



# SPORTING NEWS

## Rain Halts Race Card; Held Today

Racing fans were a disappointed lot with the forced postponement of the five-class card scheduled for yesterday afternoon but they gained a lot of pleasure out of the announcement of officials in charge that the race card would be run off this afternoon starting at 1:30 sharp.

Although the weather had cleared somewhat around 11 o'clock one look at the condition of the track would convince anyone that it would be impossible to hold races over it. However, with clearing skies in evidence a big band of workers got to work on the oval yesterday afternoon and with cooperation from the weatherman it should again be lightning fast for today's card.

Despite the postponement the five race fans an even better day's racing than the case on Wednesday. That was plenty good and the chance at the card coming up will convince anyone that the performers who will answer Dr. P. C. Daughan's starting bill are as evenly matched as anyone could possibly wish for.

Tomorrow's racing will likely conclude the season's race meetings here on the island and a round glance over the island circuit shows plainly that it has been one of the best for the best season ever enjoyed here.

Without fail each and every meeting drive racing of the night order with many horses taking many prizes. Crowds were bigger than in other years and the weather was just what was needed to bring in big letters about the entire season.

Not a great deal of information has been gained about the bill season that is rapidly coming to a close. It is quite likely that the two colleges together with teams from the local air force stations will once again compete in a series of games.

In fact the boys from the Charlottetown station are ready to start practice sessions and it is likely that the rest of the program will follow suit with a schedule of games being drawn up in short order.

Football has been making strides along the Canadian trail in the last two seasons after two seasons in which interest in the gridiron game waned to a low ebb. Air Force teams have done much to create added interest and with their presence again on the football field a better season can be looked forward to.

Death came to Gus Sonnenberg one time wrestling champion, as he lay in his bed, his face pale, his hands clasped in prayer, his eyes closed, his heart stopped. He was 42 years old, a veteran of the first world war, and a man who had been wrestling for over 20 years.

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Although the rain had ceased shortly before eleven o'clock it would have been impossible to get the track in condition by starting time of the race.

Today's card, with five classes, will get underway at 1:30 sharp.

Quinn gave him bouts, had him featured in smart towns of all he had known, Sonnenberg had none to whom he could turn in his extremity. It is a bitter commentary on some phases of sport and on some promoters that when you need them the least, they festoon you with favors. When you want them most, they are looking out the window.

Sonnenberg, like many others, found that out.

While Major Connie Smythe, unanimous selection of the N. H. L. governors, blasts the government in Toronto no doubt in preparation for an entry into politics, the National Hockey League schedule comes out as usual.

The teams may not be the same, but the old show still goes on, and to matter how you present it, whether with quantity or quality, it is the best sport, show on earth.

Red Dutton was discussing the game some time ago. He was also discussing his associates. When Red gets his hair down he is inclusive and explosive. He opined that hockey must be the greatest game on earth because it has survived in spite of many strange people in its councils, much bickering and a lot of in-fighting which would have wrecked any organization which didn't have the public support.

"The more I see of it the more I realize that the late Frank Callaghan, with his common sense, his cool head, his judicial temperament," meant a lot more to this league than appeared on the surface.

Frank used to have many battles. Some of them were long and bitter. He leaped with Major McLaughlin and some of their exchanges were pretty tart at times. He had a classic feud with Charles F. Adams, out of which emerged a firm friendship in his later years.

He and Art Ross, once firm friends, split out altogether, and Ross quit as governor in a huff. He couldn't get his way with Calder, and only came back to action when the latter died. The Calder decision over the Cameron case rankled so much with Ross, who nearly every other time had his own way in disputes, that he quarrelled with his one-time great friend.

Frank never fought with the Canadian governors like Leo Danaher, Jimmy Strachan, Connie Smythe, Frank Ahearn or Tommie Gorman, when he represented Americans or Maroons.

One time there was a move made to oust him generated by Boston, but a coalition of Canadian forces under the leadership of Dwyer, then representing Americans, quelled the push. The Canadian authority was never seriously challenged again, though the worries of his office no doubt had

## Big Schedule Of Horseshoe Games Tonight

Play for the William Murley and Moore & McLeod trophies and the Howard Mcinnis trophy will begin at the Brighton Horseshoe Club tonight. The William Murley and Moore & McLeod trophies are a doubles play in B Group while the Howard Mcinnis trophy goes to the singles winner of C Group.

In B Group the following teams are asked to be on hand to start play this evening at 7 o'clock: McDonald and Robins vs. Whitlock and Martin; Trainor and Doyle vs. Williams and Evans; Yorkston and Court. Winners of the above will play a sudden death game with Connolly and Scott who have drawn a bye.

In C Group S. Down and G. Dalziel meet Jackie Williams and B. Gay with the winner of the Down-Dalziel match and Williams and Gay meeting to decide the right to meet the drawer of the bye J. Buote.

## Will Complete Play For Tulle Trophy

In a singles competition for the George Tulle trophy Jos. Trainor last night won from joy McDonald, 51-42 in a final close match. Result of the match put Trainor into the semi-finals against Mo. Crockett. With the winner of this match playing off for the trophy with Reg. McEldan. This competition will be decided tonight and the other matches which are scheduled.

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## S'ide Airmen Win Opener For Island Softball Title

A team from the ROAF station yesterday defeated a team from the Charlottetown station 4-2 in the first of a three-game softball series for the island championship. The game was played at Summerside. The second encounter will be at Victoria Park, Charlottetown, Sunday afternoon.

The winner of the series will have the right to meet the New Brunswick champion in a series leading to the Maritime title, with the finals to be played with the Nova Scotia title-holders.

The team from the Charlottetown station won the city league title earlier this season.

At Summerside yesterday the visitors scored two runs in the first inning and appeared headed for victory until a series of costly errors turned the tide.

Swain pitcher for Charlottetown while Bancroft performed for Summerside. Krane was the Charlottetown catcher and Thompson for Summerside.

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A resounding two-base smack by Frank Crosetti with two men out in the 10th scored Johnny Lindell from second with the winning run. Lindell had walked and moved to second on an infield out.

New York, trailing 1-0, scored three times off starter Frank Owen in the top of the ninth on two hits, two walks and an error, catcher Mike Garbarik driving in Newhouse with a single with the bases loaded. Two errors by shortstop Joe Oregano helped New York to another run in the eighth off Newhouse.

Detroit tied it up with three in the eighth, Dick Wakefield's 10th homer accounting for two runs and helping to drive out Walt Dibel, Yankee starting pitcher who gave five hits in the first seven innings. Jim Turner bested Johnson and Bill Zuber relieved in turn for New York, Zuber gaining credit for the victory. Newhouse gave two hits in three innings in losing his ninth game against 26 victories, working just one day's rest.

## Premier Drew Agrees With Major Smythe

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Explaining that he had not seen the statement issued Monday night by Maj. Smythe, he took the position to comment directly on it, the Premier's remark was in reply to a reporter who said the Major's statement referred to a lack of training in the use of those three weapons. "I know that to be correct from my own knowledge and contacts with the troops in France," he said when asked about the basis for his statement.

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