



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Louis G. Najac, harness horse editor of the Providence Sunday Journal and well known in Nova Scotia, was a very proud man the other day when his oldest boy, Louis G. Najac, Jr., fourteen years of age, graduated from junior high school. His youngest son, Munson G. Najac, nine years old, is also doing well in school. We congratulate the father and boys and the former's many friends in the Maritimes will no doubt be well pleased also.

We were delighted to have a letter from Sanders Russell, well known Grand Circuit driver and always prominent at Roosevelt Raceway, who is located at Stevenson, Alabama. "Just a line to let you know I appreciated your sending me the paper with such a comprehensive coverage of the racing season in the Maritimes. My friend, J. A. Proctor of Scottsboro, Ala., was particularly well pleased with Annie Scott's performance in winning at Sydney in 2.10—the fastest mile trotted in the Maritimes in 1951. He sold her when she went to Canada. We are having a rather open winter here and the 16 horses I am training are well advanced for the time of year. I had intended going to Florida for the winter training period but various things came up to cause me to change plans and remain here at the home track. I am glad they did as I believe we are as well or better situated here without having the move to make. My father and brother are handling five additional prospects. We have some nice material to work on." Thanks, friend Sanders, and I hope you will have just as good or even better success this season as you had last.

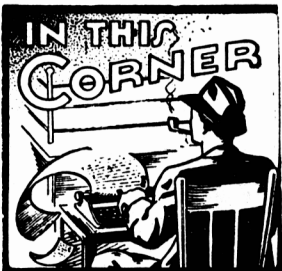
And now from S. Thane Belvea, Fredericton, N.B.: "I just had a letter from Tom H. Scovill whom I told you was with the Poplar Hill Farm stable. They are at the Ben White Raceway, Florida, and he is enjoying his new job very much and is taking care of a two-year-old pacer by Scotland, dam Senator Sister that is a full sister to Senator Abbe, that took a record of 2:00 or better in California last year. He also has Poplar Ann, a six-year-old mare that is full sister to Poplar Byrd 1:58. This mare took a record of 2:06 as a two-year-old.

"If you are not too tired looking up old races there is one I would like you to hunt up. It was at Woodstock, July, 1922. This race had ten horses start and one finish. Lambert Todd (Utton) won the first two heats, then Lawrence Bond (Keys) won the next two heats and when the two horses came out to go the fifth heat Lawrence Bond broke down at the three-quarter pole and Lambert Todd finished alone. I remember all the horses that were in the race but I cannot remember where they finished. It was the second race I ever drove on a track and it made a great impression on me. I was shut out for the third heat. Ralph Burrill drove Guldare for Pat Doherty and was shut out the first heat. When we were walking up the track to the stables Ralph said 'Did you boys see anything of Lester Dore?' He was in that race, wasn't he? Then said 'He must have stopped to feed.' Ralph said, 'I got shut out and I never was so glad of anything in my life.' He was a very witty story teller, as you probably know. I imagine Fred Cameron would get quite a kick out of this race."

Here's a letter the boys at the Charlottetown track will be glad to read. It is from Jack Sherman, whose present address is 318 Elliott St., Batavia, N. Y.: "Hello Colonel! I am writing to tell you how I am doing. I am here in Batavia and am filling out my papers and am doing swell. I have a bunch of horses, all green, but like your stock, on just don't know what will happen. One is a four-year-old pacer by Handy Dillon. He weighs about 1,200 pounds and looks like Anti-Aircraft 2:03. He has been a mile in 2:14 pretty handy. I have also a half brother, a three-year-old pacer that looks like a champion, and a two-year-old full sister that shows an awful lot of trot, also another full brother—a yearling—so that is four by Handy Dillon. Some of them should be really good. I have also a five-year-old mare out of Lou Hal 2:00. She trots very well. She was hurt as a filly and turned out so nothing has been taken out of her.

