DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Marvelous things are being done in bringing back crippled horses to racing form by new systems of treatment and by the scientific use of X-ray machines which locate trouble spots that induce lameness, etc. In a recent letter from Claude O'Brien received by a friend, Claude states that it is now the practice that if a two-year-old or younger colt shows puffy hocks or tendons or signs of splints they are at once fired. The firing is not as severe as it would be with an aged horse but it is sufficient to tighten up the tendons, etc., and after a couple of weeks the youngster can be jogged and in a few more weeks given regular work.

We just picked up the following release from Howard De Freitas, manager of Saratoga Raceway, New York:—Bonny Brook Dean is heading back to the races. A pacer that was an outstanding performer as a three-year-old in 1952 only to go lame on the night of his first race last year is training soundly at Saratoga Raceway and his trainer-driver, Aubrey Rodney, hopes to have him racing in June. Owned by Bart McGraw of Hudson, the blaze-faced son of Dean Hanover swept 13 out of 16 starts in 1952, including 12 out of 14 at the Spa. Wearing no hopples all season, he showed a capacity for real speed. He earned a record of 2.04 at the Spa and apparently could have beaten it on several occasions. He paced right at 2.02 in a Saratoga Grand Circuit event that he lost to Thunderclap by half a length in 2.01 4/5. He also set a track record of 2.05 4/5 for sophomore pacers at Rutland, Vt., Fair.

But Bonny suddenly went lame in his left front foot here last July 2nd as he was nearing the finish of his last warmup mile. He was scratched, but the cause of his lameness was obscure. In fact, it soon became a matter of conjecture and still is today. First theory was he had stepped on a stone and suffered a bruise. Poultices were applied, Bonny came back to train in close to 2.07 the next week and another attempt was made to start him July 14. Again his final warmup mile saw him go gimpy and he was scratched. The horse was sent to Cornell where X-rays showed a slight crack in the foot. But whether it was this crack, a bruise, or still another belief—that he had contracted heels—the decision was made to have both of his front feet cut away. "He had small feet for a horse of his size," Rodney explains, "so it was planned to have him grow larger ones. Now, they've just about completely grown out and they look good." Bonny has been jogging ever since he returned from Cornell in late July, but his serious training didn't begin until several weeks ago. He's been in 2:40 and while faster miles will have to prove his soundness, Rodney thinks "he'll make it."

Horsemen throughout the Maritimes will remember with what astonishment they read that Curly Smart, famous driver and trainer of the Castleton Farm stable, Lexington, Kentucky, had been set down for a year because of the use of a stimulant given to his horses at a certain race meet. Curly had used the preparation in good faith, it having been recommended to him by a leading veterinarian, he said, as containing vitamins only. Swab tests at several tracks showed no reaction but at another track in another state where urine tests were taken the drug Aphetamine showed in the test. Curly was set down for a year by the United States Trotting Association but an injunction suit was taken against that Association and Smart drove the balance of the season. Now word comes from Columbus, Ohio, dated March 31st as follows:

"Attorneys for Wayne (Curly) Smart, Delaware, Ohio, harness horse driver, have filed an entry of dismissal in Franklin County Common Pleas Court in their injunction suit against the U. S. Trotting Association for having suspended Smart from driving. As a result of the dismissal of Smart's action against the U. S. T. A., a one-year suspension of the Ohio reinsman handed down by the New York State Harness Racing Commission last Sept. 30th is automatically invoked under the U.S.T.A. reciprocity rule. Smart thus will not be able to train or drive at any race meeting in any state until after Sept. 30th of this year."

A part of Curly's stable was raced in New York by his assistant trainer and in a search of his tack room a hypodermic syringe was found and he was brought before the stewards for having in his possession an article which had not been declared and which he had no permission to use. He stated that he had been giving injections of a vitamin preparation Smart had furnished him with and told him to use some hours before a race. He was set down for a year by the New York Association.

In looking over the rules of the Ontario Racing Commission we find that they are very definite on certain points. This Association is sponsored by the government and is apart from the rules of the Canadian Trotting Association:—**Saliva Tests:** The cost of taking and analyzing saliva samples will be borne by the Commission. **Searches For Drugs and Hypodermic Needles:** No person within the grounds of a race track where race horses are lodged or kept, shall have in or upon the premises which he occupies or has the right to occupy, or in his personal property or effects, any hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or any other device which could be used for the injection or infusion into a horse of any substance designed to change its form, without first securing written permission from the steward-judges.

