

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Good news to Island horsemen and race fans is that the Summerside track, stables and grandstand will be in first-class order and races will be held there on Dominion Day, Tuesday, July 1st. Some time ago a great storm blew down a lot of the race stalls and did other damage to fences on the property and that the plant might be closed down, but now we understand that the owner, Harold Gaudet, and his enthusiastic horseman friend Andrew Perry, will go right to work, build new stables, repair the grand stand, put up new fences and place the track in the very best possible condition for future meetings.

Summerside track has a very long history dating back to the 1880s — in fact it is the oldest track in this Province — and we have hundreds of clippings on our files of races held over it including the celebrated Hernando, Black Pilot race of 64 years ago. The exact date was August 30th, 1888. Horses were the only means of transportation in those days and everybody discussed the relative good qualities of the different breeds. Hernando was a well-bred stallion from the United States, while Black Pilot was the son of another equally well-bred stallion, All Right, brought from the United States. Each horse had its partisans and interest was raised to fever heat when it became known that they were to compete for a \$500 purse and an equal division of the gate money. The following is a report which appeared in a local paper the day following the race...

"Race day dawned bright and sunny and early in the morning people commenced to pour into Summerside in wagons, cars and on foot. A crowded steamer arrived from Point du Chene and the early express from Charlottetown brought in over 400 people and a special which arrived at 11 o'clock a.m. brought 500 more. An express from the west at noon brought hundreds of people and at twelve o'clock they began to swarm out to the track and very soon the entrance was surrounded by an excited throng elbowing, showing and gesticulating in their anxiety to gain admittance. The crush lasted long past the appointed hour of the race and when it began it was estimated that some 5,000 ladies and gentlemen had gathered on the grounds.

It was 2.15 o'clock when the officials mounted the stand. They were, Judges James MacLeod, Summerside, A. N. Large, Charlottetown, and James Sharp of Summerside. Starter, James Sharp. Timers, J. J. Davies, Charlottetown, George Godkin, Summerside and T. B. Grady, Summerside. Lots were drawn for position and Hernando won the pole. Some time was spent in scoring and it was 2.30 before the start was made. Hernando broke just after the word Go and Black Pilot forged ahead. When quarter of the way around Black Pilot broke and Hernando took the lead gaining a considerable distance which he kept to the close of the heat. Black Pilot breaking several times. Time, 2.41.

The second heat was won by Black Pilot, Hernando making two breaks, time, 2.35 1/2, and in the third heat Black Pilot led from the start and won easily in 2.33. Hernando again making two breaks. In the fourth heat Hernando led part of the way then

went a break and Black Pilot went to the front and was never in trouble, winning in 2.32 1/2. Black Pilot was driven by Billy Earle and Hernando by P. S. Brown. A note at the conclusion of the account states that Messrs. Green Brothers, track owners, made enough out of the race (half of the gate money) to pay nearly the cost of the track.

In 1942 the present proprietor remodelled Summerside track, which had been in bad condition, built a new grand stand and new stables and on July 15th of that year one of the greatest trotting contests ever held over it took place. The first heat was a dead heat between Watchim and Squire Hanover, time 2:08 — the present track trotting record. The second and third heats were won in close finishes by Watchim in 2:08 1/2, 2:08 1/2. Watchim was owned by Frank Adams of Halifax and was driven by Myron MacArthur of Kennington. Squire Hanover was driven by his owner, Tyndall Semple also of Kennington. The pacer Uscita Britton was 3-3-4, the trotter Millie Kalmuck 5-5-3, two other starters. On the same afternoon Scotty Watson won the Named Trot with 2-1-1, George Mac 1-2-2, three other starters, best time 2:14 1/2 by Scotty Watson, owned by George H. Brooks, Kennington. The Named Trot and Pace was won by Bonnie Scott with 4-4-1-1. Lady Hal 2-1-2-2, Hilda Budlong 1-2-4-4, three other starters, best time 2:11 1/2 by Hilda Budlong. The Named Trot and Pace was won by Peter Budlong with 1-1-4, Lucky Guy 3-2-1, Winnie Scott 6-4-2, Lusty's First 2-7-5, five other starters, best time 2:15 1/2 by Peter Budlong.

