



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

From time to time in the sports world some great performance takes place that captures the attention of millions of people. In 1882 at Stamford Bridge, London, the English mile runner, W. G. George, defeated the champion of Australia who had set a world record of 4:16. George had previously been the amateur champion and record-holder of the world with a mile in 4:18. There was tremendous betting on the event and consternation was thrown into the ranks of George's supporters when his trainer ran out among the principal backers and said: "He has let us down; he has eaten over a quarter pound of sugar."

But George evidently knew what was good for him and that sugar is a great energy maker, for he ran the most wonderful mile the world had ever known—4:12. In 1892 when the ex-bank clerk, James J. Corbett, wrestled the world's heavy weight championship from the former invincible John L. Sullivan, the crowd of spectators was a sensation. Within recent months a young doctor, Roger Bannister, has knocked the mile record to pieces with his astounding performance of 3:58.

Great performances in the harness racing world have to take place. Ever since Arion, a two-year-old trotter stepped a mile in

2:07.4 at Palo Alto Farm, California, harness horsemen have been speculating as to whether it would ever be possible for a 2-year-old to trot in even time. It has been done and for an excellent description of it we are indebted to Edwin Keller, as follows: "Never in the long history of trotting has anything approached the performance here on Tuesday of the 2-year-old trotting colt, Scott Frost. Before a big week-end crowd that included horsemen from all over the United States, Canada and several foreign countries, the brilliant son of Hoot Moun 2:00 and Nora 2:09.5, by Spencer 2:59.1, turned in what must be rated as just about the greatest single performance of all time—a second heat in two minutes flat.

Back in 1903 over the famous old mile oval at Readville, Mass., the first great trotting milestone was reached, the afternoon that Millard Sanders drove Lou Dillon, the 5-year-old daughter of Sidney Dillon a mile in two minutes flat. It was a performance that in that long-ago day many leading horsemen said was absolutely impossible. Now 51 years later we have a colt accomplishing the same feat. It came off in the racing of the Cimaroon Ranch Trophy Stake, that brought a field of seven to

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Prince Of Wales College Holds Track And Field Meet

The third and fourth year teams yesterday combined to pile up the majority of points at Prince of Wales' first annual track and field meet held at Memorial Field. The winners, who had a total of 72 points, came from behind in the first competitive event to beat out the first years who racked up 64 points for second place. Second year was third with 46 points. In the point system, first place was worth 5, second place 3 and third position 1. In the relay first was worth 10 and second 5. Each participant in each event was awarded 1 point.

David MacLeod picked up 24 points for the highest individual honors of the day. Mark Ladner and George Kells each had 12, while John Chandler had 8. Olive Parkman led the girls with a total of 15 points. Margaret MacNeil had 14 and Beryl MacLean had 12. Following are the results of the different events:

100 yd. dash for boys—1. George Kells; 2. David MacLeod; 3. Joe Nevel; time 10.4 seconds.
100 yd. dash for girls—1. Margaret MacNeil; 2. Olive Parkman; 3. Catherine Craig; time 13.4 seconds.
80 yd. dash for boys—1. May Ladner; 2. Bob Montgomery; 3. Marvin Gillespie; time 2 min. 32.3 sec.
Shot put—1. David MacLeod; 2. Arnold MacLeod; 3. Ernie Peake; distance 41 ft. 2.5 in.
High jump for boys—1. David MacLeod; 2. Allan MacKenzie; 3. Malcolm Lodge; height 4 ft. 10 in.
High jump for girls—1. Beryl MacLean; 2. Margaret MacNeil; 3. Barbara Stewart.
Broad jump for boys—1. John Chandler; 2. Dave MacLeod; 3. Graham Lodge; distance 16 ft. 1 in.
Broad jump for girls—1. Beryl MacLean; 2. Margaret MacNeil; 3. Barbara Stewart.
Mile—1. George Kells; 2. Vin-

Sugar Ray To Start Training

NEW YORK (AP)—Ray Robinson, who retired as undefeated middleweight champion of the world 22 months ago, said Friday he would start training Monday with the idea of making a comeback.

