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The racing season opens at Plover track, Vernon, Wednesday afternoon, June 19th, with a matinee meeting consisting of the first classified events. Proprietor J. Leo Fraught is confident of a large entry list and good racing.

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Racing Circuit Club, of which George A. Callcut, Summerside, is president and D.E. MacLeod, Charlottetown, secretary-treasurer, will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, June 13th in the City Hall at eight o'clock, daylight saving time. There will be a presentation of prizes to the owners of horses scoring the most points on the circuit during the 1945 season.

F. C. Coates, Amherst, paid a flying visit to Charlottetown track Thursday afternoon, June 14th, to inspect the condition of the track and the equipment of the track and the evident good humour of all there. He said he could hardly tear himself away from the track. Coates is the owner of Rhea Mae 2044, Marjorie Hanover 216, and Kerwin Hanover, which also served as starters. He has been one of the best supporters of racing in the Maritimes for several years. The track at Amherst has been in good condition for working on for a long time," stated Mr. Coates, "and all the horses are in good shape, and I think the racing will be stepped up as yet." It looks like a big year for racing in the Maritimes, in the opinion of the genial Mr. Coates.

Rankin MacLaine, well known auto dealer and horseman, returned a few days ago from a trip to Glasgow, Sydney, North Sydney and other points. He said the New Glasgow track is in great shape with a lot of horses in good condition. He said that Tip Abbe 2065 has developed into a trickster, turning on the way to the track. He said he has been frequently through the day. Rankin said it was great fun to watch his antics. The Blue Acres race track which is now a short distance from the New Glasgow track and workmen are making frantic efforts to get it ready for the June meeting. It is beautifully situated and will no doubt be a popular racing centre. He was also through the races at Sydney last week and said they were certainly stepping so early in the season, with a dead heat in 104. Two new horses have been brought in from Quebec by Harry Hirsch who sold Marilyn Chief 3, 200 to Leo McNamara a month ago. The Sydney race track which was built at a cost of over \$100,000 is expected to draw an enormous attendance for their big July meet and great preparations are being made for a monster celebration.

Our Montreal correspondent has very kindly sent us a brief statement of the winnings of the Quebec horses that raced at the Santa Anita meet in California. The following winners were from Sorel and were raced by LaRoche:—Guy H. 200 won \$2,000 and was twice second, three times third, once fourth and once sixth; Mighty Spender won \$780, was twice second, once third, once fourth and once fifth; Manhattan won \$740, was three times third, twice second, once fifth; Blackout Pointer won \$600, was once second, once third and once fourth and took a record of 2044. The latter two are owned by Mr. Rivard of Richelieu Park near Montreal. Virian Sheehan won \$520, was once third; Moonbeam was once first and twice second and Miss Royal Majesty three times first and once fourth and took a record of 2044. The latter two are owned by Mr. Rivard of Richelieu Park near Montreal. Virian Sheehan won \$520, was once third; Moonbeam was once first and twice second and Miss Royal Majesty three times first and once fourth and took a record of 2044. The latter two are owned by Mr. Rivard of Richelieu Park near Montreal.

Mr. O. Corbell states that Harry Hirsch of Sydney, N.S., who purchased Chuck Worthy 204 in Quebec last summer, bought a three-year-old half-brother by the same name named Try-On. Mr. Corbell has sold Worthy General 2024 back to former owner E. J. Baker and the good trotter Palchuck 2044, raced so successfully by Raoul Potvin, has been sold to parties in Sherbrooke.

Our Montreal friend sends a score card of the race meet at Richelieu Park, June 2nd, where they certainly were stepping some. The Derby Trot was raced at three distances: first one-half mile best was won by Lord Pariah in 1:02; the second heat at 9/16 mile was won by Grand Town in 1:11, which

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Steady Aim Winner Of Oaks Stakes

EPSON, England, June 7—(CP)—Steady Aim starts to-1 choice streaked into British racing's hall of fame today by winning the 164th running of the Oaks Stakes—classic for three-year-old fillies—in faster time than Airborne captured the Derby two days earlier over the same track.

