



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We were delighted to have a picture post card from Mrs. Hooper, North Carolina, with this message: "Thought you would be interested in this scene with people watching the greyhound racing at Derby Lane here. The temperature runs from 85 to 96 with glorious breezes. They have all kinds of races, horses and dogs."—Thanks, Mrs. Hooper, for your very kind remembrance.

George MacDonald of Boston, has very kindly sent us the latest results from Yonkers Raceway. In the 2.10 pace, purse \$2000, Colonel Dan (Ryan) was second to La Tosca in 2:07 3-5, and Earle Avery won a \$2500 pace with Major Hal from a very fast field in 2:05, which was the fastest mile of the week. The 2.08 pace, purse \$2000 was won by Scotty H. by Scotland, whose dam was the famous race mare Eula H. that set the Charlotte track record at 2:08 in 1921. She was owned by S. A. Wathen and Son who were the breeders of Scotty H., Volo H., Dale H. and others; all out of Eula H. and they were certainly horses that raced well, as Dale H. has won on numerous occasions in the past year and Scotty H. has also been first to the wire quite a number of times. One thing we have remarked and it is that a horse bought out of the stable of S. A. Wathen and Son can be depended upon to race well for years.

Starter Steve Phillips and son Charlie started a total of 6,865 horses this season at Roosevelt Raceway in 870 races. There were 441 individual trotters and 609 pacers and colts that started at each gate—A total of 203 horses lowered their records at Roosevelt and six world records went into the box. The horse with the most starts was Buster Volo with 22 and Hi-Lo's Sister, driven by Canadian Clint Hodgins, was the biggest dash winner with seven to her credit.

Frank Ervin is a driver who is said to be without an enemy. He is always courteous, helpful and ready to give advice to any of the younger drivers who consult him, so it is not to be wondered at that he is being congratulated on all sides for his success this season. He admits getting a great kick out of breaking records and this year he had two big thrills when he drove Good Time and Sampson Hanover to world marks. Good Time turned in the fastest mile ever recorded that started at the outside and Johnny Conroy's—and the latter, a four-year-old, became the first Standard Bred to beat 2:00 in a race on a half-mile oval, with 1:59 3-5. Ervin had trained both of these from colthood. He drives for six owners including the President of Yonkers Raceway—William Cane, Good Time's owner.

Before hitting the Grand Circuit he competed at small tracks in the mid-west for years where he secured a reputation that brought him his present position. He is 47 years old and both his father and grandfather raced and drove harness horses, the grandfather for 46 years. Ervin remained with his father for five years and then went on his own. In 1928 he was badly injured and did not race again until 1931. It was in 1947 that he took over Cane as a yearling and the next summer second in two heats.

1949 he won the Little Brown Jug top stake for three-year-old pacers worth \$53,000. Now a five-year-old his winnings have climbed to \$198,500 and on November 18th and December 1st he will race his big stakes at Hollywood Park, California, where he arrived by air late last week.

The success of Sampson Hanover, owned by K. D. Owen of Texas, is a great tribute to Ervin's training and judgment. He was heavily staked as a two-year-old trotter but was not of the top grade so he did not race him. The next year he converted him to the pace but did not start him as he wanted to thoroughly educate him and condition him before he turned for the world. At Lexington he took a record of 1:59 3-5 against time and this year he has set up world's records as mentioned before.

Seven years ago Louis M. Midget bought the pacer Lingo Direct for \$1,700 and since that time he has won \$60,000 with Lingo and has become so thoroughly horse conscious that he has added Buster Volo, Nancy K., Roy C. Blackstone, June's Pride and LaSalle to his string. That's the way the horse bug gets you if you don't watch out!

