30's. He started racing in 1912 when he was 36, an age when many are calling it quits, and since then 72 horses have carried his colors. He recalls his first win during the 1912 season at the old Exhibition Track in Halifax. "I was considered a joke, I guess," he said. An accident gave him that win. The top horses got mixed up and "I breezed by on the outside." Two years later he was the top driver at Halifax, when the Exhibition Track in Halifax was considered one of the best in the world.

York Rifle Club Shoot Results

The following are the scores for February 16, 1955: Class 1

Arthur Brown	100
George Andrews	98
Cecil Watts	96
Jack Andrews	95
Herman Buell	94
Annie Buell	93
Deane Watts	92
Raymond Watts	91
H. T. Vesey	90
Alan Swan	89
Edison Watts	88
Chester Hurdock	87
Louis Vesey	86
Utey Birt	85
S. J. Birt	84
Peter Friend	83
W. L. Crockett	82
Albert Court	81
Raymond Vesey	80
Frank Andrews	79
Stuart Vesey	78
Joyce Constable	77

Penticton Vs Win Game 16-1

BERLIN (Reuters)—Penticton Vs, the Canadian entrants in the world hockey championships, defeated a side of Canadians, Swedes and Germans 16-1 here Friday night. The Vs, playing the second of four pre-tournament exhibition games in Europe, outscored their opponents 3-1 in the first period and then added six goals in the second and seven in the third. The Soviet team which will defend the title in the world championships watched the game. The Soviet players, all wearing grey peak caps, were led by Pavel Korotkov, president of the Soviet Ice Hockey Association.

U.N.B. Edges S.D.U. 58-56 In Hoop Game

FREDERICTON (CP)—University of New Brunswick Red Raiders took over sole possession of first place in the N.B.P.E. I. Inter-collegiate basketball league here Friday night with a 58-56 victory over St. Dunstan's University of Charlottetown. John Gorman's basket with only two seconds to play won the victory.

Ramblers Edge Moncton 3-2

AMHERST, N. S. (CP)—Amherst Ramblers scored the only goal of the third period here Friday night to edge Moncton Hawks 3-2 and tie their best-of-nine Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League semi-finals 2-2.

The fifth game of the round is scheduled for Moncton tonight. First period goals by Shermie White and Paul Saindon gave Ramblers a 2-0 lead. Dewar Thomson and Bill Smett knotted the count in the second for the Hawks. Dave Kiley netted the clincher at 9:47 of the third. A scheduled semi-final game between Fredericton Capitals and Charlottetown Islanders at the New Brunswick capital was postponed until tonight because of a heavy storm. Charlottetown leads the best-of-nine series 2-1.

Big Centennial Bonselpiel Here During Last Of March

The Charlottetown Centennial Bonselpiel which promises to be one of the most outstanding curling events in Eastern Canada and one of the highlights of the City's Centennial Year celebrations will be held at the Charlottetown Curling Club during the week March 21-26. Rinks from Ontario, Quebec, Wisconsin, U. S. A., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will join in the curling competition for the coveted Bonselpiel championship and trophies.

Local Minor Hockey Results

Minor hockey results yesterday at the Charlottetown Rotary rink were as follows: (All games in Bantam class): Parkdale Royals 5, Q.C.H. Braves 1. Royals' goals by MacGee, LeClerc, O'Neil, MacInnis, O'Neil. Braves' goal by Ferguson. Parkdale Regals 7, Q.S.S. Hawks 2. Regals' goals by D. Storey (6), F. Robertson 1. Hawks' goal by Sherry, Dunn. P.S.S.-W.K.S. Dodgers 1, Q.S.S. Eagles 0. Dodgers' goal by Smith.

New Glasgow Wins Opening Game of Finals

NEWGLASGOW, (CP)—New Glasgow Rangers put on a third-period spur Friday night to capture the first game of their APC Senior Hockey League finals against Pictou Royals. The teams, meanwhile, announced they will play a best-of-seven series despite an order from the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association to make it a best-of-five affair.

Horse Races At Millvale

On Thursday afternoon the Millvale Driving Club held its first race of the season on the river ice. The track was in good condition and keen racing was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. Horses competed from Fredericton, North Granville, South Granville, Mayfield, New Glasgow and Millvale. New entries are expected at the next meet.

Curling News From Local Rink

Following are the latest results of play and draws from the Charlottetown Rink: R. Carruthers 9, C. MacLean 8; R. Giddings 8, F. R. MacLain 4; R. Manning 6, H. Atkinson 5; R. Speltz 11, A. Howatt 7; W. R. Burnett 8, Dr. Gallant 7; W. R. MacNeill 6, Dr. MacIntyre 5; R. Parent 7, K. MacNutt 5; R. Parent 7, K. MacNutt 5. Draw for this afternoon 25 cents to play. Every winner gets grape fruit.

