

SPORTS

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DOWN THE BACK STRETCH



We are glad to welcome to this column Earle Pemberton of Glouce Bay, N.S., who is very interested in sports of all kinds including harness racing. He has just received a copy of the Kentucky Derby Pictorial, a very beautiful book which gives all the details of the thoroughbred race Aristides in 1875. Determine in 1854. He has recommended to us a book written by one of the greatest sports writers of all time, the late Grantland Rice. The title is, The Tumult and the Shouting, and Earle quotes a poem from it as follows:

To Nell K. and to Determine, the Little Grey Horse I Had in the 54 Derby Winter Book. No larger than a pony's mate, I've watched you drive around the course, The first time that I've ever seen a heart much bigger than a horse. Responding to the challenge still, By neck and neck, by head and head, I've cheered you to the winning wire, Your heritage—a thoroughbred.

I only hope in pasture green You find deep peace along the way, And I may add, in parting words, I owe you for a lot of hay. —Grantland Rice.

James L. Read, noted harness horse authority of Truro, N.S., writes that he enjoyed our Review and that from all reports, 1954 harness racing has been extra good and with the Maritime horses and those purchased from the United States we may look forward to 1955 being even better. "No doubt you are pleased to see that Mr. Sol Camp" has taken two pages in the Christmas number of The Horseman and Fair World and there is an excellent wrap up of his many horses and the achievements of his trainer and driver Joe O'Brien."

Another correspondent from Massachusetts reading our Review racing now in the Maritimes but they don't seem to go as fast as when Joe O'Brien was down there, and Bill Stewart had his horses. I shall always believe that Rhea Mae 204½ and Marjorie Hanover 211 were a real loss when they did not reach the brood mare ranks. Marjorie was an ideal race mare and Rhea had a new driver nearly every race. Lady Hal 211½, that was raced last by Cecil Alexander of Saint John, was by Sampson Hal 202½, and he by Napier Direct 158½. There is very little of that blood in the Maritimes and Billy Direct 155 means command good prices here. Oakhurst Queen 213½, that was raced in Charlottetown around 1937 or '38, is a successful brood mare in the U.S.A. Your friend Billy Direct is wintering at Harrington, Del. He had a real good one this year in Victory Mac 210. I am going to attend the Horsemen's Banquet in Boston and will see Dannie Steele there and have a good talk with him about the days of old."

Some 200 head are wintering at the Harrington fair grounds plant and adjacent to the fair grounds Henry Clukey, the veteran Rockland, Me. trainer has the largest stable in training. Clukey, 34 head, has just completed a new half-mile training track, and is aiming for the opening at Magnolia Park on March 17.

Horsemen will welcome a new addition to their ranks in Eddie Michael of Michael Bros., Charlottetown. He is the proud owner of Long John, a 4-year-old gelding by Calumet Budlong 202½, dam Alestra 212½. He is now in Cyril Smith's stable at Hunter River. This young chap is extremely well bred both on the sire's side and the dam's. Everyone knows about Calumet Budlong 200 sires but few remember that Alestra is by Real Frisco 207½, and that her dam was Blonde Lady 3, 205½, by The Senator 3, 208½. She was brought here by the late Professor S. A. Rockford and with not too much preparation took her record. She is the dam of such good performers as Sandy Budlong 211 4/5, Bud's Best 212 and others. Long John was bred by Bert Younker, Winslow.

Many of our horsemen will remember that years ago one of the best of our visiting stables was that of Reed Bros., Fort Fairfield, Maine, which Monte Gerow would bring down a week or two before Old Home Week and leaving would carry away good percentage of the purse money. Monte Gerow's Hoof Beats refers to the stable as follows: "It was just 40 years ago the past week that the Christmas number of the American Horse Breeder of Boston carried a featured story on the success of the stable of P. H. Reed of Fort Fairfield, Me. That season the yearling colts of the fifth straight year led the money winners of the Maine circuits. The stable had one of the top half-mile stars of the New England season, Thomas 214½, winner of 11 of his 12 starts, his lone defeat coming in his final race of the year." Now Mr. Reed's son George is the owner of one of the all time pacing greats of New England — Philip Scott 150 2/5 with winnings of \$116,000, just \$400 from being the leading money winning pacer of 1954.

