

Ice Races At Vernon

The Vernon Driving Club staged its third meet of the season Wednesday, Feb. 16th, on the popular race course above Vernon Bridge which, after being cleaned with tractor and scraper, was lightning fast, providing many thrilling finishes during the afternoon.

Class A. Kalmont Peter (McKenna) 1 1 1 Birdie Budlong (Duffy) 2 2 2 Winning owner: Michael McKenna, Vernon.

Class B. Birdie Budlong (Young) 1 1 1 Captain Budlong (Grant) 2 1 2 Winning owner: Levi Young, Earncliffe.

Class C. Real Brook (Henry) 1 1 1 Scotty Kalmuck (McInnis) 2 2 2 Mickey Peter (Ryan) 3 4 4 Star Junior (Fraught) 4 3 5 Smallwood Guy (Young) 5 3 3 Winning owner: Claud Henry, Vernon.

Colt Race. Juddie Dale (Hughes) 1 1 2 Rita Girl (McInnis) 2 2 1 Echo Dale (Furness) 3 3 3 Winning owner: Allen Hughes, Avondale.

Officials: Starter, Thomas McKenna; judges, A. Carver, John Praught, and Claud Wood.

Summary of races held Feb. 19: Free For All. Kalmont Peter (McKenna) 1 1 1 Dominion Gratian (Praught) 3 3 2 Happy Vernon (McDonald) 4 2 3 Simon Budlong (Duffy) 2 5 4 Barbara Ann (Cairns) 5 4 4 Winning owner: Michael McKenna, Vernon.

Class A. Captain Budlong (Grant) 1 2 1 Birdie Budlong (Young) 2 1 2 Winning owner: E. V. Grant, Millview.

Class B.—1st Division. Mickey Peter (Ryan) 1 2 2 1 Real Brook (Henry) 3 1 3 2 Scotty Kalmuck (McInnis) 2 4 1 3 Major Cope (McPherson) 4 3 4 Winning owner: John Ryan, Avondale.

Class B.—2nd Division. Orca Girl (Young) 1 1 2 Star Junior (Praught) 2 2 1 Winning owner: Russell Young, Earncliffe.

Colt Race. Juddie Dale (Hughes) 1 1 1 Elnor Dake (Myers) 2 2 2 Rita Girl (McInnis) 3 3 3 Winning owner: Allen Hughes, Avondale.

Officials: Starter, Thomas McKenna; judges, A. Carver, W. McVarish, and P. McInnis.

HEFTY CATFISH. Sea catfish have been known to dig their fangs into the deck planks of a vessel and raise their bodies clear of the plank.

All Stars And Navy To Clash At Forum Tonight

The Summerside All Stars are going to have an uphill fight when they clash with the Charlottetown Navy in the second and final game of their semi-final total goal series in City Hockey League competition at the Forum tonight.

The Navy, who won the opening game here last Tuesday night, hold a two-goal advantage over their opponents and the Westerners will have to come out strong right from the start if they expect to overcome the deficit against the smooth-working Stars.

However, the Western Capital aggregation are noted for their ability in coming from behind when the going is tough and local fans can depend that they will spare no effort tonight to overcome the obstacle and make a determined bid for the right to enter into the final round against Saint Dunstan's University.

Coupled with the fact that the Navy have no intention of letting the All Stars get the jump on them and endanger their chances of winning out tonight after working so hard to win the first round, the game should produce an exceptionally good encounter with plenty of fireworks thrown in to make it doubly interesting.

Hockey fans, who have a yen for a good game, will no doubt be turning out en masse to see the boys in action, and as the situation stands at the moment, they are not likely to be disappointed.

To Drop Television of Hockey Games

TORONTO, March 1. — (CP) — After three years of television for National Hockey League games in Chicago Stadium, manager Bill Tobin of the Black Hawks said Saturday he thought the team would "drop it for one term."

"That may answer the question as to whether or not television is responsible for the falling off in our Chicago gates," said Tobin, who represented the fifth-place Hawks at an N. H. L. board-of-governors meeting here Friday. The governors decided to leave the question of television in the hands of individual clubs.

