

# SPORTS



## HOCKEY HAYNES' MISTAKE COST EPINARD RACE

### French Colt Off Hornsby Among Race Too Soon And Makes Stretch Bid Too Late

(Special to the Guardian)  
 NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Despite the fact that Pierre Wertheimer's colt was defeated again at Aqueduct Saturday in the running of the second year International Special at the opinion still prevails among horsemen and racegoers in general that the French champion is better than any of the horses he has met in this country. As in the special at Belmont Park, the French was so close that Epinard came out with glory rather than disgrace. Epinard lost by only a nose to August Belmont's Larkin yesterday, and with another stride he would have been the winner. He once more proved his game beyond question and displayed remarkable speed.

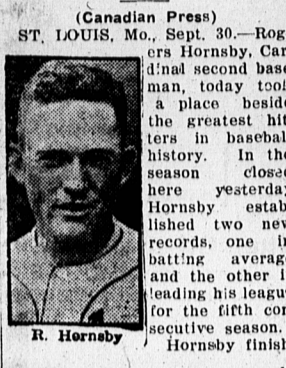
It is unfortunate for M. Wertheimer as well as for the American racing public that in each of the races something has occurred to prevent Epinard from winning a victory. He has appeared to deserve a huge can be charged directly to his rider, Everett Haynes, who made no less than two vital mistakes in the running of the mile race that spoiled the chances of his horse to get home in front. With a boy like Earl Sande in the saddle Epinard would most certainly have avoided the difficulties into which he was taken. There is no fault of his own, and the speed and game play he displayed at other stages of the contest seem to justify the belief he would have won.

Epinard broke his field by a full step at the barrier and flashed in front at once. He left the barrier with a flash of speed which took him into the lead by a length or more. He had gone a sixteenth of a mile when he was overtaken by instructions to let Wise Counselor and Larkin fight it out in front if they outran Epinard in the first few strides, but the rider of the French horse made what proved to be a serious mistake when conditions favored him. Less than a quarter of a mile from the start he took back with Epinard as he headed Wise Counselor and Larkin coming up on the outside. While it was his tactics not to run Epinard into the ground he was not compelled to go back as far as he did. Haynes brought the French colt so far that Wise Counselor was able to go over to the rail and take the lead and this left the way open for Larkin to rush up into second place as Epinard was forced to go around the leaders and lost fully three lengths by the move.

Real Move Came Too Late.

Even after that mistake it is quite possible that the French champion could have won the race as it was then being run. Larkin and Wise Counselor were running head and head and about four lengths in front of Epinard as the horses swung around the turn leading to the stretch. The front runners were the two dangerous horses in the race so far as Epinard was concerned and they were racing themselves to pieces. But they had such a long lead at that point that Epinard had to do his running early in the stretch run to overcome the lead.

Haynes, however, appeared to be very confident, for he did not make his real move until the horses had come almost to the furlong pole. When Epinard was given his head he moved forward with a great rush. His long strides soon carried him to the heels of the front runners. By that time the race had been won by Wise Counselor, which was running on the rail, and he dropped back, thoroughly beaten. Inside the sixteenth pole Epinard picked up quickly on Larkin. Haynes had gone to the whip by this time and the French colt was responding gamely under the punishing lashes. Larkin was raced to pieces and faltering, but held on gamely, and after a few cracks on the back stretch was reached. The fact that Larkin raced with the fleet Wise Counselor for six furlongs and then had enough left to withstand the challenge of Epinard.



John J. McGraw

(Canadian Press)  
 ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 30.—Roger Hornsby, Cardinal second baseman, today took a place beside the greatest hitters in baseball history. In the season closed here yesterday Hornsby established two new records, one in batting average and the other in leading his league for the fifth consecutive season.

Hornsby finished with 227 hits in 142 games, making a season's average of .4235, four points above George Sisler's mark of two years ago.

Hornsby failed in his effort to lead the league in runs scored. He tallied only once in the double header yesterday and thus raised his total to 121, which ties Frankie Frisch, of the New York Giants.