The track pacing record was made on July 7th, 1943, in the Free For All Pace. Happy L, owned by J. E. McNeill, Kennington, driven by Earle Semple, was 1-1-1, Uscita Britton 2-3-2, Hale H. 5-2-3, Jean Henley 3-3-4, Hal McKinney 4-4-5, Reay Money 6-6-6, time, 2:07 1/2 — the present track record — 2:08 1/2. Other winners that day were, 2:28 Trot and Pace, Johnny Eager, owned by Dr. R. F. Seaman, Charlottetown, 2-1-2-2, Wait N' See 3-2-1-2, Peter Budlong 1-3-5-3, four other starters, best time 2:11 1/2 by Johnny Eager. The 2:28 Trot and Pace was won by Lady Hal, owned by Well McNeill, Southport, with 4-1-1, Winnie Scott 1-2-2, two other starters, best time 2:13 1/2 by Winnie Scott. The 2:16 Trot and Pace was won by the trotter Basil Hanover, owned by Dr. F. C. Dougan, with 1-1-2, Millie Kalmuck 7-2-1, June French 2-6-4, Pagliacci 4-3-2, three other starters, time, 2:13 1/2, 2:11, 2:11 1/2. With the many horses in training now in all parts of the Province a meeting over the Summerside track July 1st, is bound to draw a big field of entries and result in great racing.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Joseph Leslie, secretary-treasurer of the St. Peter's Raceway, whose annual races will be Wednesday afternoon, July 23rd. He said they are working on the track already and will have it in very fine condition for that date. Great credit is due to President Albert Quigley, Mr. Leslie and the other members of the track committee for the very excellent facilities they have afforded the horsemen of King's County to train and race their horses. Last year upwards of 3,000 people were present on July 25th and saw one of the best rural race meets of the Province.

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IN THE CORNER

With the delegates of the six M. H. L. teams preparing to assemble in Halifax tomorrow for the first league meeting since before the play-offs commenced last spring hockey is again back into the news. Already there have been reports that three of the teams will be willing to operate next year although in what league or category is not certain. Halifax officials have indicated they will operate in any league while there have been reports out of Cape Breton that both Sydney and Glace Bay will be back in action next season.

It was expected that Glace Bay would be ready to operate in practically any league. The Miners probably made the best financial showing of any club in the circuit. Sydney, on the other hand, took a financial licking but according to a Halifax columnist the Millionaires will be able to take a team next season and are willing to retain most of last year's players. There have been no statements or indications from the Islanders, Saint John or Moncton regarding plans for next season. Until a general meeting of the Islanders Club is held it is not likely that there will be any plans laid for a local team.

Six more games have been added to the Island League baseball schedule, it was announced last night by league secretary Danny McCormack. Three of these games will be played in Charlottetown among the City teams while the other three will be played in Summerside among the Prince County squads. Each team will play 14 games in the league schedule between June 1 and August 8.

The Abbie intermediates held their second workout of the season yesterday evening with a dozen or more players turning out. Among those who were out for the first time were centrefielder Glen Matheson, outfielder "Moe" Goodwin, catcher Willis Hennessey and infielders Jackie Cairns and Jimmy Fitzjagan. Sunday morning the Abbie juniors will return to the diamond for another drill, this one being scheduled for 10:30.

One week from tonight Harry Poulton and Harold Graham from Halifax will climb through the ropes at the Charlottetown Forum and fight for the right to meet Tommy Spencer, the Maritime welterweight king. From Will McCluskey, who is probably the City's foremost boxing authority, we have learned that Graham has fought practically all of the leading lightweights, welterweights and middleweights in the Maritimes. According to Will, Graham has had 16 fights in the past couple of seasons with Maritime boxers. Of the 16 he has won eleven, lost four and earned a draw.

The Halifax slugger owns victories over Poulton and Lloyd Carr of Charlottetown, disposing of the latter in less than two rounds. He has also defeated Duke Hodd, Saint John; Gordon Kiley, Sydney; Tilly LeBlanc, Moncton; Keith Paris, New Glasgow; Bobby Lafin, Sydney; Wilf Crawford, Dartmouth; and Pete Worth of Sydney. He is slated to Yvonne Durieux, Baie Ste. Anne, N.B.; Percy Paris, New Glasgow; Bob Grace, Bridgewater and Harry Poulton.

A young fighter on his way up Major Houple

Challenge Trophy Presented At Naval Barracks Function

The championship Challenge Trophy in the Garrison Rifle League was presented last night to the winning R. C. M. P. team by Captain J. J. Connolly, V.D., at the Naval Barracks. Capt. Connolly also presented the individual medals and silver spoons won by contestants.

The retired Naval captain expressed his pleasure at being asked to present the prizes and regretted that ill health had prevented his competing as in former years. He remarked on the growth of the League in recent years and paid high tribute to Cpl. A. M. Johnston, R. C. M. P., for holding his team together and making the success it has proven, and to Chief Petty Officer S. G. Bowles, Navy, for leading his Navy "A" team to a title.

