



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

James "Roach" MacGregor and Dave Wisener left this week with car and truck, the latter carrying My Darling 2:08 1/2 for Blue Bonnets Raceway, Montreal where they plan to race the earlier part of the season. My Darling is owned by Senator George Baibour and the Clipper by Roach. Neither will be raced until they have had two or three weeks work there. They have had plenty of slow work here and Roach thinks that with a bit of tuning up they will be able to make a showing.

The official opening of Blue Bonnets was last night and they plan to continue harness racing until November 15th. Originally it was a mile track built for the runners and was owned principally by English speaking stockholders. Last year after the runners were through, the half-mile track which had been constructed utilizing part of the mile track, was opened up for trotters and pacers and it proved a success. Negotiations with the owners of the runners this year was not satisfactory as they were demanding what the track thought was too much money to race for so a decision was made to put on harness racing programs for the entire season.

The Charlottetown track has dried up wonderfully the past few days and caretaker Jim Llewellyn has it in such good condition that miles in better than 3:00 are being stepped over it now. Upwards of thirty trotters and pacers including several very promising colts are being given exercise daily and the fans are looking forward to seeing some nice training miles this spring.

We are glad to hear from Carmen Coates, well-known owner and driver of trotters and pacers of Amherst, N. S. "I have a promising colt that came from the Island. His sire is Playdale 2:04 1/2 and his dam is Floss Direct by Frisco Direct. He is named Chips Direct, is six years old, registered and a good gaited trotter. I see you drive a good race with his sire but the papers don't give the sire of Playdale. I don't know anything about Playdale's breeding so would be glad to have you give me the information. The track is pretty good here. We have started to turn the right way for 4.5 miles. I changed Squire L. 2:17 4/5 by Squire H. second and he is doing the trot in the pace and he is doing nicely. Then I have the colt mentioned and a four-year-old by Dillon Scott that is also showing good promise. I am looking forward to the Island and would like you to remember me to horsemen friends there."

Playdale's breeding is as follows: By Scotland 1:56 1/4, dam, Elizabeth Rives by Guy Axworthy 4:20 3/4. He was bred by the Great Trask 2:01 3/4 by Peter the Great 4:20 1/4. Ze was bred by Henry H. Knight, Chicago, Ill., and his last owner was the late Willard Kelly, Southport, P. E. I. Playdale was a very handsome horse of magnificent physique and won quite a number of races on the Grand Circuit. His breeding was of the best, his sire, Scotland, being by Peter Scott 2:05, one of the greatest race horses ever campaigned by Tommy Murphy. Murphy paid \$50,000 for him to Walter Cox and the following year won every stake trotting race on the Grand Circuit with him. Scotland's dam was the great brood mare Roy MacKinney 2:07 1/2. Playdale's second dam, Mabel Trask, was campaigned by the famous reinsterman Walter Cox, and was one of the greatest race mares that ever performed over the Grand Circuit. Older horsemen will remember the tremendous speed duels between her and Saint Frisco 2:01 3/4, the former driven by Cox and the latter by Ed Geers. In 22 contests Mabel won 13 and Saint Frisco 9. He forced her to her record and she made him take his fastest record which in its day was the world's record for trotting stallions. We are looking into the breeding of Frisco Direct and will forward it to Mr. Coates. Our memory goes back a long way when Amherst was one of the trotting centers of the Maritimes and the Coates family were great horsemen and that love of horses has come down to our friend Carmen, who was named after the famous poet, Bliss Carmen.

The sale catalogue of the Maritime Standardbred Horse Sale which takes place at Summerside May 3rd at 10 a.m. has been issued and is now in the hands of hundreds of horsemen throughout the Maritimes. The catalogue reflects great credit on the compilers and the printers. It totals over 80 pages, has several illustrations including an excellent picture of the Summerside track on July 1st when Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent officially opened it. Sixty-eight trotters and pacers are listed, some of them record horses and others well-bred colts leading sires. There is also a list of the racing program of the Summerside Raceway for 1954.

Glancing here and there through the catalogue we notice such well-known horses as Antioch 2:14, Judy Budlong 2:14, Pet Hanover 2:13 2/5, Real Pingo 2:19 2/5, Lily Marlene 1:13 4/5, Senator Craymyle 2:16, Janet Clegg 2:21 2/5, a Maritime record-breaker last year, Belwyn Budlong 2:17 1/5, Ann's Boy 2:11 1/5, Bonnie June 2:15 3/5, Facecloth 2:15 2/5 and others. The colts offered look to be a very fine lot, many of them from real good dams and by the best speed siring stallions in the Maritimes. We trust the sale will draw an immense marketing of horsemen and that

the management and consignor will be well pleased.

