



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Jimmie Flood, Mrs. Joe O'Brien's Dad, dropped in to see us yesterday afternoon and showed us snaps of two two-year-olds that Joe is training for A. L. Derby of Wichita, Kansas. Vonian Chief is almost as large as his sire, Chief Abbedale 2.00 and the dead spit of him. The other two-year-old is by King's Counsel 1.58 and is a very large colt and a most promising one, as is also Vonian Chief. Another two-year-old that appears in the snap is Three To One by Darnley 1.59, owned by W. C. Evans, who has several horses in Joe's stable and who has been visiting Florida for some time. Joe has been busy lately sending in stake payments which were due on March 1st and 15th. No doubt they would run into hundreds of dollars, even thousands. He has decided to go to Toledo, Ohio, from Florida instead of to Roosevelt. The reason is that he has to race Mahlon Hanover 2, 2.04 on a mile track prior to the Hamiltonian and the work at Toledo will help fit him for the big event. Around the middle of June he will move to Roosevelt.

Sampson Hanover, a four-year-old pacer that will compete in a race for the first time this year, has all the horsemen talking about him. Frank Ervin, noted trainer, who has Sampson, tried his best to make a trotter of him but no, sir, he would not trot, so he turned him over to the pace and in time trials last October the green colt turned in remarkable mile track marks of 2:00 and later 1:59. The record for green pacers is 1:59—just one-fifth of a second faster. Many think that Sampson has a chance to take a wonderful mark this season.

Figures released show that harness racing was the fastest growing sport in America in 1950. Attendance in the United States was up 3.6 per cent to 7,037,540.

One of Greyhound's records set in 1935 was broken last year by Lord Stewart. It was the champion trotter's mark for three-year-old trotting geldings. Lord Stewart cut it to 2:02.8 and 2.02 in the course of winning 23 heats.

A writer in Yonkers Trot News says of Joe O'Brien: "Joe O'Brien, 120 pounds track-side, drives darily—won't be boxed in. Pound for pound and inch for inch you have got to go a long way to match the daring driving of Joe O'Brien. Joe likes to close with a rush, his horses are trained that way. A split second opening is usually all he needs to make a decisive move. Last year he drove two horses in 2:00 or better. The 34-year-old dare devil was top dash winning driver in both the United States and Canada in 1947. O'Brien didn't appear during the Yonkers Spring meet last year because of his commitments at Santa Anita, so he started slowly here piloting five horses during the summer and 63 in the long fall season. Final figures disclosed he finished as third leading driver in percentage with .373, behind only Stanley Dancer and Billy Houghton."

We appreciate very much a letter from Granville, F.E.I., asking us several questions. We call for a reply letter, but no name was signed. Thank you for the clipping from the Halifax Herald of September 9, 1929, showing the writer as winner of the Halifax Herald Trophy for largest number of points in the Nova Scotia Exhibition meet—24—with Johnny Conroy runner up with 22. Please send in your name and we will reply to your letter.

The following letter from Dr. George Bishop, now with Drs. Hagyard and Hagyard, veterinarians of Lexington, Kentucky, should be studied and kept by all breeders who read these notes. "I have always been pretty particular re internal parasites in horses. Since coming here it has been emphasized much more so and regular treatments are routinely used. As you are quite well aware, most people in our Maritime Provinces use the so-called Sure Shot capsule. This capsule contained either Carbon Tetrachloride or Carbon Disulfide and is effective in removing both stomach parasites (Bots and Strongyles or white round worms) and Strongyles or so-called blood worms in the small intestine. In my horses I used two separate preparations, namely, Carbon Disulfide for the stomach parasites (bots and ascarids) and since Phenothiazine came out on the market

I used that for Strongyles or Intestinal parasites or blood worms.

"Since coming here this phase of the horse work has really been emphasized and could quite well be emphasized among our owners and breeders in the Maritimes, especially those raising colts. As I have emphasized so many times these parasites except bots, give off a poisonous toxin that neutralizes the gastric juice of the digestive tract so they themselves can live there. When they become very plentiful they cause many disturbances and serious ones too. Blood worms or Strongyles cause Ananisms in the blood vessels of the small intestines. This is real serious. Bots cling to the lining of the stomach causing damage there. I would like for you to bring this parasitic treatment matter to the attention of the interested owners and they can rest assured that money is well spent.