Exhibition Baseball

At West Palm Beach, Fla.: Washington (A) 010 000 000—1 4 1 Phila. (A) 104 200 000—7 1 1 Calvert, Kielman (4), Welk (7) and Evans, Okrie (6); Coleman, Brisse (4), Harris (7) and Rosar.

At Clearwater, Fla.: Detroit (A) 001 200 000—3 6 5 Phila. (N) 002 030 000—3 9 3 Gray, Griscom (4), Trout (7) and Robinson, Swift (6); Meyer, Donnelly (4), Heintzelman (7) and Semlinck, Silvestri (7).

Harness Racing Becomes Big Business In Quebec

THREE RIVERS, Que., March 13 — (CP) — Harness racing has become such big business in Quebec Province that owners now keep their horses in training during the winter at the Three Rivers fair grounds. At present 44 horses are quartered there.

Quebec-owned trotters and pacers and their trainers spend the winter at the unique set-up where, free of charge, the horses may be kept ready for the summer meets in big and small cities and towns. Costs of training facilities and living are borne by the track.

Each takes a cut of three per cent of purses in stake races for each mile in the race. Thus, in a stake of \$2,000, with 10 horses entered, the track committee collects \$600. The stalls can accommodate as many as 140 horses at a time. The track stalls and grandstand, directed by racing secretary Paul Martin of Three Rivers, were rebuilt from 1896 to 1936 by the Quebec Government. The plant now is valued at close to \$200,000.

The training, directed by some of Quebec's best known drivers and trainers, is mostly routine work, but it often presents difficult problems.

Remus the First, for instance, a colt belonging to Rosaire Rivard of Louiseville, Que., is known as "The Bull" around the camp. Trainers say he is a wild critter who just won't be broken. Nobody can get near him.

Rivard, one of the best-known trotting men in the province, has 13 horses at the track, besides a breeding farm and assorted pacers and trotters in Louiseville. His horses at the camp are valued at \$50,000.

The 40-odd horses here, valued at about \$100,000 work out from five to 10 miles daily. Their diets are watched carefully according to the amount of work they do.

Wooden and metal sleds called speeders are used instead of sulkes to train the horses on the snow-covered track.

"We may not be in the blue grass country," said secretary Martin, "but the training is just as good here as anywhere else."

HUNTINGDON, England—(CP) — For more than 40 years, Henry J. Twigden issued car licenses from the county finance offices here. He was recently fined £1 (\$4), soon after his retirement — for driving without a license.

Reports New York Yankees Are Worried

By JOE REICHLER. ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 13 — (AP) — New York Yankees are worried. They have plenty of reason to be.

Joe Dimaggio is in anything but good shape, and it is not certain he will be in the opening day lineup.

It's an old saying "as Dimaggio goes, so go the Yankees." Joe's right heel is giving him and the Yankees more concern than they've let on.

Joe thinks perhaps a second operation is necessary. There is a strong possibility that another spur is growing where the original one was removed last November.

Dimag. 34, doesn't think he would play another season under similar circumstances. He'd rather retire. Of course diathermy and whirl-pool treatments described by his physician might dissolve the thickening and bring the heel around.

Meantime, Casey Stengel, who took over the manager's reins last October, has seen enough to make two observations: 1. The Yankees' strongest department is the outfield.

2. He is knee-deep in starting pitchers. "I won't venture to hazard a guess as to where we will finish, for two reasons," he said. "The first is that I still am not familiar with my personnel.

The other is that I'm new to the American League and don't know a thing about the relative strength of the other clubs except what I've read in the papers.

"I'm pretty well satisfied with what I've seen thus far," he continued. Casey said his biggest problem would be to cut down his outfield to five flychasers.

In Dimaggio, Charley Keller and Tommy Henrich, we have the best outfield in baseball. Johnny Lindell, who hit 317 last year, is available as Keller's replacement.

"Then we have Hank Bauer, the best outfielder in the American Association last year; Gene Woodling, who led Pacific Coast in batting; and Cliff Maples, who was with us last year."