The 10-year-old pacer Whirlaway, that took a record of 2:15 2/5 last season, is certainly made of tough material. He is by Simcoe Marveter 2:04 1/2 and is owned by Laurie O'Brien, Sackville, N. S. The Year Book shows him as having made 123 starts last season, was 23 times first, 23 times second and 29 times third with earnings of \$406.68, which added to his previous earnings gave him \$1,232.28 making him eligible to the 223 pace. We understand that quite a number of Whirlaway's races were over the one-third of a mile track at Halifax which would account for his limited earning power, but he certainly must be a tough horse to keep on racing week after week and apparently enjoying it. We regret to learn that Laurie met with an accident recently and will be sidelined for some time. He is one of the most popular drivers in the Maritimes, always wears a smile and occupies a leading place in the list of U.S.A. drivers.

This season will see the Yonkers debut of the spotlight Allwood Stable of Far Hills, N.J., including the famed 3-year-olds of 1953, Trotter Kimberly Kid and pacer Hershey Hanover. The stable is owned by Leonard J. Buck, known previously as a leading breeder of dogs and rock garden exhibitor. He entered the harness horse sport in 1952 with a stable of eight colts costing \$169,200, including \$15,000 for Kimberly Kid and \$22,000 for Hershey Hanover. In 1953 he bought three yearling colts for \$52,500, American Way for \$35,000, Wayclass for \$11,000, and Shining Way for \$6,500. Buck is an importer of minerals in New York City.

Trained last year by Tom Berry, 70, the stable of 14 recently was taken over by Ned Bower upon Berry's resignation. Associated with him is Joe Lighthill who made his Yonkers debut last Fall with Chief Strong and other horses. Kimberly Kid, whose break just before the wire probably cost him the 1953 Hambletonian, is the sport's top money winner for 2 and 3-year-old campaigns combined, with \$125,911. He's the leading money-winner of spring of Volonte, the famed sire that died in January. The Volonte-Kimberly Hanover bay colt holds the 3-year-old world record of 6:15 for three heats on a half-mile track, two and one-half seconds better than the old mark. He has won 42 of his 67 races in two years for a percentage of 63. Last year he won 18 out of 26 and placed six times. The other two times he was out of the money. Hershey Hanover, brother of pacer Shamrock Sally and trotter Hadley Hanover, was not raced at two in 1952, but won 13 of his 26 starts in 1953, placing five times and showing once. The Dean Hanover-Hollywood Lydo gelding has won \$20,457.

The well-known Maritime reinsman Len O'Meara of this city arrived back home this week after a six months stay in California where he was attached to the S. A. Camp stable of Shaftner, of which Joe O'Brien is head trainer and manager. Len looks well and says he enjoyed his stay there very much but that there's no place like home and he is glad to be back with his wife and family. The Camp stable when he left had 41 horses in training, the majority of them two-year-old colts, and it was conceded that many of these colts have a great future ahead of them. Joe was assisted by Len Walker and Claude O'Brien and everyone was kept busy handling such a large string and caretakers caring for them. Joe had done nothing startling with his colts, such as the miles reported from Florida and other southern tracks, believing that in the end a more cautious type of training will pay off best.

The star of the stable is the three-year-old Meadow Pace by Adios that took a two-year-old record last year of 2:01, was 8 times first, 4 times second and once third and won \$42,664. He is staked in a quarter of a million dollars worth of stakes and although he can be expected to meet many stars he looks to have just what he needs to beat any of them. The trotter Beck Hanover 4:20 1/5 is highly regarded. Last year he had winnings of \$28,000 and in two years racing with Joe he has won very close to \$50,000. Len said that he could give quite a list of real prospects and some that will no doubt take surprising marks in the late summer or early fall. Joe isn't planning on setting the world on fire early in the season. They expect to move out of California in a few weeks to Detroit and the stable will be split and part of it will be raced by Claude at Vernon Downs. The loss of Prince Jay 1:58 4/5 was greatly felt because he was sound for once in a long time and was expected to beat his record. Claude would most likely have had him in his string. Len said Claude is looking well and getting along splendidly and they are all looking forward to coming East. We asked Len if he saw the big race which Patrick Primrose, owned by Walter Found, formerly of this province, won with Joe driving so sensationally and he said that everybody agreed it was one of the best races seen there in a long time. Joe was last horse when they turned into the stretch and maneuvered his way through the field to win by a nose. Last quarter in 28 1/3. Joe considered it a real pleasure to drive Patrick Primrose.