And S.A. Wethen & Son of Fort Fairfield, Me., who also raced here

for years and for a time held the track record of 2:08 with Eula H., had the top winning pacer to come out of New England States this year in Chuck Volo 2:00, bred and owned by them. Chuck's total winnings are \$129,800 and he is now at Pinehurst, N.C., with other members of the stable getting ready for another shot at the top money stakes of 1955. Our congratulations to the Wathens and our best wishes for success again this year, and also our thanks for the lovely calendar which they so kindly sent us.

Also at Pinehurst is Earle Avery with 18 horses in his stable and more additions to come. Top on his list in the way of records is Ellsforda 2:00, that Mrs. W. E. Miller of Ovenshill, Md., purchased at the dispersal sale of her late husband, the founder of Rosecroft Farm and Rosecroft Raceway. Others being trained are Uhlen Pingo 2:03 3/5, Betty French 2:05 2/5 and a number of two and three-year-olds. For the Clearview Stable of Winthrop, Maine, he has Flet Mignon 2:07 and six 2 and 3-year-olds, Top Brass 2:11 1/5, owned by Richard Jabalee, North Sydney, N.S. and King Adam 2:03 2/5, owned by Ralph Del Mosse, Augusta, Me. Altogether there are 220 trotters and pacers in active training at Pinehurst track with another 20 due to come in this month. Two shoeing shops are in operation, one of them by Jack Raymond and his sons, Billy and Harry. This is the 30th season that Jack has been shoeing horses at Pinehurst plant. Of course the largest stable at Pinehurst is conducted by Franklyn Safford, who years ago used to sport an avoirdupois of over 250 pounds, but has the past couple of years whittled it down to around 185. He is one of the top reinmen of the U.S.A.

Russian athletes, Russian football teams and Russian hockey players are coming right into the limelight and Russian trotters are also making fast time over tracks in that country. So highly are they thought of that they are being purchased by Norwegian and Swedes. The 5-year-old Turist goes to Norway and Nebasklon to Sweden. The former was priced at about \$7,500 and the latter about \$18,000. They are pure Orloff's, which is a strictly Russian breed. The latter is a small town great runner Greescue 2:02½, was sold to the Russian government for \$50,000 and in 1913 Baden 2:04½, the largest money winning trotter of the previous year was sold to Russia for \$25,000. The Russians are supposed to be inventors of troshensk. Then around the beginning of the 19th century trotters became favorites with many horsemen in the Eastern United States and the breed developed rapidly.

In our mention of the latest addition to the Cyril Smith Stable at Hunter River we should have included a lovely 2-year-old colt, Helen's Dream by Jolilly 2:05½, dam Charlotte B, 2, 209½, by Cold Cash 1:58½, owned by Mrs. James P. O'Brien of Charlottetown. This youngster has perfect manners and Cyril is breaking him and believes he will be a real one.

We were quite intrigued by a photo which appeared in this page in training. Clukey showing our friend Ensor Bowness of Summerside taking off to plunge in the cold waters of Summerside Harbor. Despite the better than freezing temperature he enjoyed a brief swim. To the friends who accompanied him to really see if he would make the plunge Ensor remarked, "If Summerside wintered, I would not freeze over to race on then I'll swim in it". Ensor is a good sport in every way and a popular harness horse driver who has held the ribbons over some of the best racing performers in recent years and last July gave Ann's Boy a record of 2:10 1/5 at Summerside, and now he has the winter swimming championship, possibly a Prince Edward Island record.

In our Review of Harness Racing for 1954 mentioning our drivers away from home, we had the following: "In the list of 221 leading money winning drivers in 1954 released by the United States

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Charles And Norkus Sign For Feb. 18 Bout

NEW YORK (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles and contender Charley Norkus of Fort Washington, N.Y., will clash in a 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden, Feb. 18, promoter Jim Norris said Friday. The bout will be broadcast and telecast.