Jockey Harry Wragg, who missed the Derby accolade by one length on second-place Girl Stream, challenged in the last quarter-mile, passing the leading Hypericum and the leading Iona to triumph by three lengths in two minutes, 41 seconds.

The time over the uneven 1.2-mile race, which starts in the morning and finishes on an uphill stretch, was a 3-5 seconds better than when Airborne beat 16 other colts. Lord Rosebery's Iona, 2-1 favorite, was second, followed by Nella, who made a superb finishing effort, being left 15 lengths at the post. She was half turned around when the barrier went up.

The King was in the royal box to see his Hypericum, second choice, finish fourth. She ran as fast as most of the way but weakened after passing Tottenham Corner, four furlongs from home. The King's other entry, Golden Coach, was seventh of the 10 runners.

The Queen, Princess Elizabeth and Queen Mary accompanied the King to Epsom for the second time in three days. They arrived in limousines, driving down the track lined with nearly 100,000 subjects who turned out in brilliant sunshine.

Kennel Club Seeks To Develop Canine Interest Through Show June 19

The object of the Charlottetown Kennel Club Dog Show, to be held at the Forum during 1946, is to promote an educational interest in canine breeds by the general public and not merely an opportunity for dog owners and lovers to display their animals, declared Dr. E. S. Notting, president of the club in addressing a regular meeting held last night in the Charlottetown Hotel.

In this connection it was announced that "Dog Week" would be held June 14th to 19th inclusive and that it was proposed to hold an essay contest in the schools bearing on the theme "What breed of dog I like best."

Mr. Notting felt that by means of the show, owners of dogs would be given helpful hints to proper feeding and training so that the animals would be most useful in their respective classes, whether as working dogs or sporting dogs.

30 Outside Entries

It was announced that some 30 entries from outside the Province had been received for the show, but that local entries were not as plentiful as in previous years. It was felt, however, that before the closing date Monday there would be a good representation of local entries.

Mr. John Simmonds, show superintendent, gave a report on preparations underway and felt that the club was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Walter Reeves of Oakville, Ont., as judge. Two pups would be offered off this year—a Cocker Spaniel and Fox Terrier. Mr. W. Davies, show secretary, from Acadia Lodge Kennels, Richmond, Quebec.

Mr. Stewart Jones felt that through natural and practical interest taken in the coming show, members could do much to secure its success. He reported complete co-operation from merchants in putting on "Dog Week" and said that many display windows would emphasize a "Doggie Theme."

Mr. Don Gass would accompany the show and the essay contest to be held among school children.

Raymond Raymond intimated that suitable prizes would again be awarded show-winners this year.

Other committee members were Mr. W. Davies, show secretary, and Mr. Stuart Chandler.

Four days preceding the show, it was planned to have a display of puppies, afternoon and evenings, in a show window of Simpson's Ltd., 162, King Street East, where Mr. W. Davies, show secretary, stated that although local entries were slow in coming in, it was generally felt that a large representation would be forthcoming. He stated that Monday was the closing date for entries to be received.

22,500 See World's Title Snooker Match

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, June 4—Joe Davis, whose name is synonymous with snooker and billiards the world over, is today in the final of the "World's Title" snooker match.

It was Joe's idea to stage the match in the Horticultural Hall, London, where 1,500 spectators could watch. Figures on the four-day match show that 22,500 spectators paid \$10,000 (\$45,000) to see those great players wage their marathon contest of 145 frames.

Promotion expenses swallowed \$6,000. Entertainment tax took \$6,250, leaving a profit of \$1,250 on a 60-40 percentage basis, so Davis received \$465, plus the winner's prize of \$10,000.

Robins is the 45-year-old Davis accomplished with a \$1.75 cue bought 28 years ago when he was learning the game.