"The animal does not have to be starved to use Phenothiazine. It is not poisonous. Two methods of treatment are employed here, the called low level treatment where it is fed for three weeks on and one off especially to colts when they are on pasture as the eggs of this blood worm is picked off the blades of grass. The other treatment with Phenothiazine for these worms is to give it as one dose alone in the liquid form with a dose syringe or stomach tube. For the Bots and Ascarids the Carbon Disulfide either in the 6 dram or 3 dram capsules is the only satisfactory treatment of these parasites: adults 6 dram, colts 3 dram. Yearlings usually take the six. They have to be starved for the Carbon. Withhold hay at noon and night. It's O.K. to give grain at noon but reduce it at night—administer the following morning, feed lightly three to four hours later.

"All of this could be done by some handy man. Here the owners that are on low level feed it as I have outlined. However, the Carbon Disulfide is given by the veterinarian. Usually the stomach tube is passed to save time on the colts but it is not necessary. I hope you can get a little to write up for the horse breeders there in your Saturday notes. Anything I can do for you or information I can pass please do not fail to write me. Kindly remember me to all those that you might meet."

All the tracks in the U.S.A. are reporting record breaking entries. We have before us the results of Saratoga where race secretary Frank Woodland states that 368 owners made 3,090 nominations on 737 horses for the regular 60 nights' summer meeting. This carries an all time high of \$195,400 in purses. Altogether the Spring and Summer stakes produce 3,386 nominations for 81 events. Among those who will be driving horses at Saratoga is George Thompson and it will mark his 51st year in the sulky. The Ruderman stable of Gouverneur, N.Y., will be at Saratoga with Bud Case doing the training and driving.

Jesse Sotatz, Director of Public Relations, Lexington, Kentucky, has kindly sent us the results of their ad for entries for their Grand Circuit stakes to be held at Lexington starting September 26, 1951. Well over 1,000 entries from 39 states and Canada are named to start during the meeting which is featured by the 59th renewal of the Kentucky Futurity for three year old trotters. This race will have the largest purse ever hung up for this annual classic. At the present there are 52 of the nation's best three-year-old trotters eligible to the contest which will get away October 4, 1951. If there are only ten starters the purse will be more than \$70,000.

Our good friend Dick Hegan of the Bank of Manhattan Company, Long Island, New York, has sent us clippings with plenty of news about the top trotters and pacers that are being prepared for the big race meets at Roosevelt, Yonkers, Saratoga, the Grand Circuit and elsewhere. One of these is a real dark horse for the coming season, Queen's Jay, a four-year-old trotter by Peter Song out of Joanna Bedell. The youngster earned his record of 2:08.2 at Yonkers last fall in his second start there and has trained so well this season that he has been entered

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Well, the Islanders have chalked off their third straight victory over Halifax in their Maritime Major League play, but required a breath-taking performance to do it, that gave the largest crowd to crum into the Halifax Forum this season one of the finest and most scintillating games of hockey to be witnessed during the long stretch of Big Four competition this year.

Coming from behind a 2-0 count at the end of first period of play, Leo The Lion's boys staged a powerful comeback in the second frame to deadlock the count only to fall behind again by one goal before the frame ended. In a powerful third period, once again the Islanders came abreast of a driving St. Mary's team, but this time to hold it and send the game into 18 minutes and 52 seconds of overtime play before a final decision was reached in favor of the Island pucksters.

Making his first return to the ice lanes after several weeks of inactivity and a staunch bout with pneumonia, Islanders red-hot-iced right winger Bruno Favero cloaked himself in glory with teammate Wes "Bucko" Trainor when they did the honors for the game-winning marker. Displaying a feat of clever play-making that has made him a favorite of the fans all season throughout the length and breadth of the Maritimes, Bucko started out from near centre ice with Favero for the winning effort. Dashing in over the blue line with Favero trailing, Trainor feinted and drew the Halifax defense over to one side and slid a drop pass to the close following Favero, the flashy Islanders winger doing the rest. Taking his time, Favero went right in on D'Amour to blast a sizzling shot over his shoulder to put an end to a terrific encounter.