Charles, No. 3 contender behind Nino Valdes and Don Cockell, hasn't fought since he was stopped in eight rounds by champion Rocky Marciano Sept. 18, 1952. Norkus, No. 10 contender, has won three in a row. He beat Cesar Brion, stopped Charlie Powell in seven, and outpointed Roland La Starza, the last on Dec. 1.

JESUIT ORIGIN
The University of Ljubljana in Yugoslavia was founded by the Jesuits in 1525.

Clifford MacDonald Rink Takes Rendezvous Trophy

Thursday night the final game in the Rendezvous Trophy was won by the Clifford (Jiggs) MacDonald team, defeating the Wendell Worth team 9 to 5.

The Rendezvous Trophy, and 4 prizes was donated a few years ago by the owners of the Rendezvous Restaurant to be played for each year as a club championship trophy. In this competition the best curlers make up teams. This year 17 teams were in the competition and Jiggs, with his team, went through without a loss to claim the coveted prizes.

Draw for today:
2 p.m.
Ice 1—A. W. Hyndman, Had Macinnis, C. J. Boudreau, Dr. Brown vs. S. Moore, S. Beaton, Geo. Burden, R. Partridge.
Ice 2—S. Moore, W. Goss, H. Dobson, Bill Robinson vs. J. J. Morris, T. Milton, G. MacKnight, R. Le-Clair.

Ice 3—Dr. W. MacDonald, J. Squarebriggs, A. Likely, S. Willis vs. J. S. MacDonald, Hal Spillet, Harper MacNeill, R. Ewing.
Ice 4—W. Worth, Ron Parker, A. A. MacLeod, A. MacDonald vs. L. Turner, D. Gedwick, Paul O'Rourke, S. Crosby.

Open Golf Meet At Montreal In Aug.

LONDON, Ont. (CP)—The third annual \$26,500 open golf championship will be played at Montreal Summeria course Aug. 25-28, it was announced Friday. Dates have been approved by U.S. and Canadian Professional Golfers Associations.

Last year's tournament was played at Toronto Scarborough, where winner was Bud Holscher of Santa Monica, Calif., on the pro tournament circuit for the first time. Doug Ford won the first tournament, at Montreal two years ago.

Former Boston Goalie Tries Out With Que. Aces

QUEBEC (CP)—Former Boston Bruins goalie, Jack Gelineau, who announced his retirement from hockey early this year, practised with Quebec Aces of the Quebec Hockey League Thursday.

Aces general manager George Imlach said Gelineau has not decided whether to sign with the Quebec club.

Imlach said he approached Gelineau Wednesday after Aces' goalie, Dave Gathrum, was injured in the first period of a game with Montreal Royals Aces' spare goalie, Jean Marois, was sold recently to Providence Reds of the American Hockey League.

Gelineau now works in Quebec City.

Gelineau played for Aces from 1951 to 1954. In the 1949-50 season he played four games for Boston and the next year won the Calder trophy with Bruins.

Bob Richards Still Simon Pure Amateur

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—Bob Richards, America's No. 1 pole vaulter, is still a simon pure amateur.

The Southern Pacific Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, after investigating Richards' appearance on a television program during which he received several gifts, came up with this ruling late today:

"The gifts that were presented during the 'This Is Your Life' program on the occasion of Rev. Robert Richards' appearance on this show, were presented to the Church of the Brethren of Long Beach (of which he is pastor) in the interests of furthering its services to the members of its congregation and the community."

"In the light of these circumstances, it is the decision of the registration committee that the amateur status of Richards has not been jeopardized."

The statement was issued by Larry Houston, chairman of the rules committee.

Among the gifts handed to Richards at the conclusion of the TV program last Wednesday night was a dummy set of keys to an automobile. AAU officials became alarmed immediately, and Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer, wired Houston to investigate at once.

Bob Feller Signs With Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Pitcher Bob Feller, six times a 20-game winner and the American League's oldest player in point of service, Friday signed his 17th contract with Cleveland Indians. He told reporters he signed for about the same amount he got last year, between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

Last season he won 13 and lost three, with an earned-run average of 3.09.

