

# Miss Barbara Ann Scott Wins Olympic Title



**DOWN THE BACK STRETCH**

From the following list of horses will be picked those that will represent the Victoria Driving Club in the Inter-Maritime races at Halifax and Dartmouth next Wednesday morning in charge of the caretakers with Lorne Kelly as club representative. Everyone will wish them success in their speed contests with the splendidly seasoned trotters and pacers of the Nova Scotia caubs.—Walt N'See, owned by George Gregory; Romeo, owned by Will McNeill; Reuben Lee, owned by Emmet Bernard; Hunter River, owned by Henry; owned by Rolfe Wood; Lady Wood's 2nd, owned by Charlie Willis; Volo Abbe, owned by Rolfe Wood; May Todd, owned by Rankin McLane; Archie Lee, owned by Rolfe Wood; Guy Harvester, owned by Earl Mills; Nellie Watson, owned by Harold Cudmore; Jimmie A., owned by Percy Arundel; Just Ficka, owned by Harold Cudmore; Hazel Set, owned by Grant Willis; Kingston, owned by Billy Aubrey; owned by Cyril Smith; Hunter River; C. Albert Budding, owned by Brent Howat.

One of the most promising colts that has left this Province in a long time is a two-year-old by Real Money 2091, (full brother to Cold Cash 1581), dam, Tara Hanover. He was sold by Rolfe Wood to Dr. H. G. Macdonald, North Sydney, but has since passed into the hands of Douglas H. Fraser. With his breeding and individuality he looks like a counting star.

We have received from Paul Bowser, proprietor of Bay State Raceway, Foxboro, Mass., a list of stakes and other events that will be raced at the summer meeting which starts on June 10th and concludes July 31st. Fall dates are, starting September 6th and continuing until November. There are two \$20,000 stakes, a \$10,500 stake and a \$10,500 pace with numerous \$1,200 and \$1,400 stakes. Altogether it is a most ambitious and extensive array of racing opportunities and were Joe O'Brien situated as he was last season it appears to us that he would take a big hunk of the prize list, but Joe no doubt will be setting his sights for even bigger targets.

We welcome to our columns that grand horseman, George D. Gland of Sydney and Coxheath, N.S., who has been one of the leading dealers in horses in Cape Breton for many years. George writes: "I regret to inform you that our mutual friend Robert McGowan died Friday in Maragash, N.S. He was one of our best and everyone will miss him. Bob had many high class trotters and pacers in his day and one of the best of them was Our Peggy that you raced successfully. I was sorry to see that Watchim was shipped to the States. I had hoped that he would go to your Province. He should be the best sire in the Maritimes or perhaps in Canada. I hope he will be a real success in his new home."

"As a young man I travelled all over P.E.I. buying horses. I shipped hundreds of horses in the old days, yes, as many as 63 in one shipment and went back and bought 40 more two weeks afterwards. I liked the Island horses and I liked the people. They cer-

tainly bred great roadsters and plenty of style and action, sound and handsome. I used to boast that in the old days I knew every man on P.E.I. that ever bought or sold a horse, but nearly all of them have passed away with the exception of the younger ones like Will McNeill. I had a great liking for Richard Stead. He was a young man in those days and I bought lots of horses from his father Robert. Other men that I did business with were Albert Dunphy, George McDonald, Southport, Arthur Essery and his father George Essery, John Horne, Donald McMillan, St. Awards, George Handrahan, Aubrey Mutch and scores of others, and I must not pass J. P. Woodbury, whom you will remember at the Queen Hotel, and of course there is that unforgettable horseman, ex-Mayor P. S. Brown of the Revere. He was a wonderful man in every way, a great story teller and very likeable. It is sad to look back and think of all the good friends who have left us.

"In the old days the Island seemed to be full of good standard bred horses, the get of Parkside, Brazilton, Parkwood, All Right, Black Pilot and Commodore Ledyard. In those days before the advent of the auto the best market was in the United States and there was a great demand for good carriage horses and stylish drivers, good big standard bred horses with a turn of speed. Doctors were great customers of mine and they placed such reliance on me that they would write me and depend on my pick. The livery stables were also good customers and the farmers in addition to their work horses always had to have a good driver which they could hitch to a buggy and really make a show. Those things are all past and gone now.

"Prince Edward Island was also the best place to buy good draft horses, largely because clever men had gone to the Old Country and picked great sires. I handled plenty of the get of Barrister, who was the greatest sire that ever came to the Maritimes; McQueen; Crown Rights and scores of others. Now it seems the bulk of the Island horses are imported from Western Canada. I remember well when W. A. Brennan brought Parkside, a son of Clay, from the Palo Alto Farm in California, to Summerside. He stood at a fee of \$50.00, but the reputation of the Farm was so great that he did quite a lot of business. There were many good Parkside and some poor ones but the horse cannot do it all. Parkside mares crossed with Captain Aubrey have been among the best producers of speed that I know of. But touching on Captain Aubrey, I do not think any horse ever came to the Maritimes Provinces that sired so many good race horses and if they were not race horses they were good, useful horses. They were made like horses should be made, with the right kind of feet and legs. I never saw one with a bad head and I cannot recall any that were bad actors."

