



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH



In our early days when we first became interested in training and racing horses we read everything we could get hold of in the line of feeding, training, balancing and various ways of shoeing horses to overcome defects in gait. One thing we didn't know very much about was temperament until we bought a horse called Dr. Sharper, who had come to Montreal in a consignment from a Western ranch, was sold at auction, appeared kind enough to hook to sleigh but ran away with the new owner and smashed the sleigh. The owner inserted an ad in a Montreal paper and a party in Cape Breton bought the Doctor and turned him over to Stein Purvis to train. Stein won a race with him in Halifax that fall and then he came into our hands, with Ernie McTague taking over. It took three of us to hook him up and the first time we had him out he ran away and broke the carriage. After that we did not hook him up until we hit the race track. Even then it took at least three to harness him and then we would point him for the gate and he would tear down the stretch until he saw the fence looming up in front of him and he would slow down.

To take him down on the ice. He did so and Sharper ran away, tripped over a hummock and that was the end of him. No trace could be found of his ancestry, but some thought he had been sold from the Village Farm operated by Mr. C. E. Hamlin of East Aurora, N. E. It could not be proven. It is said that all great horses, or horses of extreme speed, are temperamental and the greatest thoroughbreds and the greatest trotters and pacers have to be humoured and handled with care. The late W. H. Gocher, former secretary of the National Trotting Association, wrote an article entitled "Peculiarities of Champions," which may be interesting to our horse lover friends.

"A bunch of nerves is the only temperament for a champion," remarked Thomas W. Murphy as he sat in the living room of his Poughkeepsie home surrounded by paintings of the horses to which he had given world's records. Is this room are seven paintings: Those of Peter Manning 1.56 3-4, Directum 1.56 3-4, Margaret Dillon 1.58 1-4, Miss Harris M. 1.58 1-4, Sanardo 1.59 1-2, Arion Guy 1.59 1-4 and Frank Bogash, Jr. 1.59 1-4, the septette of champions which Murphy placed in two-minute list. The average record of this group, which contains over one third of all the horses

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Labine And Schmidt Have Bruins Back In High Gear

By Bob Hoobing
BOSTON, (AP)—Rightwinger Leo Labine and coach Milt Schmidt have Boston Bruins in high gear after outstanding victories over the two top National Hockey League teams.

The Bruins, who started the season with a dismal outlook, knocked Detroit back into a first place tie with Montreal Thursday night 3-2 in demonstrating their ability in an uphill fight.

Sunday they shut out the powerful Canadiens 6-0 and now have lost only three of their last 11 games.

The emergence of Labine has been a major factor in the rebuilding of the Bruins who won the NHL title 10 times between the 1927-28 and 1940-41 seasons but were broken up by the Second World War.

SNAPPED TO LIFE

And dating from Dec. 22 when Schmidt retired as a player and took over the coaching reins full time, Boston has snapped to life. The move relieved Lynn Patrick of double duty as coach and general manager.

Milt has instilled a tireless hustle into the team. As Patrick puts it: "Milt has been the biggest single factor in the team's improvement. He's getting the best they are capable out of all the players. The outstanding player is Labine who improves every time he goes on the ice."

FOURTH PLACE

Boston is now securely in fourth place, six points ahead of New York Rangers.

The 23-year-old Labine from Haliburton, Ont., who works as an electrician's helper in Barrie, Ont., during the summer, leads the Bruins in points, 28, is tied for the Bruins goal-scoring lead with rookie Don McKenney 15 and is second in assists 13.

Labine wound up with the Bruins after helping Barrie Flyers

Local Rifle Club Shoot Results

Following are the results of a recent Charlottetown Rifle Club Shoot:

A. F. Gormley	96
G. G. MacLennan	96
R. Fitzsimon	95
R. Kennedy	95
M. Horne	94
A. J. McCabe	94
Bob Barwise	94
R. Vessey	94
R. Oulton	92
Garth MacLennan	92
P. J. Landrigan	91
Harry Wood	90
A. Court	89
R. Hayes	88
M. Dover	88
C. Judson	88
D. MacDonald	87
R. Higgins	86
Jean Grant	86
E. Norrie	86
M. Carver	86
R. Bell	82
G. Andrew	84
Wanda MacMillan	81
A. Swan	80
E. Higgins	80
A. McRae	80

National League Umpire Retires

CINCINNATI, (AP)—Bill Stewart retired Friday after 22 years as a National League umpire. The 59-year-old umpire is quitting under the league's umpire retirement and pension plan.