It was a great victory for the Islanders but a really tough one to lose for a hard-battling Saints team who came up with masterful hockey all night to lead the way on the scoring through every stage of the game only to lose out at the crucial moment that left them no chance to recover their loss. It was the first time in the game that they were the underdogs on the scoring and must have been a heart-breaker for coach Sweeney Schriner and his St. Mary's pucksters.

Although it is little compensation for their loss, the Halifax aggregation certainly didn't lose any of the glory that marked them a great hockey club in that contest. They played driving, polished hockey all night that at times overshadowed the efforts of the final winners. The goaltending of both Hal Gordon and Eddie D'Amour rose to sensational heights at times throughout the contest that saw them make almost impossible saves, any of which might have been the deciding goal for either team.

The toughest feature for Halifax in their loss, is not so much the fact that it was just losing a contest that might have been anybody's game right to the final stage, but the fact that it puts them down three games in a series that the Islanders can wrap up with one more victory. To win the series now, Saints will have to win four straight games, a feat that would eclipse even Islanders' powerful series performance to date of three straight.

But it is by no means over yet, despite the fact that the Islanders are in the drivers seat, and Halifax fans have at least one more contest to look forward to tonight that might well rival Wednesday's contest for action-packed performance. It could be the finale to Big Four hockey for the 1950-51 season, but yet again could be the start to a long, hard

Semi-Finals In Minor Leagues Are Decided

In minor hockey playoff competition held at the Forum on Thursday, the Georgetown girls team won the Queens-Kings interscholastic title and the Bantam Abbies captured the same title in the Bantam division.

In the girls interscholastic play, the Georgetown team battled it out to a 1-1 deadlock with the West Kent School team in the second game of their home and home series to take the total round by a 3-2 count having taken the series opener at Georgetown 2-1. The Georgetown girls will now meet the Summerside Saint Mary's convent girls team in the Island Interscholastic finals in a sudden-death contest at the Forum this evening at seven o'clock.

Joan Murphy fired Georgetown's lone marker while Barbara Hamm accounted for West Kent's tally. In capturing the Queens-Kings Bantam title, the Abbies downed the Montague-Bantams by a 10-0 shutout in a sudden-death encounter. Holding the play over their opponents, Abbies fired three markers in the opening frame, two in the second, and added five more in the closing session for their lopsided victory.

The Abbies will now meet the Summerside Bantams in the Island finals here next week in a sudden-death meeting for the Provincial Bantam hockey title.

The following are the lineups and summaries:—

Girls Interscholastic First Period
1—Georgetown, Joan Murphy (DeLorie)..... 1:47
Penalties—Prosper.

Second Period
Scoring—None.
Penalties—None.

Third Period
2—W.K.S., Barbara Hamm (MacArthur)..... 13:55
Penalties—Walker.

Bantam Semi-Final
Abbies — Goal, B. Dillon; defence, E. Wood, D. MacLeod; centre, J. Kane; wings, R. Tanton, A. Chandler; subs, R. Duffy, G. Dillon, R. Jackson, L. Curley, R. Lee, J. Arsenault, T. Davies, Whalen.
Montague — Goal, D. Stewart; defence, J. Sullivan, A. Stewart; centre, M. Poole; wings, B. Clair, A. Murphy; subs, R. Sullivan, K. Peardon, P. DesRoches, C. Campbell, C. Reynolds.

Referees—Ralph Bech, At Perry
First Period
1—Abbies, Wood (Kane)..... 2:25
2—Abbies, Whalen (MacLeod)..... 8:47
3—Abbies, Arsenault (Lee)..... 10:20
Penalties—Arsenault, Lee.
Second Period
4—Abbies, Tanton (MacLeod) 7:40
5—Abbies, Arsenault (Kane, Davis)..... 12:10
Penalties—None.

Third Period
6—Abbies, Whalen (MacLeod)..... 2:35
7—Abbies, Duffy (MacLeod, Dillon)..... 6:14
8—Abbies, Arsenault (Curley, Davis)..... 8:15
9—Abbies, MacLeod (Wood, Kane)..... 10:55
10—Abbies, Duffy (Dillon)..... 1:15
Penalties—LeClair, Tanton.

Draw Today At Curling Club

The following is the draw for the Seagram's Trophy to be played this afternoon at the Charlottetown Curling Club:

3 p.m.
Ice 1—E. Dewling, G. Foster, R. Jones, R. Parent vs. A. Cameron, C. Trainor, H. MacNeill, J. S. Moore.

