

Back Stretch

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A four-year-old pacer by Mighty H. His granddam is Eula H. 2:06 1/2. This is a roan horse and to my way of thinking it is very hard to pick any flaws in him. He is really beautiful, good conformation, good feet and legs and Jimmy says he is a lovely acting horse. He is owned by William Stiles. All Jimmy's horses are doing well.

"Al Langille showed me a couple of new ones that he has. One is Mighty Grand 3, 2:12 2/5, by Highy H, very thin when Al got him and very nervous but he is doing fine now. Princess Tina 2:14 1/5 by Peter-at-Law, is a nice little mare that raced very well up in Maine last fall. She made 22 starts, was 6 times first, 1 times second and once third, winning her last four starts and was eligible to a 22 place. He also showed me Pure Gold 2:07 3/5, a nine-year-old pacer by Frisco Dale, that made 95 starts last year, was 3 times first, 10 times second and 7 times third, and is eligible to the 7:12 pace. He weighs about 1200 lbs. and I believe he will do well this season.

"Woodstock management plans to resurface their track this year and expect to start their racing with a matinee the first of June, probably Coronation Day. Their regular night racing will start on June 22nd and continue for 20 nights. I was talking to Johnny Conroy last Sunday night (March 22) being his birthday, and he told me he had six horses and that Brewer's Gallon was getting along fine. Mr. Cruikshank wanted Johnny to take him for a while before he sent him to the U.S.A. where he is staked in some races. Here is the list of horses at Woodstock: . . . Jimmy Smyth Barn-Free Spirit 2:05 2/5, Jock Martin 2:11 3/5, Bill's Bell, Banks Bell, Ellebas, Dominion D, 2:15 2/5, Hero's Child, Mighty Bold 2:11 2/5, Lucky Spencer 2:18 3/5, Bob's Dan, Bay State Pat, George Spirit, Little Abner, Tommy Clegg, Bob Brown Barn, Indiana Boy 2:05 1/2, Skelter 2:07, Chris McElwyn 2:12 2/5, Worthy Rosecroft, Titan's Lucy, Bob Hamilton Barn - Betty Princess, Victory Bell 2:15 2/5, May Budlong.

"Wm. pulles Barn—Card Shark 2:06, N. D. Hal 2:06, Heine Strong 2:09 1/2, Bonnie H. 2:10, Dianadale 2:15 3/5, Betty [Ellis] 2:16, Lula Dale, Lealand's Pride 2:17 2/5, Ola Budlong 2:10, Pollymite, a yearling by Bell Boy, Al Langille Barn -Beek Dale 2:16, Royal Jr. 2:01 1/4, Pure Gold 2:07 3/5, Morris Direct 2:12, Princess Tina 2:14 1/5, Mighty Grand 2:12 2/5, J. R. De Witt Barn - June Prince, a two-year-old by Bell Boy, Brighton 2:11 1/5, Just Lucky 2:11 3/5, Margy Frisco (2) 2:19 3/5, Charles Rose has Hedgewood H. and Heine Henley 2:08. Al Langille expects an Abner T. Oegg colt, a full sister to Donald G. R. 2:08 1/5 and Arlene's Money 2:11 3/5, within a few days."

An item in The Harness Horse for March 18 brought very vividly to our mind the great contribution that William G. Stewart of New Glasgow, N.S., has made to the racing game. In 1942 at the Harrisburg sale Bill bought the two-year-old pacer Alpha Hal, by Hal Dale 2:01 1/2, dam, Orpha 2:00 by Volomite, and two years later gave him a record of 2:13 1/2. Alpha Hal was later sold, with other horses owned by Bill, and was purchased by W. G. Herbert of Ontario. Now we quote from The Harness Horse: . . . "At the present time Alpha Hal 4, 2:13 1/2, is the fastest rising sire. Last year in the Three Year Old Super Test Pacing Stake at Tillsonburg, Ont., on July 16 the first four colts in the heat that set a new record for the old stake—2:08 4/5—were all by Alpha Hal, being David Hal 3, 2:06 1/5, Richard Hal 1, 2:08 1/5, Bobby Herbert 3, 2:09 and Guy Herbert 2, 2:12, and incidentally, during last summer's racing these four earned \$12,986, a feat we don't think was ever before equaled by the first get of any Canadian sire."

In addition to Alpha Hal Mr. Stewart has had many other good

Hunter's Corner

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never loses its thrill. Black ducks seem to be everywhere. They may be seen at the mouth of every tidal creek or on the estuary flats in pairs, half dozens or sometimes a score or more. Here and there pairs may be spotted in quiet pot-holes sporting a married look but in most instances spring courting is proceeding at a fast clip. A few days ago I counted 9 drakes playing court to one duck. It reminded me of a bunch of young bloods trailing the Belle of the Ball at some local dance.