"I have also a three-year-old filly by Mr. Fritz. She is about

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The largest crowd to watch a game at the Forum in recent weeks sat in on last night's contest between the Beavers and the Islanders. They saw a pretty fair hockey match although it probably would not rank with one or two of the other games which the Beavers played here this season. The teams produced spurts of good and bad hockey, playing their best hockey in the first period when the ice was hardest.

The poorest feature of the game was the fifteen minute brawl during the second period and it was one which irked most of the fans. The actions which took place probably gave hockey one of its blackest eyes in this Province and certainly showed an utter disregard for all rules of sportsmanship, some of which must have existed back in the days of the Roman Empire. Some of the participants certainly deserved more punishment than they received for their performances and if such outbursts occur again guilty party or parties should have the book thrown at them.

Coach Leo Lamoureux watched the game from the press box. He stated that he would appeal for a hearing on his suspension which he considers to be far out of proportion to what he deserved. Leo's five game suspension will certainly be a bad blow to the club in the midst of their play-off drive. Last night Captain "Bucky" Travis handled the team after pre-game conference with Lamoureux.

Coach Johnny O'Flaherty of the Beavers is well pleased with Hal Gordon's stopping and Gordon is happy with the Beavers. O'Flaherty's biggest worry is fan attendance at Saint John's home games. Even in the past weeks the attendance has been small, he claims. O'Flaherty does not think that the Beavers are too strong for the rest of the clubs and to bear this out he pointed to the closeness of most of the Islanders-Beavers games. Both O'Flaherty and Lamoureux believe goalie Jimmy Strachan is the weak spot in the Halifax team.

Nick Pidsodny, the colorful netminder who tended goal for Sydney Millionaires in the early stages of the season took up at Vancouver where he left off at Sydney. The other night Nick played his first game on the west coast and he had a shutout until the last minute of the game. This brought about the typical Pidsodny reaction and the crowd reportedly roared. Nick threw one of his gloves into the crowd in a fit of rage, then knelt on the ice and wept. The next day Pidsodny drew considerable copy from the newspapers both for his antics and stellar playing.

The Canucks won that game 3-1 from the Seattle Ironmen and who was in the Seattle nets, but Phil Hughes formerly of O'Flaherty's Beavers, Hughes has a hard night. He scored four more shots than Pidsodny and after the first period he was unbeatable. In his next outing however Hughes was beaten nine times as his team lost 9-3. Despite Pidsodny's brilliant showing in the opening game Nick did not get the regular goaltending job for the Canucks. The next night Phil McAtee was in the nets and coach Frank Currie said he intended alternating the two netminders.

Conny Bonhomme and Willie Marshall will be closely following the successes of Clem Labine, the rookie left winger who recently moved up to the Boston Bruins from Hershey. Marshall and Bonhomme played on the same line as Labine two years ago when the three were performing for St. Mike's Juniors in Toronto. Bonhomme, who left for Glace Bay early this week, describes Labine as a rugged customer with plenty of hockey ability who would just as soon go through a man as around him.

M. M. H. L. STANDINGS	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
St. John	34	20	7	243	167	75
Ch'town	29	27	6	210	216	64
Glace Bay	29	27	4	212	198	62
Halifax	28	29	4	236	233	60
Moncton	24	30	6	182	227	54
Sydney	22	33	5	171	213	49

Islanders-Beavers In 2-All Tie Game At Forum Here Last Night

The league leading Saint John Beavers and the second place Islanders fought to a 2-2 standstill here last night in a game that was marred by a 10-15 minute brawl with Phil Vitale, Pete Langelle and Johnny Ubraico as participants.

The Beavers came from behind to salvage a draw with the short-staffed Islanders—playing without the guidance of coach Leo Lamoureux who was sitting out the first game of his five game suspension. Tommy Smelle on passes from Howie Lee and Nick Nicolle evened the count.