Stewart, a former referee in the National Hockey League, coached Chicago Black Hawks to the Stanley Cup in 1933.

Charlottetown Islanders Regain Lead With 3-2 Win Over Moncton Hawks

Bob Gray Scores Winner; Carver And Hennessey Score

The Charlottetown Islanders last night defeated the Moncton Hawks 3-2 at the Forum before the largest crowd of the season to regain league leadership and take a slim one game margin over the Monctonians. A goal late in the third period by big right-winger Bob Gray was enough to break a 2-2 deadlock and give coach Steve Brklacich and his men the game and sole possession of the top spot in the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League.

The Islanders widely outplayed the visitors in the second and third period and did everything but put the puck in the net on many occasions. The Islanders' all over Nick Pidsodny in the McNeill cage. Pidsodny, who many times kept the score down, more by luck than by the art of goal-tending, was called upon to make a total of 41 saves while Islanders' Jim Shirley had 23 drives guided in his direction. As great as the luck was, however, it was a goalies' game all the way with each making several dazzling stops at one time or another.

The referees for the game were Laurie Power of Halifax and Joe Hunter of Summerside. Hunter handled the first part of the opening period alone when Laurie Power failed to arrive in time for the contest. The refs awarded a total of seven minor penalties, four to the Hawks and the remaining three to the Islanders.

The first period was stopped at 16:27 when Nick Pidsodny suffered a slight leg injury and had to look a 2-1 lead on goals by Orin Carver and Lorne Hennessey in the second, with both teams sharing a pair of markers by Ray Lacroix and Bob Gray in the third.

The line of Buck Whitlock, Lorne Hennessey and Bob Gray was the best trio on the ice last night and figured in on two of the three local goals. Whitlock was playing one of the best games he ever played on the local ice as he carried the puck well, laid out some terrific passes and missed several goals by inches. The other two lines played extremely well also, having many nice scoring chances but also a lot of hard luck. Four of the Islanders, Jim Shirley, Cooper Leyte, Lloyd Hinchberger and Wally, were all making their first appearances in some time with each one looking as though they had never been out of the game. Cooper however, is still bothered by the wound left by his ankle operation and had to leave the game shortly before it ended. The line of Thompson, Michelin and Sinner was perhaps the most dangerous of the Hawks.

The Islanders started to press shortly after the game started with the Whitlock line and Danny O'Connor coming very close to beating Nick before the two minute mark. Palladino, Leyte and Carver were the next to swarm the Hawks zone at 7:00 while the Whitlock line again came close at 8:00. Then the Hawks gained an edge in a play with Jim Shirley making several dizzy saves off Bert Hirschfeld

and Lorne Watters after the mid-way mark of the session. Leyte, Palladino and Carver were back in the Moncton end again at the 15 minute mark but couldn't get the rubber by Pidsodny. In the midst of a scramble in front of the Moncton cage, Nick was hit hard with a flying puck and had to leave the ice to recover.

After the intermission, play resumed with Lorne Watters banging in Dewar Thompson's short rebound to give the Hawks the lead. The Leduc line came out at the start of the second and put on the pressure with Ray hitting the goal-post at 4:15. A minute later Wally Kullman tipped Lloyd Hinchberger's blue line drive by Pidsodny but the goal was disallowed by referee Laurie Power. His reason was that Wally had his stick above his shoulders when he made the play. At 8:03 the Islanders legally tied the score as Orin Carver pushed Wally's rolling pass by Pidsodny. The Islanders swarmed the Moncton cage all during the period and peppered Pidsodny with 17 shots only three times. The Brklacich gang took the lead at 17:10 as Lorne Hennessey slid Buck's rebound by Pidsodny.

In the finale, Ray Lacroix of the Hawks tied the score as he shot Ross Watson's rebound by Shirley near the mid-way mark of the frame. Buck Whitlock fed Bob Gray in-the-clear pass shortly after the 14 minute mark and Bob climaxed his beautiful solo effort with the winning goal which gave the local club their two point lead in the ACSHL standing. Bubby Dowling was used only once in the game, late in the finale centering Vip Palladino and Orin Carver. Hughie Campbell and Steve Brklacich teamed up as one defence unit with the second composed of Danny O'Connor and Lloyd Hinchberger.

