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Another Successful Year Has Been Completed In Island Sport Circles

Hockey And Horse Racing Again Lead In Sport Activities

Sporting activity locally has not been up to the standard of former years, but the games and competitions held reflected credit on promoters and participants alike.

The ranks of the sporting fraternity have been thinned through enlistments in the various services, but their spirit carries on.

Even now over the thunder of roaring guns, the explosion of bursting bombs, the rattle of rifle fire can be heard that faint cry "Play up, play up and play the game".

It is a mistake in times such as these to neglect the youth. Rather every effort should be bent to develop the young physically and mentally for more serious days ahead, and what better way than through athletic competitions.

The fact that so many youths have temporarily left us is a challenge to carry on and to foster and develop the talent still with us.

In wishing all A HAPPY NEW YEAR we couple with it the hope for a victorious new year and the safe and sound return of all.

Stewart who in the meantime pulled another upset by taking the Montague team in two straight games...

Again this year there was no Junior Hockey League, but nothing stood in the way of the Royals as they entered their team in the Commercial Service League...

Playing against Port Elgin the N.B. champions the Summerside team won the opening 9-3 and played a two all draw in the second encounter...

For the first time in years the Island was without Senior Hockey. The nearest to this was the Commercial Service League with four teams operating...

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By attaining this victory it marked for the first time that two province Intercollegiate title ever came to the Island...

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The Ladies singles title went to Miss Helen McCready of Montreal and then emerging a double winner, teaming up with Mrs. G. Lewis to take the doubles crown.

In the Junior Division Joan Miller of Charlottetown won the Junior of the year title, defeating Evelyn Walker of Summerside.

The men's junior title went to Bob Watt of Montreal who defeated Forbes Mountain in three straight sets. After winning the junior title young Watt reached the finals for the men's senior title...

Although there was no Club championship held this season at the Holy Redeemer Tennis Club, there were plenty of tennis games on the courts both in the day and evenings, with the players pitting their skill against each other in friendly rivalry.

With the 1940 season over and war raging on it is hard to say just what the outcome will be for the tennis next season.

Despite war time conditions the Golfers had another successful year with over 800 visitors playing over the beautiful Belvedere course and with its members showing lots of enthusiasm and spirit and parking loads of prizes for their fine efforts in staging the meet.

With war on it brought about the cancellation of the Maritime Ladies Championship for the duration and also the N. B. and P. E. I. Tournament which were to be held here this year.

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It would take up too much space to give a full account of the bowling activities that are held at the Holy Name, Y.C.M.A. and Charlottetown Bowling Alleys, with each alley having five or six different leagues going and upwards of 200 bowlers taking part in the different games.

The trundling game of bowling is in full swing, and with the bowlers hitting their stride it looks like the trundling game will have another successful year.

For the past year the Charlottetown Curling Club has climbed the ladder of success, and has added to its credit one of the most successful seasons in local curling.

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By Sydney Gruson Canadian Press Staff Writer

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