An almost packed house witnessed the struggle between the two teams but for many the evening's hockey entertainment was ruined by the second period mix-up. The outbreak started when Johnny Ubraico fell on a puck along the back boards in the Islanders end of the rink and Phil Vitale piled on top of him.

In the first period a similar action occurred and Vitale drew a major penalty for punching Ubraico while the latter lay on the ice. The same proceedings commenced all over again but this time players of both sides rushed in to stop the fray. The referee action occurred and Vitale drew a major penalty for punching Ubraico while the latter lay on the ice. The same proceedings commenced all over again but this time players of both sides rushed in to stop the fray.

After separating the pugilists a second time the players remained arguing on the ice. The referee ever did not leave the players or the battle would continue. Finally after about 12 minutes of bickering and skirmishing tempers cooled off and both Langelle and Vitale got the gate for their part in the affair.

Vitale drew a minor for roughing Ubraico, a major for fighting, an automatic misconduct and a match misconduct. Langelle received a major and a match misconduct.

The Islanders skated into a 1-0 lead in the first period of a goal by Bruno Favero. Both teams scored once in the second stanza with the Beavers firing the only tally of the last twenty minutes.

Three minutes after the second period brawl Kenny Watson scored the Beavers first goal on a breakaway to even the count at one-all. Watson took a pass from Buchanan along the boards, sidestepped a defender at the blueline and slipped the puck into the corner of the net with a beautiful feint.

The Islanders went into the lead for the second time in the game eight minutes later. Walter Pawlyshyn scored the goal on a long shot along the ice while the Beavers were two men short.

The goal was scored on a brilliant passing attack inside the Beavers' blueline. Denis Smith, "Buck" Whitlock and Pawlyshyn figured in the four-way short passing attack. Pawlyshyn's shot was partially screened and when Hal Gordon in the Saint John net saw the puck it was too late.

Little Bruno "Red" Favero scored the only goal of the opening period. "Hub" Beaudry carried the puck over the blueline to the right of the Beavers net. He centered out short pass to Favero at the goalmouth and "Red" batted the disc between Hal Gordon's pads.

Both Hal Gordon and Ray Frederick turned in outstanding games. The Beavers outshot the Islanders 31-30 and the closeness of the shots just about indicated the evenness of the play.

The first period produced the best hockey of the game and also the most penalties. The officials handed out a total of 17 penalties with the Islanders drawing ten of the sentences and the Beavers the remainder.

The game got away on a rough note when Don Bellingranger and Johnny Arundel drew high sticking penalties at the seventeen second mark. 23 seconds later to 192.

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Summary	First Period	Second Period	Third Period
1-Charlottetown, Favero 17:35 (Beaudry)	Penalties—Bellingranger 17, Arundel 17, Marshall 40, Nicolle 5:11, Favero 5:11, 15:17, Vitale 9:02 (major).	2-Saint John, Watson 10:12 (Buchanan)	3-Charlottetown, Pawlyshyn (Whitlock, Smith) 18:14
Penalties—Vitale 2:35, 7:02 (minor, major, automatic misconduct and match misconduct), Langelle 7:02 (major, match misconduct), Mesich 17:30, Lee 18:05	4-Saint John, T. Smelle (Lee, Nicolle) 11:31	Penalties—Arundel 1:02.	STOPS: Gordon 9 8 13-30, Frederick 11 9 11-31

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (AP)—Coley Wallace of New York, stepped Aaron Wilson of Birmingham, Ala., in two rounds of a sensational slam-bang main event in St. Nicholas Arena tonight. Wallace outweighed his rival 197 to 192.

Glace Bay Miners In 7-3 Victory Over Hawks

MONCTON, N.B., Feb. 1 (—CP)—Glace Bay Miners carved a 7-3 win over Moncton Hawks in a regular Maritime Major Hockey League game here tonight. The setback ended at least temporarily Hawks hopes of drawing near the Bay team and a play off spot.