"I have the urge to fight again, but I won't make any final decision until I see how I make out in training," said Robinson, who says he is 32 although the record books says he's 34.

Robinson's last fight was June 15, 1952.

Yankees Begin Rebuilding Job

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Yankees began rebuilding for 1955 Friday by purchasing the contracts of four of their farm hands, including Negro catcher Elston Howard.

Howard, voted the most valuable player in the International League last year while at Toronto, is the first Negro to be placed on the Yankee roster.

Howard was brought up from Kansas City which owned his contract, along with two righthanded pitchers, Ed Cereghino and Tom Stravivant. Third baseman Leon (Buddy) Carter was bought from Birmingham of the Eastern League through Yankee affiliate.

To make room for these men on the roster, the Yankees sold outfielder Art Schult and pitcher Al Grogg to Kansas City.

Roberts Serves Up Most Home Runs For 1954

NEW YORK (AP)—Robin Roberts, the hard-working righthander of the Philadelphia Phillies, served up 35 home runs during the 1954 season to lead all major league pitchers in this department for the first time in his seven-year career.

Roberts worked 337 innings and compiled a 23-15 won-lost record while winning the uncherished gopher ball title.

Individually, Gil Hodges of the Dodgers was Robin's chief tormentor, hitting three home runs off his deliveries.

Figures compiled by The Associated Press also disclosed that Steve Gromek of Detroit was the American League leader with 26 home run serves. The veteran righthander pitched 253 innings while winning 18 games and losing 16.

It was the second straight season that a Tigers' pitcher has led his circuit in the gopher ball category.

Murray Dickson of the Phillies and Carl Erskine of Brooklyn permitted 31 homers apiece to finish second to Roberts in the National League. Dickson, holder of the major league record for home runs allowed with 39 in 1948, pitched 226 frames and Erskine 260. Willie Mays of the Giants, with four home runs, gave Erskine the most trouble.

Arnold Portocarrero of the Philadelphia Athletics was runnerup to Gromek in the American League. The rookie righthander dished up 25 gophers.

FORUM DATES

OCTOBER 14, 15, 16

SATURDAY—

3 to 5—General Skating

8 to 10—Rural-Urban Get-Together.

Together,

Campbell Put Islanders Through First Workout

Coach Hughie Campbell of the Prince Edward Islanders hockey team really got things going with a bang yesterday as he put over a dozen men, who turned up for the first training camp session, through a stiff hour and a half workout at the Forum. The large number who turned up for the workout was surprising and many of them showed up with the local club other than their new face in an Islanders' camp was that of Copper Leyte. Copper made a big impression with his past experience he should be a stand-out with the local club.

Ray LeDuc, big centerman from the ranks of last year's Matane Red Rocks arrived in town in time for the workout. Ray looked very good at center and judging from his past experience he should be a stand-out with the local club. Another new face in an Islanders' camp was that of Copper Leyte. Copper made a big impression with his past experience he should be a stand-out with the local club.

Among the younger and less experienced of the group Elliott MacLellan showed up very well. Elliott, who hales from Boston, arrived in town Thursday for the pre-season training. He plays right wing and worked very nice with local center, Sam Gregory and left winger Vance Harris from Summerside. Gregory played last year with North Sydney Franklins and Harris with the Summerside Aces. Lorne Hennessey seemed as ready and capable as any of the group

during the opening session. Other local players in camp were: Junior MacLeod, Stu MacLure, Billy Purcell, Bubby Dowling, and Spy Ready.

The ice was in exceptionally good shape and is expected to be kept in such form as much as possible during the season. Campbell will be shown up very well today at 11:00 a.m. and expects to have Jim Shirley, Islanders' newly acquired goalie, and defenceman Danny O'Connor on hand for practise at that time.