Len said that Sol Camp, owner of the stable, took a great interest in the horses and was a very



Tigers And Orioles Continue Hot Pace In American League

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Detroit and Baltimore, the two surprise packages of the American League, won Friday on a pair of six-hit pitching jobs by Ned Garver and Joe Coleman.
Garver had an easy ride to a 6-1 victory over Cleveland after the Tigers knocked out Early Wynn in a five-run first inning.
Coleman had to struggle 10 innings to nip Chicago's Billy Pierce 3-1, after Vern Stephens' eighth inning home run ruined a two-hit shutout by Pierce.
The Indians saw the Tigers hammer Wynn for five hits and five runs. Frank House drove in three runs, two with a double in the first and the third on a sacrifice fly, following Bill Tuttle's triple in the fourth.
The Cubs yielded only six singles and had yielded only one run in 20 innings.

WIN STREAK ENDS
Baltimore ended a four-game Chicago win streak as the pitching

staff came up with its sixth complete game in eight starts.
Billy Hunter's single, Ray Murray's scoring double and a single by Coleman produced the two Baltimore runs in the tenth.
Catcher Ray Murray helped Coleman out of his toughest jam in the second by throwing out Sherm Lollar, attempting to steal, and then also nipping Jim Rivera at second as Johnny Groth struck out. Only 2,614 saw the game in chilly weather at Comiskey Park.
Back-to-back Chicago home runs in the second inning and another pair of homers in the third pushed Cincinnati from its toe hold in the National League lead Thursday night and the Cubs went on to crush the Redlegs 10-3.
The Cubs clubbed four Cincinnati pitchers for 20 hits, five off the bat of Randy Jackson in five trips. He homered and singled four times.
Washington erupted for four runs with two out in the seventh

inning against Wild Bill Henry and erratic Bill Werle to defeat the Boston Red Sox 7-6. The two pitchers walked five Senators, three in the seventh inning, and they all scored.
Rain washed out two scheduled games—Philadelphia at New York in the National League and New York at Philadelphia in the American League.



Saints Win Opening Game Of Island Hoop Play-Offs

The Saint Dunstan's University basketball team won the opening game of the Island League finals last night by defeating H. C. Atkinson's Nomads 74-38 in a game at the S.D.U. Gymnasium.
The two playing coaches showed the way for their respective teams. Jack Reardon of St. Dunstan's was the game's high scorer with 21 points while playing coach Keith Dalziel of the Nomads scored 16 points.
Reardon connected on nine field goals and three foul shots for his total. The improving Dalziel scored eight field goals.
Gus Dorais, the Saint's ball handling expert, was runner-up to Reardon in the scoring department, with 18 points. Johnny Taylor scored 14 points, Danny Shea 10, Frank Slovey eight and Bob Mooney three.
George Scantlebury followed team-mate Dalziel in the Nomads scoring parade with eight points. Lorne MacGuigan and Charlie Ready each scored six points and Carlye MacDougall three. The Nomads dressed only five men and put up a strong showing.

The Saints led all the way. The scores by quarters were: 20-7, 41-24; 60-34; 74-38.
The series is a best of three affair.

Summary

Team	FG	FS	PP	Pts.
Saints	9	3	2	21
Nomads	8	0	1	19
Reardon	9	3	2	21
Slovey	3	2	0	8
Taylor	1	0	3	14
Mooney	1	0	0	3
Dorais	9	0	1	18
Shea	5	0	1	10
Totals	33	8	3	74

Totals

Team	FG	FS	PP	Pts.
Scantlebury	4	0	1	13
Dalziel	8	0	3	16
MacGuigan	3	0	2	6
Ready	3	0	2	6
McDougall	0	2	2	2
Totals	18	2	10	38

Milwaukee Braves Get New Gadget

MILWAUKEE, (AP)—The Milwaukee Braves invested in a new gadget Friday, a sort of "pitchers' helper."
Added to the clubhouse when the club got back from St. Louis on Monday will be a checkerboard, purchased on the advice of ace pitcher Warren Spahn.
The veteran lefthander thinks checkers is just what young Chet Nichols, the Braves' current problem pitcher, needs.
"He's too tense and ought to play a little checkers right before he's due to pitch like we used to do in Boston," Spahn told the front office before the Braves left for their three-game series with the Cardinals.

