

14 Years Since Favorite Won Grand National

AINTREE, Lancs., England, March 18 (Reuters)—Octogenarian Lord Bicester has tried for many years to win the Grand National Steeplechase—most glamorous, most hazardous event in Britain's racing calendar—and it is widely tipped favorite, Silver Fame, triumphs Saturday the insurance magnate's lifetime dream will come true.

The nine-year-old chestnut son of Wrenlock out of Silver Fairy, has been a consistent early-book favorite and his odds held firm at 10/1 the latest call-over at the Victoria Club in London.

But the National, with its 30 potentially death-dealing obstacles spread over four miles and 856 yards, is no race for favorites. Not

since Golden Miller won 14 years ago has the public's selection come home in iron.

If Silver Fame is to carry the famous Bicester colors to victory he'll have to beat a probable field of 45 other starters, a weight near the top of the handicap of 160 pounds, and his own record of consistent failure over the grueling Aintree course.

In three previous attempts Silver Fame has fallen thrice. His supporters, however, claim he might have won the 1947 National but for bad luck when knocked out by a loose horse three fences from home and point to five consecutive victories over other courses this season as proof of improvement in the last 12 months.

Broda And Lumley In Race For Trophy

ST. CATERINES, Ont., March 18 (CP)—The only time Walter (Turk) Broda ever won the Vezina Trophy involved a race to the wire with a Detroit goalie, and the portly Toronto Maple Leafs netminder is faced with the same situation as he trains here with the National League leaders for one of the most crucial week-end doubleheaders in the history of big-time hockey.

Back in 1941 it was Johnny Mowers of Detroit Red Wings who lost out to Brandon-born Turk in a battle which went to the season's final game.

Next Saturday and Sunday the portly 33-year-old Toronto puck buster finds himself in a similar hot-spot, only this time his rival, Harry Lumley, will be in the nets at the opposite end as the Leafs and Leafs battle for the N.H.L. championship and the Prince of Wales Trophy.

The goalies enter Saturday's contest here on even terms, both having been beaten 158 times, but the Leafs have a one-point edge in the home-and-home round between the teams which will decide the League title and the preferred position in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Besides the honor of winning the Vezina Trophy, Broda has much cash to gain by outshining Lumley. The Trophy brings with it \$1,000 from the League and it should raise the winner a fair chance for all-star selection, which in Broda's case would mean \$1,000 from the League, plus \$2,000 from the Leafs.

President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League said today at Montreal that in event of a tie in the goals-against record of the Toronto and Detroit clubs, the Vezina Trophy would be of dual ownership for a year and the \$1,000 money award would be split between Turk Broda and Harry Lumley.

Public Approves Action In Hockey Gambling Probe

By WILFRED GRUSON

TORONTO, March 18 (CP)—Principally because the welfare of the game was involved, there definitely is just about complete agreement among the public and sports writers that the two principals in the National Hockey League's gambling probe deserved the punishment handed out by Clarence Campbell.

Nevertheless, many persons cannot help feel somewhat sympathetic for Billy Taylor of New York Rangers, expelled for life for betting on a game and associating with a known gambler and criminal, and Don Gallinger of Boston Bruins, suspended indefinitely for associating with the same individual.

To many it was tough to see them go out that way, for the 28-year-old Taylor was in the twilight of his career after being a top-notch star for years and Gallinger, only 22, had a promising future ahead of him.

From what the evidence revealed and in the light of past experience and the emphasis that the League had placed on its warning conduct, there was no other course that it would not tolerate such as Taylor and Gallinger the way he did.

It is taken as a point that has been taken up in some quarters is whether the League itself is not somewhat to blame to allow such a condition to arise.

In this connection and pointing out that he was not "wielding any white-wash brush" since Taylor comes from his city, George (Oshawa Times-Gazette) Campbell wrote: "The game is bigger than any individual and if this is the first move (and it's certainly overdue and greatly needed) to nip out the stigma that comes to a game when known individuals of dubious character are fraternizing with players, then it's a step in the right direction."

"But the boys who have bally-hooded hockey to such money-making heights by arousing the public to intense interest will have to use more action and not merely words to convince that same public that the game is above reproach."

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pay. We've known it for years. So what? How about the thousands who don't receive pay?"

Panter said that almost 25,000 players are registered with the O. H. A., and that most of them, perhaps 80 to 90 per cent don't receive a "direct dime" for their services. It wouldn't be fair to professionalize the majority for the few players receiving pay.

Some tea firms use as many as 30 different teas to blend their product. This enables them to maintain a consistent quality of tea regardless of fluctuations in quality or quantity of any one type.

Opposes Retiring Of Memorial, Allan Cups

TORONTO, March 18 (CP)—President George Panter of the Ontario Hockey Association takes exception to recommendations of William Northey of Montreal that the Allan and Memorial Cups be retired to hockey's Hall of Fame because they no longer represent amateur competition.