Hawks Score 4-3 Overtime Win

AMHERST, (CP) — Veteran Freddy Weaver fired a screener shot in the final minute of overtime here Friday night to give Moncton Hawks a 4-3 win over Amherst Ramblers in an Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League game.

Shoot Results At Local Club

Following are the results of a recent Charlottetown Rifle Club shoot.

A. Gormley	97
G. G. MacLennan	97
G. J. Rogers	97
R. E. Jenkins	96
Ron McDonald	94
Robert Peterson	94
W. MacLean	94
Mrs. G. J. Rogers	94
E. Norrie	94
B. B. Jones	94
P. J. Landrigan	94
Mary MacLennan	93
R. Oulton	93
M. Horne	91
M. Carver	90
Wanda MacMillan	89
Paul Jenkins	89
R. Kennedy	88
Garth MacLennan	88
A. MacRae	87
Jean Grant	87
E. Higgins	84
Ron Atkinson	80
R. Hayes	80
Mary Gamble	80
A. Swan	80

Rules No Criminal Action In Death Of Boston Boxer

BOSTON, (AP)—Chief municipal court justice Elijah Adlow said Friday, welfare of boxers "has been subordinated to the spectators' lust for brutality" in ruling there was no cause for criminal action in the recent ring death of one-time Olympic heavyweight-champion Ed Sanders.

In a scathing inquest report the judge added that if there were no law making boxing legal "an assault entailing such consequence would constitute murder."

He referred to Sanders' death as no accident, saying:

"Both medical examiners insisted that the objective of boxers is to deliver a knockout punch. In their opinion a knockout punch means nothing more than to inflict a brain injury on the contestant. 'There is nothing accidental about it.'"

"It is a deliberate and purposeful act which is not only condoned and sanctioned but a tradition of the ring that is actually expected and demanded by the spectators."

SAYS RULES IGNORED

Sanders, a navy sailor, died Dec. 12, of a brain injury 17 hours after he had been knocked out by Willie James in the 11th round of a 12-round match for the New England heavyweight title.

Judge Adlow sharply criticized what he described as lack of protective devices and said rules were ignored when the men were matched.

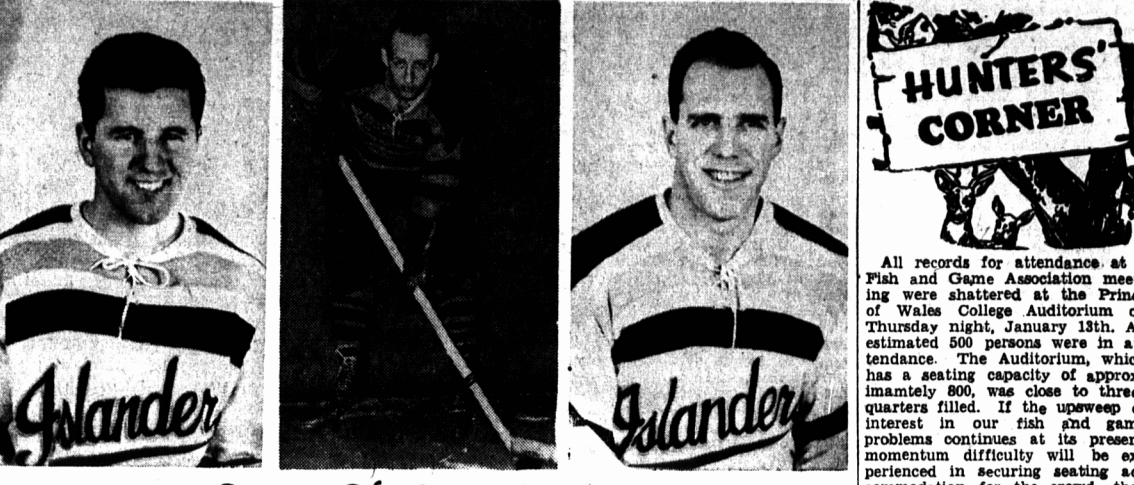
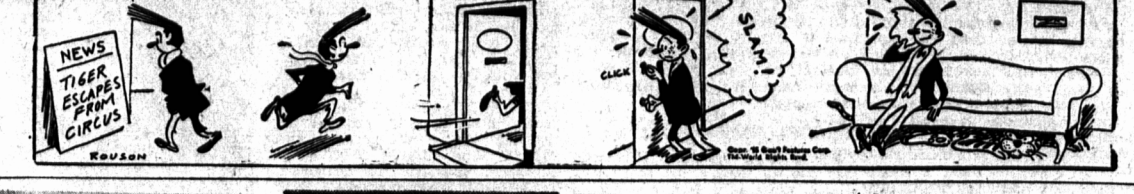
He said regulations of the state boxing commission provide that matchmakers shall not make matches where one of the contestants is outclassed.