The bulk of the black ducks will continue on northward but some will remain with us and the number that elect to stay will give us a fair idea, in comparison with former years, what to expect on the opening of the shooting season next October. There has been a change in the Hungarian part-

horses, the noted race mare Colleen Scott 2:06 3/4, which went through her 1946 campaign in the Maritimes practically undefeated. Mighty Hanover 2:03 1/4, that still holds the N.Y. Glasgow track pacing record, by Major Haxo p. 1:50 t. 2:01 3/4, Pat Abbe, that showed ability to beat 2:10, Mona Direct 2:09, Lorraine Abbe 2:07 3/4, and another horse that he bought as a colt and is now one of the up and coming sires of the United States—Forthright 3, 2:10 1/2. His get that were sold at Harrisburg last fall commanded good prices and have gone into good racing hands. At present Bill has Tad Abbey, by Bert Abbey, Roxy Direct, by Billy Direct, Busy Lady, by Leon June, dam, Etta Todd, Sandy Hal, by Major Hal, dam, Rosanda Hanover by Mc I Win, and a colt a few days old by Eric Hanover by Billy Direct, and out of Busy Lady.

The Provincial Exhibition Association Old Home Week program of stakes with racing between August 10th to 15th is one of the best they have ever presented. There is a 2:25 Pace Conditioned, 2:18 Pace Conditioned, 2:25 Trot Conditioned, a Two Year Old Class, a Three Year Old Class, two Free For All Trots and two Free For All Paces. The two latter have purses of \$1500 and \$1000 respectively. These stakes pur- chase for Old Home Week program total \$13,800 and the stake programs for other race meets issued earlier total \$9,500, making a grand total for the stake races of \$23,300, closing a very liberal offering. Closing date for Old Home Week stakes is July 1st and E. Frank Acorn is the Race Secretary, P.O. Box 373, Charlottetown.

One of the fastest, best bred and best racing mares that has ever come to the Maritimes will find a new home in Charlottetown next week. Vella La Vella 2:08 1/5, ten-year-old black pacing mare by His Majesty 3:58 3/4, dam, Miss Blanche Ve Ralle 4, 2:06 1/4, by The King Direct 4, 2:03 1/4, dam, Lucy L. 2:06 1/4, has been purchased by Walter Hennessey from Arthur Lipton, Sydney, N.S. Racing against the best free-for-allers in the Maritimes last season she was 8 times first, 9 times second and 4 times third. Her all-time winnings are \$17,229.46 and she is eligible to the 2:12 pace, is sound as a dollar and kind as a kitten. After racing days are over Vella La Vella, because of her temperament, soundness, conformation and speed inheritance on both the sire's and dam's side, will be greatly sought after as a brood mare. A glance over her dam's pedigree shows that back even to the fourth generation her forebears were noted race horses and her dam, Miss Blanche Ve Ralle, made practically a clean sweep of her starts one season racing against the fastest pacers in the mid-west where she took her record over a half-mile track. Mr. Hennessey is the owner of the superbly bred pacing stallion Cheeky Chief 2:04, and we wouldn't be surprised to hear of an attractive offer for this horse come from one of the big breeding farms of the U.S.A. In his stable also is Lucky Number 2:11 1/5, a son of Kalmuck, out of the redoubtable Jane Azoff 1:59 1-2.

Hockey Scores

THURSDAY

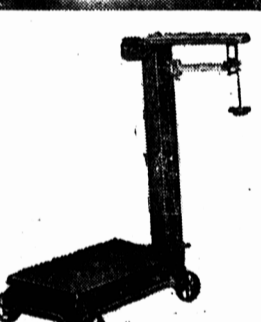
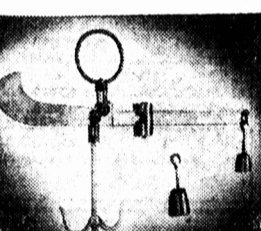
Halifax 6 Glace Bay 1. Halifax leads best-of-nine finals 1-0. Eastern Canada Sr Sudbury 5 Kitchener 4. Best-of-seven semi-finals tied 2-2, one game tied. Ont. Junior A Tor St. Michael's 2 Barrie 5. Barrie leads best-of-nine finals 2-1. Quebec Senior Montreal 1 Quebec 2. Best-of-nine semi-finals tied 4-4. Western Senior Regina 1 Fort William 4. Regina leads best-of-seven semi-finals 2-1. Western Junior Lethbridge 8 Flin Flon 4. Lethbridge leads best-of-seven semi-finals 3-0. Fort William 4 St. Boniface 5. St. Boniface leads best-of-seven semi-finals 3-1. E. C. Senior Penitlon 9 Spokane 3. Penitlon leads best-of-seven finals 3-2; one game tied.