Ice 3—J. E. Burnett, M. Jenkins, D. E. MacDonald, J. S. MacDonald vs. E. McRae, F. R. Seaman, E. McInnis, F. R. McLame.
Other impromptu matches will be arranged for all members wishing to play.

battle before the league declares its final champion. Whichever way it goes, it will be no misstatement to say it will be a top-notch hockey contest. The teams have already put their stamp of quality on that.

Hockey Scores

Cape Breton Major (final)
Glace Bay 0, Sydney 2.
(Sydney leads best-of-seven series 2-0, one game tied).

Ontario Major (final)
Hamilton 3, Toronto St. Michael's (St. Michael's leads best-of-seven series 2-1).

Ontario Junior A (quarter-final)
Oshawa 3, Windsor 5.
(Windsor wins best-of-five series 3-2).

St. Catharines 1, Guelph 0.
(St. Catharines wins best-of-five series, 3-2).

Eastern Canada Senior (final)
Ottawa R. C. A. F. 2, Cornwall 5.
(Ottawa leads best-of-seven series 2-1).

Matches Scheduled Today At Local Curling Club

The first playoff in a mixed competition at the Charlottetown Curling Club will be played tonight. The draw follows:

7 P. M.
Ice 1—Mr. J. Hobbs, Jean Grant, Barry MacDonald, Ethel Taylor; vs. J. Larabee, E. Sweetwood, David MacLeod, Holly Taylor.

Ice 2—E. MacInnis, Mrs. MacLennan, Wm. Burnett, Mrs. M. Allan; vs. Arnett Howatt, Alberta Howatt, Dr. L. Prowse, Mrs. P. Frowse.

Ice 3—Frank Acorn, Pauline Clark, Frank Clark, Claudia Acorn; vs. M. Frazee, Marlon Dockendorff, Lyn Burnett, Anne Burnett.

Ice 4—Doug Saunders, Kay Johnson, John Mustard, Katherine Mustard; vs. Mr. M. Mellich, Velma Mellich, Gordon Raynor, Emily Raynor.

8:30 P. M.
Ice 1—J. Burden, P. Burden, Wm. Burden, Joan Burden; vs. Dr. W. L. MacDonald, Agnes Swindell, James Campbell, Georgina Campbell.

Ice 2—J. S. MacDonald, Doris MacDonald, Alfred MacNeill, Rita MacNeill; vs. C. MacDonald, Sybil MacMillan, Dr. H. McKenzie, Helen MacKenzie.

Ice 3—Walter Pickard, Ada Mahar, Dr. Fisher, Mary Robin; vs. W. H. Worth, Margaret Worth, Douglas Hill, Rosemary Hill.

Ice 4—Harper MacNeill, Anne Wood, Mel Jenkins, Etta Bell; vs. R. Jones, Agnes Hoyt, Waldo Hoyt, Nita MacDonald.

Spare: Elizabeth MacDonald, Marie MacNeill, Bessie Prowse, Jean Giddings, Connie MacMillan.
Players unable to curl please get your own spares.

Interscholastic Titles At Stake At Forum Tonight

The Island Interscholastic boys hockey championship will be at stake here at the Forum tonight when the Queen Square and Summerside school squads will clash there at 8 o'clock in a sudden death contest.

The Girls Interscholastic title will also be decided in a contest at the Forum one hour earlier when the Georgetown team, present Queens-Kings champs, clash with the Summerside St. Mary's Convent girls in a sudden death meeting.

Both games are expected to come up with some top-notch and closely contested hockey action before the final titlists are decided.

Two other Island titles will also be decided at the Forum this morning. The West Kent School Pee-Wees will clash with Kensington Pee Wees at 10 o'clock for the Queens-Prince title and the right to continue on into the Island finals for the Provincial Pee Wee championship against Souris. The finals will be played some time next week.

At 11 o'clock, the Provincial Paperweight hockey crown will be decided when the West Kent squad meet with Summerside in a sudden death contest.