Stengel regards righthanders Allie Reynolds, Spec Shea, Vic Raschi, Bob Porterfield, Fred Sanford, and southpaws Ed Lopat and Tommy Byrne as his regular starters. He is banking upon Joe Page to turn in another fine season in relief as in 1947.

Yankee catching is in good hands, especially if Yogi Berra improves in his fielding. There is no doubt about his hitting.

Behind Berra there are Gus Niarhos, Ralph Houk and Charley Silveira.

Babe Young, former National Leaguer, appears to have the inside track at first base. George Stirrweiss at second, Phil Rizzuto a shortstop, and either Bobby Brown or Bill Johnsons at third.

present the same infield as last year with the exception at first.

Turn Down 70-Game N. H. L. Schedule

TORONTO, March 12 — (CP) — Governors of the National Hockey League today turned thumbs down on a proposal for a 70-game schedule for each of its six teams in the 1949-50 season.

A spokesman said at the end of a closed session of the governors that the proposal which called for a total of 210 games over the 22-week season instead of the present 180, was not feasible.

Sudbury Wolves Lose Game to U. S. at Paris

PARIS, March 13 — (CP) — The United States came from behind in the final period to defeat Sudbury Wolves, Canada's touring hockey team, 3-2, Saturday night to win the annual international tournament for the Jean Potin cup before 18,000 fans.

The Racing Club of Paris was the other team entered in the round-robin tournament. The Americans won both their games for four points while Canada and the Racing Club, which played a 4-4 tie Friday night, finished with one point each.

The United States defeated the Racing Club 8-5 Thursday night.

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Remember When

By The Canadian Press. Hamilton Tigers went on strike after winning the National Hockey League championship 24 years ago today when the club executive refused a bonus to players who were to meet Victoria Cougars in the Stanley Cup final series.

St. Pat's and Canadians then played off for the right to meet Cougars, the Montreal squad winning. But the cup series was taken by Victoria.

BROADSTAIRS, England — (CP) — Champion police rifle shot of Kent, Police Constable Arthur, 42, scored nine "possibles" — full points of 100—a 99 and two 98s in his match cards. Average was 99.58.

North American Figure Skating Titles Decided

ARDMORE, Pa., March 13 — (CP) — Richard T. Button, the world and Olympic titleholder, retained his North American figure skating championship Saturday night and Yvonne Sherman of New York won the ladies' singles crown.

Button, Harvard freshman from Englewood, N.J., lifted the title on the Ardmore rink of the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humana Society, where he learned his difficult edges a few years ago.

Miss Sherman, who three weeks ago was second in the world championship at Paris, succeeded Barbara Ann Scott of Ottawa, who turned professional last year after winning the world, Olympic and North American titles.

The 18-year-old New York girl finished high in the school-figure competition Friday night and Saturday night gave a good free-skating program to clinch the championship.

Marlene Smith of the Toronto Skating Club came through with a strong free-skating program to take second place. Miss Smith then teamed up with her partner, Don Gilchrist, also of the Toronto Skating Club, to finish second in the pairs.

The men's event was dominated by American skaters as Canada's two entries came in fourth and sixth. James Grogan, 17, of Berkeley, Calif., who finished fourth in the world championship, was second and 15-year-old Hayes Alan Jenkins, of Cleveland, third.

Roger Wickson of Vancouver, Canadian men's champion, took fourth place, followed by Austin Holton of Berkeley, fifth and William E. Lewis of Toronto, runner-up in the recent Dominion singles.

PICTOU, N. S., March 13—(CP) — George Paterson died in hospital here today from rifle wounds in the face and chest. Paterson was found dying outside a friend's house, where he had gone to spend the week-end. A rifle was found beside him. An inquest will be held tomorrow.

EDMONTON, March 13 — (CP) — The Edmonton Journal said in a newspaper story Saturday that this city of 100,000 may be swelled this spring by 10,000 workers, lured by an oil boom. With their families some 25,000 persons in all may come, the story said.

STONY STANTON, Leicestershire, England — (CP) — A builder here erected a house in 10 weeks while the local council was still deciding where he should build it.

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