The Commission, all persons operating race tracks or conducting race meetings and any one of the steward-judges shall have the right to permit a person or persons authorized by any of them to enter in or upon the buildings of any race track, to examine, search and inspect them and the personal property and effects of any person in or upon such places. Every person who participates in a race meeting approved by the Commission by participation in the race meeting in whatever capacity, consents to the examination, search and inspection referred to above, and to the seizure of any hypodermic syringes, hypodermic needles or any other device described above, and all drugs and medicaments of any kind which might be thought by those conducting the examination, search or inspection to be usable in such hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or device. The results of any examination, search, inspection or seizure described in this Directive shall be promptly reported to the Commission in writing by the person who ordered such examination, search or inspection."

The above rules are not in effect at minor race meets held over small tracks in Ontario but they are in effect at tracks like Dufferin, Thorncliffe and all the larger meetings. We can easily see how a trainer going to a track like Dufferin if he were unfamiliar with the rules, might get into serious trouble through possession of a hypodermic syringe which is often part of the equipment of a stable and only used for medicinal and not stimulating purposes.

The highest priced horse in Canada to change hands in quite a long time is High Lee Baldwin, that took a record of 2.05 pacing in winning the Invitational Pace at Richelieu Park, Montreal. He has beaten some of the fastest pacers in Canada the past season and won over $11,000. The U. S. T. A. Year Book credits him with 25 wins, six seconds and four thirds in 40 starts for 1953. His owner, Lafe Morgan of Chatham, Ont., received a cheque of $18.00 from Jules Ste. Marie of Quebec City, in exchange for High Lee Baldwin.

Emmett Bernard is getting three head ready for the 1954 campaign and expects to have another, a three-year-old full sister to Mighty Deb, in his stable before long. He has his own trotter, Sunny B. 2.18 1/5, also Miss Donna Mae 2.11 and Full Boost, a very promising four-year-old by Jollity 2.05 1/4, both owned by Harry MacIntosh, Saint John, N.B., who is also the owner of the newcomer to Emmett's stable. All the horses are in splendid condition, having been raced on the ice the past winter and should make a good showing for the popular Hunter River reinsman.

The directors of Blue Bonnets Raceway, Montreal, where running races have been held for the past fifty years, have decided to operate this year without the runners. Lucien Chartrand, the General Manager, said that the directors had voted to drop the thoroughbreds. They will operate in competition with Richelieu Park, which is situated at nearby Pointe aux Trembles, and plan on opening April 23rd. At Richelieu they are advertising the Invitation Pace and the Invitation Trot, with two of the largest purses ever raced for in Canada — $15,000 for each. Dates for these races are yet to be arranged. Richelieu Park will open on April 18th and continue through until November 15th with

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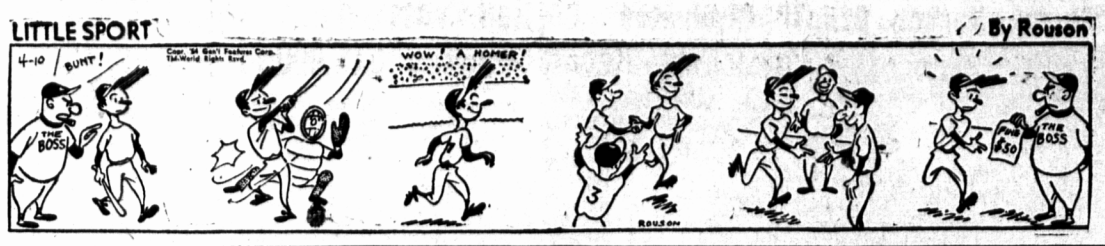
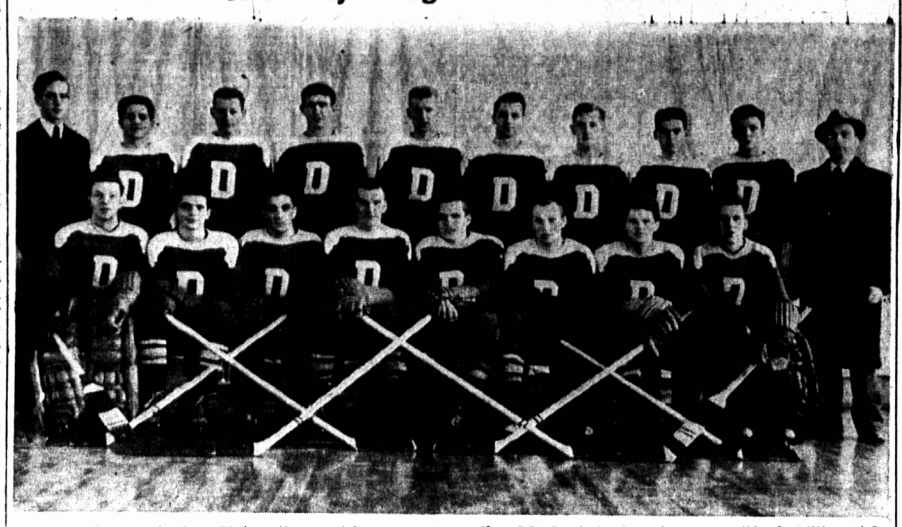