HUNTERS' CORNER

I saw, and heard, my first Bronzed Grackle last Wednesday morning (March 21st... a most promising Spring omen. The Grackle seldom makes a mistake and this is a very early date for the bronze grackle to arrive. One other bird beats the grackle as a harbinger of Spring and that is the Flicker, better known to country residents as the Yellow Hammer. Wildgeese have an inclination to beat the gun where Spring is concerned. In late February and early March a sizable concentration of geese arrived in the province, a sort of Vanguard as it were. For the next few weeks the flight petered out but this last few days has picked up momentum once more.

Usually it is the first week in April before the main body of Canadas have arrived but this spring is liable to see the bulk of the geese here by March 31st. I saw several large flocks on wing on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Spring is definitely in the offing if not already here. I'm afraid farmers will not get their hauling done, particularly in respect to firewood and lumber, even if a fall of snow is expected, as the frost is well on its way out in the woods and swamps.

From time to time complaints have been voiced during the past several years regarding the practice of hunting mink with dogs and I understand that it is the intention of game authorities to advocate having this hunting method prohibited under the Provincial Game Act at the present sitting of the Legislature. Indians are the chief offenders in this connection and it is their favorite method of taking mink. I understand that the odd white trapper is also catching on to this little game.

An Indian will take a dog, preferably a nondescript mongrel on the small, low set side, and train him on nothing but mink. They seem to have a knack on picking the right type of dog and when they are through with him a mere whiff of mink will draw him just like a magnet. In the morning, a party of Indians and their dog, sometimes as many as three or four in the gang, will start out and cover a creek or river bank. The dog will never miss an occupied mink den or hole under a stump or windfall where a mink has elected to snooze away the day. The mink smell seems to drive them into a frenzy of excitement.

The Indians are equipped with axes, traps and sometimes a narrow spade. Once the dog has located a mink they'll plug up all holes except one and set traps at the remaining open exit. The dog spot where the mink is hiding and will start to dig over the exact spot where the mink is hiding and then the axe and spade is brought into play. If the mink tries to dart out the one remaining exit the traps are waiting for him. If the traps miss the dog is right there ready for him.

Once the dens on a certain waterway, and the little stop over sleeping holes, are dug out the mink leave the area. They cannot

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Abbies Capture Island Midget Hockey Ch'ship

The Charlottetown Abbies captured the Island Midget hockey championship at the Forum on Friday night when they downed the Summerside Midget Legionaires 5-3 in a sudden-death final match that produced an action packed, rugged contest.

Battling to a 1-1 draw in the first frame, the Abbies applied the pressure in the middle canto to slap home three tallies without a reply to give them their winning margin as the Legionaires again fought them evenly in the closing session to break even with a goal each.

The leading goalgetters for Abbies were Forbes Kennedy and G. Carroll who potted a brace each, while Ian Kennedy garnered Abbies' other marker. L. Clow and V. Harris were the Summerside marksmen with one each.

The game was a rough and ready affair all the way through that brought about a total of 19 penalties including six majors and a mis-conduct.

The Midget Abbies will now continue on into Maritime playoff competition.

The following are the lineups and summary:

Abbies — Goal, A. Douglas; defence, D. MacLeod, J. Moore, Carroll, F. Kennedy; wings, I. Kennedy, J. Squarebriggs; subs, C. Carroll, R. Whitehead, C. Gregory, J. Wertherlie, W. Hood, R. Lantz, J. Mullins, G. Tweedy, E. Shepherd.

S'ide. — Goal, W. Gillis; defence, V. Harris, M. Campbell; centre, M. Cannon; wings, L. Clow, C. Phillips; subs, A. Matthew, P.

HALIFAX, March 23 — (CP)— Halifax St. Mary's are confident they will deadlock the Eastern Canada Memorial Cup playdown here tomorrow when they play Inkerman Rockets in the second game of the best-of-five series.

The Ottawa Valley champions won the first game 9-7.

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FORUM WEEK — MARCH 19 TO 24

FRIDAY — CHILDREN'S SKATE — 4 TO 5:30
SKATING — 8 TO 10.

SATURDAY — SKATING — 3 TO 8
SKATING — 8 TO 10.

ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC PLAYOFFS TONIGHT

7 P. M.—S'ide Girls vs. Georgetown Girls
8 P. M.—S'ide High vs. Queen Square
SUDDEN-DEATH GAMES FOR ISLAND TITLES
Admission: Adults 35c; Children 25c

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