

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Bye Byrd, the four-year-old pacer that set up a new world record of 1:57.4 for a mile on a half-mile track, and earned more money in a single season than any harness horse in history, was expected, winner of the voting as the outstanding harness horse of the year.

We referred to this horse before, but we think it would be interesting to our readers to know how the balloting was carried out. A total of 37 harness writers from Maine to California participated in the annual poll, and points were tallied on a 10-5-3-2-1 fan ballot. Mrs. Rex C. Larkin of Chicago wound up far ahead with 20 points, while Adios Butler, a three-year-old pacer in history, had 340 points, and Bul Hanover, the fastest two-year-old pacer in history, was third with 301 points.

Despite few appearances, the French trotting champion, Jamin, and with Diller Hanover, winner of the Hambletonian for three-year-old trotters, and these two had 184 points for fourth place. In the contest for divisional honors, Blaze Hanover, the two-year-old trotter owned by the S.A. Kemp Farm, Shafter, Cal., and driven by Joe O'Brien, was an even winner in the two-year-old trotting category. He earned more money than any two-year-old trotter in previous harness racing history.

GOOD AVERAGE
 AS Tattersalls Sale, Lexington, Kentucky, on December 1st, a total of 189 head of standardbred brought \$318,700 for a sale average of \$1,705. The top price of the sale was \$30,000 that was bid for Maurice Gastwirth, of New Hope, Pa., a newcomer to a sport, for the handsome, roan mare, Nancy Dear.

The second highest price was \$10,000 paid for the dean Hanover mare, Glee Hanover, and Hanover Shoe Farms also bought a sister to Scott Frost, Jane Frost, for \$10,000.

We had the impression that Joe O'Brien would pick up this sister, the former biggest money-making trotter of all time.

When Roosevelt Raceway held its closing race program on the night of November 30, it was the 10th meeting of the year at the track, and 29,085 people were present, and they set a world's record pari-mutuel handle of \$2,820,000. It cracked ten track pari-mutuel marks.

The top driver for the season Roosevelt was Hugh Bell, who 57 years old and most of his living was "catch driving". In starts, he had 69 wins. The driver at Roosevelt, according to the Universal Rating System, with most points accumulated by finishing first, second or third, was Stanley Dancer, who had 148 starts, was 31 times second, 27 times third and 18 times fourth for an average of 2.05.

The harness racing world was shocked and saddened to learn the passing of F. Alden Gray, director of racing at Roosevelt Raceway and former general manager of the Lexington Trots, who died of a heart attack at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, on December 8th. He was 52 years old. Mr. Gray had been admitted to the hospital with a heart condition a week earlier, but his passing was totally unexpected, and he will be mourned by the thousands of friends he made in 20 years he was connected with the harness horse sport.

The writer remembers the very pleasant greeting he gave us, when as directors of the United States Trotting Association, we visited Roosevelt Raceway two years ago. He looked to be in perfect health, but the position he held was a really strenuous one, and, no doubt, was the cause of his demise.

The latest issue of "The Horseman and Fair World" has two pages devoted to the Clearview stable, Wintrop, Maine, which is owned by Norman Woolworth, one of the proprietors of the five-ten-cent chain stores.

As our readers are well aware, the driver and general manager of the stable is Earl Avery, of Woodstock, N.B., who was one of the top drivers on Maritime, and was taking up with winners in the United States. After showing his ability to train a race, he was placed in charge of the newly-formed Clearview stable that has, in a few years, become one of the most talked-about in the U.S.A.

One of the surprises the stable had was in the \$123,712 Empire race at Yonkers Raceway this year. Twelve colts had qualified, 10 of them owned by the Clearview Stable. But it was not the fact that Clearview trainer-driver Earl Avery liked best. Muncy was the horse that he wanted to win, and he was disappointed. However, Mr. Woolworth and Earl decided that they would start Bright Night, who had qualified, but with a performance that didn't show enough to make him a serious threat to any other starter. His record was one start, and he had never won a race, and every other start in the race had from 5 to 14 odds, and every single one had a record better than 2.09, and 10 of them were already in the 2.05 list, though only part of the season had been completed.

The race was very exciting, and resulted in a new season's record for two-year-old pacers of 2:03.2-5 and astonishing as all was the horse that was paraded into the winner's circle to receive the purse and the trophy Bright Night, with driver Earl Avery wearing "a smile you

could see a mile" and owner Norman Woolworth beaming with joy.