"It would appear this particular rule was ignored in permitting this match," he added.

BASKETBALL S. D. U. GYM — SATURDAY, JAN. 15

SAINT DUNSTAN'S UNIVERSITY Vs. SAINT JOHN ATLANTICS
Time 8:30 Adm. 50c

LITTLE SPORT



Stars Of Last Night

Above are three of the stars of the game between the Charlottetown Islanders and the Fredericton Capitals at the Forum last night. At right is coach and defenceman, Steve Brklacich who played most of the sixty minutes of the game last night, while he, along with Danny O'Connor gave

Whitlock Has Hat-Trick

Islanders Maintain Lead With 3-2 Win Over Caps

The league-leading Charlottetown Islanders, riding the crest of a three-game mid-season slump, cracked the ice, with two goals in the opening period at the Forum last evening and went on to defeat the Fredericton Capitals 3-2 in a very fast and rugged encounter before a fair crowd.

The Islanders playing only two regular defencemen, their sub-goalie and without the services of two of their high-scoring forwards, controlled the play for most of the game against the fast skating McIntosh gang.

The Islanders' high scoring centerman, Roy "Buck" Whitlock banged in his 386th, 387th, and 388th goal as he collected all three Islanders markers. Equally as outstanding as Buck's hat-trick performance, was the terrific display of net-minding put on by Islanders' sub-goalie Frank Roper as he held the sharp-shooting Caps off the scoring sheet to within less than five minutes of the game's end.

Frank, who was playing only his second game of the season, turned aside a total of 26 shots, many of which were of very short range.

Referees Art Perry of Charlottetown and Joe Hunter from Summerside had a very easy night of it as they awarded only four minor penalties in the three sessions. No goals were scored on the penalties.

The win for the Islanders was a must if they were to hold the lead in the ACSHL. Before the game they held a slim two point margin over the Moncton Hawks. Had the Islanders lost with the fans collecting their win, it would have left the Hawks in position to take the lead in their contest against the Capitals in the Hub City Stadium tonight.

In the tussle at the Forum last evening, the Islanders skated out on the ice with the odds heavily against them and thrilled the fans as they took a one-goal lead with only 16 seconds gone in the game. Bob Gray carried the puck into Caps zone and dropped it back for Danny O'Connor at the blue-line. Danny let go a blazing slap shot from about 30 feet out. Plumber Craig in the Fredericton nets kicked out the shot, but Buck Whitlock was "Johnny on the Spot" and promptly batted it back in the cage as defenceman Jackie Heon stood in Craig's line of vision.

The Islanders continued to lay on the pressure with Vip Palladino, who is back after a month's absence, hitting the goal post at 3:00 as Campbell and Carver swarmed over the Fredericton cage-man. At last, Bob Gray slipped a pass to Vip at center and the fast left-winger carried in over the Caps' line, got around the playing coach Jim McIntosh and slid a goal-mouth pass to Buck Whitlock, who again beat Craig from the

same position in which he scored the first counter. Craig came up with two sensational stops shortly after the 11 minute mark as Campbell drove a hard one at him and then Carver blazed away on the rebound.

Playing coach Steve Brklacich of the Islanders, who played a stand-out game for his team, dished out the hardest check of the season when he caught Tim Bliss racing up over center and landed him on his head in the front row of seats. The line of Ray Leduc, Wimpy Jones and Bubby Dowling was very dangerous every time it stepped on the ice.