"I suppose you are following the races at Dufferin Track, Toronto. My son Roy has been doing fairly

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**IN THE CORNER**

Ottawa's "Queen of the Blades" Barbara Ann Scott answered her critics at St. Moritz yesterday by winning the ladies' Olympic figure skating crown with what was termed a brilliant display and despite the opinion of at least one European critic who could not recognize Barbara's greatness a short while ago, the pet young Ottawa Miss will now have to be ranked among the many great lady performers of the past.

The entire Dominion will acclaim Miss Scott's latest triumph, a victory she had been eyeing ever since she took up figure skating when she was but ten years old. It has meant hard hours of practice and training but she will have gained satisfaction in having attained her ambition. In the competition that preceded her latest victory Barbara Ann showed a mastery of the blades that drew down the acclaim of all who watched her perform and when it came to the final test perhaps the strictest one, she showed she was a real champion.

The final chapter of the first section of the City Basketball League will be staged at Prince of Wales auditorium tonight at 7 o'clock when Ray's and Prince of Wales clash in a postponed encounter that should develop into a fast, evenly fought encounter.

Unable to go into a tie with the Millionaires by a victory tonight, the Walter Goss-coached crew who have been the surprise packages of the league to date, are expected to summon all their artillery in order to bring this about. Strong defensively and offensively in their winning effort against what is now a strong Navy team, the Collegians gave a fine performance and if they can come through with another one tonight Millionaires are going to have their work cut out for them.

But Millionaires themselves will prove plenty tough to beat. Several times this season the team have been trailing with time running out on them, only to stage comebacks that halted the games out of the fire. They do not favor this method of winning but the fact that they can do so speaks volumes for their fighting spirit and tonight's encounter should be one that will not be determined until the final whistle has been blown.

Navy hockey squad ran into some stout opposition in their game against Prince of Wales Thursday night at the Forum and for over half of the game it appeared as if the Welshmen were going to cause a big upset. However, they finally wilted before the incessant closing attacks of the winners to have victory snatched from them, but at the same time it is now quite probable that the best of three series may go the limit of three games and there is still a possibility that the finals may be between Saints and P. W. C. Saints are expected to win from Summerside in two straight and if the local Collegians should come through what a whale of a series that would make.

A game that will hold plenty of interest for Saints takes place today at Sackville between Mount Allison and U. N. V. It is an intercollegiate fixture and on the outcome may depend just which team will face the local University crew in the N. B. - P. E. I. finals. Both squads have already taken victories over St. Thomas, the other entry, which just about puts the Chatham team out of the running.

Today's game at Sackville will mark the first meeting of the teams this season and should either win by any decided margin Saints' opponents might be decided then and there. In the meantime Saints by their performance against Dalhousie show they are about ready for the defence of their crown and in this writer's opinion they should again face the Nova Scotia champions for the final test of hockey strength between Maritime colleges.

### 72 Rinks Ready For Opening Confederation Bonspiel On Monday

By train, plane and even automobile crack curlers from Maritime centres, Quebec, Ontario and Newfoundland are today converging on this capital city for the opening on Monday of the Second Confederation Bonspiel—undoubtedly the Province's greatest curling classic and also one of the biggest affairs of its kind to be held throughout the Dominion.

Staged for the first time last year on more or less of a trial basis the event met with far more success than the originators of the idea ever dreamed of and this year, marking its second anniversary the bonspiel has been made an annual event on the Island's winter sports program.

The game has come a long way since its advent here 60 years ago. At that time there were a mere 26 curlers taking part in the game, but on Monday 72 rinks, embracing a total of 288 expatriates of the game will send the granite rocks down the smooth surfaces of nine sheets of ice, five of them being at the Forum and the remaining four in the quarters of the Charlottetown Curling Club. Before the last rock is sent on its way late Friday night some of the keenest curling competition in Island history is expected to be witnessed.

A total of nine magnificent trophies will be competed for during the five-day curling spree. Outstanding among these will be the battle for the British Consols Trophy, an all-Island competition between rinks seeking to represent the Province in the Dominion Tankard at Calgary next March. Two rinks from the Charlottetown club which are yet to be decided will vie with rinks from Alberton, Summerside and Montague and this phase of the bonspiel will prove one of the highlights of the program.

