

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH



A very great friend of this column, one whose father was a lover of horses and owned some of the best here in the long ago, has sent us the original advertising card for Captain Aubrey 40850, race record 2:07 1/4, bay stallion 15.3/2 hands high, weighing about 1,200 pounds, foaled in 1904. The property of John Richards, Bideford, P. E. I. Before going into particulars of his history and pedigree we would like to say that in company with the late Hammond Kelly the writer attended the Old Glory Sale held in Madison Square Garden December, 1912. There was a dispersal of the King Hill Stock Farm stallions and brood mares. The manager of the Farm was Henry Thomas and he was the man who rode the pony and showed off the horses on the eighth of a mile track.

Thomas had a very colorful history connected with the days of the wild and woolly West. He was what was known as "rider of the plains," taking his turn on the stage coaches that brought the immigrants and their effects to California and carrying gold on the return trip. His belt carried two six shooters and he had the colorful costume that went with his calling, including a large sombrero. He really looked the part and was a tremendous attraction in connection with the sale. He had been manager of King Hill Stock Farm and when that consignment came up he spoke about Captain Aubrey and made the prediction that if he were bred to mares by Constantine he would guarantee they would produce real race horses.

Captain Aubrey sold in the vicinity of \$4,000 to the Hon. John Richards of Bideford, P. E. I. who had always been interested in improving the live stock and horses of this Province. Mr. Richards didn't buy any mares by Constantine but Hedley T. Fulton of Upper Steviacke, N. S. did buy Helena Constantine 2:18 1/2 and we will later give an account of her progeny. Captain Aubrey was bred by the Great A. 2:07 1/4, even then the sire of 122 including Peter Volo 2:04 1/2, world's champion 2-year-old trotter, also Sadie Mac 1:06 Kentucky Futurity winner.

Captain Aubrey's dam was May Fern 2:11 1/2, dam also of Lord Revelstoke 3:21 1/4 and Fern Go 3:21 1/2. The breeding card has the following: Even if Captain Aubrey has nothing else to recommend him his superb breeding should appeal strongly to the student of pedigree. His sire, Peter the Great, is one of the world's most famous race horses having a race record at four years of 2:07 1/4 and is justly regarded as the greatest trotting sire the world has ever known. Captain Aubrey's dam is a large handsome mare with a race record of 2:11 1/2 and a well authenticated trial of 2:07 1/4. Captain Aubrey though a young horse with scarcely any opportunities in the stud owing to his racing career, gives promise of being a great sire. His first two colts were foaled in 1908. One was put to breeding, the other is Aubrey, which took a record last season of 2:17 1/4 as a colt.

Of his eight colts got in 1909 six have shown better than 2:30 and one took a record last season of 2:27 1/2, another a record of 2:17. Captain Aubrey is a handsome, rugged, powerfully built horse. He has a faultless set of legs and feet, is a pure gaited trotter with high action. In his turf career he proved himself a thoroughly consistent race horse. He started 24 times in company with the fastest horses on the turf, finishing 16 times first, 3 times second, twice third and 3 times fourth. Both in his races and in his work he has shown that he is capable of flights of speed second to few living trotting stallions. He has been quartered in 29 1/2 seconds and a half in 1:00 1/4. He is a prompt, stylish reader and has a perfect disposition. The card shows at the bottom, C. A. Mitchell, in charge. Many will remember Mr. Mitchell, who had a way with horses that few could excel. It didn't make very much difference what kind of a horse it was, or what kind of a disposition, Gus Mitchell could get along with him and get the best out of him. Mr. Mitchell lived to a good old age and spent his declining years as janitor of Prince Street School where he was popular with all the children.

The arrival of Captain Aubrey was not greeted by everyone with enthusiasm. Those who had stallions began to find fault with him. He was a big, open-gaited trotter and they found fault with that and for some reason or other a lot of people did like to pay a service fee of \$25. Then there came a demand from Nova Scotia to have him sent over there and as

Mr. Richards had given Prince Edward Islanders plenty of opportunity he decided to meet the wishes of the Nova Scotians. It was while there that he was mated to Helena Constantine 2:18 1/2 by Constantine 2:12 1/2, and she produced Peter Poky 2:06. Maritime champion trotter and a record-holder for many years. Helena Constantine 2:08 1/4, Gwendolyn Aubrey 2:08 1/4, and Lady Helena whose brood mare activities we will mention later.