Appreciated, But—
English Jockeys are shortly to receive seven-pound food parcels from their competitors and company appreciate the gesture, but most of them must stop eating to hold their weight down.

The parcels will be given to needy families in their district.

May Retire
R. W. V. Robins, noted Middlesex cricketer and most successful batsman in the recent past, may retire at the end of this season.

Robins, who will be 40 in June, says the present "raster" cricket is too much for him.

Robins is the idol of crowds and has, in his lengthy cricket career, played 10 times for England including four appearances for his country in Australia, twice against the Aussies in England.

Dark Week
The week of May 13 to 16 is dubbed by some sports writers as the "dark week" in the history of British sport.

Gus Lesnevich, the American light heavyweight, stopped in the fifth round by Tami Mariello of Brooklyn, and the following day in Paris a French team defeated an English eleven 2-1, so-called "the same Britain."

W. H. Weeding of the Maiden Golf Club, is a great believer in the saying "practice makes perfect." He practised faithfully for the club's annual tournament and the day before the big match, he held out in one on the 18th 118-yard hole.

He didn't duplicate his feat the next day but won the tournament anyway.

Tombstone Match To Be Played This Afternoon

The Charlottetown Golf Club will hold their first Tombstone Match of the season this afternoon in which it is expected a large representation will be forthcoming.

The object of the match is to see how many of the course you can cover before raising your 'ombstone, which is a marker marking the spot where your strokes ran.

The number of strokes allotted to the players is determined by adding their handicaps to the par of the course which in this case is 72. If a player covers the course with strokes to spare he starts over again, the player who has played the most holes when his strokes are exhausted being declared the winner.

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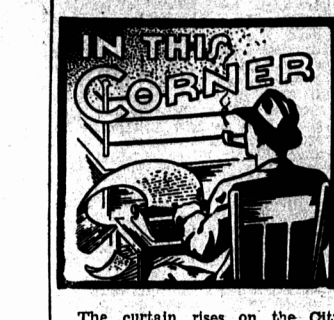
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WASHINGTON, June 7—(AP)—Mickey Vernon, the major-league's leading hitter, isn't fattening up at the expense of so-so hurlers—he's swinging the best in the game at a .400 clip.

Statisticians dug into the day-by-day record of the stringbean Washington firstsacker today and discovered that:

Vernon, stubbornly staying in the 385-to-400 bracket, has batted an even .400 against Cleveland's Bob Feller and Detroit's Hal Newhouse, probably baseball's two top pitchers.

You can count on Boston's Tex Hughson and Dave Ferriss, New York's Red Ruffing and Chicago's Ted Lyons, and Vernon's average still is .400.

In 35 times at bat against those stand-outs, Vernon has made 14 hits.

But unlike Boston's Ted Williams and New York's Joe DiMaggio, who were expected to set the hitting pace, Vernon so far has not frightened his opponents into walking him rather than pitching to him in the pinches.

He has drawn only five bases on balls—three despite his 14 doubles, three triples, five home runs and 29 runs batted in.

No doubt, it will please the Senators to end off opposing moundmen to go right on pinching to Vernon with runners on the bases so long as Mickey continues to hit as he has the last month with safeties in 30 of 32 games.

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Conn Impressive
GREENWICH LAKE, N. J., June 7—(AP)—Billy Conn continued to look great against his sparring partner today and his manager, Johnny Ray, expressed confidence that the Pittsburgh kid would retain his title when he meets Louis on June 19.

In six rounds against three spouting partners, Mickey McAvoy, Frank Foreza and Jimmy Starn, Conn showed at his best, slipping scores of punches and dealing out up to the moment he steps into the ring with Joe Louis June 19.

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Game Goes On As Threatened Strike Fails To Materialize

PITTSBURGH, June 7—(AP)—A threatened strike by Pittsburgh Pirates for recognition of the American Baseball Guild was averted tonight less than an hour before the players were scheduled to take the field against New York Giants.

The terse announcement, "no strike," was made by Bob Rice, field director of the Pirates and head of their farm system, who had been called into a closed meeting by the players.

