



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Horsemen are reminded that the third payment of ten dollars for the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club's Futurity Stakes for two, three and four-year-old trotters and pacers will be due and payable June 1st when horses must be named. The secretary is W. G. Gillespie, 220 Kent Street, Charlottetown.

Leonard Barrieau writes from Lakeburn, N. B. - "I have sold the filly out of Jeanne Trux, by Federal 201 3-4, to Cecil H. McKinley, Houlton, Maine. I have four young colts this Spring out of my brood mares: Volo Ray, Jeanne Trux, Leah Guy and Pine Ridge Beverly. I expect two more out of Elsie Louise and Tonty Patch. They are all by Federal."

R. J. Clarke, secretary Victoria Driving Park, Springhill, N. S., writes that he has engaged the Bert Redmond Starting Gate from Halifax for the race meet Wednesday afternoon, May 24th, for which a splendid entry list has been received for the three classic races. A large crowd is expected to attend this opening Nova Scotia meet.

And now we hear from C. H. MacGinley, Houlton, Maine - "I read Down The Back Stretch with great interest even though I am not acquainted with quite a number of the horses that appear in your notes. I have subscribed for horse papers for fifty years and have files of the old American Horse Breeder, Horse Review and Christmas numbers from 1901 to the time they suspended publication. Since then I have taken the Harness Horse and Western Horseman and have filed them away and get many calls from local horsemen to look up old-time races or pedigrees to settle arguments that develop when horsemen get together. The mention of Vella La Vella made me think of the time her great-grandam, Goldie C. 204 1-4, was shipped in to Aristocrat County under the name of Miss Eva and started in a ringing exhibition. Horsemen became suspicious of her and she was retired to avoid exposure.

"She produced Lucy L. 206 1-4 before she ever raced. She was Vella La Vella's grandam, and was bred in Aristocrat County. The Problem 204 1-4 and produced the pacer Ira D. 216 1-4 that was a fast colt before breaking a leg before he had raced much. Local horsemen are having good luck with their foals. Nine of Harold Birmingham's mares have foaled nice, smart colts and fillies by Bell Boy 201, with four just to arrive and Bob Ryan's mares have five foals by Rusty Frisco 207 1-4. Bob is at Roosevelt Raceway with eight head including Major Song 206 4-5, Freddy Chief 207 4-5, Colonel Dan 209 2-5, Speedy Guy 214 4-5, Air Wave 217 1-5 and three two-year-olds. One of these is especially promising, a trotting filly by Hot Feet 203 1-2. She trotted a mile in

2:24 2-5 the first week in May. Freddy Chief has been sold for a reported price of \$3,000, but is being left with Bob until a western trainer ships in who will take him over. Free Trade, well known down in your country and formerly raced by Johnny Campbell, has been sold by Ralph Berry of Houlton, to Dr. H. B. Keirstead of Presque Isle.

"Clarence Black of Pleasant Dale Farm, Berryville, Va., the home of Watchin 206, Peter Song 200 and others, has bought Alma Budlong 208 1-4 that raced so well in the Maritimes a few years ago and his track was up last week for her. I believe she is a full sister to May Budlong 210 2-5, owned in Woodstock, N. B. I was over to Moncton last week and bought quite a nice yearling filly by Federal 201 3-4, dam, Jeanne Trux 206 1-4, dam of Jeanne All 211, record taken in 1949. Federal is a handsome stallion and I should think would be a hard horse to beat in the show ring. He sires beautiful colts and it does not seem possible that a horse so well bred and such a good race horse could fail to be successful. His oldest colt in New Brunswick will be three this Spring but there are very few of them. I saw Polly Reynolds 211 by Dick Reynolds 1:59 1-2, she is eligible to the 2:23 pace, and Maxie Sandlin 3, 2:24, by Chief Counsel 1:57 3-4. They are in training at Moncton track. The latter was bred to Federal and produced a beautiful filly, now a yearling. Maxie looks like a high class pacer in her work."

Today Maritime friends of Joe O'Brien will be eagerly waiting for the news from Santa Anita where he and Brewer's Gallon 203 will be very busy in the \$7,500 Fullerton Trot. A large field is expected to line up at the Starting Gate, several of them horses that have trialed in 204 or better and Lady Luck will play a considerable part in the result—the horses are apparently so evenly matched. Here's hoping that Joe comes through with a win with Brewer's Gallon for our good friend and owner, B. C. Cruickshank, Halifax.

Frank Hamm, Mount Herbert, has sold his prize saddle mare, Neladale by Playday 204 1-2, to Tombs brothers of Charlottetown. Mr. Hamm expects another foal out of the same mare and by the same sire in July. Neladale, although not four years old until July 19th, weighs 1,250 lbs., and stands sixteen hands high. She has plenty of style and perfect manners and will certainly make her mark in the show ring. It is Tombs brothers intention to exhibit her at Charlottetown, Amherst and the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto. We wish them the best of luck.

Truro race track is a very lively spot at present with horse coming in almost every day. The

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Just about everywhere one looks recreation centres are being put in shape for the opening of the summer sporting season. The Victoria Park area, which supplies the bulk of facilities is particularly busy. Men are engaged at Memorial Field and the Old Diamond, spreading out the playing fields, track and the repairing of the buildings etc. that are connected with the premises.

