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DOWN THE BACK STRETCH



Edie Volo, a trotter with a record of 2:07, which E. P. Cray of North Walpole, N.H., bought a year ago last fall to race in the New England States, fractured a leg last July and was thought to be through, but the bone has knit thoroughly and it is expected he will be a useful trotter this year.

Curiously enough Mr. Cray has a four-year-old pacer by Scotland 1:59—Miss New Hampshire—that also fractured a leg while being trained at Old Orchard, Maine, mile track. She had raced in 2:06 over that course and was looked on as an unusually good filly. Her fracture has mended and she is going sound.

The above and quite a few others are in the stable of Will Utton at Rounding Brook Park, Barton, Vt. Will also has the four-year-old trotter Lord Sherbrooke 2:14, which he raced a couple of times for Henry H. Ingram of Sherbrooke, Quebec. Lord Sherbrooke received a leg while being trained at Old Orchard, Maine, mile track. She had raced in 2:06 over that course and was looked on as an unusually good filly. Her fracture has mended and she is going sound.

Many of our old-timers will remember Mr. Ed Avery, second trainer to the late Alvon McDonald. Ed passed away recently at the age of seventy-two. All his life he had been with the harness horses, first as assistant to Jimmy Golden, then with Scott McCoy, and for more than a quarter of a century with the late Mr. Leonard. He will be remembered best for his campaigns with Miss Harris M. 1:58 1/2.

What is stated to be the most wonderful trotting course in the world is situated in Perth, Australia. It was built in 1930-31 at a cost of over one million dollars. The site was once a mosquito-infested swamp to make it fit for racing over 20,000 cubic yards of oyster shell was taken from a nearby river bed. It occupies 30 1/2 acres and has great scenic beauty, being surrounded by western and northern sides by hills which extend upwards of 300 feet. These nearly perpendicular slopes have been transformed into landscape gardens carrying numerous terraces, many shrubs and copious lawns. On the eastern side the River Swan glides silently by making its way to the sea. Just a short distance away are the Hebrides islands, where was pitched the first white man's camp in which are the environs of Perth, one of the finest cities in Australia and probably in the world, in a direct view from the trotting course can be seen the Darling Range of mountains, whose azure blue outlines form a magnificent background.

Race meetings are conducted weekly on each Saturday night, and the track has capacity for accommodating over 30,000 spectators. Electric trains, auto buses and autos transport crowds of thousands the one mile from the city centre in a very short time.

The track is a half-mile in circumference, made of mud sifter top—the only one on earth. A top dressing of finely crushed shell stands out in beautiful white relief at any hour of the day or night, and makes a fitting arena for the equine gladiators who do battle nightly before countless thousands.

Trouting—which also covers pacific racing—has become a sport of the people in Australia and is governed by a body of men appointed as stewards to see that the racing is carried out in a strictly honest and impartial manner. All the trotting tracks in Australia and New Zealand are affiliated and a high standard of governing power has developed in this huge industry.

No less than 3,465 horses are registered with the West Australian Trotting Association and 981 of these were raced in 1937. For the whole of Australia and New Zealand there must be several thousand more. The Australians are great bettors and like the Californians, never worry about being broke. Climate, they say, causes such a state of mind in both countries. Of course it is the betting which made possible this wonderful race-course, and we note in the booklet which the track issues, that their totalizers are capable of handling \$15,000 a minute. There are no less than 25 windows in the betting building where bets can be registered. When a ticket is called for the giant machine automatically prints the ticket and transmits the record of the sale to the central office by teleprinter. Wagering continues right up to the starting time of the race when pressure of a button cuts off all further sales.

As all racing is at night it is necessary to have a perfect system of lighting. At first there was considerable difficulty with shadows and certain horses became shadow jumpers, thereby causing accidents. Now track shadows are an afterthought as the result of a special lamp reflector. This and the tremendous number of lights make the track a magnificently brilliant spot at night. The electric current consumed in one night would light 14,000 homes and there is more than 750 miles of electric wire in use. The claim is that it is the largest single lighting system in the world.

Due to the surface of the track being made of white oyster shell, when the electric lights are turned on it is really brighter than day and every movement of the horses and reinsmen is plainly visible to spectators from any portion of the ground. Lord Northcliffe when he visited Perth said: 'As a boy I often tried to picture Roman chariots racing madly in ancient Olympics, but never did my mind conjure such thrilling scenes as I have witnessed tonight whilst viewing trotting under electric light in Perth.'

To many it will come as a great surprise that our Australian cousins should be such enthusiastic harness horse fans, because the sport is native to the United States where it spread to Canada and afterwards to Europe. It is not much more than a hundred years old, but in Australia some 25 or 30 years ago and in New Zealand it has been increasing in popularity both there and in New Zealand. In fact, claims to have been introduced by a young Indian, named with the name of a grass track, that are capable of defeating the best in America. Invitations have been sent out to have the world's champion trotter Greyhound, who has raced in New Zealand for a series of exhibitions against time. It is such a tremendous journey, however, that it is doubtful whether the owner Mr. E. G. Barr, will accept.