SDU–City League Title Winners



The St. Dunstan's University hockey team which won the City Hockey League championship and the Dr. F. C. Dougan Trophy. They defeated Summerside Aces 2-1 in the best-of-three finals.

Back row: Russell MacInnis, (manager), Camille Cormier, William MacIsaac, Lloyd Gaudet, Paul Jay, Claude Callaghan, Paul Davey, Alfred Rossiter, Michael Lemieux, A. J. MacAdam (coach).

Front row: Wilfred Gillis, Richard Noonan, Gaston Roy, William MacDonald, Richard Wedge (captain), Rodney MacInnis, Arnold Mullins, St. Clair Trainor.

Beliveau And Harvey To Play Tonight; Canadiens Seeking To Even Series

By W. R. Wheatley

Canadian Press Staff Writer

MONTREAL, (CP)— If the physical presence of two men can play as dominant a part in the Stanley Cup fates as do their names in the gossip and gabfast of this hockey-bugged city, Montreal Canadiens may rise in righteous wrath tonight.

Even in the quarters of the proud and power-laden Detroit Red Wings, from camp follower to top brass, the talk was "Harvey and Beliveau."

Coach Dick Irvin of Canadiens said bluntly Friday afternoon: "Both will play." Jean Beliveau, big, strong rookie, will go back to his centre-ice post. Doug Harvey, all-star defenceman, will return to rear-guard duty.

Both missed Thursday night's game in which the Red Wings struck with all their power and created enough disorganization in the Montreal ranks to win 5-2 and set up a 2-1 lead in games in the best-of-seven cup final.

Irvin hinted there may be other changes in the making and said he is considering calling on Elmer Lach. The veteran centre, rounding out a brilliant career with Canadiens, hasn't been in action since the fag end of the regular season, before the semi-final playoffs started.

Harvey has been on the limp with a twisted knee, Beliveau with a charleyhorse and water on the knee. Both players were injured in the second game in Detroit and have been undergoing hospital treatment.

"I'll have to decide, depending on their condition after another 24 hours, whether to protect Harvey or Beliveau," said Irvin. Also, one or both might be hurt again

No such worries confronted coach Tommy Ivan of the Red Wings. Confident but cautious, Tommy said he plans no changes on his team. Any last-minute shifts would come under the classification of minor business.

Kensington Man Heads Prince Fish, Game Ass'n

—Mr. Fred Semple of Kensington was elected president of the Prince County Fish and Game Association at the annual meeting held in Summerside last evening.

The following slate of officers was elected for the coming year: vice-president, B. I. Rayner, Summerside; secretary, Norman E. MacLeod, Summerside; executive: Erskine Campbell, Alberton; Morley M. Bell, Summerside; Clyde Willis, Kensington.

Two representatives were appointed to act on the provincial executive as follows: Harry Holman, Summerside; Willard Leard, Borden.

The membership committee elected were: Omer Bernard, Tignish; Fred Eemple, Kensington; Reginald Rogers, Borden; Erskine Campbell, Alberton; Norman MacLeod, Summerside; Claude Harkness, Summerside; Sgt. Bert Smith, R.C.A.F. station Summerside; Pat Martin, Miscouche.