## That Claim To P. E. I. Baseball Championship

The following letter is taken from the Summerside Pioneer:

Dear Sir.—The claim of the Abegweits of Charlottetown to the baseball championship of the province deserves more than passing notice. To start with, there are several teams in the province who might be as capable of carrying the championship banner as are the Abegweits, notably the Tignish nine, the Grand River nine, and the All Stars of Summerside—not to mention some that blush unseen in the country districts of Queen's and King's Counties.

During the early part of the season the management of the Prince County Baseball League, one of the oldest sport organizations in the province, selected from the three teams which composed the League a group of players to represent the League in outside games and which was known as the All-Stars. This All-Star team playing six games with the Abegweits, winning four, tying the score in one and losing one.

A League series was arranged with the Abegweits by the P.C.B.B.L., but after the Charlottetown team was defeated in the first game the Abegweits broke their arrangement with the All-Star management.

Through the summer several games were played between Charlottetown teams and a Summerside baseball team known as the Torontos, an "outlaw" nine that was not recognized by the Prince County Baseball League, which has always been understood to control baseball in Summerside. After the League series between the All Stars and the Abegweits let through there was organized in Charlottetown early in August, a Prince Edward Island Baseball League which included in its membership the Abegweits, the League of the Cross and the Torontos nine.

The organization meeting no member of the Prince County League was present. After this meeting was held Mr. Campbell, president of the newly formed league, wrote to Mr. J. Wright, a member of the executive of the Prince County League, his letter among other things, containing the following remarkable statement:

"The Abegweits Baseball Players refuse to play any more baseball with the All Stars unless they can give good reasons why they will not play the Torontos, and it is impossible for me to get an Abegweits team to play according to arrangements we made. They also claim that the agreement I signed is no good, as Mr. Nicholson's name is signed. As he is secretary of Prince County Baseball League he is showing that he is in favor of the All Stars, and no leaning towards the Torontos at all, when he should remain neutral."

As Secretary of the Prince County League, it was a very natural thing for Mr. Nicholson to favor the All Stars, which was the official Summerside team.

It is claimed the Provincial baseball championship through the fact that they defeated two second-rate teams. They have not defeated the Tignish nine—they have not defeated the Grand River nine, and were only winners once in six games with the All Stars.

If the Abegweits wish to aspire to championship fame and at the same time hold to facts, they can only claim the championship of the Charlottetown. If they are entitled even to that, for until they have defeated the Summerside All Stars they certainly have no right to the provincial title.

Thanking you, sir, for your valuable space, we are,  
 Prince County Baseball League, Augustus; in fact, every baseball

## "VICTOR-VANQUISHED-HERO"



John J. McGraw, MILLER HUGGINS, Dutch Bentley

The three celebrities pictured above figured prominently in last week's memorable battle for honours in the National and American League Pennant race. John McGraw, the Napoleon of Baseball again triumphed over Brooklyn in the fight for the National League flag and further added to the Giants' glory by capturing his fourth successive pennant. Miller Huggins, manager of last year's World's Champions was forced to bend to the inevitable when he and his warriors relinquished the American Pennant to Washington after one of the most hectic struggles in the history of organized baseball. Jack Bentley—if there is any doubt about this stellar hurler being worth the \$65,000 paid for him by McGraw, it was dispelled last Saturday when he turned the Philadelphia Nationals back with four hits and one lone run against five. Bentley by his clever mound work put the Giants' camp at ease and added further to their glory by capturing more successive league pennants than any other club in the world.

## THE ISLAND BALL CHAMPS

### Jack McEachern Capt. of Abegweit Ball Team Aims His Views on P. C. B. L. Letter.

Sporting Editor Guardian.—  
 Sir.—With reference to an article which appeared in a recent issue of the Summerside Pioneer, "knocking" the Abegweits' right to the Prince Edward Island baseball title, I might say the numerous paragraphs which go to make up the "masterpiece" are so full of holes and otherwise that it reminds one of that famous German tit-bit, Limburger cheese, and full of the "sour grape" chatter all the way through.