But the eight other beautiful trophies will be just as eagerly sought after. They include the Maritime Central Airways trophy and eight individual prizes to the rink winning the Confederation championship. The Imperial Oil Ltd. trophy and eight prizes for the winners of the Reserve Championship. The R. T. Holman Ltd. Trophy together with four individual prizes and an additional four prizes donated by Curran & Briggs, Ltd. The British-American Oil company Tankard and eight individual prizes.

Prowse Bros. Trophy for intermediate knockouts along with four individual prizes by the same firm and four additional prizes by Curran & Briggs Ltd. The Wholesale Grocers of Charlottetown Trophy along with eight individual prizes. The Islanders Construction Co. Ltd. Roadmakers' Shield and four individual prizes, and an additional four prizes for the runners-up donated by A. Pickard & Co. Four prizes donated by W. W. Welmer Co. Ltd., for the winners of the Mystery Competition.

And winding up the lengthy trophy and prize list are special prizes for the rink that wins the most games and the rink that wins the most points. The rink that wins the most games will receive a special trophy and the rink that wins the most points will receive a special trophy.

Prizes donated by H. M. Simpson Co. Ltd. and G. H. Taylor's, Jewellers. The social end will also be well looked after with banquets scheduled for the Charlottetown Hotel and Charlottetown Curling Club during the week, and a Moccasin Dance at the Forum Tuesday night. Visiting curlers will also be guests at luncheons at Montague and Summerside.



**HUNTERS' CORNER**

On a warm spring evening in May long years ago, when I was barely old enough to recognize the sound of a gunshot, a continual roll of gunfire from the North-east of our home prompted me to ask father who was doing all the shooting. "That," he replied, "is Charlie Kelly and other gunners shooting muskrats at Wisner's." It was the practice in those days to shoot muskrats in the spring months. One could hear the barrage start at Wisner's anytime after late April and it would continue some springs until well on in June. May was the big month and some evenings as many as 150 shots would be counted. I was later to learn that Wisner was not the only place where muskrats were shot in the spring.

The East River above Mount Stewart, with Allisroy Creek as the centre of operations, was the Mecca of gunners on spring evenings and the marsh, as night fell, was lit up with the flashes of the old muzzle loaders. The number of "rats" shot along the headwaters of the East River every spring in those days was almost unbelievable. Not long ago an old timer who used to participate in the annual spring shoots told me that he considered it a poor spring's work when he didn't shoot 150 muskrats.

The price per pelt in those days seldom exceeded fourteen cents (14¢) but that sum in the good old days represented more buying power than \$1.14 today, 25 or 30 years ago the muskrat population of this province appeared limitless. Every marsh and mill pond held its myriad of

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### Ottawa Girl Makes Dream Come True With Masterful Performance

By JACK SULLIVAN ST. MORITZ, Feb. 6—(CP)—Barbara Ann Scott of Ottawa, glamor girl of the winter Olympics, beat chippy ice and 24 competitors today to make her dreams come true and bring Canada its first Olympic figure-skating crown. Wearing No. 13 on the sleeve of her white, fur-trimmed costume, the blonde, blue-eyed ballerina of the ice lanes defied the "hoodoo" number to succeed Norway's Sonja Henie, who won three Olympic titles before the war.

The dimpled world and European champion made spins, spirals and loops look like child's play as thousands of spectators in the stands and on snow-covered, sun-bathed hills around open-air Olympic stadium shouted hoarsely, "Barbell, Barbell"—pet Swiss name for the 19-year-old Canadian. Eight of the nine judges rated her first on the placing sheets and the other gave her a third for 11 placings. Nine would be the best score possible.

Miss Scott's victory marked Canada's first championship at the 1948 winter Olympics and boosted the Dominion's total in the team standings to 104, based on a 10-5-4-3-2-1 compilation for the first six places. Frank Stack of Winnipeg gained the fractional point for Canada by finishing in a tie for sixth place in a speed-skating event last week.

Sweden still leads the 28 countries participating in the 10-day Olympic program which ends Sunday. The Swedes have 79 points compared with 70 for Switzerland, 53½ for the United States, 51 for Austria and 48½ for Norway. **Has Big Lead** In winning the figure-skating championship, Barbara Ann gained a total of 163.077 points on today's free-skating and the earlier compulsory figures combined—almost 6½ points and 13 placings above the runner-up, Eva Pawlik of Austria. But it didn't take the judges' verdict for the crowd to know that Barbara Ann had won. The moment she stepped on the ice and took a few warm-up steps across the speed-skating track, they sensed they were watching the champion. The two other Canadian entries, Marilyn Ruth Take and Suzanne Morrow, both of Toronto, tied

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**HOCKEY MATCH**  
CRYSTAL RINK, SUMMERSIDE  
**Saturday Night 9.30 p.m.**  
CHARLOTTETOWN INTERMEDIATE ABBIES  
Vs.  
SUMMERSIDE ALL-STARS  
As these two teams will likely meet in the Provincial playoffs this game will indicate how both sides stack up.  
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