Ernie McTague and Johnny Conroy were with the writer at Dufferin Park in the fall and winter of 1914 and will remember Nat Ray quite well. Nat was the kind of man who made a great many friends and all the horsemen would make a call to his tack stall sometime during the day and have a chat with him. He took every interest in his Maritimers and gave us some very good advice. He was in the thick of it all through that racy winter and won his share of the events. After attaining the heights by winning the Hambletonian, the Kentucky Futurity and all the other big stakes with the three-year-old Guy McKinney 1.58%, he continued on with pacers that took records close to 2:00. Then he went back to the runners which he was familiar with, having trained them with his father,



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Abbies Play St. John Today In Football Final

The Charlottetown Abbies will meet the Saint John Mariners here this afternoon in the second game of the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island rugby play-offs for the right to advance in McCurdy Cup competition. The Mariners and Abbies battled to a scoreless draw in St. John last Saturday in the first game. The series is a home and home total points affair. Abbies, with a heavy scrum, carry a weight advantage into the game but the Mariners are said to be a fast aggressive team with a lineup that is comparatively young in years. The local team will be minus three men who are out with slight injuries, but they will be well staffed. The injured players are Frank Strain with a bad knee, Jim Flanagan with an injured shoulder and Charlie Barlow. None of the injuries are serious.

For the Abbies this will be the chance they have worked for since early in the fall. They have been holding regular morning workouts for over the past month and very often light evening exercises as well. Last night coach Gordon Bennett felt confident that his boys would take the Mariners after a hard battle. He stated that the Mariners had a nice working scrum but that the Abbies had too much weight for them. A. J. MacDonald will referee the game which will get underway at Memorial Field at three o'clock. Art Perry will be playing in his old post at fullback today and Johnny Bradley will be looking after the picking quarter's duties. George Scantlebury who usually is picking quarter will be out on the three quarter.

Following is the Abbies lineup: Fullback, Art Perry; three quarters, "Red" Howatt, Scantlebury, Glover, Coyle; halves, Blanchard, Bradley; forwards, Devine, Rodgers, Wilson, Ready, Dark, Ledwell; subs, W. LePage, C. Gillis, R. Campbell, J. Hennessey.

St. Mary's In Player Deals

HALIFAX, Nov. 9 (CP)—Halifax St. Mary's of the Maritime Major Hockey League has released two players and will welcome a new defenceman by Sunday, club president Vic Oland announced tonight. The two players released are wingers Stan Vrecko and Conny Poltras. With an overabundance of left wingers in camp, coach Wilf Field was forced to part with some to make room for newcomers who have joined the club. When Haven of the Eastern United States Amateur League asked for players Poltras and Vrecko were released to that club. Mr. Oland said he was still not satisfied. "I feel we have plugged some gaps," he said, "but other replacements are needed and are being sought. Over the week-end, we will have defenceman Bob Drainville in Halifax and by Sunday, I will have word on forwards Ken MacKenzie and Bill Shill."

Maine Bowlers Retain Title

HALIFAX, Nov. 9 (CP)—The strong Houlton, Me., bowling team faltered slightly today they came back to win their third straight Maritime-Eastern Maine bowling title, finishing the three-day meet with 31 points. Houlton won the title in the afternoon round when they took three points from Halifax Conn. Martel. In the morning they dropped three to Moncton and with the Maritimers defeating their city rivals, Imperials, for four, it left the decision up to the afternoon session. The title was decided on the margin of a pin—a stubborn pin that moved off the spot, rocked and did everything but fall. That pin would have given Wilbert Martel a spare in his last box and enough pins with the extra ball to take that second string. But Houlton pulled it out by three pins and had the title wrapped up.

The Houlton team was composed of Larry Reese, Roy Neal, Denny Pelkey, Ted MacIntyre, Billy Dewitt, Put Putnam and Larry Getchell. The Maritime-Maine Bowling Association held a meeting earlier and elected Al Tracey of Fredericton president, succeeding Austin Steebes of Halifax. The 1952 4-5-3, Scott Spencer 4-3-6, Texas Hanover 6-8-5; Mary Hanna and Cyril Hanover also started. Time, 2:10 2-5, 2:09 2-5, 2:09. It was a slow day and slow track and the time in the third mile was easily equal to better than 2:08 under favorable conditions. On the same afternoon Star Boy, driven by Louis Praught, won the first heat of the two-mile trot in 4:33 and Dickalena took the second heat in