The new bleachers for instance, that have been erected behind the screen at home plate has added much to the site and has created an additional seating capacity of some 250, which should be highly appreciated by attending ball fans this season. For the purpose of track and field and other events, the new stands will also be a welcome addition to those who want a good vantage point to witness forthcoming activities.

The Charlottetown Tennis Club are also busy engaged in giving the courts and grounds a thorough going over before the season gets underway, and already the six clay courts there are really looking in tip-top shape, even though there is considerable dragging, rolling and other fixing up still to be done.

Golfing centres such as the Belvedere and Green Gables courses are also coming in for their share of "spring cleaning," and where the former course is concerned much has been done already in preparation for the official opening on May 24th. It is understood that the Charlottetown Golf Club members have organized a "house cleaning" party which will swing into action this week to give the clubhouse itself its final scrubbing and polishing as a finishing touch to the clean-up operations.

Cecil "Bobby" Dowling, Club professional at the Green Gables Course at Cavendish, informed this writer yesterday, that the club will also make its official opening on May 24th and that he will be there permanently from that date on, to give instructions and carry out his many other duties as club professional. Mr. Dowling also stated that in addition to the regular play there this season, he is planning a number of special tournaments that will add considerably to the interest and activity over the picturesque sea-side course.

Local anglers who will be wetting a line in Whitlock's Pond over the week-end, probably won't notice anything different than usual, (unless they aren't catching anything), even though one definite change has taken place. The mill and pond is no longer Mr. Whitlock's but now the jointly-owned property of Messrs. Carl Christianson and J. J. Betton of Dundas Centre.

Anglers, however, need not be alarmed over this change, as it is understood that the new owners have every intention of carrying on in the same manner as has been the custom in the past, that of open fishing to all who wish to take advantage of the fine trout to be had there.

The genial welcome that is always accorded the visitor at Whitlock's by Mr. William McLellan, the boat manager, will also remain unchanged. Mr. McLellan will be retained by the new owners in that capacity to look after the needs and allot the boats to the visiting anglers.

Whether or not the name of the site will be changed officially in accordance with the new ownership, this writer does not know. But there is one thing we are reasonably sure of, and that is that to the frequent visitor, it will be hard for them to think of it in any other terms other than "Whitlock's Pond"; a name that has become as fixed as the property itself, through the efforts, goodwill and sporting spirit of Mr. Edgar Whitlock himself.

Preakness Looks Like Three-Horse Race Today

By John Chandler
BALTIMORE, May 19 (AP)—Seven three-year-old colts, including the big three from the Kentucky Derby, are scheduled to tangle tomorrow in the 75th Preakness at Pimlico.

Just about everybody thinks it will be a three-horse race among Middleground, the Derby champ, Hill Prince and Mr. Trouble, who chased the King Ranch flyer under the wire at Louisville two weeks ago.

A crowd of 35,000 is expected for the 1 3-16 mile event. Most fans are asking "can he run in the mud?"

The track is a mass of sticky mud after heavy overnight rain. The weatherman offered partial clearing, but possible showers again by tomorrow afternoon.

Besides the big three, the field lines up with Sylvester Labrot's Arcave, Mrs. James Carson's Kinsman, Mrs. William H. Labrot's Balkan, and Dooly, who goes as an entry with Mr. Trouble for C. V. Whitney.

Hill Prince, who holds a decision over Middleground in the Wood Memorial and Withers Mile, is owned by Chris Cheney. Middleground is the pride of the vast Texas King Ranch of Robert J. Kleberg.

Whitlock's Mill and trout pond, one of the island's leading trout fishing sites, has changed ownership, it was learned here yesterday.

The new owners are Messrs. Carl Christianson and J. J. Betton of Dundas Centre, who made the purchase of the property from Mr. Edgar Whitlock of Charlottetown.

It is understood, however, that the new owners will carry on the operation of the mill and the catering to those who wish to fish in the pond the same as it has been conducted by Mr. Whitlock in previous years.

Messrs. Christianson and Betton are also retaining the services of Mr. William McLellan as their boat manager, who will take care of the visiting fishermen in his usual genial manner.

Wildgeese have been very plentiful this spring and opportunities for poaching have been legion. Anyone who was so minded would have no great trouble in securing a goose for the roasting part this spring. Some took a chance but the majority of hunters played the game and left the old shooting iron hanging on the wall or standing behind the closet door.

There are some however, and I sincerely wish there were more of their kind, who resent such carryings on and will pass along word to the proper authorities. Sometimes a little tip-off will work wonders. A few weeks ago I arrived at the office and one of the boys reached me with the mail basket and handed me a letter with the remark: "I didn't think you would hold anything back on us X". The address was written in feminine handwriting but the letter inside was penned by a masculine hand.

HUNTERS' CORNER

By Rouson

The month (May) has entered on its last lap and hundreds of wildgeese are still with us. Two days ago I drove past a flock of about fifty of the big honkers and they barely glanced in my direction although the nearest birds were within easy gunshot. Such indifference is not shown in some sections and for very good reasons.