Hockey Scores

American League
Providence 2 Pittsburgh 7
Atlantic Coast Senior
Moncton 2 Amherst 3
(Best-of-nine semi-final tied 2-2)
Anigonish-Pictou-Chester
Pictou 2 New Glasgow 4
(First game of best-of-seven final)
Ontario Junior A
Hamilton 2 Kitchener 5
St. Catharines 5 Guelph 3
Northern Ontario Senior
Sault Ste. Marie 2 Sault Ste. Marie 2
North Bay 3 Pembroke 2
(First games of best-of-seven semi-finals)
Ontario Senior A
Niagara Falls 3 Chatham 6
Intercollegiate
Toronto 4 McGill 3

Charles Wins By Decision

NEW YORK, (AP)—Ezzard Charles came back from two beatings by Rocky Marciano, slug-gish and wild but sharp enough to batter overmatched Charley Nor-don, for a unanimous 10-round decision Friday night at Madison Square Garden. Charles weighed 191½, Nor-kus 195½. The former heavyweight champion, now 35, dropped Nor-kus with a right hand to the jaw in the early seconds of the ninth round. The sturdy Nor-kus teetered to his feet at four, rocking backward, and stood while referee Harry Kessler counted the automatic eight. There was no doubt about the lopsided decision with referee Kessler scoring it 8-1-1, judge Jack Gordon 8-2 and judge Joe Agnello 9-1. The AP card was 8-2. Charles, who came over with the right eye from the fifth round on, despite a smear of medication

Game Postponed

FREDERICTON (CP)—The fourth game of the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League semi-finals between Fredericton Capitals and Charlottetown Islanders has been postponed until tonight. Islanders lead the best-of-nine series 2-1. The fourth game was slated for Friday night but postponed because of a heavy storm.

NHL Standing

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	33	15	8	182
Detroit	32	17	9	155
Toronto	22	18	17	126
Boston	20	20	16	138
New York	14	27	15	125
Chicago	10	34	13	131

NHL Scorers

	G	A	Pts
Beliveau, Montreal	32	30	62
Richard, Montreal	33	24	57
Geoffrion, Montreal	29	26	55
Olmstead, Montreal	8	41	49
Mosdell, Montreal	21	26	47
Smith, Toronto	28	18	46
Howe, Detroit	23	23	46
Sullivan, Chicago	14	32	46

N.H.L. Leaders

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Standing: Montreal, won 33, lost 15, tied 8; points 74.
Point: Beliveau, Montreal, 62
Goals: Richard, Montreal, 33
Assists: Olmstead, Montreal, 41
Shutouts: Sawchuck, Detroit, 10
Penalties: Flaman, Boston, 134 minutes.

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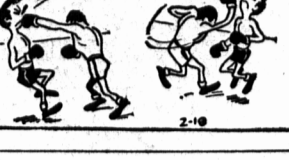
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LITTLE SPORT



HUNTERS' CORNER



Last week's thaw on Friday and Saturday saved a lot of Huns and quite possibly staved off a repetition, or near repetition, of the losses that occurred during the disastrous winter of 1933-34. Old Timers admit it was the heaviest February thaw in their memory. Saturday was mild and sunny, with a reported temperature of 50, and a high south wind. The snow evaporated as if a steam hose were turned on Kings County Huns never were in real (Continued on page 7)



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Day Is Huge Success At Prince Of Wales College

Success marked the second annual Prince of Wales Day which was observed yesterday afternoon and evening when the Welshmen played host to teams from the Moncton High School at a special feature of the memorial occasion. All afternoon classes at the college were cancelled and the entertainments began at 2 p.m. with a bang-up hockey game at the Forum, followed later in the afternoon by a girls' basketball match. The Welshmen were victorious in both competitions. In the evening the specialties continued with a boys hoop game which was followed by a largely attended dance with music by the Downtowners.

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ANNOUNCING 1955 PROGRAM OF TRURO RACEWAY LIMITED, TRURO, N. S. FORTY-FIVE RACING SESSIONS \$75,000.00 IN PURSES (Estimated)

RACING TWICE WEEKLY FROM MAY 23rd THROUGH OCTOBER 10th
Featuring "The Jollity Stake" Purse \$5000.00, the largest purse ever offered three-year-olds in the Maritimes, to be raced the night of August 3rd, 1955. The opening race of the season will be held on the afternoon of May 23rd—1/2 mile dashes for \$150.00 a dash. Night racing will commence on May 28th and will be held every Wednesday and Saturday nights thereafter until October 10th. In the event of unfavorable weather, Wednesday's races will be held on Thursdays and Saturday's races held on Mondays. Afternoon and evening races will be held on Dominion Day and Labor Day. All mile dashes for a minimum of \$200.00 except in case of postponements when each dash will be raced for \$50.00 less than on regular dates. Entrance fee 2 1/2% in all events. Money divisions: 40%, 22 1/2%, 17 1/2%, 12 1/2%, 7 1/2%. Entries close on May 17th for races to be held on May 23rd. Entries will close for the regular night races on Friday of each week for the following week's races. Declaration box will close at 5 P.M. two days prior to date of race, races held on a Monday the declaration box will close at 5 P.M. on Friday. All drivers protected by the U.S.A. Drivers Insurance, the only track in the Dominion of Canada to carry this insurance. Truro Raceway Limited extends the "Welcome" sign to all horsemen, for this the seventh year of night racing at one of Eastern Canada's finest racing plants and 1955 promises to be the best year yet with racing twice weekly for a total of twenty weeks. TRURO RACEWAY LIMITED, L. F. Bickerton, President, A. A. Barker, Vice-President, Carl MacKenzie, Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 255, Truro, N. S.

A REAL STRUGGLE

FREDERICTON CAPS ARE GIVING ISLANDERS A TOUGH TIME.
THE CONTINUES—
MONDAY, FEB. 21, 8:30 — THE FORUM
SEAT SALE:—
TODAY — SAT. — 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.
MONDAY — ALL DAY.
HOLDING SEATS MUST BE PICKED UP TODAY (SATURDAY). NO BROADCAST OF THE GAME
PRICES: \$1.75 - \$1.35
THE FORUM