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Royal Couple Enjoyed 20 Minutes Hockey At Forum Last Night

Princess Elizabeth and her husband Prince Philip thoroughly enjoyed the period of hockey between the Islanders and the Hawks last night judging by the comments of those who surrounded the royal couple and also by the expressions they showed on various plays. The Duke appeared to take a lively interest in the game and to understand what it was all about. He clapped heartily when "Red" Favero scored for the Islanders and the Princess joined with him. Mrs. Leo Lamoureux, wife of the Islanders coach sat next the Princess and she stated that the royal couple followed the game very closely. She stated that the Princess showed a keen interest in the players and inquired where quite a number of them came from. She was particularly interested in clearing up the playing status of Marcel Clements who was traded to the Hawks yesterday. Clements was the first player to whom she talked when she entered the Forum and she asked him if he had ever played here before. Marcel replied that he had played with the Islanders for the past year but was sold to the Hawks Thursday. Another question that the Princess wanted to get straightened up concerned the length of penalties. Her husband took a hand in helping her and they both smiled with delight as Johnny Dutchak returned to the ice after serving his only penalty of the game. The Prince appeared to enjoy the bumping and broke into a smile when Dutchak went after Scholes early in the game. Laurie May and Bill Winemaster dumped Johnny Bonhomme in front of the Royal seats and the Prince got a big kick out of it. The Princess, however, turned her head. The Islanders put on several power plays which delighted the royal couple and they watched intently while the Islanders swarmed around the Hawks net. During the period the Prince remarked that the players bounced around like rubber balls. He also remarked that it was a wonder that some of the players did not get their skulls fractured or their backs broken. The Princess intimated during the game to Mrs. Lamoureux that she is a fan of Maurice "Rocket" Richard. She stated that the game she and Prince Philip saw between the Canadiens and Rangers was kind of dull and that she would have liked to have seen the game in which Richard knocked out a player.

Richard knocked out Bill Juzda of the Leafs in a wild game which was featured by a 10 minute brawl. At the end of the period she commented that the time had gone very quickly. Mrs. Lamoureux stated that she was very easy to talk to and could make a person feel quite at ease. A red carpet from the top of the ice to the place the Royal couple were sitting was spread out before they arrived. The coaches, heads and players of the two teams lined up on the opposite sides and the Royal couple with Princess Elizabeth ahead, walked between them, chatting along the way. After meeting Forum Manager Bill Brown they next met Judge J. Elliott Hudson, President of the M.H.L., and Dr. F. C. Dougan, President of the Islanders Club. The Prince stopped to talk with George McLagan while the Princess proceeded down to stop and chat with Clements. The Princess next stopped to talk to Roy Marshall of the Hawks and also "Hub" Beaudry while the Prince was talking to Larry Travis, Willie Marshall and Don Lockhart. They both shook hands with the captains "Bucko" Trainor and Morey Hamilton, the coaches Leo Lamoureux and Johnny Horeck and the referees. On the way out they again spoke to the team captains and coaches and to all the players as they passed down the line. Kilby of Moncton was slightly cut on the side of the face and the Prince stopped and said a few words to him. As they walked down the carpeted "Ice Race" Band played "Auld Lang Syne" and the crowd roared their approval of the Royal couple. As they got to the door Prince Philip waved his scorecard above his head in farewell. The Royal couple were accompanied by His Honor Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Frowse and Mrs. Frowse, Premier J. Walter Jones and Mrs. Jones and acting Mayor J. D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart along with a number of other people.