Capt. Connolly expressed the personal opinion that with the range facilities now available at both the Armouries and H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte rifle activities might be continued all year round. The Challenge Trophy was accepted for the R. C. M. P. team by Cpl. Johnston. Other members of the squad were Cpl. W. M. Beatty and Constables W. J. Macdonald, C. D. Gillis, R. H. Skillcorn and J. Arvay.

Winning Team Members

The Navy "A" team, headed by C.P.O. Bowles, won the shield for the team with the highest aggregate score "during the regular season. The members were also presented with silver spoons, individually by Capt. Connolly on behalf of the League. Team members were C. P. O. Bowles, G. F. O. L. A. Llewellyn, C.P.O. E. V. Pineau; C.P.O. A. Costello, P.O. E. W. Anderson and Leading Seaman J. E. Mackenzie.

The individual high average for the season was captured by C. P. O. Bowles with a percentage of 98.2. In second place was Cpl. E. Muller, 5 Signals Regiment, with a percentage of 97.9. Bowles was presented with silver spoons.

The top team in the "B" Division was that of the 21st Field Ambulance and the trophy was accepted for them by Sgt. R. M. Vessey. Other members of the R. C.A.M.C. team were Capt. W. T. Hooper, Lieut. W. K. Sharpe, Cpl. E. W. Yall and Privates R. B. Hamby and A. K. Mutch. In addition to the medals which accompanied their championship trophy the Medics also were awarded silver spoons for having the highest aggregate score during the season in their division. Individual high average was won by Pte. Hamby with 96.6 percent, while teammate A. K. Mutch was second with a percentage of 95.5.

Chairman at last night's function, held in the Chief's and Petty Officers' Mess, was C.P.O. S. G. Bowles. Also attending was secretary-treasurer Officer Cadet Maurice McAleer of the 5 Signals Regiment.

Castellani And Graham In 10-Round Draw

NEW YORK, May 16 (IAP) — Rocky Castellani of Luzerne, Pa., and Irish Billy Graham of New York fought a thrilling 10-round draw tonight as boxing returned to Madison Square Garden after a two-month absence. Graham weighed 147 1/2, Castellani 155.

It was extremely close with one judge voting Castellani, one tabling Graham and referee Ruby Goldstein calling it even in rounds and points.

Judge Frank Forbes, ballot for Graham 5-4-1 was greeted by boos from the crowd of 5,394 that paid \$13.85.

Pat Marcune, 128, Brooklyn, dropped Tito Valles, 127 1/2, for an eight count in the third round on a slip of the foot, returning to decision in the semi-final.

Charley Titone, 124 1/2, Brooklyn, outpointed Jesus Compos, 124 1/2, Puerto Rico, in a six.

Mike Spataro, 127 1/2, Brooklyn, fought a four-round draw with Eddie Griffith, 127 1/2, Trenton, N. J., in the opening bout.

Jimmy Dugan, 145, Philadelphia, won a six-round decision over Frank Pugliano, 142, Brooklyn, in another prelim.

HUNTERS' CORNER

This past week has been tough on the die-hard class of anglers. The days have been a succession of lowering skies, cold north and easterly winds carrying intermittent showers on their wintry breath, and streams running high and murky. The trout are in a spiky mood and bite just when the sun moves them and sometimes twice a day, sometimes only once. If one happens to be in the right spot when the mealtime gong rings and the finny schools move out to break their fast one will catch trout. I have seen some beauties, even last week, but many fishermen allege that the price is too high and wait for more reasonable weather.

A few weeks ago I picked up a youthful angler on the highway who had called it quits. It was the kind of day that a heater is appreciative in a car back seat is warmly clad. At intervals showers of rain, the pellets mixed with hail, rattled against the windshield and a northerly wind churned up night caps on the open river. The lad was about eight years old. He was wearing a light windbreaker and the sneakers on his feet were soggy with water. "Any luck?" was my first question. "No," was a rather fed up answer. He then proceeded to dish out some philosophy on fishing that would have done credit to an old timer.

"Do you know," he said, "fishing is supposed to be sport, but it's no sport when the fish are not biting and you're cold and your feet are wet and," he added as an afterthought, "you can't get the cap off your pop bottle." He fished a bottle of Coke out of a side pocket and looked at it thoughtfully. I stopped the car, took the Coke from his hand and snapped the cap off on the front bumper. For the remainder of the ride back to the City he leaned back in the seat and sipped his Coke. Life began to take on a more rosy outlook and he began to make plans for another fishing trip. "That's what it means to be young. I found myself thinking about what the future, in this atomic age, holds for him."