George Walsh and Jack Appel. The commission suspended the licence of George Gainford, manager of Danny Womber and former manager of Sugar Ray Robinson. Gainford was ordered to appear at next week's meeting to show why his licence should not be revoked. Jack Duberstein, a deputy inspector, said the referees affected would include Johnny Burns.

Baseball Results

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American League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	000 010 000	1 6 1	0.143
Detroit	500 100 000	6 10 5	0.333
Wynn, Hoskins (1) Chakales (5) Narleski (7) and Hegon; Garver and House, L-Wynn.			
Baltimore	000 000 010	2-3 8 2	0.400
Chicago	010 000 000	1-6 2 2	0.143
Coleman and Murray; Pierce and Lollar, Hr: Bal-Stephens.			
Boston	010 030 200	6-10 1 0	0.600
Washington	102 000 40x	7-9 2 2	0.444
Henry, Werle (7) and White, Wilber (8); Shea, Marrero (6); Schmitz (8) and Fitzgerald, W-Marrero, L-Werle, Hr: Was-Vernon.			
New York at Philadelphia postponed, rain.			

National League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	033 002 020	10-20 10 20	0.333
Cincinnati	001 020 000	3-6 1 1	0.167
Rush and McCullough; Baczewski, Zverink (3) Wehmeier (7), Taylor (8) and Podres (9); Friend and Burbrink; Fanovich and Tabackcheck.			
Ottawa	020 000 010	3-12 2 12	0.167
Buffalo	003 010 00x	7-11 2 2	0.333
Kellner, Munsinger (6) Burch (8) and Watlington; Foytack and Bucha.			
Montreal at Syracuse postponed, rain.			

International League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Toronto	101 010 0	3-8 1 1	0.111
Havana	500 000 x	3-8 1 1	0.111
Johnson, Hahn (1) Shore (7) and Griffin; Pascual and Noble.			
Rochester	010 301 000	5-8 1 1	0.111
Richmond	100 050 00x	6-11 1 1	0.111
Papa, Rubens (5) Knight (7) and Burbrink; Fanovich and Tabackcheck.			
Ottawa	020 000 010	3-12 2 12	0.167
Buffalo	003 010 00x	7-11 2 2	0.333
Kellner, Munsinger (6) Burch (8) and Watlington; Foytack and Bucha.			
Montreal at Syracuse postponed, rain.			

2nd Hole-in-one In Twelve Days

Team	W	L	Pct.
Toronto	010 102 010	5-12 0 12	0.417
Havana	000 020 000	2-4 1 1	0.250
Holloman, Criman (5) and Griffin; Melton, Vathely (6) Harris (6), Sanchez (8) and Noble.			

BIG CATFISH

Team	W	L	Pct.
Channel catfish in the Mississippi river weigh as much as 40 pounds.			

The trout fishing season for the year 1954 has run into its second week and trout are still in a finicky mood. The low biting content of trout is not confined to any one county or district but extends from East Cape to West Point. Thursday and Friday, the first two opening days, were the poorest on record. Old standbys that in former opening mornings could be depended upon to furnish a fry, if nothing else, left fishermen standing in a gurry of mud with cold feet and empty creels. Some heavy trout were landed by a lucky few and the odd fair catch was creelied but the overall picture was pretty grim.

I made patrols east and west this week and in my twenty odd years of checking anglers creels never saw such poor catches. One afternoon I stopped at approx 40 fishermen and I could have eaten their total catch without even a tummy ache. What is the cause? It's definitely not a shortage of trout. For my part I blame not one particular cause but a succession of events. First of all the trout were well fed on the opening morning. Unseasonable freshets washed tons of choice food dear to the heart of a trout into our streams, ponds and rivers. Secondly, the smelts moved into the trout pools the night preceding the opening morning. In fact, they didn't wait for the frog's signal.

Men who have studied the habits and actions of trout contend that water temperatures have a lot to do with their activity. For many

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New Coach For Hershey In AHL

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP)—Murray Henderson, former Boston Bruin player, Friday signed a new contract to coach Hershey of the American Hockey League team next season.
Henderson, 32-year-old Hershey player-coach the last two years, led the Bears to a second place finish in the 1953-54 campaign and to the finals of the Calder cup playoffs before losing out to Cleveland.

Salary terms were not disclosed. It was indicated the new contract was for a single year.
Henderson, a native of Toronto, played eight years in the National Hockey League.

BUTTE, Mont. (AP)—Rev. James W. McCormick scored his second hole-in-one in 12 days Thursday, both of them on the 145-yard, 17th hole here. He was playing with a foursome.