Active Curling Season Plans Are Discussed

Preparing for a very active season the directors of the Charlottetown Curling Club have elected a new executive under the presidency of E. Frank Acorn. Other executive members are: Vice President and Chairman of the President Committee, Ralph Jones; Chairman of the Curling Committee, Bill MacNeill; Chairman of Property Committee, Roy Bevans; Chairman of Ice Committee, W. R. Jenkins; Chairman of Entertainment Committee, Jim Campbell; Secretary, Jim Burden; Treasurer, Danny O'Rourke. Confident that curling is due for a big year in the province, the new executive will start a drive for new membership immediately, with fifteen teams, each composed of two men, commencing a canvass on Tuesday, Nov. 13th. They will call on all old members and prospective new ones. The official opening of the club will take place at a date to be announced with a banquet and rally of the membership. Competitive curling will commence on Dec. 5th with a prize bonspiel, and it is the intention of the Games Committee under Bill MacNeill that a similar prize bonspiel will be held every week throughout the winter. "Bill" let it be known at the meeting that everyone would get plenty of curling in organized tournaments as well as in scratch games. The women's branch have their own schedule mapped out. There will be mixed curling every Saturday night. Occasionally on hockey nights there will be a mid-night bonspiel after the game. The entire interior of the club is being painted and redecorated. The floors are being scraped and polished. The Provincial Championships will be held in Summerside for the first time and the grand final of Canadian Curling, the MacDonald Briar Cup Competition is scheduled for Winnipeg.

McCurdy Cup Play Today

HALIFAX, Nov. 9 (CP)—Wanderers and Truro Bearcats clash here tomorrow in a sudden death semi-final in McCurdy play. The winner will go against the victor in the Saint John Mariner-Charlottetown Abbies series which winds up in Charlottetown tomorrow. Wanderers and Truro originally were scheduled to play a two-game, total-point series but this plan was scrapped when no official holiday was proclaimed for Monday.

Hamilton Juniors Win Football Title

HAMILTON, Nov. 9 (CP)—Hamilton Tiger-Cats captured the Eastern Canada junior football title tonight by shellacking Montreal Notre Dame De Grace Maple Leafs 17-0 in a sudden-death game. Tiger-Cats will meet either Edmonton or Saskatoon for the Canadian crown.

Y. M. C. A. A BOWLING Wednesday afternoon Ladies Bowling League. Team 1, 1243, 4 points; team 4, 1215, 1 point. High single: Mrs. Hooper, 177. High three: Mrs. Hooper, 450. Team 2, 1815, 1 1/2 points; team 3, 1838, 3 1/2 points. High single: Mrs. Clarke, 218; high three: Mrs. Taylor, 576.

SEE LEADS WAY KAPUSKASING, Ont. (CP)—Mrs. John Ferrier will be the first woman in Kapuskasing's history to run for city council when municipal elections are held in December. A lecturer on child psychology, she is the wife of John Ferrier, maintenance engineer, and mother of two children.

HUNTERS' CORNER

The rabbit season opens on November 15th and this columnist has no good news to rabbit hunters in respect to winter sport with the white bunnies. In short the outlook is anything but promising—rabbits are scarce, definitely so. To be perfectly frank I'm not coming 10 years ago. Six or seven years ago I began a campaign through the medium of this Column with a view of giving the sporting gamblers, with the powder puff tails, a much needed break. I advocated a shorter hunting season, a daily bag limit of five and stressed the advisability of eliminating the practice of snaring. I warned that it was sound policy to institute protective measures before the rabbit population sunk to an ebb where hunting them no longer continued to be a worthwhile sport. The season this time opened on November 1st and closed on the last of February. A few years ago November and February were cut giving a two month season on hares or rabbits—December and January. Such a howl went up from the rabbit hunting clan that an additional 15 days hunting was granted. The season now opens on November 15th and closes on January 31st and restrictions placed upon certain methods of snaring. The 1951 Game Act under Section (11) declares: No person shall (a) set a snare for hares or rabbits at the entrance to a baited cubby or circular enclosure; or (b) have in possession in the field any snare except during the open season for hares and rabbits.

This columnist does not want any reader to get the impression that I blame hunting for the rabbit shortage. Heavy gunning pressure has contributed to the decline but hunting for sport while a contributing cause, is not the main reason for the present slump. We have an unprecedented red fox population in the province at present and if every fox consumed only one rabbit per week we have approximately ten thousand rabbits weekly furnishing hot meals for the gentleman with the red coat and black spats.