Captain Aubrey's most noted performer was Bill Sharen 2:04 1/4. He was out of the well-known Maritime race mare Norway W. by Lookaway. As a 4-year-old in 1919 he won all his races and in 1920 set up a new Maritime trotting record at Fredericton of 2:11 1/4. Later that fall he won at Charlottetown and from there went to Woodville where he met the free for all pacers from Maine and defeated them. This led to his sale to a patron of Thomas W. Murphy for \$25,000 in American money, which was equal at that time to \$27,500. Bill Sharen had a very bad disposition and it took a brave man to take care of him and train and drive him in his last year of racing in the Maritimes, so Peter Carroll took on the job and got along well with him, but Murphy found that he had to be changed to a gelding because of his terrible disposition. He was a great race horse all through the Grand circuit under Murphy's regime, but there was a still greater one, Peter the Brewer 2:02 1/4 and Bill Sharen never, as far as we can recollect, could get the better of that sterling race horse and afterwards great sire, Calumet Budlong 2:02 1/4 is by Peter the Brewer and he is a two-minute sire.

Prince Edward Island harness racing has benefited greatly by mares having crosses from Captain Aubrey and one of the best producers was Lady Helena, the dam of Guy Ann 2:11 1/4, bred by E. Lidstone, Freetown, P. E. I. and now owned by George A. Callbeck, Summerside. In George's ownership Guy Ann produced My Ann, Ann Clegg 2:06 1/5, Sister Ann, Ann's Boy 2:10 3/5, Ann's Dream 2:09 3/5, Bow Tie, Ann's and Airy Ann, Helena Constantine is the granddam of Previous 2:12 and Wait N' See 2:11 1/5.

Gwendolyn Aubrey also had a wonderful career. She raced here in 1925 as a 3-year-old and won easily from aged horses. The following year she was practically unbeaten in her races through Maine and continued winning for several years until retired to the brood mare ranks. Helen Aubrey 2:08 1/2 developed into a pacer and she had a whole string of victories and came to Charlottetown for the Exhibition races in September, 1926. In the 2:15 trot and pace over Plucky Dillard 2:04 1/4, Roy Volo 2:09 1/4, and Bud Hal 2:09 1/4. Another starter in the race was Major S., a pacer by The British Soldier, that the writer had bought on Monday of that week and won the 2:20 pace with him on Tuesday from Plate Glass with 4:31-1-1. Plate Glass brought from Ontario with a guarantee that he would pace in 2:10 was 1-1-2-4-2. Time, 2:22 1/4, 2:22 1/4, 2:21 1/4, 2:23, 2:23 1/2. Plate Glass had been taken off at Fredericton and given a trial over that fast track in 2:12 then put on the car and shipped to Charlottetown. Many thought that trial did not do him any good for his race here and they were probably correct. In the 2:15 trot and pace Major S. was 1-1-1. Helen Aubrey 2:2-2, Plucky Dillard 3-3-5, Roy Volo 4-4-3, Bud Hal 5-5-4. Time, 2:16 1/4, 2:17 1/4, 2:18 1/4. It must be remembered that the tracks were kept purposely slow as records counted.

At that same meeting the writer won the 2:21 trot with The Yank in straight heats, best time 2:20 1/4, the 2:40 trot with The British (Continued on page 7)

CHATHAM, N. B. (CP)—Moncton Hawks forced their Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League semi-final to its best-of-nine limit by halting Amherst Ramblers 5-2 Friday night and squaring the series 4-4.

The deciding game is scheduled for Amherst tonight, with the winner due to meet either Fredericton Capitals or Saint John Beavers in the league final. Caps have a 3-2 lead.

Two quick goals by Ray Lacroix and Bob Bowness put Hawks ahead near the end of the first period. Bowness got another in the second before Copper Leyte and Pierre Brillant left Amherst trailing by only one.

That was the only Amherst scoring. Bert Herschfeld made it 4-2 with only two seconds to go in the period.

Amherst strategy backfired in the last minute of play. Ramblers yanked Cliff Hicks at 19:17 in favor of another attacker, Bill Sinnett, taking a pass from Lorne Pirie, fired into the open cage at 19:29.

Last evening officials of the Island Branch of the A.A.U. of Canada announced the final series in both "B" and "C" intermediate competition as follows: Series "P"—Intermediate "B": Milton Hornets vs. winner Albany St. Pats-Winsloe Heartbreakers.

Series "Q"—Intermediate "C": Schurman's Eagles vs. Morell Both series will be best-of-five games and must be completed by midnight March 15th. First game to be played at home rink of first named team, alternating after that. In the event of the series ending in three games, gate receipts of third game will be divided evenly between two teams. In the event of a fifth game being necessary, game will be played in a neutral rink as arranged by management of teams and failing agreement, rink will be designated by the Union.

