



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

In the Christmas number of "The Harness Horse" is a list of the 1958 drivers who have won 50 or more heats (or dashes), away or out in front with 176 is William R. Haughton. In second place is William D. Gilmour with 155, in third place is Delmer Innes with 116, and in fourth place is Stanley F. Dancer with 112. In fifth place is Joseph C. O'Brien with 86, and next is Clint Hodgins with 85. In 22nd place is George W. Reed, and next is John F. Simpson with 71 wins. In 27th place is Delvin Miller with 67, and in 30th place is our leading Maritime driver, George Mauger, of Thorburn, Nova Scotia, with 66 wins. He drove for the stable of Harry Hirsch, Sydney, N.S.

And now we would like to say something more about our Canadian driver, Bud Gilmour. He was born in Lucan, Ontario, on the 23rd of July, 1932. In 1957 he made 787 starts, was 152 times first, 127 times second and 106 times third with winnings of \$182,858. He certainly was a busy man.

This year he raced mostly at Batavia Downs, Buffalo, and finished the season with 155 wins, three more than he had last year. Billy Haughton, who was slightly ahead of him in wins, drove horses that earned \$816,459; his activities were mainly confined to Roosevelt and Yonkers. It is the seventh season that Haughton has been in the top money-winning driver in the United States and Canada.

Two other Canadian-born drivers won over \$300,000 in the past year. They were Joe O'Brien, Alberton, P. E. I., who finished third by money-winning standards with \$419,796 to his credit, and Clint Hodgins of Clarendon, Ontario, who won \$354,103.

MIKE WRITES
We are delighted to have a letter from Mike Jabalee, New York, N.Y., who expects to have a good stable for the 1959 season. A member of that stable will be Ima Direct S., a three-year-old pacer by Genghis Khan, by Billy Direct, dam Ima Dear, by Peter Henley.

This mare took a record of 2:11 in Montreal this past season. I bought Eleanor Mac from a party in Manitoba; she is a three-year-old pacer and I raced her in Cape Breton before the season ended and she looked good. She is by Guy Mac, dam Eleanor Bryson.

A recent report released by the United States Trotting Association states that records turned in profusion on the Association's tracks this season, and that the turnstiles clicked for more people than any previous year. New records were also made at the pari-mutuel windows as what is becoming a familiar story of harness racing - "the fastest growing sport."

No one horse dominated the part, and Horse of the Year honors were difficult to determine with a nation-wide panel of harness racing writers finally naming Emily's Pride by an extremely narrow margin over Belle Acton, with Shadow Wave close third.

Pari-mutuel betting soared to approximately \$714 millions - almost \$100 million above the 1957 mark, and it has been steadily climbing upwards since the end of World War II. Revenues to the states where betting is legalized passed the \$49 million mark, about \$54 million more than the figure for 1957.

Total attendance zoomed up to 12,125,177 persons, with figures for more than 400 fairs tabulated but certain to place the number of people watching the trotters and pacers in 1958 around the 20,000,000 mark. A new record number of 13,481 active members, and 233 associate members is carried on the U. S. Trotting Association rolls, while 14 tracks are affiliated with the STA and 12 more contract for STA services.

Eligibility certificates were issued to 17,856 horses, and 4,865 were registered with the USTA for the first time, both record totals. Yearling sales turned sharply upward at Harrisburg, Pa., and Lexington, Ky., the two major points with most comment occasioned by the record-breaking \$105,000 paid for Dancer Hanover at Harrisburg.

DANCER IS BUYER
The Adios - The Old Maid colt was purchased by Stanley Dancer, heading a syndicate composed of Clarence Alles and several others. The \$105,000 was, by far, the highest price ever paid for a yearling, either standardbred or thoroughbred, in the United States or Canada.

Yearlings averaged \$3,344 at Lexington, and \$3,491 at Harrisburg - figures which were considerably higher than the same sales in 1957. A total of 21 yearlings sold for \$20,000 or more each in 1958, but only 13 brought that figure or higher the previous year.

At Delaware, Ohio, 57 horses sold for \$72,600; at Lexington, 32 horses sold for \$1,110,200, and at Harrisburg 496 horses sold for 1,733,550.