After that, Bright Night was turned out for the season, because he looked to be such a valuable colt that it was thought better to preserve his soundness and let him strengthen his muscles and build up his frame, with the expectations that he will be one of the top three-year-old pacers of 1960.

When we say "turned out" at the Woolworth Farm, it doesn't mean that this valuable colt would be left out in rain or snow. There are enough good attendants on the farm to watch carefully that nothing happens to such valuable colts, and every night he occupies a large stall with plenty of bedding, and receives his feed of oats, with some grain added, the same as if he were training, but in less quantity.

IN BLACK BOOKS
 Muncy, meanwhile, that had been in the trainer's blackbooks, or at least had been a disappointment in regard to failing to qualify for the Empire Stake, went on to make the headlines and was in the vicinity of \$50,000, and will appear in the record books as the all-time champion two-year-old pacer on half-mile tracks, with a pair of heats in 2:01.1-5 and 2:00.4-5.

At Delaware, Ohio, Muncy earned his world championship, and at Lexington he raced in 2:00.1-5. His season's card shows nine wins, nine seconds and two thirds.

The best trotter in the Clearview Stable was Sh-Boom, that was the winner of several stakes, including the United States Harness Writers' Trot at Roosevelt. His season's earnings were in the vicinity of \$29,000.

The two-year-old trotter, Floss Hanover, was not able to handle the tops in her class, but she was in there trying all the time, and certainly earned her keep by winning \$14,500. The three-year-old trotter, Candlelight, raced against the best in the United States, and while not heading the stars, she was winning placings among them that set her earnings at \$15,800 for the season. Another three-year-old, Martial Law, won upwards of \$6,000 and Sovra Hanover, a trotter that much is expected from near Lexington, took a record of 2:01.4-5 at Lexington, and had season's earnings of better than \$13,000.

Altogether, the Earl Avery-driven and Norman Woolworth-owned Clearview Stable hung up the best season's earnings since it was organized on a smaller scale some years ago. The "take" was upwards of a quarter of a million dollars, and quite a bit of this amount was used to purchase yearlings that are, no doubt, now being broken and trained for the two-year-old stakes in 1960.

When that year rolls around, Earl will either be training himself, or having his assistants training, six or more aged trotters and pacers, five three-year-old pacers, four three-year-old pacers, and quite a number of two-year-olds, some bred at the farm, and some acquired at the Harrisburg or Lexington sales.

MOURN PASSING
 We join with friends throughout the province, and elsewhere, in expressing our deep sorrow at the unfortunate passing of our friend, and the friend of hundreds of other horsemen, Harold Cudmore, of Brackley. The tragic accident in which he was so severely injured also brought painful injuries to Mrs. Cudmore, who we are glad to know, is responding well to treatment.

Harold Cudmore was a man who made friends wherever he went, and drivers who raced against him always found him fair and liked him very much. He will be terribly missed when racing days roll around, and he leaves behind a name that will be cherished by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Summerside Minor Hockey
 Summerside minor hockey league team standings up to and including December 19, 1959.

Paperweight Major	W L T Pts.
Team No. 1	6 1 1 13
Team No. 2	4 3 1 9
Team No. 3	2 3 7
Team No. 4	0 5 3 3

Fee Wee	W L T Pts.
Team No. 1	5 2 1 11
Team No. 2	4 2 2 10
Team No. 3	4 3 1 9
Team No. 4	3 4 1 7
Team No. 5	1 6 1 3

Bantam	W L T Pts.
Team No. 1	6 1 1 13
Team No. 2	4 3 1 9
Team No. 3	3 3 2 8
Team No. 4	2 3 7
Team No. 5	1 6 1 3

Midget	W L T Pts.
Team No. 1	3 2 1 7
Team No. 2	2 3 1 5

Leading scorers in each division:

Paperweights	G A Pts.
Errol Thompson	33 0 38
Garry Birch	16 3 19
Ronnie Kelly	14 4 18
Dick MacDonald	11 1 12
Garry Casey	8 1 9
Hartford MacCausland	8 0 8

Fee Wee	G A Pts.
David Perry	20 8 28
Bill Dickie	22 0 22
Blaine Muttart	17 5 23
Dannie McNeill	8 8 16
David Johnston	8 8 16
Bill Bishop	8 6 14
Wayne Palmer	11 3 15
Paul Hogan	6 7 13

Jacques Plante Is Ordered to Undergo Vision Test

MONTREAL (CP)—Jacques Plante, pioneer of the face mask for National Hockey League goalies, is to undergo a series of vision tests with and without the mask.