Special Golf Meet Is Planned

A special golf event known as the Goodie Handicap is expected to be played on or before Wednesday, October 20, at the Bellevue Golf Course. Only the five iron and the putter are allowed to be used, with competition open to both men and women. Prizes will be awarded in each section for low gross, low net and hidden hole with six special holes being played and 1/3 of full handicap to apply. The special holes are as follows: 1st tee to 17th green, par 4; 2nd tee to 6th green, par 5; 7th tee to 8th green, par 7; 12th tee to 14th green, par 4; 15th tee to 18th green, par 7; 17th tee to 16th green, par 3.

Sport Echoes From Prince County

The one bright peak in a low level of sports activity in Summerside at the present time is the boxing and wrestling card which the Hunter of the RCAF Sports Department has been preparing for some time now, and which is set to hit the squared circle at the RCAF recreation hall tonight. The show will have both wrestling and boxing, and as the participants are all amateurs (derivation-lovers of the sport) you can bet your price of admission the boys will not be just going through the motions. They really like to impress the fans, those simon pures.

We don't know the causes that led up to the decision not to re-appoint a physical fitness director for Prince County after Jimmie Hogan had resigned. The government may have had good and sufficient reasons for cutting down on this particular item of expenditure. Certainly it was not because the work wasn't being looked after in a competent manner, for anyone who knows about Jim Hogan's efforts for the youth of Prince County would laugh such a suggestion to scorn. So, there must have been other reasons.

The main point, we think, is that, if there is any necessary cutting down of expenditure in this department, it should be evenly distributed among the various localities. If the Physical Fitness Department is still to exist at all in Prince Edward Island, we presume Summerside will get its rightful share of attention in comparison with what Charlottetown and other centres get. How this can be done without a Prince County representative is not clear, but perhaps the Physical Fitness Department has it all figured out. Certainly Physical Fitness was doing a fine job in Summerside. There are countless parents in this vicinity that will assure anyone that the money was being well spent.

Bowling is getting pretty well organized in Summerside. The Capitol Bowling Alleys is being managed this year by Len Gallant, and Len has lots of experience and should do a good job. The only bowlers who have hit the headlines yet, are Ethel Jean Muttart, Lea Crane in the Schurman League, and "Buzz" Nicholson in the Sam-Hi League. This trio have won high singles and high threes in one evening.

Pledge Funds To Keep Athletics In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (CP)—Sufficient funds to keep the Philadelphia Athletics franchise in this city were pledged Friday by a group of Philadelphia business men, it was announced following a day-long meeting. Details of their offer would be worked out during the weekend, they said.

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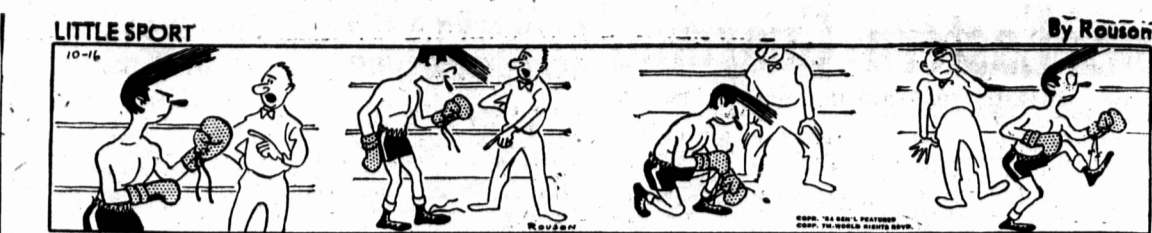
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Copper Leyte (above), rugged 190 pound defenceman who last season played for the Glace Bay Miners has joined the Islanders' in training camp recently. The 24 year old Newfoundland, who shoots left, started his senior hockey with the Quebec Aces. (Photo By Myers)

PWC And SDU Meet Today In First Exhibition Game

The Prince of Wales College football team are scheduled to make their 1954 debut today as they meet the St. Dunstan's University second team in an exhibition game at the SDU gridiron at 3:15. Today's encounter will be an indication of what fans can expect in the oncoming series between the two teams. Last year they played to a six-game draw.