Here are some of the top record yearlings, mentioned above, and the buyers who paid \$10,000 and over for them: Dancer Hanover - Stanley Dancer, \$105,000; Bullet Hanover - John Simpson, Agt., \$30,000; Adios Hanover - S. A. Camp Farms - \$27,000; Yankee Sweetheart - Clearview Stables - \$27,000.



BACK IN FORM

Criticized earlier in the season for less than brilliant play, Canada's colorful setminder, Jacques Plante has returned to the form that won him the Vezina trophy for the past three seasons.

Winnipeg Newspaperman Has Turned Bird-Watcher

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
A Winnipeg newspaper man who makes no claim to being a professional bird-watcher, has found a great variety of birds in the wooded area near the south bank of the Assiniboine River in south-central Winnipeg.

Chris Vickers says he doesn't know how many birds make their home in the area between the Midtown and Osborne Street bridges, but he has become well acquainted with about a dozen. "I have never gone forth with a pair of binoculars searching for rare species," he said. "The bird-watching fraternity might say I am a lazy man claim I am missing a lot of fun. **WAITS FOR VISITORS** "But my method suits me best. I just set up a feeding station, sit down on a fallen log and wait for my bird friends to come. The results have always been good."

This year, Vickers set up his feeding station on Sept. 11. "Within a few hours I had six white-breasted nuthatches removing sunflower seeds from the container. . . . This is the first year I have ever made close friends with the white-breasted nuthatch."

Vickers says what while the nuthatches are permanent residents of the area, the chickadee wanders off for the summer. "The feeding station, however, that lacks a few cheerful chickadees is missing much," he says. "This year I did not have long to wait. The first pair arrived Sept. 13 and an amazing pair were **FRIENDLY PAIR** "One was so quiet that it perched on my head, on my shoulder, even on my pipe and camera, and accepted food from my hand."

The second chickadee had lost its tail. Vickers says the pair disappeared after three weeks and three days later a second crippled chickadee arrived, a bird with one leg who later became the boss of a group of four.

Other visitors during the fall months were a downy woodpecker, a red-breasted nuthatch, a fox sparrow and a white-throated sparrow. But they later went on their way. **WATERFOWL GONE** Ducks Unlimited report that the final exit of waterfowl from the western Canada breeding grounds took place Nov. 15-18. "Glimpses of migrating waterfowl during a blizzard on Nov. 18 indicated it was a movement of considerable size," says chief naturalist Bert W. Cartwright.

Leafs Have Big Shakeup; Send Marshall To Hershey

TORONTO (CP) - The acquisition of Gerry Ehman from Hershey Bears of the American Hockey League and the benching of four regular players were announced Tuesday by Toronto Maple Leafs in a shakeup aimed at getting the last - place club into the race for a National Hockey League playoff berth.

General manager-coach George (Punch) Imlach said he had sought Ehman since the fall training program because "I know he can score."

One report is that Leafs will try to obtain goaltender Glenn Hall and right winger Eddie Litzenberger from Chicago Black Hawks. Names mentioned in a Leaf-Hawk deal also include Toronto left winger Dick Duff and netminder Ed Chadwick, who will be in goal when Leafs visit Detroit Red Wings Christmas night.

MOSTLY ICE All of the Antarctic Continent except about 100 square miles is permanently covered by ice.

MIKE WRITES
The Hambletonian - harness racing's most noted classic, won by Emily's Pride, other \$100,000-plus events staged, with O'Brien Han capturing the \$108,365 Messer Stake, and Captain Stack a surprise win, captured the 1962 Empire Pace for two-year-old pacers.

Belle Acton became the money-winning harness horse the basis of purses won - earnings of \$167,605 this season and a lifetime bankroll of \$350,150. This pacing mare leads record set by Adios Harry, 1957 year's leader, by less than \$4,000. Adios Harry was sidelined mid-way of the season and his earnings were only \$9,000 this season. L. Steward 2:20, who is nearing end of a most illustrious career, moved to the top of the money-winning trotter list with \$338,000.

