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Active Year In Various Branches Of Island Sport

The curtain falls on the cavalcade of sports for 1937 and the huge crowd that goes to make up the fans will have to live in memory of the many stirring events they witnessed during the year that is now drawing to a close.

Below we give briefly a short review of happenings in Island sports for the past year:

SENIOR HOCKEY

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Holders of the Lea and Wright Trophy from last season Silver Wings wound up their season by retaining possession of this trophy. After defeating Kensington Aces they then met Bedeque Beavers who had eliminated New Annapolis and Freeborn.

Playing for the Clark Trophy, a cup donated by Mr. James Clark of North Bedeque, the Bedeque team were returned the victors for the third successive season, beating St. Eleonars 4-1 in the final.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Like the intermediates the Juniors had their best season last winter also. Rapidly becoming popular, the Junior brand of the game drew more and more followers this season.

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY

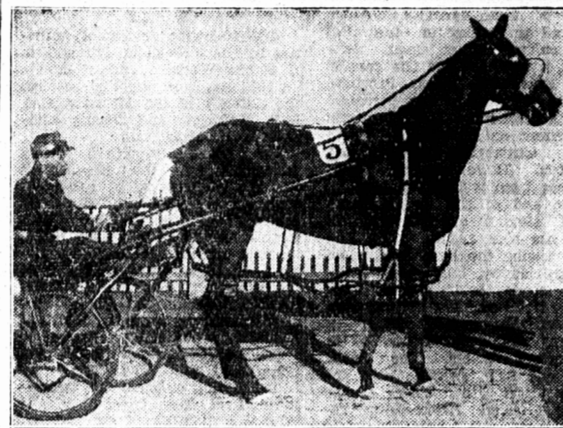
Once again intermediate teams had a banner season and to climax it all Victoria Unions reached the pinnacle they held in former years, winning the Island title from the local L.P.U. team coached by Joey McDonald and then confounding their string of victories by the Maritime playoffs, defeating the Nova Scotia champions, Pictou Sailors, in a two-game series.

But while Victoria's feat was the outstanding one of the season, nevertheless all over the province the intermediates had their busiest and best season. It would be impossible to go over each league separately, but in every one competition was of the keenest with interest at a high peak.

In the J. E. McLean League, Victoria teams in Prince County, Victoria Unions were declared the winners and at the same time earned the right to enter the Island playoffs. Unions, eastern section winners of the league, downed the western section champions, Wellington Battlers 9-1 after the section winners, Holman's, to the semifinals, with two straight wins over the department store team.

Annual Review Of Harness Racing In Prince Edward Island, Season Of 1937

Sets New Pacing Record



(By Courtesy of The Halifax Herald) WALTER DALE—3:00 1/2, lowered Canadian pacing record for half-mile track to 2:02 1/2 at Fredericton, N.B., September 15, 1937.

two straight, scores being 11-2 and 8-3.

However with a new season at hand all those differences have been forgotten. A capable list of officers has been elected and the youngsters are now looking forward to an even better schedule of games than was the case last year.

MIDGET HOCKEY

The Midgets with a three team league operating, again had a banner season with the Red Wings proving to be the class of the league, winning the title from Canadians, the defending champions in three games.

LADIES HOCKEY

The Abbie Sisters climaxed 8 years of striving last season by finally lifting the Island crown from the Crystal Sisters in a two-game total-goal series. Not given much chance against the Summerside girls, Abbie Sisters surprised everyone by winning the first game in the Crystal rink by a 3-2 score and then just to show it was no fluke came back to their home ice a week later to again whip their old-time foes 4-2.

BANTAMS

The Bantams also had their innings. Every Saturday afternoon the kids held forth on Forum ice with crowds increasing regularly and after a season-long rivalry Captain Don Seaman's Maple Leafs marched off with the crown defeating Captain Bobby McLean's Silver Foxes 1-0 in the deciding game. After an original three-game playoff series had been extended to five contests by reason of two draw games.

INTERCOLLEGIATE

Prince of Wales, being a strong, well-balanced squad took the measure of Saint Dunstan's University six in two straight games, the local collegians victory giving them possession of the L. E. Wellmer Trophy for 1937. This series attracted a lot of attention and both games were well attended.