The Prince of Wales team is coached by the combined abilities of athletic director, George Andrews, J. J. Coyle and Gordon Bennett, while A. J. MacAdam is the master-mind of the Red and White squad. Both teams will have many of their last season's players back for action. Gordon Tweedy, Neils Hansen, Malcolm MacFadyen, Arnold MacLean, Joe Revell and George Court are some of the P.W.C. forwards who returned. George MacDonald and

George Kells, two new-comers, will add strength to the backfield along with Mark Ladner, Doug Cudmore and Dave MacLeod.

Mr. A. J. MacAdam will not be on hand to work his second team today due to his trip to the mainland with the first S.D.U. team who are scheduled to meet the Nova Scotia Technical College in a regular fall intercollegiate match. S.D.U. won the first game of the season as they defeated Acadia Axemen 6-5 in a rugged contest at the local field last Saturday.

Canadiens Shut Out Hawks; Back In First Place

CHICAGO (AP)—Montreal Canadiens moved back into first place in the National Hockey League Friday night by blanking Chicago Black Hawks, 3-0.

Montreal's big gun line of Bernie "Boom Boom" Geoffrion, Dick Moore, and Jean Marc Beliveau counted the Canadiens scoring. The loss was the Hawk's third in four games and had the 5,750 crowd booing at the end of the game.

Canadiens now hold a one-point edge over Detroit Red Wings.

SUMMARY
First Period Scoring—None.
Penalties: Morison 5:43; Litznerberger 8:26.
Second Period
1. Montreal, Geoffrion (Leclair, Olmstead) 2:42;
2. Montreal, Moore (Geoffrion, Beliveau) 15:18.
Penalties: Johnson, 9:09; MacKay 18:23.
Third Period
3. Montreal, Beliveau 12:30.
Penalties: None.

Plowmen Compete In Pouring Rain

BRESLAU, Ont. (CP)—Fifty-four Ontario high school boys stayed out alone in the pouring rain all day Friday and competed for the Ontario secondary schools plowing title.

The judges were their only spectators.

All but three boys finished the day-long competition. The three that didn't had to quit when their tractors mired in the mud.

The judges weren't able to mark the score sheets because it was raining so hard. Plowing match officials said they would try to have the results worked out by the weekend.

One hundred other plowmen also braved the rain to compete in four other classes. The ground, despite excellent drainage was greasy and difficult to work.

Hockey Results

By The Canadian Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Montreal 3 Chicago 0
Q.H.L.
Quebec 1 Ottawa 5
OHA Jr. A Exhibition
St. Michaels 1 Guelph 3

Courier And Favorite Horse



Mr. Augustine Duffy, Royal Mail Courier for Kinkora, R. R. 1 for the past 25 years, is pictured above with his favorite horse and jog cart. A lover of horses, Mr. Duffy has never deserted his equestrian pal for the more modern means of transportation during his long and efficient mail service. The photo was taken by Mr. Leo Elliott of Montreal who was a visitor to Kinkora this past summer.



The opening morning for 1954 is past history and as usual the reaction among the hunting fraternity ranges from excellent to poor plus. As one sportsman expressed it: "I feel so low I could walk under a snake wearing a top hat". Others had their limit of eight ducks before 7:30 a.m. That's the general picture. If a hunter didn't have some black ducks in his game bag before the first 20 minutes or half hour had passed his chances were slim. The cagey blacks didn't tarry long after the guns started popping. I know of a sand bar lying approximately 300 yards off shore that begins to bare at three quarter tide. At sun-up over two thousand blacks had found sanctuary there.

To be perfectly frank duck hunters fared better than I expected with respect to blacks. Those who rigged out with a good stool of decoys in some quiet back water some distance from the main concentrations of gunners had pretty fair pickings with single and pairs of black ducks. The seasoned veterans among the blacks took the hint when the gunners began taking.

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Kid Howard Wins Decision

HALIFAX, (CP)—Canadian light-weight champion Richard (Kid) Howard won a unanimous 10-round decision over Bryan Kelly, of Niagara Falls, Ont., in a non-title fight Friday night.

Kelly substituted for Armand Savie of Montreal who said last week he was too ill to fight. Howard took the title from Savie last month.

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