Now don't get me wrong in this fox-rabbit relation. We have so many foxes with us that if they depended on rabbits (and chickens) for sustenance at least 90% of them would starve to death in less than two months. Ordinary field mice, and we have millions of them, are the red fox's main menu ration. The red fox will also eat berries, small fruits, beetles, grasshoppers, crickets, June bugs and what have you as well as game and insectivorous birds.

During periods of icy crusts, when the mice are reasonably safe from foxes, rabbits get a real work-out. Last spring in late February or early March we had a 10 day period of heavy crust and ice. Not far from the old homestead there is a dense swamp of roughly 4 acres in extent that harboured a heavy rabbit concentration. I'd say offhand anywhere from twenty to thirty. In a few days the foxes moved in and after a light snowfall fox tracks criss-crossed that swamp like a sheep yard. After a snowfall in April I again checked this cover. There may have been a pair of rabbits left. There may only have been one.

Despite what the foxes, owls, hawks, skunks, hunters, hunting dogs at large, etc., do to the rabbits, to my way of thinking, the real menace to the rabbits survival is the common house cat. The countryside is over run with cats. I know farmer hunters who have as many as five cats around their premises where one good cat would be sufficient. Where one finds one real mouser or rather in a cat family there are a dozen that are not worth their keep. They'd rather roam the fields and woodlots in search of

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Hawks Nip Islanders' Victory March With 5-3 Win Last Night

Johnny Horeck's Moncton Hawks broke the Islanders' winning streak at the Forum yesterday evening as they scored two unanswered goals in the last seven minutes of the third period and defeated the Islanders 5-3. The teams battled to a 1-1 draw in the first twenty minutes of play as Princess Elizabeth and her husband Prince Philip looked on. The Royal couple appeared to get quite a kick out of the game and clapped vigorously when "Red" Favero scored for the Islanders. Dennis Pillion on a play with defenceman Ronnie Matthews scored the goal that proved to be the winner for the Hawks in the third period. Less than four minutes later captain Morey Hamilton fired home an insurance marker. The win moves the Hawks into a second place tie with Charlottetown in the league standings. Each team has 15 points but Moncton has a game in hand. Burman of the Hawks led the players in scoring as he fired single goals in both the first and second periods. Ronnie Matthews scored the Hawks' other goal. "Red" Favero, "Hub" Beaudry and Willie Marshall split the Islanders' three goals between them. Favero scored in the first period, Beaudry in the second and Marshall in the third. The game was a close checking affair and play was ragged at times. The Islanders appeared to lack the drive they showed in Wednesday night's game against Sydney here while the Hawks looked more aggressive than in their game here last Saturday night. It was the third game in three nights for the Islanders. Referees MacLean and Hefferling handed out a total of seven penalties, three of them in the first period. Play was fairly even with the Islanders outshooting their opponents 18-17.

Former Islanders Troublesome Two former Islanders, Charlie Knox and Marcel Clements played a big hand in the Islanders' defeat as they picked up three assists between them. Knox had two and Clements one. Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip saw what was probably the best hockey of the game in the first period. Burman opened the scoring for the Hawks on a play with Kilby and Knox. Favero equalized matters by backhanding MacKenzie's rebound behind Don Lockhart. "Hub" Beaudry sent the Islanders ahead for the only time in the game early in the second session. Beaudry took Willie Marshall's pass from behind the net and slid the puck along the ice into the open corner. The lead was short lived as Ronnie Matthews drilled a long shot behind Gordon a little over four minutes later. Burman ended scoring for the period with a low slap shot that went under Gordon's outstretched leg. The Islanders tied it up three

minutes after the third period started when Willie Marshall scored the prettiest goal of the night. Marshall took a pass from "Hub" Beaudry at the Hawks blue line and sped around the Moncton defense. He cut in on Lockhart and slid the puck under the goalie's pads as he fell to the ice. But then the fire died out and the Islanders appeared to become listless. Bob Gray was struck over the eye with a high stick and had to be taken to the dressing room for repairs. He returned to the game but before he got back the Hawks had gone ahead 4-3 on Pillion's goal. Pillion laid the ground work for the Hawks final score. He sped down the right hand side and carried into the corner with a terrific burst of speed. His pass-out landed on Hamilton's stick and the clever centremen banged it into an open corner. Hal Gordon stopped the Hawks' goal twice in the last period or breakaways. He closed the door on Hamilton from close in and later on Scholes.