Publicity commitee: George Wotton, and Clifford Brown, of Summerside.

In the absence of the retiring president Omer Bernard, of Tignish, Mr. Morley M. Bell presided and presented the report of the president on the activities of the past year.

The report showed an encouraging increase in membership and that a new rod and gun club had been formed at R.C.A.F. station, Summerside. The report referred to the success of the crow shooting contest and stated that about 1200 crows had been shot.

The report also showed that a great deal of re-stocking of ponds and streams throughout the county had been carried on during the year.

Speaking on the release of fingerlings in these ponds and streams the secretary Mr. MacLeod, said that the number released this year was somewhat smaller than in the previous year due to a shortage of loss through disease at the hatchery. He said that the streams which had been stocked during the past year would be re-stocked again this coming season.

The matter of large numbers of fish in the streams being eaten up by cranes and gulls came up for discussion and it was claimed by several members that this was having a serious effect on the supply and that the re-stocking of streams was a waste of time due to this, as there appeared to be nothing that could be done to stop it as it is illegal to shoot these birds.

Mr. Bell pointed out that in the case where this is prevalent in any particular locality, where these birds are creating unnecessary havoc, the department will grant permission to gunners to shoot them.—S

York Rifle Club

Following are the scores for April 8th.

Cecil Watts	99
Isabel Swan	97
A. Court	97
Louis Vessey	96
H. T. Vessey	96
Lloyd Vessey	95
George Andrews	95
Irene Hardy	95
Allan Swan	95
Herman Buell	94
Utley Birt	94
Dean Watts	94
Raymond Vessey	94
Myron Ling	93
Dewar Swan	92
Howard Watts	91
Harry Lewis	91
Merrill MacDonald	90
Norman Brown	90
Allison West	90
Lou Howitt	90
Eric Sproule	89
Elizabeth Watts	89
James Nicholson	89
Douglas Moore	89
Leigh Vessey	89
Arthur Brown	88
Peter Proud	88
Joan Vessey	88
Jack Andrews	88
Leonard Andrews	87
A. J. Cluney	86
Marlene Dixon	86
R Cooper	85
Rese Newsome	85
Frank Vessey	85
George Proud	84
Betty Andrews	84
Carol Hardy	83
Joyce Ling	83
Lowell Watts	83
T. Haggerty	82
Bonnell Ling	81
D. Crockett	81
Vivian Howitt	81
Frank Watts	80
Frankie Lewis	80
J. Smith	80
Allan Brown	80
Lillian MacAssey	80
Rev. Mr. Sproule	80
Garth Affleck	80
Muriel MacDonald	80
Laken Lewis	80

St. F. X. Wins Basketball Title

WOODSTOCK, N. B., (CP)— St Francis Xavier University of Antigonish, N. S., won the Maritime intermediate basketball championship Friday night for the second consecutive year, defeating Woodstock Senators 72-69 and taking the two-game total-point series by five points, 126-121.

St. FX captured the first game here Thursday night 54-52. The collegians, who became Canadian champions last year, will travel to play the Quebec winner in the national semi-final next Monday and Tuesday.

Exhibition Baseball

Philadelphia (N) 2, Washington (A) 2

Pittsburgh (N) 13, Philadelphia (A) 4

Boston (A) 1, Milwaukee (N) 3

New York (N) 0, Cleveland (A) 1

Syracuse (IL) 3, Toronto (IL) 2

New York (A) 2, Brooklyn (N) 8

Four more days and the fisherman's Christmas dawns. How slowly the hands of the clock move but it's not four months or four weeks to wait—just four days. One minute after midnight on Thursday morning, April 15, it is legal to wet a line—just one, not two. I was up east the last of this week. The Bear River Road and the Souris Line Road were considered impassable. Tractors and lumber trucks have been busy and the formerly smooth gravel surface is gouged and criss-crossed with ruts two feet deep.