"Not that I am denying there is professionalism, as it is known, in amateur hockey," Panter said in an interview here today, "but it would be no, a tacit admission that there is no amateur hockey. That isn't so."

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Sussex Man Draws Horse In Sweepstakes

(By The Canadian Press) QUEBEC, March 18—G.A. Robinson of Sussex, N.B., was named here today as one of 17 Canadians scattered from the eastern seaboard to Winnipeg, to draw a horse in the Grand National at Aintree Saturday.

Robinson drew Ulster Monarch in the draw which was announced as being conducted by Unit 33, Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Association of Canada.

Quebec Citadels Win From St. Mary's 4-2

HALIFAX, March 18 (CP)—Quebec Citadels defeated Halifax St. Mary's 4-2 tonight in the second game of a two-game junior exhibition hockey series. St. Mary's won the opener last night 7-1.

C N R Vice-President Fraser Honored

NEW YORK, March 18—Alistair Fraser, K. C., vice-president of traffic, Canadian National Railways, Montreal, was today elected to the executive committee of the National Freight Traffic Association. He is the first Canadian railroad to be appointed to the executive committee of the association.

Police Investigate Deaths In Fires

NORTH BAY, Ont., March 18 (CP)—Provincial Police today are investigating two northland fires which took the lives of four children, all under four years old, who were left alone by their parents.

An 18-month-old baby, child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Napierkowski, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., died in a fire last night while the mother was visiting neighbors across the street. She said she saw smoke rising from her home, but the heat and flames prevented her from reaching the child in the upstairs room.

Meantime in North Bay, police are investigating the deaths of three children of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fetherly, whose charred bodies were taken from the burning remains of the tiny tarpapered house at Port Loring, 68 miles southwest of here, yesterday.

The children—Elda, 4, Wayne, 3, and Charlie, 2—were alone when the fire broke out while their mother was on a three-day visit to North Bay and the 28-year-old father was hauling a load of saw-logs a mile away.

The Children's Aid Societies of North Bay and Parry Sound are inquiring why the children were left alone.

Musicians Sign With Television

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP)—The American Federation of Musicians (A.F.M.) and the radio networks agreed today on a new three-year contract that includes a provision permitting live music for television.

The agreement came after many weeks of negotiations between the networks and James C. Petrillo, president of the union.

It insures that there will be no interruption of radio network musical programs on March 31 when a 60-day extension of the old contract expires.

The agreement also means that television will be able to carry live musical programs, including symphony orchestras, operas, musical comedies and popular bands.

Mount Stewart

Mr. Elias McKay has returned to the City having visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Montague McKay.

Messrs. Ephraim Malone and Ambrose Phalen of Morell Rear were in Mt. Stewart recently on business.

Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Maple Hills, was a recent visitor to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Affleck.

A fire which caused some damage to the home of Mr. J. J. McIntyre broke out about 7.30 p.m. Monday evening on the roof. The

B.I.S. Play Is Repeated

"Colleen's Step Husband", a hilarious three-act play under the sponsorship of the Benevolent Irish Society and directed by J. Pius Callaghan was re-staged yesterday afternoon and evening at the Prince Edward Theatre with the same overwhelming success attained at the two previous performances on St. Patrick's Day.

With the theatre packed to the doors at both performances, the cast rolled through their parts with the ease and assurance of professionals, and portrayed their characterizations in a manner deserving of much credit to themselves and their director.

The specialties between acts, which added so much to the success of the entire show, received the same warm applause and calls of "encore" from a large, appreciative audience, which was another repetition of Wednesday's performances. The final curtain fall of last night's performance, added another to the long list of successful St. Patrick's plays sponsored by the Benevolent Irish Society.

Says Reefer Car Situation Good

OTTAWA, March 18 (Special)—Transport Minister Chevrier told the House of Commons this afternoon that at the moment there are 258 refrigerator cars on Prince Edward Island either being loaded or awaiting placement. "The general situation on Prince Edward Island is very good," he added.

The minister's statement was in reply to a question asked on Monday by Dr. T. V. Grant, Liberal member for King's who called Mr. Chevrier's attention to a report that 130 reefer cars were on track at Borden without locomotives to haul them. Mr. Chevrier said there had been 75 cars at Borden on the day Dr. Grant's question was asked but that these were being moved that very day.

Favor True Or False Type Examination

MONTREAL, March 18 (CP)—The true-or-false type of examination paper is gaining popularity in the faculty of engineering at McGill University, instructors said today.

One professor put it this way: "We can ask more questions and accomplish a wider sampling of the student's knowledge. And the examination is easier on the professor. Imagine having to read, for instance, through papers on one subject containing the conventional type of answers."

All the student has to do is answer "true" or "false." In some cases he only has to tick off his answer.

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