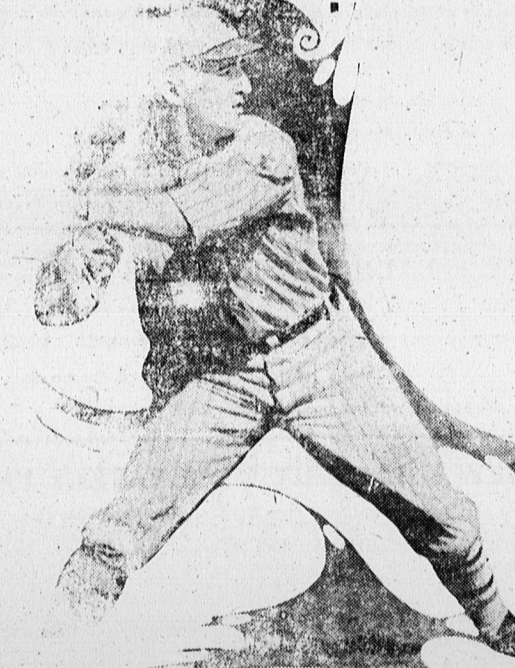
That the Abegweits are the legitimate champions has been proven beyond the shadow of a doubt, as we won the title in an organized sanction paid league with affiliated Maritime branch teams competing. The All Stars have no kick coming as they were invited to send a representative body to the league meeting, and when they failed to do so the meeting progressed nevertheless, and was satisfactorily arranged. They gave as their reason, however, that "they would not play ball in a league if the Torontos were coming in." Of course, it was the All Stars' privilege to "come in" or stay out, but as the remaining three teams wished to play organized baseball it was ridiculous in the extreme to even think of trying to "freeze" an organized and affiliated club from entering. I may also say that an athletic organization which is duly registered and affiliated with the M.P.B.A.A.U. of C. cannot be termed "outlaw," as it is just as legitimate as any other body, big or small. Therefore the Torontos are not an "outlaw" nine.

With reference to the Tignish and Grand River teams, as far as I can learn it wasn't the intention of the league to ignore them, but the fact lies clearly that no organized league can play teams without its members are registered athletes and the club affiliated. If in the 2.40 pace for all Trot and Pace on Thursday, October 23d, this horse which is trained and driven by the veteran Semple won two races on the mainland this season.

X Ray owned by Wm. Chappel is also in the 2.40 trot on Wednesday. Billy Aubrey of Semple's Training stables is entered in the 2.40 pace for all Trot and Pace on Thursday, October 23d.

This is a pretty fair representation for one locality which will naturally make the races doubly interesting to visitors from the near vicinity of Kensington.—K.

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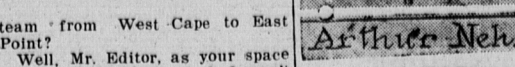
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## Kensington Horses ONE OF MCGRAW'S BEST HURLERS

Miss Belle Rico owned and driven by W. B. McArthur will race on Wednesday in the 2.22 trot class, in such company as Just Trump, Worthiest (A. S. Ettor, Amherst, N. S.) The old War Horse Brenton H. and many others. Lloyd George owned by Dr. Bowness is entered in the 2.40 pace for all Trot and Pace on Thursday, October 23d. This horse which is trained and driven by the veteran Semple won two races on the mainland this season.

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Arthur Neill

Flounces Smart  
 Flounces are very smart, particularly when instead of going clear around the hem of a frock they appear only in the back or the front or take a spiral course to the team from West Cape to East Point?

Well, Mr. Editor, as your space is very limited this week I won't proceed further, only hoping that the above explanation will put the fans on the right track as to just who the P. E. Island baseball champions are.

Thanking you, I am, Sir, etc.,  
 J. M. McEACHERN,  
 Capt. Abegweit Baseball Team, Island Champions, waistline.