Fifth game gate receipts will also be divided evenly between competing teams. After team management have secured dates in rinks and arranged to play they are to notify the Physical Fitness Division in order officials can be appointed and be at rink in time to handle games.

There will be a special workout and skull session this evening for the below listed Juniors who are asked to meet at W. G. Barbour's showrooms at 5:00 p.m. sharp where they will proceed to S. D. U. rink—Geo. Ward, J. Blanchard, Roy MacArthur, David Currie, Joe Arsenault, Garnet Steele, Errol Nicholson, Geo. Trainor, Don Stewart, MacMacRae, Geo. Dillon, R. Duffy, Geo. Cudmore, F. Mahar, J. MacDougall, R. MacCormack, D. MacCormack.

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Sports

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Plan Air Trip To Scotland For Curling Enthusiasts

Curling enthusiasts throughout the Maritimes who have long wished to visit Scotland, the birth-place of the roarin' game and perhaps play a few ends on the famed rinks in Glasgow and Edinburgh, will get a chance to do just that sometime in either January or February of 1957.

Plans are in the formulating stage now for an air-trip to the old country in the sixty-passenger chartered aircraft of Maritime Central Airways and a already eleven of the available seats have been spoken for.

Island curler and Secretary of the P. E. I. Curling Association, is the organizer of the trip.

A prospective passenger list is now being prepared and the work of organization will get underway in September. All passengers will be recruited from Maritime curling centres.

It is expected that during the stay in Scotland, four days will be allotted for curling in Glasgow and Edinburgh and about 12 days will be spent in sight-seeing. In all the round trip leaving and returning to Moncton, will take about two and one-half weeks.

Pie-Eating contest (mixed): 1. Austin Connolly; 2. Merrill MacDonald; 3. Lowell Watts.

Official Referees and starters Art Perry and Charlie Ryan; Timmer, John Purcell; Announcer, Bri. W. W. Reid; Ass't. Announcer, James Lee; Judges, Forbes Kennedy, P. O. Cameron, George Stewart; Patrol Judges, M. L. MacDonald, D. P. MacLean, A. J. LeBlanc, R. Sudsbury.

LINEUPS— Vocational School: Goal. C. Gaudet; defense, R. Bell, A. MacArthur, A. Clements, K. Warren; forwards, J. Hagan, K. Downe, A. Madson, C. Senter, J. Bartlett, I. Taylor, R. Gallant, L. Watts, M. MacDonald, R. Mallett.

Q. C. H. S.: Goal, Frizzell, Ferguson; defense, G. Burgoyne, T. Potogon, A. MacLean, O. MacLeod; forwards, A. MacFayden, D. Murray, G. Watts, J. Kennedy, W. MacDonald, D. MacAusland, B. MacMillan, D. Lea, R. Birt.

SUMMARY— First period: 1. Q.C.H.S. MacFayden (Watts); 2. Voc. School, Howatt (MacArthur). Penalty: Burke.

Undeclared In 3 Rounds

P.W.C. Tied For Top After 1st Day In Curling Meet

Prince of Wales College, making its first start in Maritime Intercollegiate competition, and the defending champion Kings College rink of Halifax emerged in top place after going through the first day's play undefeated in the Maritime Intercollegiate Curling Championships being held at the Charlottetown Curling Club.

Both rinks carry 3-0 won lost records into today's play and meet in the fourth round this morning in a match that could well decide the title.

Kings College, skipped by Bob Winters and holders of the last two consecutive crowns, won all three of yesterday's matches with comparative ease. In the morning they defeated Irving Mitton's U. N. B. rink 13-7; humbled Brian Weeks Mount Allison foursome 19-2 in the afternoon and had little trouble in beating Ken Bell's St. Mary's rink 21-9 in the evening.

Barry MacDonald's Prince of Wales rink defeated Mount Allison 14-6 in the morning but were extended to 11 ends before shading Pete Filmore's Dalhousie rink 21-9 in a match that could well decide the title.

St. Mary's College of Halifax finished behind the two leaders with two wins against a lone loss. Neither Dalhousie nor U. N. B. could pick up a win but Mount Allison managed to register a 10-8 victory over Dalhousie in the third round.

The fourth and fifth rounds will be played this morning. In case of a tie the championship will be decided on a post-mortem basis.