I talked to an ardent trout fisherman on the Bear River Road. He expressed concern: "Unless the weather changes we'll not make it to Big Pond. Four of us got through last season after a hard trip. We reached the Pond at day break and," he reminded me, "you remember what the opening morning was like last year, cold as Greenland with rain and snow". Yes, I well remember what the morning of April 15, 1953, was like. It's hard to figure trout out. He told me that despite the inclement weather conditions the four of them left with 61 trout. Many of them were all in the heavyweight class. To quote his own words:

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Curling Draw

The final round of the Mixed Bonspiel will be played this afternoon and evening.

After the 7.30 games are over the prizes will be presented to the winners; also the prizes for the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday bonspiel will be presented.

Today's Draw

2.30 P.M.:—

Ice 1, 2 and 4 open for any curlers who wish to have their last game of the season.

Ice 3—Ron Parker vs. Peter Sinclair, Montague.

7.30 P.M.:—

Ice 1—Dr. Gallant vs. Dr. W. MacDonald.

Ice 2—R. Beck vs. H. M. Smith.

Ice 3—Ed Wood vs. J. Cudmore.

Ice 4—W. Worth vs. F. Hansen.

Today is the closing of curling for the season.

Schoolgirls' And Juvenile Hoop Games Tonight

The following games will be played at P. W. C. auditorium this afternoon and evening under the direction of the Physical Fitness Division: School Girls, 2.00 p.m.—W. K. S. vs. P. S. S.—Juvenile, 7.00 p.m.—P. W. C. vs P. S. S.

Hockey Scores

(Canadian Press)

Memorial Cup—

Quebec 3 Eastview 1

First game best-of-three eastern semi-finals.

Kensington Midgets Lose To Sydney 7-1

The Kensington Midgets were defeated by the Holy Redeemer Midgets of Sydney, N. S., by a score of 7-1 in a sudden death game of hockey to decide the Maritime championship in Sydney last night. The Maritime midget hockey championship is not recognized by the MAHA.

The Kensington team held their own with the Sydney team for the first period which went scoreless but were trailing 3-1 at the end of the second. Holy Redeemer finished the scoring with four unmatched goals in the third. Eustace Reeves scored the only Kensington goal.

According to sports writers in Sydney, "Kensington iced a scrappy team that never gave up until the final bell." Particular mention was given Reeves and Champion on defence, Glen Gamble in goals, with Kennedy and Mann playing a strong game up front.

Although losing the Maritime title, the Kensington boys had a very impressive record in midget hockey playdowns, having disposed of Murray Harbour, Summerside and Charlottetown by a wide margin of goals. They went on from there to eliminate the Moncton Midget Canucks to win the N. B.-P. E. I. championship.

Having no sponsor, the boys got together and asked John Bernard to be their coach and as the records have shown he came through with a superb performance. With the co-operation of the rink management he was able to secure free practise time and he soon gained the respect of every lad on the team, who went all out to follow his strategy.

Defends Title This Month

Stevie MacDonald who holds the amateur Bantam and Flyweight boxing championship of the Maritimes will defend his title at H.M.C.S. Cornwallis at the end of this month.

Stevie won the title in 1953 and successfully defended it last year. He will represent the Abegweit Athletic Club at the meet.

NEW YORK, (AP)—Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., former featherweight champion, was retired from boxing Friday in New York State as the result of an examination by state athletic commission physicians.

Milwaukee Braves Welcomed Home

MILWAUKEE, (AP)—The shouts of 30,000 baseball fans lining a 25-block parade route through the heart of the city Friday welcomed the Milwaukee Braves home from their spring training.

"We're a first-division ball club again," manager Charlie Grimm told a crowd packed in the northwestern depot after the team's train pulled in from Chicago. "I think you'll be happy again in September."

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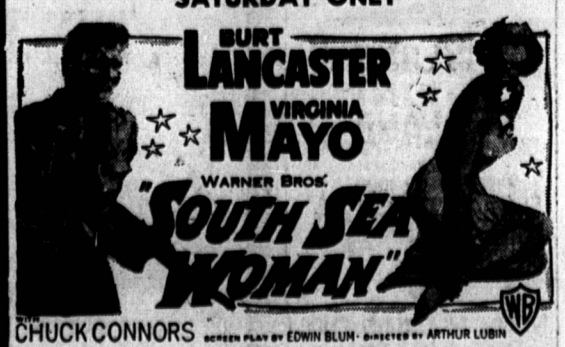

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