## SOME DOPE ON THE SPEEDERS WHICH WILL ANSWER THE GONG ON THURSDAY

### Entries in Different Classes All Have Excellent Record of Past Performances.

Following up our article on the races which appeared in yesterday's Guardian, we present our readers with a list of the races and the starters in Thursday's events.

There will be three classes on Thursday and as the races will be called promptly at 1.30 spectators should be in their seats near that time in order to witness the first heat.

As the races are programmed for the 3 YEAR OLD TROT AND PACE STAKE, PURSE \$500.00 comes first. This class will have nine starters, most of them being pacers, while one is a hobbled trotter. As a rule three year olds trained in the Maritime Provinces do not get enough early education to step very fast, but some years ago there was an exceptional three year old called Frank, developed and trained by Brage Boutillier of Halifax, who hung up a Maritime record of 2:19.4. This still stands in Thursday's races we do not look for a heat better than 2:25.

The following is a brief sketch of the horses.

DIRECTUM L. owned by Thomas Mills, Charlottetown, will be driven by Peter Conroy. This is a free legged pacer son of Colorado L. He has won a mile in 2:29.4 and will surely be in the money.

SHAWNEE ROSE by Colorado L. is owned by John Rooney, and will be driven by Michael McKenna. This is a big gaited trotter out of the celebrated Orwell Belle. Yesterday he made a trip in 2:34, the last quarter in 34 1/2 seconds.

MACOPIA owned by the Semple Training Stables, will be driven by Tyndal Semple. This is a free legged pacer and can step around 2:35, perhaps a trifle better.

BRIAR MAC is owned and will be driven by Harry Lydiard, Centreville, N. S. Mr. Lydiard has been coming to Charlottetown track ever since it was opened. He will be remembered best as the owner of Warren Guy, Border, and Briar Queen the latter the one time holder of the four year old trotting record of the Maritime Provinces, and the dam of the colt he is racing.

Briar Mac has shown the most speed at the local track, stepping a half mile in 1:09, and looks to be up to a mile in 2:25.

JESSICA THE GREAT owned by Mr. G. H. Reddie, will be driven by R. J. Steele. This is a very handsome pacer with lots of speed in the race. She has worked miles in 2:29 1/2.

ROSE WALTZ by Colonel Waltz, is owned by Dr. Heath McIntyre, Charlottetown. She is said to have the brand of whip credited to her sire, Colonel Waltz, and miles in 2:30 are easy for her.

COLORADO M. owned by Brehaut Bros., will be driven by Milton Brehaut. This is a big gaited trotter and has shown excellent progress for a short amount of training. He can trot around 2:35, perhaps a trifle better.

EILEEN AUBREY owned by Simpson Bros., Amherst, N. S., will be driven by L. A. Simpson. This filly showed great promise until yesterday when she met with an accident while training which may put her out of the races.

MARY SUE owned and will be driven by Thomas Raymond, Fredrickton, N. B. Mary is a hobbled pacer therefore quite steady and reliable. We look to Mary to be either 1 or 2 when the winners are called out.

The 2.40 CLASS PACE STAKE PURSE \$500.00. Never in our recollection in the Maritime Provinces has there been as class a lot of 2.40 pacers as the present list. In this are four horses that can be 2:15 or better that we know of and two or three more that can be 2:17 or better. Such a wealth of speed is exceptional, but it never rains but it pours is an old saying and seems to be applicable to this race.

PRINCE MAC owned by G. H. Hooper will be driven by P. J. Conroy. This pacer has shown remarkable development this year since being equipped with hobbles. His sensational halves and quarters have given the timers a new record for the Dan Steele paced workout days lots of thrills. There is confidence, too, that he can go quite a number of trips, so he should collect some of the purse money, if not the largest share.

BILLY AUBREY owned by the Semple Training Stables, will be driven by Tyndal Semple. This pacer has not shown better than 2:20 speed, but predictions are that he can shade 2:18.