The Islanders travel by bus to the Hub City today to meet the Hawks in the Arena this evening. Tomorrow the league and the MAHA will hold a meeting in the Windsor Hotel, Moncton, and a number of surprises concerning the Ross Watson are expected as a result of the investigation which the Islanders Club has made concerning Watson's eligibility.

Lineups
Moncton—Goal: Pidsodny; defence: McNeill, McLaughlin, Weaver, Michelin, Lepage; forwards: Hansen, Hirschfeld, Watson, Watters, Robinson, Thomson.

Charlottetown—Goal: Shirley; defence: Brklacich, O'Connor, Hinchberger; forwards: Gray, Whitlock, Leduc, Carver, Hennessey, Jones, Kullman, Dowling, Campbell, Leyte, Palladino.

Summary
First period: 1. Moncton, Watters (Thompson, Weaver) 18:49. Penalties: None.
Second period: 2. Charlottetown, Carver (Kullman, Palladino) 8:03; 3. Charlottetown, Hennessey (Gray) 17:10. Penalties: Lepage 2:18, 5:36, Kullman 3:50, O'Connor 9:32.
Third period: 4. Moncton, Lacroix (Watson, McLaughlin) 9:11; 5. Charlottetown, Gray (Whitlock, Brklacich) 14:39. Penalties: McNeill 1:13, Watson, Kullman 10:43.

Tommy Bolt Holds Lead In Golf Tourney

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (CP)—Tommy Bolt chopped five more strokes off par Friday to hold a four-stroke lead over his nearest rivals at the halfway mark of the \$15,000 San Diego open golf tournament.

The 34-year-old Texan added a 67 to Thursday's pace-setting 65 for a 36-hole total of 132. His nearest rivals were Stan Leonard of Vancouver and Gene Littler of Palm Springs, Calif., with identical scores of 69-66-135.

Trotters Win Two In S'ide

The Sport Lodge Trotters won both games of their double-header in Summerside last evening, defeating the RCAF 38-37 and trouncing the Victory Cleaners 65-35.

NOTICE

There will be a Special Meeting of the P. E. I. Guernsey Breeders Association, to be held in the Dept. of Agriculture Building, Charlottetown, MONDAY, JANUARY 24th at 2 P.M. If not fine TUESDAY, JANUARY 25th at 2 P.M.

J. MacDONALD JOHNSTON, Pres.
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Toronto Girl Wins Jr. Ladies' Skating Title

TORONTO (CP)—Wanda Beasley, 19-year-old Toronto skater, Friday night won the Canadian junior ladies' singles figure skating championship, maintaining in the free style competition a narrow lead she had built up in school figures Thursday.

Dianne Williams, 16, and Marg Crosland, both of the Calgary Glencoe club, were second and third respectively in unofficial placings. Official standings in the field of 17 were not immediately available.

Curling Standings

Following are the standings in the Consols play at the Charlottetown Curling Club:

C.	P	W	L
C. MacDonald	6	6	0
Dr. W. MacDonald	6	5	1
J. S. MacDonald	6	4	2
F. Acorn	6	4	2
Dr. Prowse	6	3	3
H. Atkinson	6	3	3
E. MacInnis	6	3	3
D. Saunders	6	2	4
J. Burden	6	2	4
D. Hill	6	1	5
Ed Wood	6	1	5

Announce Sale Of Ottawa Auditorium

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Auditorium, Ottawa's largest indoor skating rink, was sold Friday by sports promoter T. P. (Tommy) Gorman to unnamed interests.

Gorman, who continues as manager, declined to disclose the sale price. Built 23 years ago, the property is assessed at \$33,000.

The auditorium was put up for sale earlier this winter after Gorman's Ottawa Senators withdrew from the Quebec Hockey League. The auditorium will continue to be operated as a sports centre, said a spokesman for the purchasers.

HEAVYWEIGHT CROWN CONTENDER STARS IN BROWN BOMBER ROLE

One of the most coveted screen roles of the year went to young heavyweight contender Coley Wallace, who takes the part of Joe Louis in United Artists' "The Joe Louis Story."

Wallace, who bears a striking physical resemblance to Louis in his prime, is a 24-year old New York heavyweight with a string of 22 victories in 24 starts. He had no acting experience of any kind.

His interpretation is being hailed now as one of the finest jobs of the season and critics are claiming that he will be the first professional athlete ever to make the transition from athletics to dramatics with a completely convincing performance.