BASKETBALL

Starting out with a lot of promise for a wonderful season the hoop game faded badly after over half of a City League schedule had been played and wound up by the league failing to be completed. It was a disastrous happening to the hoop game and came just when it appeared as if the sport was going to come back to its once proud status. Unnecessary postponing of games appeared to be the main factor in the occurrence and led to the players losing interest rapidly and finally dropping it altogether.

Track Records Intact As Island Racing Circuit Records Banner Season

The relentless march of time has brought us to the end of another year and gives us an opportunity to look back over doings in the harness horse sport so popular with the great body of people in our Island home.

It was an active year, starting with a matinee race at Charlottetown in June and ending up with a matinee race at Kensington in October. Two Maritime records were broken and more than a dozen 2.10 miles were stepped by the pacers. No track records were broken at the regular meetings, but the track pacing record at Alberton was equalled. New four-year-old records for Maritime bred trotters and pacers were hung up by Island owned horses and a New Brunswick owned horse stepped the fastest mile ever credited to a Maritime bred pacer.

Matinee races were held in greater numbers than in previous years, probably due to the fact that there were less regular money purse race meets.

CURLING

Unfavorable weather last year curtailed curling activities, but the sport enjoyed increased popularity. The Charlottetown Moguls, skipped by A. Belcher, won the British Consols trophy and the right to represent the province in the Macdonald-Brier Tankard play in Toronto.

BOWLING

Once again bowling proved to be the most popular of indoor winter pastimes. On the three alleys in operation in the City as many as six leagues were in operation throughout the winter months. Mixed leagues proved to be very popular and scores continued to improve over previous seasons.

TENNIS

In one of the busiest competitive seasons in the province's history Frank Hansen, blond racket wielder, dominated the men's division, while E. Bourke swept all before her in the ladies division. Hansen won the Charlottetown Club singles title and the Provincial Closed championship. Miss Bourke retained the club title and regained the provincial crown. Winners of the Provincial Closed doubles titles follow:

MATINEE RECORDS

The following horses took new records at matinees held on various Prince Edward Island tracks. Daisies Peters, Alberton—2:12. Hal Britton, Ch'Town—2:18 3/4. Hi-Sox, (4) Alberton—2:19. Jackie Volo, Kensington—2:20. Colonel Mack, Hamilton—2:20. Volo Scott, (3), Kensington—2:20. June Worley, Ch'Town—2:20 3/4. Jean Worley, Alberton—2:22. Bill Bailey, Kensington—2:22. Nellie Watson, Kensington—2:24. Nellie Grey, Hamilton—2:24. Betty Watson, Hamilton—2:27 1/2.

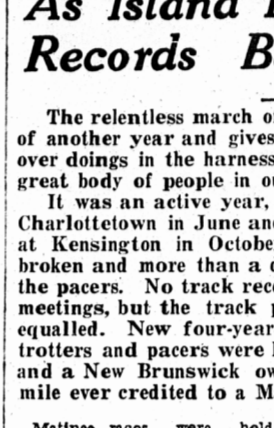
SUMMERSIDE, JULY 18T

2.18 Trot And Pace was won by Hanover Courier 2:09 in straight heats. Trislie Volo second, Lusty Frisco third. McElwyn the Great fourth, best time 2:15 1/2. The winner was owned by Percy Bridges, Gagetown, N. B. and driven by Johnny Conroy.

ALBERTON, JULY 14TH

2.17 Trot And Pace. Peter Reeper 2:07 1/4, owned and driven by Col. D. A. MacKinnon won the first two heats and race and placed second in the third heat which was won by Trislie Volo. Hanover Courier

Grand Circuit Performer



(By Courtesy of The Halifax Herald) JANE AZOFF—1:59 1/2, owned by Hedley T. Fulton, Upper Steviacka Nova Scotia.

was 2-2-3 in the summary, McElwyn the Great 4-3-4 and Miss McTyre 5-5-5, time 2:11, 2:11 1/4, 2:11 1/4. The time in the first and second heats equaled the track record, made by McElwyn the Great the previous year.

MONTAGUE, AUGUST 4TH

2.14 Trot. Calumet Bee 2:11 was the winner, her summer, 2:11 1/2, 2:11 1/2, 2:11 1/2. The winner is owned by George Todd, Dartmouth, N. S. Guy Todd is owned by Captain John L. Read, Borden, and was driven by Mac Steale.

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