While the name Western Australia or Perth Trotting Association has naturally led one to believe that the horses taking part are from the west of Australia, the illustrations in the booklet and from summaries, we find that the great majority of horses are hopelessly from the east. The system of racing is nearly all handicaps and trained handicappers are permanently employed to study the form of horses so that the public will get a square deal.

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Handicap racing is used in Italy, Austria, Germany, France, Belgium, Denmark, Norway and Sweden and is very interesting to watch, particularly when the handicapper makes a good job of it. The races we witnessed in Germany in 1926 were nearly all driven to cart although one driver, the leader over Charles Mills, raced exclusively to sulky.

Horse news from Saint John shows that there are a lot of speed prospects in training there. Among recent winners Bud Wenger 2:05 1/4, holder of the Charlottetown track racing record—also Bud's record, 2:05 1/4. He was received in trade made between Frank and Major H. M. Sweeney of Bridgewater. Sweeney got John Dean 2:08 1/4 and no doubt gave back some cash with Bud.

C. M. Alexander has Nancy Carroll 2:08, imported from Indianapolis last fall. She is eligible to the 2:18 pace. Henry Hayes, Jr., is leading Crystals Symbol 2:06, and she is in splendid condition. Preferred Stock 2:09 1/4 and Calumet Fingo 2:04 are being exercised every day by Lee Coleman, who is looking for a horse to race with. C. M. Alexander, Heatherbell 2:08 1/4, and Mr. Squires 2:15 1/4 are being jogged by their owner Emory Campbell. Heatherbell is in fine condition having taken on a lot of flesh. He was traded by Leonard Barriou of Centre Acadia, for Peter Magnus 2:08 1/4. Bebe McEwain 2:10 has filled out and looks like a real pace prospect.

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A short distance from Saint John at Wickham, may be seen almost every day the good pacers Jennie Geddes 2:09 and Klondike Grant 2:10, taking their exercise. Owing to the large number of teams still in the hunt in Prince County Mr. Harris was unable to furnish dates of the final playoffs but stated the winners would be declared as soon as possible.

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Abbie Sisters Win Opener From Crystals

Two third period goals from the stick of Bessie MacMillan and Mollie Hennigan last night gave the Abbie Sisters first blood over the Crystals in the opening game of the playoffs to determine the Island Ladies Championship for 1937-38. A title now held by the Abegweit Sisters.

Close with lots of heavy bumping in evidence and with both teams shy regular players the game was a scoreless duel up to the eight minute mark of the final session. Then Bessie MacMillan, starting in fast slide a spot into the Crystal cage as three players attempted to take her out of the play. Three minutes later the Hennigan girl came through with the clincher when she snapped a shot from the blue line that completely fooled the Crystal net-guardian.

Very evenly matched Abbie's however rode to victory on the strength of some brilliant goal-tending by Myrtle Hillier throughout the second period. It was here the visitors made their bid but although they broke into close quarters several times they could not beat the cool, capable little net-guardian of the Abbie cage.

The next and final game of the series is scheduled for Summerside Tuesday night next with the local girls carrying their two goal lead into the fray.

SUMMARY
First Period
No Score
Penalties—None
Second Period
No Score—Wec McInnis
Penalties—Wec McInnis
Third Period
1. Abbie Sisters, MacMillan 8:00
2. Abbie Sisters, Hennigan 11:00
Penalties—McDonald, W. McInnis.
Referees—Earl Arsenault and John Davies.

Jimmy Adamick Wins Decision Over Thomas

NEW YORK, Feb. 18—Jimmy Adamick, youthful Detroit heavyweight, carried his decision to a victory over the 'old man' Tom Thomas in a 'trial run' from Eagle Bend, Minn., but nearly came to grief in the tenth and last round of his New York debut.

Fox Defeats Brouillard

BOSTON, Feb. 18—Tiger Jack Fox, 175 of Spokane, Wash., tonight won a big technical knockout over Lou Brouillard, 167, of Worcester, former world's middleweight and welterweight champion, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10-round bout before 3,432 fans at the Boston Garden.

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Mixed Doubles Champions Defeated In Badminton Tournament At Halifax

HALIFAX, Feb. 18—(CP)—Eric Woodworth and Mrs. D. Harvey of Halifax, defending mixed doubles champions, were defeated by a brilliant Saint John, N.B., team in the Maritime badminton tournament as play in all five divisions narrowed down to the semi-finals tonight.