The first seven minutes of the middle session produced some of the fastest and best hockey of the season with the Caps for the first time getting a slight edge in the territorial play. Frankie Roper was hot as he stopped a hard shot off the stick of Bob Leger at 11:00. Brklacich handed out the hardest check of the game as he dumped big Rheel Grenon of the Caps at center ice shortly after the half-way mark. There was no scoring in this frame and only one minor penalty, to Danny O'Connor for delaying the game, was awarded.

Frank Roper came up with several sensational saves after the final intermission. He stopped a nice scoring chance as Whitlock made it 3-0 for the locals shortly before the mid-way mark of the period as Gray centered out from behind the Caps' cage and Buck banged it by Craig again. Then the Capitals got two beautiful chances as Roper was left at the mercy of Bernie MacDonald and Bob Leger and the Capital forward made the breaks pay off and came to within one goal of the Islanders' lead, Roper was equal to the task confronting him and saved the win for the Islanders as the Caps swarmed the local net with only seconds left in the match.

Roper replaced Jim Shirley who suffered a groin injury in the game in York Arena on Thursday night. The week-end will give Coach Brklacich a chance to get his team straightened out and all the men, with the exception of Wally Kullman, should be back for Tuesday's game against the Ramblers at the Forum.

South Africa To Move Africans

STELLENBOSCH, South Africa (Reuters) — The South African government plans to remove all the 178,000 Africans from the southwestern area of Cape province, traditional home of the mixed-blood "Cape Coloreds," W. Eilsen, secretary for African affairs, said Friday.

He said the living together of Africans and Cape Coloreds would lead to "moral retrogression and economic impoverishment."

During the last few decades the influx of Africans to the area had rapidly increased because of industrial development. Africans now are ousting the Cape Coloreds from their jobs, he said.

He contended that the coloreds regard the Africans as intruders who keep down wage scales and encroach in a demoralizing manner on home and family life.

WINE SPECIALIST GRAVESEND, England (CP) — Fireman R. C. Green's hobby is wine-making. His stock of 300 bottles of home-made wine includes 30 different varieties, ranging from rice to rhubarb.

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SATURDAY—	Skating	3 - 5
	Rural-Urban Night	8 - 10

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HUNTERS' CORNER

All records for attendance at a Fish and Game Association meeting were shattered at the Prince of Wales College Auditorium on Thursday night, January 13th. An estimated 500 persons were in attendance. The Auditorium, which has a seating capacity of approximately 800, was close to three-quarters filled. If the upsurge of interest in our fish and game problems continues at its present momentum difficulty will be experienced in securing seating accommodation for the crowd that streams through the doors.

This was the monthly meeting of the Queens County Branch and was presided over by the president T. M. Gillies. A lively discussion Continued on page 12

Coffee Prices Down In Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—Coffee prices in four grocery chain stores were reduced Friday following announcement by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. Thursday of a six-cent reduction.

Reductions of six cents in lower-priced brands and two cents in others were announced by Loblaw's Groceries, Dominion Stores and Power Super Markets. An official of the Independent Grocers' Association said a feature is being run this week with prices down five to seven cents. A firm price policy will be announced next week.

The drop leaves retail coffee prices ranging between 99 cents and \$1.08 a pound.

New Bodyguard For The Queen

LONDON (Reuters)—The Queen has a new bodyguard—a suave, dapper policeman who discreetly carries his gun under a jacket specially tailored to conceal the tell-tale bulge.

Superintendent A. E. Perkins, 47, a London policeman since 1927, has been appointed to the job, it was announced Friday.

He has been keeping a protective watch over the Queen Mother for three years.

He takes over from Superintendent T. J. Clark who was the Queen's bodyguard on her Commonwealth tour last year. Clark is returning to ordinary police duties.

The new royal guard will sit up front in the Queen's car and like his predecessors probably be mistaken for a more obscure member of the royal family. It will be his job to follow the Queen whenever she leaves Buckingham Palace.

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