Montreal Canadiens management decided Tuesday it wants to know for sure, through scientific tests, whether the mask interferes in any way with Plante's vision. Plante stoutly maintains it doesn't.

The decision was prompted by the current slump, not particularly disastrous, of the NHL and Stanley Cup champions. Along with the slump has been an unusual number of goals scored by the opposition.

doctor and make arrangements for the test.

"He seemed pleased about it," said Blake.

Earlier in the dressingroom Plante sat dangling the mask and talking about it.

"I can see just as well with it on as without it," he said.

"I can't explain this slump of mine or the team's or whatever it is. With the mask, maybe I might be what you could call a trifle lazy, not intentionally so. I just don't know."

"I have also been playing with a slight groin injury. Maybe my reflexes aren't quite so sharp in using my legs. Again, I don't know, but I'm sure the mask doesn't interfere with my vision."

TOLD TO MAKE TEST
 Following Tuesday's practice of the team Plante was told by Coach Toe Blake, to see the club

18-GAME STREAK
 Three weeks ago Canadiens were breezing along, running up an undefeated string of 18 games. In the midst of the string Plante began wearing the mask — and there was no halt in the team's romp.

In Madison Square Garden Nov. 1 Canadiens were playing New York Rangers and Plante was struck by the puck. Seven stitches were needed. Plante returned to the game, wearing for the first time the famous mask he had designed himself and used this season in practices.

Since the undefeated string ended Canadiens have lost four games, tied three and won two. In only one game—the first since the string broke—has the opposition scored only one goal; in only two games was the opposition limited to two.

Canadiens are still leading the NHL. They had a 10-point margin at the end of the string. Now it's six.

Plante figures if the mask were at fault, the undefeated run wouldn't have continued. He also points to the interest of other NHL goalies in the mask. Don Simmons of Boston has been wearing one. Marcel Paille of New York plans to use one. Plante said he doesn't know about the others.

The mask is of fibre-glass construction. It fits snug to the face, like a child's Halloween paste-board mask. Holes are cut for eyes and mouth.

Plante has long had his ideas about a mask. During the playoffs last spring he talked things over with the club physician, Dr. L. G. Hampson, and club physiotherapist Bill Head. A fibre-glass mask was suggested.

Before the fall training camp opened Plante entered hospital and had a plastic mould made of his face. From the mould the mask was made. It's true to his features—crooked nose, souvenir of a whizzing puck—and all.

Today's Minor Hockey Schedule
 Today's minor hockey program: Only game scheduled today for minor hockey is a juvenile contest between Abbies and Vics. Game time 8 p.m.

Referees: Leroy Barnett, John Davis, Sr.

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Doesn't Feel Free To Talk About Fine Says Bathgate

NEW YORK (CP)—Andy Bathgate of the New York Rangers said Tuesday that he doesn't feel free to talk about the \$650 fine levied against him by National Hockey League president Clarence Campbell as a result of a magazine article he wrote.

However, he said he would like to be able to make that money back by being selected for the second all-star team.

"But playing centre ice may hurt my chances," added Bathgate, who made the first all-star team at right wing last year.

Campbell also announced Monday night that New York general manager Muzz Patrick has been fined \$100 as a result of the magazine story regarding alleged hockey brutality. The article appeared in the Canadian edition of True magazine and was ghosted by Dave Anderson of the New York Journal-American.

Patrick, in commenting on the fine Monday night, said: "I don't

like the fine, but then I squawk every time I get a \$15 parking ticket."

BLAMES HIMSELF
 Admitting that he was at fault because "I'm supposed to watch those things," he said that his opinion on the story doesn't matter any more.

Campbell was the judge and jury in this case, Patrick added, and had determined that the published article was detrimental to hockey.

In announcing his decision, Campbell said "the sum total effect of the article is definitely prejudicial to the league and the game, and this was not seriously contested by the principals involved."

Regarding Patrick, Campbell said "it is clear that he did not authorize or approve the article in the form in which it finally appeared but by his failure to consider its possible implications,

which were quite plain in the text which was submitted to him, he gave his authorization by default and is responsible under the (NHL) bylaw."