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Hockey Schedule For S'ide Min

Here is the Summerside schedule, Dec. 24-27.

Wednesday 9:00-9:45 - Bantam vs. 2; 9:45-10:30 - Bantam 10:30-11:15 - Bantam 5 vs 13-11:45 - Paperweights vs 43-12:15 - PA, Paperweights; 12:05-1:00 - Pee Wee 2:00-3:00 - Midget 1 vs 2; School team practice.

Friday - 9:00 - 9:30 Pee Wee vs 4; 9:30-10:00 - Pee Wee 5 vs 6; 10:00-11:00 - Midget 1 vs 3; Bantam 1 vs. 3; 11:30-12:00 - Bantam 2 vs. 5 p.m. to 5:30-7:00 School team vs. Juveniles.

Saturday - 9:00-10:00 Paperweight beginners; 11:00-12:00 Pee Wee vs. Green; Bantam Red vs Green 4:0-5. 15-Bantam 4 vs. 6; 5:15-6:15 - Juvenile practice; 6:15-7:15 - Midget Red vs Green.

CHRISTMAS WEEK AT THE SPORTS ARENA

MONDAY - Afternoon Skating 4:00 to 5:30 Evening Skating 8:00 to 10:00

TUESDAY - City Hockey League - GARRISON JRS. VS. P. W. C. WELSHMEN.

WEDNESDAY - Skating 2:30 to 4:00 P.M.

THURSDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY Children's Skate - 2:15 to 4:00 P.M. Evening - Adult Skate - 8:00 to 10:00.

FRIDAY - Morning, Children's Skate - 10:00 to 11:45. Afternoon Exhibition Hockey. Evening Skating - 8:00 to 10:00.

SATURDAY Skating - 2:30 to 4:15.

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three in the southwestern part of the province. Because of the poor hunting conditions due to snowstorms, cold and strong winds which caused severe drifting, the provincial game officials could see no sense in extending the season as hunters couldn't get into the hunting spots.

Normally during a poor season, the government extends the hunting date.

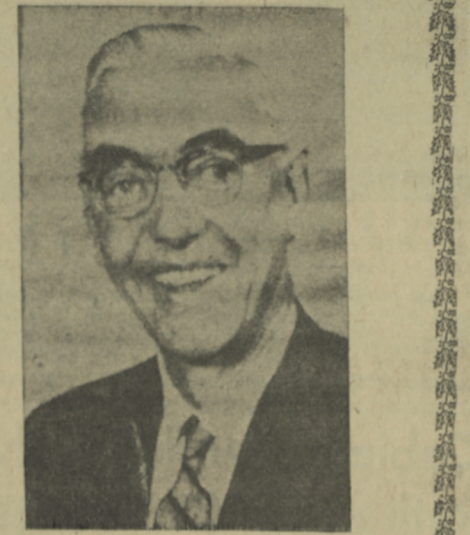
Harvey Suffers Throat Injury
MONTREAL (CP) - Defenceman Doug Harvey of Montreal Canadiens suffered hemorrhage of the vocal cords Tuesday when struck by a flying puck during a scrimmage practice.

Harvey's condition was not considered serious but he was sent to hospital for observation. He will not be in the lineup when Canadiens meet New York Rangers here Christmas Night.

Centre Henri (Pocket Rocket) Richard was an absentee from practice Tuesday because of a knee injury suffered in a game in Boston last Sunday.

Thank You . . . for a Prosperous 1958!

It seems fitting at this time of the year to thank the folks of Charlottetown and district for our wonderful business year. We have tried to supply you with the finest in Real Estate and Insurance service, and so we wish to thank all those who have listed property with us. To those whose property we haven't succeeded in selling, we appreciate your patience. We also wish our fine Banking institutions and the lawyers with whom we have come in contact, for their cooperation.



If the spirit of Christmas means one more thing than another . . . it means "Home Life" . . . surely it is the season of "Good Deeds" and certainly a merry day for the family that is presented with a "Deed for a Home" for years to come. For the ties of home and family are basic, real and important. Resolve now for the New Year to put part of your earnings and your rent money towards a Kennedy Real Estate Home for your family.

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