The following are the results of the day's play:

MORNING— Mitton (UNB) 200 210 100 1-7 Winters (Kings) 034 002 031 0-13 Bell (St. Mary's) 100 101 103 2-9 Filmore (Dal.) 031 010 010 0-6 MacDonald (PWC) 102 021 041 3-14 Weeks (Mt. A.) 020 100 300 0-6

AFTERNOON— MacDonald (PWC) 001 023 011 01-14 Filmore (Dal.) 310 200 010 20-9 Weeks (Mt. A.) 000 000 000 2-2

Following are the Abbie lineups: Paperweights — J. Duffy, A. Macinnis, Freddie Roberts, Gerry Kane, Carl McQuaid, Russel Burgoyne, Ronnie Boyles, Angus Houghton, James Kennedy, J. Rogers, Geo. MacMillan, Carl Duncan, Ronnie Diamond, Gary Cudmore, Geo. MacDonald.

Reggie Trainor, Sterling Ladner, D. Flood, Stewart David Burgoyne, J. Davis, F. Dow, R. Rice, Rex MacCarville, Roy Biggar, D. Lawlor, Leo Kelly, F. Neilson, R. Doron.

EVENING— Bell (St. Mary's) 040 102 011 0-9 Winters (Kings) 504 060 500 1-21 Mitton (UNB) 202 000 020 0-6 MacDonald (PWC) 010 243 202 2-16 Weeks (Mount A.) 110 131 020 1-10 Filmore (Dal.) 003 000 104 0-9

STANDINGS— WON LOST P. W. C. 3 0 Kings 2 0 St. Mary's 1 2 Mount Allison 1 3 Dalhousie 0 3 U. N. B. 0 3

Canadiens Whip Chicago Black Hawks 3-1

CHICAGO (CP)—Bernie Geoffrion's goal midway in the final period enabled the Montreal Canadiens to whip the Chicago Black Hawks in a National Hockey League battle at the stadium here Friday night.

Summary— First period: No scoring. Penalties: Bellevue, Skov 15:34, Stanley 18:21.

Second period: 1. Chicago, Sandford (Stanley, Ploce) 5:42. Penalties: Olmstead 8:43, Ploce 12:13, Clune 15:26.

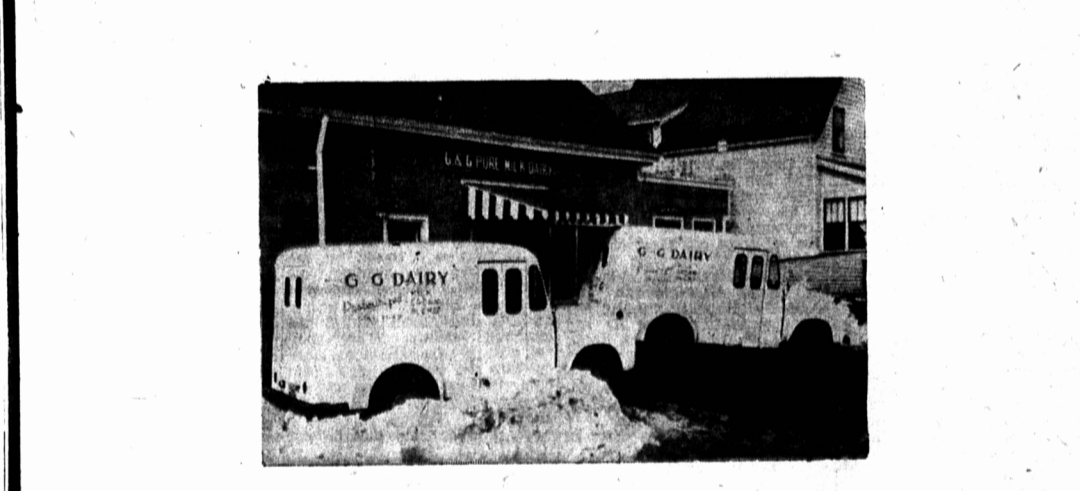
Third period: 2. Montreal, H. Richard (Moore) 2:08; 3. Montreal, Geoffrion (M. Richard, Olmstead) 11:11; 4. Montreal, Curry (Beliveau, Talbot) 19:50. Penalties: Skov 10:13, Provost 18:22.

S'ide Aces Whip P.W.C.

The Summerside Aces drubbed the Prince of Wales Waleham at Civic Stadium in an exhibition game last night by the score of 13-4. Leroy Clow and Gord Cutcliffe each had 3 goals and 1 assist. Peter Pope scored 2 and helped with one, and Gaudet had 2 goals and 2 assists. Ed Dalton, Sterling Phillips, and Eustace Reeves each had a goal. Phillips and Reeves adding an assist each. Edgar Taylor had 3 assists and Mark DeLoraine one.

For Prince of Wales, young Brodie Lantz, still a midget scored two goals and had one assist. Doug Cudmore scored a goal and helped out on another. Arnold MacLean scored the other tally, and Peter Whitenet chipped in with two assists.

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