Ransy Murray Carleton and Miss L. Brown fought a strong rally by the champions to enter the last four by scores of 17-14, 9-15, 18-15. The Saint John pair were leading 13-3 in the third game and only managed to win on extra points.

Favorites came through to the semi-finals of the men's singles, as New Brunswick's lone hope rested on F. Taylor of Saint John. He proved far too steady for Vic Olson of Halifax and eliminated him 15-5, 15-5.

Champion Bev Piers of Halifax found difficulty in handling the cleverly placed drop-shots of Art Thurlow in the first game, but kept the play on the base lines in the second to win, 18-16, 15-0.

The other two semi-final positions were also occupied by Halifax players. Clyde Sperry repeated his performance of two years ago in Sydney in eliminating Saint John's Murray Carleton, and another player from the New Brunswick city, Garnet Raper found E. Hebb had too much power and stamina for him. Sperry defeated Carleton 15-3, 15-7, and Hebb won, 14-17, 15-5, 15-0.

Women's Division
Mrs. D.A. Lindsay of Woodstock, N. B., rushed through to the semi-finals of the women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. She was followed into the singles semi-finals by Mrs. Harry Roper and Maureen Allen, both of Halifax, and Miss Winnie McCarthy of Sydney.

Teaming with Miss C. Jones of Saint John, Mrs. Lindsay landed in the doubles semi-finals by a 2-3 victory.

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Amherst St. Pats Withdraw From Junior Playdowns

AMHERST, N. S., Feb. 18—(CP)—President S. A. Payne of Amherst St. Pats, last year's Maritime Junior Hockey Champions, today announced withdrawal of the team from the Nova Scotia playdowns in protest of the Nova Scotia Junior Hockey Association's refusal to put the St. Pats and the Halifax City Champions against each other in the first round.

The N. S. J.T.A. draw, under whose terms St. Pats would meet the Halifax winners here Monday and in Halifax on Wednesday, would dispose of one of the two outstanding teams in the province in the first round, Payne said.

He said it would be impossible for St. Pats to finance the season under this arrangement and a logical draw would have been to place the Amherst Club against Pictou or Truro while Halifax met South Shore or Digby winners.

Senior Protest
Protest against the New Brunswick senior playdowns came as well from President J. P. MacDougall of the Central Section of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association.

Figure Skating

All Persons Interested in FIGURE SKATING Are Invited to be at Forum Monday Morning At 9.30. Where Instructions in the Art Will be Given Free. Skaters Only. No spectators please.

Prize Bonsel At Curling Rink Today

A prize bonsel will be held at the Curling Rink this afternoon. Skips are requested to have their rinks on hand as scheduled. Play will commence at 2 p. m. and will continue following the supper hour. All members are urged to remain for supper as several important matters are slated for discussion.

The draw for play this afternoon follows:
2 P. M.
Odd & Sods
Don Gass
Fred Nash
R. Spillet
A. Spillet
A. McKinnon

Old Reliabilities
R. E. Spillet
C. H. Black
A. W. Hyndman
D. A. McKinnon

Potato Bugs
George Thompson
J. W. Boulter
C. G. Thompson
Col. Full
—Skip

Merchants
Ern Coffin
T. W. L. Prowse
W. W. Turner
W. Stewart

Shamrocks
B. Burnett
A. G. Putnam
E. L. Miles
S. C. Moore

Bombers
D. Gordon
J. Hillion
Ed. Nicholson
F. B. Conrad

Invincibles
Christopher
W. Patterson
Chas. McKenzie Jr.
W. W. Lord

Gypsies
H. W. Pletch
R. E. Elson
R. C. Townsend

Regals
A. Drummond Hay
D. Brenton
Reg. Jenkins

Squires
D. L. Matheson, J. Beaton, Ernie Lange, Beney, Mac McKinnon, R. Worthing, Ben Ritchey, F. Cordwell, H. L. Sear, H. Spillet.

2 Titles At Stake Tonight

The City Junior League championship and possessor of the W. R. Aitken Trophy will be crowned at the Forum tonight when Royals and Abegweits clash in a sudden-death encounter at the Forum for the title.

Not saying very much but quietly confident of giving their highly-favored opponents a merry battle of it Royals last night were set for the fray. Abbies were equally as confident of keeping their victory string intact but at the same time expected a lot of argument from the hustling, scrappy Royals team.

In the first game of the double bill the intercollegiate series title will be decided with S. D. U. meeting P. W. C. in the third game of the series. Each have won one to date and tonight's battle should be a merry one from start to finish.

Lefty Gomez Is Holdout

NEW YORK, Feb. 18—(AP)—Lefty Gomez is tossing curves at New York Yankees, and they are the first to admit he has them puzzled.

The Gooey one's contract has just been received at the head office, unsigned, and unaccompanied by any writing of any kind. 'It's got me,' secretary Ed Barrow confessed. 'I'm writing him tonight, asking him if he wants more money, and if so, how much. He must think I'm a mind reader.'