Hawks held a 2-1 edge over the Miners at the end of the first period but faded in the second as the toll of four games in as many nights evidenced itself. The win put Miners ahead of Halifax in third place. Saints lost tonight to Sydney.

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HUNTERS' CORNER

Following Tuesday's storm of this week we were blessed with two glorious winter days—Wednesday and Thursday. The countryside was blanketed with clean, white snow and there was enough frost in the air—slightly above zero—to give an invigorating touch to the air and make one glow with the pure joy of living.

Both were ideal days for snowshoes as the crisp powdery snow wouldn't clog the mesh of the webs and conditions were perfect for tracking and taking an outdoor census of game on the move. Tuesday's storm had obliterated all old signs—in other words had wiped Nature's blackboard clean.

Early in the afternoon on Wednesday I donned the webs and headed for the remote fastness of Crown Point. The area that bears this name is a sort of peninsula of approximately one thousand acres in extent that juts into Pownal Bay. Some place the acreage at 600 but to this columnist's way of thinking the total is nearer the thousand mark. Only one person, Shadrack Jardine, lives in the extreme corner of the Point jutting out toward St. Peter's Island.

A considerable portion of Crown Point is under cultivation although the Pownal farmers who own the land do not dwell thereon. The balance is made up of woodland, swamp, marsh and sedge interval. Many of the fields sport a matted coat of hay that hasn't been cut for several years—a veritable paradise for mice.

The snowshoes kicked up powdery puffs of light snow as I swung along and nothing unusual occurred until I was carefully negotiating a neck of stubby spruce near the old Dunn barn in woods tramping on snowshoes one needs to exercise care or a nasty spill is in prospect. Without warning the woods in front of me seemed to explode and pheasants started getting up with much flapping of wings and loud cackling.

Most of the birds flew straightaway but one beautiful hen with a tail at least two feet long zoomed past a few yards above my head. In a few seconds a big cock bird got up with a heavy throaty cackle and headed my way. Methinks he was puzzled as to the cause of the covey rise and came lumbering through the trees till he came to rest near the tip of a bushy spruce not ten yards from me.

As he hit the tree he must have become aware of the khaki clad figure standing motionless amid the bushes and froze on his perch. He made a striking picture. The sun shone on his resplendent plumage and his white neck ring stood out like a parson's wing collar. The clear white snow, still clinging to the branches, by comparison enhanced his breath-taking beauty and the picture was made complete by the long multi-coloured tail draped over the dun spruce limbs.

The driving power in a cock pheasant's wings must be enormous. When I took a step into the open he shot straight up into the blue like a golden rocket. His wings met over his back with every stroke and sounded like a succession of quick hand claps. In the sharp winter sunlight he presented a picture of such rare beauty that it will never be etched from my memory. Whatever those pheasants are feeding on must contain all the vitamins necessary, for they had pep to burn.

Hemmed in between the Bay shore and a wide belt of swamp and woodland lies a field a good quarter mile long that contains approximately 60 acres. For two years the "hay" has not been cut and at present this field is covered with a dense mat of fine hay resembling interval grass. Clumps of it stuck out of the snow like miniature steeples. As I traversed

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Saints Get Second Win In Intercollegiate Series

CHATHAM, N. B., Feb. 1 (—CP)—St. Dunstan's University gained a second straight win over St. Thomas University here tonight in the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island intercollegiate basketball league. The score was 48-38. St. Dunstan's won the first game 65-43.

St. Dunstan's will play the University of New Brunswick tomorrow night in another league encounter.

Dunphy was top scorer for the Island team with 13 points. Reardon, a close second, had 12. McMullin, with 19 points for the losers, was high scorer of the game.

Lamoureux Suspended Five Games, Fined \$100

HALIFAX, Feb. 1 (—CP)—Coach Leo Lamoureux of Charlottetown was fined \$100 and suspended for five games by President J. E. Hudson of the Maritime Major Hockey League tonight.