Islanders played without the services of Phil Vitale, Don Bellingier, Johnny Morrow and Dennis Smith "Toby" Brown made his first appearance and turned in several impressive bursts of speed. Neither Johnny or Danny Horeck played with the Hawks. From the press box it appeared as if Conny Bonhomme had scored a goal in the third period but the red light did not blink. Conny thought he scored for he turned around and fired his stick in the air. Jim MacKenzie in the first period and "Red" Favero in the last had breakaways but could not beat Lockhart. "Bucko" Trainor and Pirie drew majors for their boxing bout after "Bucko" scored with three hard rights. Bob Gray let go two of his blazing slap shots that just missed the target in the second period. Ronnie Matthews of the Hawks along with Lockhart played outstanding games.

Moncton — Goal, Lockhart; defence, Matthews, May, Winemaster, Olson; forwards, Hamilton, Marshall, Scholes, Marchant, Pillion, Prie, Burman, Kilby, Knox, Clements. Charlottetown — Goal, Gordon; defence, Travis, Dutchak; McLagan, Gray; forwards, Trainor, Favero, Merluk, Marshall, Bonhomme, Whitlock, MacKenzie, Pawlyshyn, Beaudry, Brown. Officials — MacLean and Hefferling.

SUMMARY
First Period
1—Moncton, Burman (Kilby, Knox) 4:08
2—Charlottetown, Favero (Trainor, MacKenzie) 14:42
Penalties — Favero 7:34, Dutchak 16:11, May 19:10.
Second Period
3—Charlottetown, Beaudry (Bonhomme, Marshall) 3:35
4—Moncton, Matthews (Clements) 8:30
5—Moncton, Burman (Kilby, Knox) 17:42
Penalties — Matthews 5:54
Third Period
6—Charlottetown, Marshall (Beaudry) 3:25
7—Moncton, Pillion (Matthews) 13:58
8—Moncton, Hamilton (Pillion, Scholes) 17:02
Penalties—Whitlock 6:28, Trainor 8:55 major, Prie 8:55 major.
Stops:
Lockhart 7 8 3-18
Gordon 4 5 8-17

Dutchak Goes To Hospital

Johnny Dutchak, hard hitting Islanders defenceman last night was taken to hospital as the result of an attack of influenza. Johnny played a strong game against the Hawks for two periods but in the last stages was almost out on his feet. Don Bellingier, Islanders left winger also went to hospital. Don suffered a gash in his leg on Wednesday night and was taken to hospital last night so that he could rest the leg. He is expected to be out by Monday.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 7 (AP)—Three men, two armed with sub-machine guns, held up a branch bank on Milwaukee's northwest side during a heavy snowstorm today and escaped with an estimated \$97,000.

LADIES' CURLING

A General Meeting of the Ladies' Branch of the Charlottetown Curling Club will be held in the Club House Wednesday, November 14th, at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend.
Lillian M. Duchemin, Secretary.

FORUM BULLETIN THIS WEEK

MONDAY—SKATING 8 to 10
TUESDAY—CHILDREN'S SKATING 4 to 5:30
WEDNESDAY—HOCKEY—8:30—SYDNEY HERE.
THURSDAY—CHILDREN'S SKATING 4 to 5:30
GENERAL SKATING 8 to 10
FRIDAY—HOCKEY—5 O'CLOCK—MONCTON
SATURDAY—GENERAL SKATING 3 to 5
GENERAL SKATING 8 to 10

"SPEEDY"
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