Technicalolor Betty Grable - Dale Robertson - Thelma Ritter John Carroll Excellent

COMING — "TITANIC" and "MARTIN LUTHER"

YANCOUVER, (CP)—First rose of spring on the Vancouver north shore appeared at the home of Bill Angus. The early bloom was believed due to the plant's location outside the house chimney.

Nine Team City Softball League Formed Last Night

A nine team City Softball League was formed last night at an organizational meeting in the Holy Name Hall. The League will open about May 19th and the schedule will run through until Old Home Week. The play-offs will open immediately after the Old Home celebrations.

Fremont A. W. Matheson, who has displayed considerable interest in the League games, was elected Honorary President. Wendell Gills was re-elected President for the third successive year. Charlie Sinclair was elected vice president and Des Burge secretary-treasurer. One member from each team will serve on the executive.

The following teams signified their intentions of taking part in the League play: R.C.A.F. (Summerside), Liguorian Youth Club, Sunshine Island Dairy, Basillia Youth Club, Canada Packers, Canadian Legion, City Bickers, North End Braves and the East End.

The executive members are: Jimmy Dowling, Canada Packers; Dick Carroll, Sunshine Island Dairy; Alf Coady, Basillia Youth Club; Allan Shephard, Liguorian Youth Club; F. O. Andy Andrews, R.C.A.F.; Billy MacDonald, City Bickers; Bill Gallant, North End Braves; and George Murphy, East End.

Wednesday, April 28 was set the deadline for the entry of teams into the League. A meeting to discuss the schedule and financial operations will be held next Friday evening in the Holy Name Hall. It was decided last night that games will be played three times during the week. The rule regarding the release of players was also discussed and it was agreed that

St. Dunstan's Win Ch'town Juvenile Hoop Ch'ship

The Saint Dunstan's High School Juvenile Basketball team won the City Juvenile Hoop Championship yesterday afternoon by defeating Prince of Wales College 39-27 in a closely played game at the S. D.U. Gymnasium.
The Saints, with three wins in three starts, climbed the title yesterday. They have two victories over Prince of Wales College and one over Prince Street School in the double round-robin series.

John Kelly was high scorer for the Saints with 13 points. Dave Arnold was runner-up with seven followed by Fearon with six and Alf Morrison with five.
Mark Ladner accounted for most of the Welshmen's points with his fine 18 point effort. Joe Revell and Roger Partridge each scored three points and Gus MacLaren two.

Summary S.D.U.

Team	W	L	Pct.
J. Kelly	6	1	2 13
A. Morrison	2	1	0 5
W. Kelly	1	0	1 2
D. Arnold	3	1	1 7
P. McGonnell	2	0	4 4
A. Scoll	0	0	3 0
T. Ledwell	0	2	0 2
Fearon	2	2	1 6
Totals	16	7	12 39

Officials — Earl Nicholson, Jack Reardon.

Basketball Games This Afternoon

Two Physical Fitness Department sponsored basketball play-off games are scheduled for this afternoon at the Prince of Wales College auditorium.

In a girls game at three o'clock Notre Dame will meet Prince Street School.

The final game of the juvenile league play-offs will be played at four o'clock with St. Dunstan's meeting Prince Street.

Sudbury Wolves In Allan Cup Finals

SUDBURY, Ont., (CP)—Sudbury Wolves entered the Allan Cup finals Friday night by defeating Matane Red Rocks 2-0 to win the eastern Canada senior hockey championship.

The victory gave the Wolves the best-of-seven series 4-2. One game was tied. Sudbury now will travel to western Canada to meet the winner of the western championships, either Winnipeg Maroons or Penitentiary V's.

Baseball In Brief

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Team	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Detroit	5	3	.625	—
Washington	5	3	.625	—
New York	4	3	.571	1/2
Chicago	4	4	.500	1
Baltimore	4	4	.500	1
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	1 1/2
Boston	3	5	.375	2
Cleveland	3	5	.375	2

Friday

Team	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore 3	Chicago 1		
Cleveland 1	Detroit 6		
Boston 9	Washington 10		
(New York at Philadelphia postponed, rain)			

Saturday

Team	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore at Chicago			
Cleveland at Detroit			
Boston at Washington (N)			
New York at Philadelphia			

Sunday

Team	W	L	Pct.
New York at Philadelphia (2)			
Baltimore at Chicago (2)			
Cleveland at Detroit			
Boston at Washington			

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