He was coached for three months before the start of production by the film's director Robert Gordon who spent the time teaching Wallace the motives behind each scene and giving him Louis' viewpoints rather than rehearsing him on line readings or stage movements, a technique that has paid off.

Hockey Scores

Atlantic Coast Series
Fredericton 3 Amherst 4
Moncton 2 Charlottetown 3
Halifax 2 Pictou 1

Ontario Senior A
Kitchener 5 Niagara Falls 4
Owen Sound 2 Chatham 6
Ontario Junior A
St. Catharines 3 Barrie 4
Toronto St. Michaels 1 Guelph 5

Northern Ontario Senior
Pembroke 3 Sudbury 5
Intercollegiate
Toronto 7 Laval 2

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Ramblers Recover, Defeat Fredericton Capitals 4-3

AMHERST, N. S. (CP)—Dave Burn, Parr, forwards; White, Schmidt, D. Kiley, Leclerc, Saindon, Thériault, Kennedy, Bernaques, Ried.

Summary
First period: 1. Fredericton, Nicolle (McPhee, Smith) 2:28; 2. Fredericton, McPhee (Smith, Nicolle) 7:47; 3. Fredericton, Smith (McPhee, Nicolle) 18:30; 4. Amherst, Reid (Kennedy, Rogers) 19:46. Penalties: Mosgrove 4:48, L. Kiley 7:07, Grenon 11:45, Blackburn 14:56, Smith 18:49.

Second period: 5. Amherst, D. Kiley (White) 2:15; 6. Amherst, Parr (Schmidt, White) 18:06. Penalties: Mosgrove 6:09, McInosh 8:52, Rogers 13:50, Heon 16:28.

Third period: 7. Amherst, D. Kiley (White) 14:47. Penalties: Heon, minor and misconduct; 3:47, Therrien 5:32.

Stops: Craig 14 4 11—89; Frigon 4 4 9—17.

Amherst's goal late in the period, Ramblers scored two in the second period to tie it 3-3 and won it with Kiley's goal in the last period.

Caps goalie Craig was yanked from the net with a minute and 43 seconds left in the third period and the move almost backfired when Kiley hit the goal post.

Lineups
Fredericton—Goal: Craig; defence: Mosgrove, Heon, Powers, McInosh, Grenon; forwards: Leclerc, S. W. Hill, Hewey, McPhee, Bliss, Miles, Nicolle, Smith, McInosh, Gilbert.

No More "Punch Drunk" Fighters In Great Britain

LONDON, (AP)—From now on "punch drunk" fighters in Britain are to be known as boxers with "chronic concussion."

J. W. Graham, administrative steward of the British boxing board of control, made the announcement Friday in the British Medical Journal in an article on boxing.

He said the decision to substitute "chronic concussion" was taken because of the stigma attached to the "punch drunk" phrase.

Graham reported that all 11 censure referees have been notified that they must not allow a boxer to take unnecessary punishment and, under no circumstances, allow a defenceless boxer to be struck.

FIVE FATALITIES

Reporting that since the Second World War there have been five fatalities in the professional ring in Britain, he said most were caused not by blows but by the boxer striking the back of his head on the ring floor, causing an abrupt deceleration of the brain mass.

A medical committee has recommended that a special type of ring flooring developed by Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., be tried out in British boxing rings. Meanwhile, he said, resilient substances such as sponge rubber should be put under ring canvases.

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High Scores

At the Friday Afternoon Bowling Club held at the Y yesterday, Mrs. Wendall Barbour rung in single scores of 262, 329 and 308 for a total count of 899.

Basilio Wins 10-Round Scrap

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (AP)—Carmine Basilio, the No. 1 welterweight contender, gave Germany's Pete Mueller a savage body pounding Friday night to win a unanimous 10-round decision and move closer to a tentative April 11 date with champion Johnny Saxton. Basilio weighed 152, Mueller 157.

Kid Howard Signs For Bout On Feb. 8

NEW ORLEANS, (AP)—Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, No. 3 lightweight contender, and Richie (Kid) Howard of Halifax Friday were signed to a 10-round bout here Feb. 8.

TO ALL YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Your RCAF Recruiting Unit which has been located in the Journal Building, Summerside, will be located at the RCAF Station, Summerside, after December 6, 1954.

The RCAF Mobile Recruiting Unit will continue to visit Charlottetown each Tuesday (9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at THE RCAF ASSOCIATION CLUB ROOMS 3rd Floor of the Bank of Commerce Building.

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