The other afternoon I spotted a crow flying with nesting material in its bill. He ducked over a tall hedge row and I lost sight of the black scamp but have a pretty fair idea of where the nest site will be. Quite a few hunters have inquired if there will be a Crow Shooting Contest this year. I believe that it is the intention to promote a Crow Contest this summer but nothing definite has been decided as yet. The Prince County Branch Game Association are going to have an anglers contest and prizes will be awarded those who catch the largest trout. This will give those who fish and do not shoot a prize to strive for.

Crow shooting is grand sport. They offer a tricky target on wing and some sportsmen take as much kick out of bringing down a crow that comes in to the call as they do when they bag a duck. In sections of the United States crow shooting has become a sport of such magnitude that gunners are beginning to worry over how long the supply of crows will last if this line of sport continues to expand and gather new adherents with each succeeding year and have advocated a close season on crows at certain seasons of the year. Judging from the number of crows on the rounds this spring no one need worry over not hav-

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Soccer Results

LONDON, (Reuters)—Results of Good Friday soccer matches in the United Kingdom:

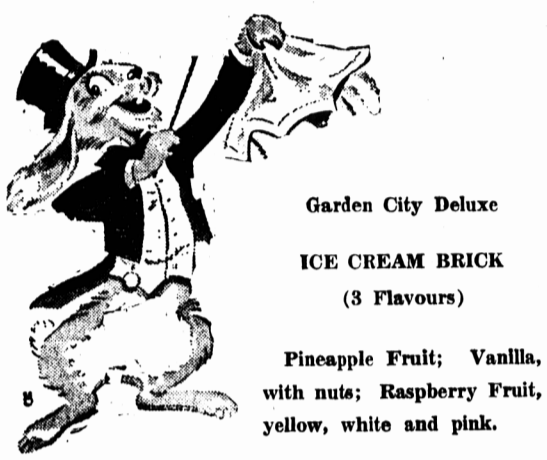
ENGLISH LEAGUE Division I Blackpool 2, Derby County 1. Bolton W 5, Sunderland 0. Burnley 3, Preston North End 2. Charlton A 2, Manchester United 2. Chelsea 1, Arsenal 1. Liverpool 2, Cardiff City 1. Manchester City 3, Sheffield W 1. Newcastle U 1, Middlesbrough 0. Portsmouth 2, Wolverhampton 2. Tottenham H 1, Stoke City 0. Division II Blackburn Rovers 2, Barnsley 0. Burnford 0, Swansea Town 0. Bury 1, Luton Town 0. Doncaster R 1, Birmingham C 0. Lincoln City 2, Hull City 1. Notts County 0, Plymouth Argyle 0. West Ham United 1, Fulham 2. Division III Southern Aldershot 1, Exeter City 1. Brighton 1, Walsall 2. Bristol C 1, Bournemouth 1.

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Crewe Alex 2, Scunthorpe U 0. Darlington 1, Gateshead 0. Grimsby T 2, York C 1. Hartlepool United 2, Rochdale 1. Oldham A 3, Accrington S 0. Port Vale 1, Chester 1. Southport 3, Stockport C 0. Tranmere R 2, Barrow 0. Workington 2, Brantford 2. Wrexham 2, Chesterfield 2.

AYLESFORD, England (AP)—Carmelite monks have asked the government to prevent warehouses being built near their priory. Father M. Lynch, the prior of Aylesford, said the priority is visited by many people who "want quiet surroundings for their state of mind."

Advertisement for M. F. Schurman Co. featuring a cartoon of a man relaxing and the text "when your thoughts turn to Spring it's time to... BUILD REMODEL REPAIR". It lists services like Hardware, Chrom Trims, Paint, Roofing, Flooring, and Doors, and provides contact information for their show room in Charlottetown.

Advertisement for Toridheet heating systems. It features a woman's face and the text "TAKE A LOOK! Here's TOP QUALITY HEATING". It describes the Toridheet pressure atomizing oil burner as quiet and reliable, installed by factory trained men. The price is listed as 359.00 for 3 Minneapolis Honeywell controls and a 200 gal. tank.

Large advertisement for Barn Drive Inn. It features the text "BARN DRIVE INN" and "TO THE NICEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD - OUR CUSTOMERS". It announces a re-opening on Saturday, April 4th at 4:30 p.m. and lists specialties like Golden Southern Fried Chicken, Crispy Tasty Clams, Fish in a Crisp Golden Batter, Roast Young Duck, and Steaks. It also mentions a new Steak Burger and Smoked Meat on Roll.