The ringing crow of the Cock pheasant may be heard at swamp edge and along a box elder woodlot on most any farm within Queen's County and on many others in Prince and King's. However it is apparent that we lost quite a few hen pheasants last winter in some districts. I have talked to farmers and other outdoor observers who have reported finding dead birds and seeing others that staggered when they walked. Dan MacIntyre, Queen's Point, told me recently that he found several dead birds on his farm. One bird, a hen, had walked on the snow to the edge of a swamp and had then given up the struggle for survival. In its death struggle the wings had fanned out in the depression in the snow beside the frozen body.

If anything the Huns suffered more losses than did the pleasants. Farmers have reported finding birds buried beneath the snow. One resident of Peakes told me he was walking over a field at the rear of his farm when he spotted two dark objects lying beneath the crust. He licked away the snow and found two dead Huns. Despite the losses from winter killing, and last winter was a real old timer, there are a lot of pairs to be seen this spring. Pheasants came through better in some districts than they did in others.

In sections that contain extensive swamp areas where food in the form of buds and berries are abundant, or heavy alder covered slopes with a southern exposure, the birds wintered well, or reasonably well, considering the inclemency of the past winter. At time of writing there is no cause for concern.

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Brooklyn Dodgers Climb Into First Place Tie With Giants In National League

Brooklyn climbed into a first-place National League tie with New York Giants Friday by whipping Pittsburgh while the Giants dropped a doubleheader to the upstart Chicago Cubs.

Clem Labine pitched seven scoreless innings as Brooklyn took a free-hitting contest from Pittsburgh 6-4. The last-place pirates, who now have lost 24 of 31 games, had to play without Ralph Kiner who was sidelined with a pulled muscle in his back.

The Cubs, surprise team in the National League, turned on the Giants, 3-2 and 6-4, at the Polo Grounds.

As a result, both the Dodgers and Giants sport identical 11-1 records.

In the American League, in Noren's bat and Allie Reynolds' strong right arm carried New York Yankees to a 3-2 victory over Detroit. Reynolds pitched seven-inning ball to even his record at 3-3 while Noren hit a game-winning single in the ninth inning and a home run.

After each team scored four times in the second inning, Duke Snider provided the winning run over the right field screen.

Bob Rush, the Cubs' big right-hander, stopped the Giants on five hits in the opener to record his fourth triumph. In the nightcap, Johnny Klingsmith gave up only one more hit—six—in hanging up win No. 3. He was helped by a two-run homer by Hank Sauer and a three-run blast by Frankie Baumholtz.

Four night games were on tap. In the American, it was Philadelphia at Chicago and Boston at St. Louis. Cincinnati played at Philadelphia and St. Louis at Boston in the National.

Lineups:
Royals—Arsenault cf; Steele cf; Kane ss; MacKenzie 1b; Dolroy 3b; Curley lf; MacLeod 2b; Lund cf; Dillon p.

Bears—D. McCormack 3b; LeClair cf; Lund 2b; Roberts p; Hagan 1b; G. Weatherie rf; MacNeill lf; R. McCormick cc; R. Weatherie cf; Cullen 3b.

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Bears 003 110—5 5 4
Dillon and Arsenault; Roberts and LeClair.

Umpire—Whelan; base judges Joe Longaphie, Jim MacDougall. Sunday afternoon the C. B. L. All Stars will meet the West End Cardinals in an exhibition game which will get underway at three o'clock. The All Stars will practice this morning on the Old Diamond at 10 o'clock.

Following is the lineup of the All Stars—Pitcher, Jim MacDougall (C); Bob Dillon (R); Art MacLeod (R); catcher, Rollie Lee (C); 1b Jim MacDougall (C); 2b Bobby Lund (B); 3b Rollie Dolroy (R); ss Jack Kane (R); lf Alan MacKenzie (R); rf Frankie Roberts (B); cf Ernie Coyle (C); sub, Louis Curley (R); Jim Hagen (B); Percy Vail (C).

Legend—C, Cardinals; R, Royals; B, Bears.

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WHO'S THE OVER-STUFFED PELICAN ON ONE OF THE MOB?

POLICE

ATTENTION RIFLEMEN

Please draw your rifles at H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte by May 17th.

Warm up shoot on May 24th. Five qualifying shoots for inter-Maritime team will be held on May 31, June 4, June 9, June 11, June 14.

Scores in any three to count. Cash prizes at all shoots. First range to be completed by 2.30 o'clock.

NOTICE

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