Score Six Counters In Fast Third Period Defeat Abegweits 8-3

Scoring six goals in a furious third period offensive Summerside Crystals last night deadlocked the Island League playoff series at a game apiece by sending the Abegweits down to an 8-3 defeat in the second game of the series. Again carrying the mail for his team, as he has done on many past occasions, the veteran 'Chick' Gallant proved the sparkplug of the Crystals' comeback last night as they struggled from behind Abegweit leads twice in the first two periods. Gallant scored five of his team's eight goals last night, played about fifty minutes of the game and every minute of the fifty was as dangerous as T.N.T. to the local squad.

Snaring a 2-1 lead in the first period as they waited patiently for breaks that came their way, Abegweits saw the Crystals wipe out their deficit in the closing minutes of the second session. Then as the game was thrown wide open in the third period after Crystals had scored two early goals as the locals attempted to gang them from the start, saw their opponents really go to town with four more counters while holding the losers to one orphan tally.

It was a sensational finish to a game that started out tamely enough but wound up in a blaze of action. Midway through the third period penalties were called to come back and fast as Referee Earl Arsenault and Roy Prowse sent nine players parading to the bench, six of them following each other closely that saw the game play-out shortened for over a successive session of the session.

Standing out like a beacon light in the Abbies' defeat was the work of Ray Stull in the Abbie cage. Time after time in the first two sessions he pulled off miraculous saves that kept his mates in the hunt, and although Crystals dented his armour somewhat in the final minutes of the game, he held his own in striking distance as the period neared its end and with 40 seconds to go, Jackie Kane, former Charlottetown Abegweit, tied the score.

Each scored once in the first overtime period, the second 15 minutes went scoreless and the game of the tally of this led to the final overtime session to give the Miners victory.

Down The Alleys

Alex Scott and his Royals took possession of the league last night and beat the next team by 112 pins. High singles to Clair Hodgson 301, and Esther McLean, 295. The playoffs of this league start soon and the Abbies will undoubtedly show the other teams the way home.

Cubs, 3243; Abbies, 2859; Hawks, 2987; Royals, 3355.

CHARLOTTETOWN ALLEYS

Commercial League
Esquires, 2303; Foxes, 2274. High single, C. Christofferson, 278. High three, J. McKinnon, 630. Holman's, 2582; Patterson's, 2494. High single, F. Cox, 285. High three, K. Acorn, 742.

HOLY NAME BOWLING
Big Four League
Prince Grocery, 3212; Five Aces 3401. High single, F. Tierney, 553. High three, F. Tierney, 843. Commercial League
Basques, 3075; Hawks, 2952. High single, E. Callaghan, 310. High three, E. Callaghan, 698.

LADIES BOWLING
Kelly & McInnis Trophy
Specials, 1945; Capitals, 1973. High single, F. Sinnott, 183. High three, F. Sinnott, 484. Commercial League
Hawks, 1913; High Flyers, 175. Ladies' high single, E. Ranahat 157. Ladies' high three, E. Ranahan, 432. Gents' high single, A. Garrett, 205. Gents' high three, F. Gallant, 578. Monday Night At 7 O'clock
Ladies' League: Sexagons vs. Elites. Commercial League: Prince Grocery vs. Imp. Biscuit Co. At 8:30, Holy Redeemer League: Bluenoses vs. Maroons.

GAME AT HOLY REDEEMER RINK THIS MORNING

The following players are asked to be on hand at Holy Redeemer Rink Saturday morning at 10.30 sharp. Eddy White, Jack Purcell, D. MacEachern, H. Murraghan, J. Gallant, B. Gallant, Paquet, I. LeClair, J. Haughey, Hughes, I. Dwyer, F. Leitzner, Carr, M. Sherry. Capt. I. GALLANT, Coach, A. GALLANT.

Playdown Dates To Be Known Soon

Dates of the Island Junior playdowns have not been announced yet but Vice-President Harris stated last night that they would be ready for publication in the near future. Only five junior teams have been registered from the Island, three from the local City League and one each from Borden and Kensington. It was intimated last night that Borden and Kensington winners would play off first with the ultimate victors among the winners of the City League here.

FLASH Monster Saturday Program AT YOUR WINTER PLAYGROUND 3-5.30 — Special Skate 2 1/2 Hours, 15 Bands; 4 Door Prizes — 22c-11c TONIGHT AT 7 SHARP S. D. U. vs. P. W. C. — Final Playoff for Wellner Trophy Appx. 9 o'clock — JUNIOR ABBIES vs. JUNIOR ROYALS For Junior Championship and Aitken Trophy 2 SIZZLING GAMES ADMISSION ALL OVER — 25c