COLONEL AUBREY owned by James O'Brien, will be driven by Colonel D. A. MacKinnon. This horse is lame through injury received some time ago, but he is a dead game individual who will try all the time. He has lots of speed and when properly thawed out, which it takes quite a number of heats to accomplish, he is a most dangerous horse and under good conditions can 2:15 or better. Whether the number of heats required to oil him up will diminish his chances of winning or not, remains to be seen.

NATIONAL R. is owned by P. L. Morris, Murray Harbor. This horse is a good pacer for the chance he has had, but he does not show class to be compared to the others.

TODD E. is owned by Ian McLaren, Montague. This is a speedy horse capable of miles around 2:18. He is free legged so does not have quite as good a chance as his hobbled brethren.

JOHN WATERS owned by Thomas Munroe, New Glasgow, N. S. This horse was sold to parties in Cape Breton for a tremendous price after showing a mile in 2:06 1/4 on a mile track. He is perfectly at home on that kind of an oval and has sensational speed. He finds it difficult to negotiate the turns of a half mile track. He can pace 2:16 or better if he can parade the corners satisfactorily.

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MISS ATLANTIC owned by Les Randall, Moncton, will be driven by the veteran trainer and driver, Louis Cox. Miss Atlantic is bred in the purple, has a nice way of going, but so far, we have not heard of her beating 2:18, which will hardly be fast enough to lead to the wire.

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PECTOR, owned by Dr. J. D. McIntyre, Montague. This pacer started out well in the summer, won a the Sydney and second in New Glasgow, but went off form at Montague races August 27th. Yesterday he was given a light workout and seemed good gaited and cheerful. He was reported to be good for 2:16 in the summer and has not been asked for any sizzling miles lately.

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## MCTIGUE MAY NOT FIGHT BERLENBACH

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—According to Paddy Mullins, one of the managers of Mike McTigue, light heavyweight champion, articles will be signed today calling for a championship match between McTigue and Paul Berlenbach, to be staged in Madison Square Garden on October 24. It has been reported that this match was clinched just after the heavyweight bout between Harry Willis and Luis Firpo, but although the match may have been closed verbally it will not be official until McTigue affixes his signature some time today. Berlenbach is said to have signed several days ago.

The signing of the articles will call for a battle for the light heavyweight championship of the world, but before the ink is dry on the documents Billy Gibson is going to start marshalling his arguments in an effort to halt the match and force McTigue to meet Gene Tunney before taking on Paralyzing Paul. Gibson promises to stage a hectic struggle long before the date mentioned in the contracts. The first definite step will be taken tomorrow when Gibson will appear before the State Athletic Commission and make a formal protest of McTigue's match with Berlenbach.

Gibson will be digging up a contract which now is almost a year old, for it was last December that Tex Rickard signed McTigue to meet Tunney in the Garden. However, the match never was staged, for Mike injured his hand and asked for a postponement. In fact he asked for several postponements. He kept setting the bout back until the change in the personnel of the commission, when the bout and the contract became lost in the shuffle.

Since the advent of the new boxing board little has been heard of the contract. Tunney became convinced that McTigue did not want to fight, so he ceased all efforts to force Mike to go through while McTigue was idle Tunney was satisfied, but now that the champion has decided to risk his honors, Gene is certain that he should be playing the role of challenger.

McTigue, no doubt will question the legality of the contract for the Tunney match. It was signed by Joe Jacobs, who was handling McTigue at the time. According to Mike the contract was closed without his knowledge, but Jacobs' claim that he was not compelled to consult the fighter when making matches. Since that time Jacobs and McTigue have parted so it is unlikely that the champion is very eager to go through with a match which was made by a man from whom he bought his release for a sum of money which ran into the thousands.

A horse with Free For All Speed, but not the best of manners, and consequently it makes a big difference the position he draws in a race. If he is fortunate enough to get away in front of the others he will not do nearly so well. On past form he could beat the others for second place.

The above three races will be worth going to see, although probably not furnishing as many split up heats as will Friday's races. Friday's program is as follows:

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