In certain districts illegal shooting of geese has taken place. R.C.M. Police are investigating a number of such incidents and several have progressed to the point where prosecutions have been entered.

Bill Joe Louis For \$58,938 Income Tax

CHICAGO, May 19 (AP)—The United States Government today filed a \$58,938 income tax lien against Joe Louis, former heavyweight boxing champion.

Internal revenue collector John T. Jarecki said the lien filed with the county recorder represented \$58,938 in unpaid income tax for 1947, and \$5,855 interest and penalty.

The recorder's office said the lien would freeze any income from property Louis might sell until the government's claim is satisfied. It would also permit the county to file the entire gate receipts if Louis should fight again in Chicago.

Baseball Standings

Table with columns: National League, International League, American League. Rows include Philadelphia, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York, Cincinnati, Montreal, Springfield, Syracuse, Rochester, Toronto, Baltimore, Buffalo.

Week-End Games

American League: Saturday: New York at Chicago; Washington at St. Louis; Philadelphia at Detroit; Boston at Cleveland. Sunday: Boston at Chicago (2); Philadelphia at St. Louis (2); Washington at Detroit; New York at Cleveland (2).

Former Golf King Is Recovering

Yankees, Cleveland And Detroit Win Only Games Played In Big Leagues

By The Canadian Press
Rain again cut into the baseball schedule yesterday when all four National League games were postponed and two out of four games in the American. Three international League games were postponed, one because of wet grounds and one because of cold weather.

In the American, New York edged Chicago 2-0 on a pitcher's duel between Tommy Byrne and Bob Cain.

Pitcher Sam Zoldak's relief work paved the way for Cleveland's 4-1 victory over Boston Red Sox.

When Bobby Doerr's line drive bruised Mike Garcia's right wrist in the second inning, Zoldak took over and allowed but one run on six hits for the rest of the game.

It was the first victory this season for Zoldak, who had been told earlier this week he would be sent to San Diego in the Pacific Coast League. The Tribe management later changed its mind and kept the chucker who has lost one game.

He took over in the third after Garcia was relieved and in the seventh he singled to drive in Ray Boone with Cleveland's last run.

Boston got its run in the third when Ted Williams' single scored Don DiMaggio.

Bob Kennedy put the Tribe ahead in the first when he rapped out his third home run of the season.

In the fourth, Boone's single scored Larry Doby who had singled in the seventh, and Joe Gordon, who had walked.

Detroit Tigers went on a batting spree to beat Philadelphia Athletics 14-8 with the help of a 10-run fifth inning.

Freddie Hutchinson, the loser in the Tiger's 13-2 setback at the hands of Boston Thursday, turned in a good relief performance today to get credit for his third victory.

The Tigers just about settled the game with the 10-run outburst in the fifth. Fourteen men went to bat in that spree with eight hits, four errors, a walk, a hit batter and a wild pitch.

Plate Trial To Be Run Today

TORONTO, May 19 (CP)—The Plate Trial, preliminary to Canada's racing classic, the King's Plate, will be run tomorrow at Woodbine Track here.

So far, 20 Canadian-bred three-year-olds are eligible for the big race May 27 and the coveted King's guineas which go to the winner. After the trial the field may be narrowed.

It is the testing-ground where trainers decide whether to start their thoroughbreds in the Plate. It is sure to kill a few hopes and to build up some that are weak.

This will be the seventh running of the Plate Trial. If the results of the preceding six are any indication, it's a good possibility the winner of the trial also will win the King's Plate.

Epic (1946), Kingarvie (1947) and Utermoot (1945), all went from victories in the trial to win the King's Plate. Last year which won in 1948, did not start in the trial. In 1947, the year Moidy won the Plate, that horse finished second in the trial at Pukeon. And in the first year of the trial, 1944, Acara finished second to Hemfox but romped off with the Plate.

Leafs May Meet Canadiens In Baseball Game

TORONTO, May 19 (CP)—Toronto's hockey Leafs are eager to take on Montreal Canadiens in a baseball game in Montreal.

Conn Smythe, manager of the Leafs, said today he is trying to line up a team for a game in Montreal May 28, he expects to know tomorrow whether he can find the players.

Canadiens announced earlier today that they have reorganized their softball club and will play during July and August for charity. They can use Montreal Royals' baseball park May 28 on the stipulation the game be baseball, not softball.

Maritime Ladies Golf Tourney To Be At Moncton

MONCTON, N. B., May 19 (CP)—The Maritime Ladies Golf Tournament will be held over the course of the Moncton Golf and Country Club July 17-20, it was announced tonight.

Decision to hold the meet here was made at a recent meeting of the executive of the Maritime Branch of the Canadian Ladies Golf Union held at Amherst.

This is second major golf tournament to be held here this summer. The New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Tourney will be held here July 3-5.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The Charlottetown Forum Limited will be held at the FORUM at 7 P.M. on THURSDAY, the 25th MAY, 1950.—Wednesday the 24th May being a public holiday.

D. L. SINCLAIR, Secretary-Treasurer.

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