DETAILS OF ARTICLE
 The article, in the January edition, dealt with spearing—use of a hockey stick blade for stabbing—and said "it's going to kill somebody." It also said: "But I guess nothing will be done about it until somebody is killed. Then it'll be too late."

The article also listed several NHL players as specialists in spearing and other illegal stickwork.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the magazine said Tuesday that editor Doug Kennedy had offered to pay the fines on behalf of the magazine.

But a Ranger's spokesman authorized or approved the article in the form in which it finally appeared but by his failure to consider its possible implications,

Paul Pender Says Boxing 'Is Rotten Clear Through'

BOSTON (AP)—Professional boxing is so rotten with gangsters and thieves it should be banned for a five-year clean-up period, says a leading contender for the middleweight crown.

Paul Pender threw steaming punches at the sport that he says "has been good to me" but is "rotten to the core."

The articulate 29-year-old Brookline fighter meets Sugar Ray Robinson here Jan. 22 for what is billed in Massachusetts as the world's middleweight championship.

"Why should boxing as it is conducted today be allowed to exist?" Pender asked in an interview with Bud Collins in Tuesday's Herald.

"The public has lost all confidence in the sport," he said. "I have too."

INFESTED WITH THIEVES
 "Recent investigations . . . proved boxing is rotten clear through, infested with gangsters and thieves."

"I'm not illiterate or too trusting like a lot of fighters."

"Look at Beau Jack and Johnny Saxton . . . they earned thousands . . . and they wound up broke."

"Even Carmen Basilio, an admirable, intelligent fellow had to cut racketeers in on his purses to get good fights."

fighter is practically a slave to his manager."

Pender laughingly admitted he didn't want boxing banned until after a bout with Sugar Ray but he added seriously: "Abolition of boxing would put me out of business, but it is the only answer to the sordid mess the sport is in now."

CAN BE CLEAN
 Boxing is a marvelous sport and can be made just as clean and attractive to the public as professional baseball, football and other sports, he said.

What is needed, he added, is a five year suspension period to clean out all shady characters now connected with boxing.

After that boxing would start all over under the supervision of a tough board of control established by each state and responsible to the attorney general, he said.

A tough, honest board could screen out the underworld from boxing and closely supervise fighter-manager relations, he said, adding: "The way things are now a

SEASON'S GREETINGS
 Here's wishing for you a holiday season sparkling with happy hours, rich in good cheer and good fellowship.

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Curling Draw
 The following is the curling draw for Wednesday night: 7 P. M.

Ice 1 — Opea.

Ice 2 — Dr. Beck, Dr. Drysdale, Dr. Craig, Dr. Roberts, vs. J. Squarbriggs, B. Soper, B. Acorn, N. Kelly.

Ice 3 — D. Cameron, G. Dillon, A. Saunders, A. Llewellyn, vs. A. Smith, D. Bell, D. Matheson, R. Michael.

Ice 4 — S. Seaton, Ed Tanton, M. McGuigan, Hal Spillett vs. H. R. Carruthers, Russ Spillett, F. MacMillan, W. Mellish.

Ice 5 — Opea.

8:30 P. M.

All ices open.

Saturday Boxing Day — Mens games will be arranged in the afternoon, and mixed curling games at night.

Christmas

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WINTER WORKS
 OTTAWA (CP) — The city of Ottawa is budgeting \$1,000,000 for winter works projects, \$148,000 of which will be paid by the federal and Ontario governments who provide 50 and 25 per cent respectively of labor costs. Council approved the program Monday night.

Donald Gunning	9 9 18
Bantams	G A Pts.
Donnie Arenault	16 6 24
Wendell Grady	8 8 16
Junior Argensault	14 1 15
Richard Perry	12 2 14
Norman Burgess	10 1 11
Wayne Trainor	5 4 9
Midgets	G A Pts.
Bob C. Perry	7 8 15
David Martin	8 6 14
Willie Gallant	6 9 14
Lloyd Gallant	4 5 9
David Gaudet	5 2 7
Donnie Schurman	5 2 7
Jimmy Yee	8 4 7

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team leader in strikeouts, 201; home runs allowed, 97 and total bases faced, 942.

Chicago's pennant-winners took the team earned run title with 3.39 followed by Baltimore with 3.56. Cleveland's pitching staff compiled 58 complete games to lead in that category.

Yuletide Greetings

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The wish of this Department, is that the year 1960 will be ushered in, unmarred by any shocking tragedy.

I extend my best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

J. PHILIP MATHESON,
 Minister of Highways.