Automatic fines of \$35 each went to John Ubraico of Saint John Beavers and Walter Pawlyshyn and \$10 to Don Bellingranger of Islanders for penalties in the game between Saint John and Charlottetown at Saint John Jan. 30. Beavers won 5-0.

Lamoureux will not be permitted to be on or near his team's bench during the next game against each of the other five teams in the league.

Mr. Hudson quoted reports by referees Gerald Mathieu and Lawrence Heffering.

Mathieu said in part: "Referee Heffering was at the bench giving Coach Lamoureux the ruling of icing the puck. When I saw that the game had been delayed long enough, I skated over and said to Mr. Lamoureux 'O.K., let's go. That's the way we called it. Let's go on with the game.'"

"He started to curse me in French and reached over and shoved me so I told him 'that's all for you.' Then he said 'I'll get you.'"

"My partner heard him so heceiving a 10-minute misconduct.

Heffering said in part: "... Coach Lamoureux disputed the icing rule and when explaining to him that the play was correctly called, he took a punch at referee Mathieu over my shoulder and started calling him names in French and threatened referee Mathieu his position. After I let him go he made a lunge at Mathieu and pretty near knocked him to the ice. Once again I took hold of him and escorted him off the ice."

Lamoureux will be suspended for the following games: Saint John in Charlottetown Feb. 1, Charlottetown in Halifax Feb. 2, Glace Bay in Charlottetown Feb. 4, Moncton in Charlottetown Feb. 8 and Charlottetown at Sydney Feb. 13.

Lamoureux and Pawlyshyn received automatic fines for receiving misconduct and match misconduct penalties and Bellingranger for receiving a 10-minute misconduct.

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Sydney Millionaires Turn Tables On Halifax St. Mary's For 9-1 Victory

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 1 (—CP)—Smarting under three consecutive defeats, Sydney Millionaires snapped back tonight to hammer out a 9-1 win over Halifax St. Mary's in a Maritime Major Hockey League game.

Millionaires—although taking the ice with only 13 players in uniform—showed the 1967 fans a better brand of passing, skating and shooting than at any time this year.

Nine goals represented their peak in scoring achievement and their shots on goal—Halifax goalie Jim Strachan stopped 51 and let nine through—set a record for the year.

Strachan was a Lone Eagle on most of the traffic as the Halifax defence cracked.

Halifax Goal, Strachan; defence, Drainville, Weaver, Nixon, Bergeron; forwards, Thompson, Campbell, Bowness, McArthur, Leawick, Warwick, McKenzie, Morrow.

Sydney—Goal, Hicks; defence, (Continued on page 15)

A horse racing program, sponsored by the Victoria Driving Club, is scheduled for Hillsboro River ice this afternoon. A good track has been cleared at the Southport side of the river, above Hillsboro Bridge.

Club officials said cars would get on the ice by crossing the bridge, but warned that no attempt should be made to cross the river on the ice.

Races start at 2:30 sharp. The following are the entries up to last night, but it was announced that additional entries would be accepted on the ice before the race.

Class A pace—Mary's Delight, Worthy Ermine, New Look.

Class A trot—April Bud, Lusty Aubrey, Prince Marine, Helen Harvester, Carl Kalmuck, Milldale.

Class B pace—Lana Dale, Miss Playfair, Nature Boy, Major Billy Lee, Highland Spruce, El Paso, Hardroad Bill.

MEETING OF SKIPS AT Curling Club, Monday at 7 P. M. to make selections for their rinks in the Seagram Trophy Play which will begin as soon as possible. Only Skips who are present for the draw will be entered in this competition unless they have notified members of the Games Committee of their inability to attend.

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ATTENTION B SQUADRON

If weather conditions favourable, transportation will leave Souris on Sunday 3rd Feb., 1952, at the usual time for Charlottetown. It is important that as many attend as possible as the final Pay Parade for the year 1951 will be carried out on that day.

A. W. ROGERS, LT.-COL., Commanding Officer

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