Robert Murphy, Labor Relations director of the Guild, said he did not know whether the decision would be a fatal blow to the Guild. "I'll have to see the players," he said. "It will hurt a lot."

As the Pirates hurriedly dressed and trotted out on the playing field, Murphy stood in a runway near the dressing room, filtering into the grand stand and bleachers and the Giants went through their batting practice on schedule.

Division of sentiment among the players first came into the open today when Truett (Rip) Sewell expressed belief an all-Pirate team would be recruited for the game. Sewell was the first Pirate to disclose he didn't belong to the Guild.

Several other players, including Bob Elliott, Jack Barrett and Albie Fletcher, told a reporter they "believed in principles of the Guild" but didn't like the idea of going on strike.

Murphy gained some following last night when the steel city industrial union, representing 210,000 workers in the Pittsburgh area, voted the Guild support.

Regional director Anthony J. Federoff of the C.I.O. said Pittsburgh unionists would not attend a 10-minute talk in the clubhouse of players, but Murphy picked off a C.I.O. offer to pitch Forbes Field's game site.

Murphy said later that the Guild so far independent, might some time consider affiliation with a national labor organization.

A veteran Pirate player, who requested anonymity, said Rice made a 10-minute talk in the clubhouse meeting room and that it was conciliatory and probably had some effect on the balloting.

This player asserted that Rice tacitly promised some of the concessions for which the Guildmen were ready to strike but implored them not to "take this attitude and strike."

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Saint John Commission Bars Boxers

SAINT JOHN, N.B., June 7—(CP)—The Saint John Boxing Commission, at a special session tonight, barred Jerry Berthelme, Montreal heavyweight, and Danny Joseph, Brooklyn heavyweight, from further boxing in this city as a result of what was termed their poor performance here Wednesday. Berthelme, claimant of the Canadian heavyweight championship, won on a foul in the third round.

The Commission also barred Joseph's manager, Ray St. Lawrence, from any connection with bouts here.

Berthelme and St. Lawrence demanded and received payment before the boxers entered the ring.

SPORT BRIEFS

TORONTO, June 7—(CP)—The North American Soccer League season opens in Toronto tomorrow night with the Toronto Greenbacks entertaining the Pittsburgh Strikers. The seventy-organ professional loop has two teams from Chicago and one from Detroit.

MONTREAL, June 7—(CP)—Leo Choquette of Montreal has been appointed official referee for the Davis Cup tie here next week between Canada and Mexico. C. W. Snelgrove, president of the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association, announced tonight.

Choquette is a councillor of the C.L.T.A. and his appointment was approved by captains of both teams. The matches open next Thursday at the Mount Royal Tennis Club.

To Remain With Cards

ST. LOUIS, June 7—(AP)—Stan Musial, star left fielder of the St. Louis Cardinals, has definitely rejected the latest offer for his services by the Mexican League, he disclosed tonight. Musial, who led the Red Birds took the field against the Boston Braves.

MATINEE RACES RIVERSIDE

June 19 - WEDNESDAY - June 19
Four Classified Races
Races Start at 2 O'clock Sharp (Daylight Saving)

The opening race meet of the 1946 season will be held on Wednesday, 19th June, at the Riverside Track.

Considerable work has been done on the track this Spring including "built up turns" and every effort made to have it in perfect condition for this season's campaigning.

Parking space all around the upper turn has been cleared and spectators can sit comfortably in their cars and have a clear view of the race-track.

Added features at the race track include the serving of meals and refreshments at the grounds; loud speaker announcing system; pari-mutuel betting.

One of the beauty spots on the Island. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this Matinee race card.

Provision is made for horsemen to get their meals on the grounds at 11 o'clock the day of the race.

Several of the horses started in the New Glasgow \$2,000 Horse Stakes will be starters in this race.

Race horse owners are reminded to have their eligibility certificates. Failure to have certificates will necessarily eliminate participation in the races.

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