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HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR COMPLETED IN LOCAL SPORT CIRCLES

Many Forward Strides Made In Different Branches Of Athletics During Past Year.

As the season of 1933 is slowly passing into oblivion once again the Guardian Sports Department takes this opportunity of wishing all its readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Many and varied have been the athletic achievements during the past twelve months. Stunning upsets have occurred, titles have been won and lost by the merest fractions, but through it all the best of sportsmanship has prevailed.

Many new names have been emblazoned on the 1933 athletic trail and to these we extend heartiest congratulations; to the losers also, greetings. They fought hard but fair, "sport for sport's sake" was their motto and what more could anybody ask?

One of the regrettable losses of the year was the sudden passing of Mr. Thos. Corrigan, Sports Editor of The Guardian. Tom was a universal favorite and known to the sporting fraternity throughout the Maritimes. He wrote his last sport notes on March fifth and next day passed in his checks. His memory is still green and he will be remembered for many years by sport lovers and sport readers.

To all athletes, supporters of athletics and sportsmen of the Island province we extend best wishes for a "Happy and Prosperous New Year." To those today who are playing the game we extend the wish that they may continue long to enjoy the thrill of other years in the Sports Arena. To everybody "Happy New Year."

HOCKEY

Charlottetown fans were privileged last year of witnessing the fastest amateur loop in Canada namely, the "Big Three", composed of Abbies, Moncton and Halifax.

Abbies had a team any city might well be proud of and although falling to win the Maritime title gave a great account of themselves all through the season.

The loop was divided into two sections with Moncton Hawks, ultimate Allan Cup winners, winning both.

Halifax and Charlottetown met in a five game total goal series to decide the Hawks' opponents and a bitterly fought series, the Wolves eliminated the local team.

In the final play-off Hawks were returned victors and then started the whole Canadian hockey world by leading their way through to the finals for the Allan Cup, meeting Saskatoon Quakers at Vancouver and winning the historic mug by two shut-out victories over the Western champs.

It was the first time for the Cup to come east and great was the joy exhibited in those seaside Provinces. Congratulations, Moncton Hawks!

INTERMEDIATE

Intermediate hockey enjoyed another good season last year with the Second Abbies winning the Island title. In a two game series with the N.S.-N.B. champions, Halifax Wolverines, the Island team suffered elimination, losing in Halifax 2 to 1 and playing a 2-all draw on their home ice at the Forum.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

After winning a Maritime title last year junior hockey fell into the discard this past season and although several attempts were made at reorganization, the efforts came to naught. However, this is another year and rumors of a strong junior league are in the air.

Junior hockey in the Maritimes received a great boost this year on the fine showing made by Moncton Red Indians in Montreal against the Royals. True, the Maritimers were eliminated, but only after the toughest kind of battle and who knows but this year may see both the Allan and Memorial Cups reposing in a Maritime home.

During the past year the Abegweit Sisters and Millionaire Sisters played several games, honours going to the Abbies. Later in the season Jack Bearn, coach of the Abbie Sisters, accompanied his team to the mainland, where the girls won games in Kentville and Canning.

CURLING

The Charlottetown Curling Club continued its activities, many new and interesting games being played. No Bonspiel was held last year, but a number of local enthusiasts journeyed to Moncton, where they made a bid for the Cabony trophy, the Easterners, however, proved too formidable, and retained possession of the cup.

BOXING

Several fine boxing cards were staged throughout the year at various centres of the Island. The boys have improved a lot since last year and on the exhibitions served out, drew a much larger attendance at the bouts.

TRACK AND FIELD

This branch of athletics on the down grade for the past several years, showed little signs of improvement the past season so far as the seniors were concerned. The usual five or six athletes who have been winning out again donned their regalia and in competition at the Maritime Track and Field championships made a creditable showing, placing fairly well up in the point standing.

The one bright spot of the season was the annual Interscholastic Meet which drew a large number of entries.

A small attendance in ideal weather failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the competitors with the result that four new records were hung up during the afternoon, with nothing but good-natured and sportsmanlike rivalry existing from start to finish.

To West Kent School, winners in the point standing, were extended congratulations, said school garnering 79 points during the day. Congratulations are also due to Malinda Owen on his winning of the senior all-round athletic medal and to young Donald MacNeil, who captured the intermediate crown.

GOLF

The Maritime golf spotlight was focused the past summer on Belvedere Links, one of the finest golf courses in Canada, situated two miles from the city along the shores of Hillsboro Bay.

Here was played the tournament to decide the championship of the Maritimes and the local club are to be congratulated on the success of the meet.

The championship was won by a Sydney boy, Allan Findlay, a real dark horse who upset the dope and came through to win from Pen Armstrong of St. John.

Among those to qualify in the first sixteen of this tournament was Pete Kelly, flashy right winger of this year's Abegweit hockey team. In the first round Pete met and defeated the redoubtable Jack Harris of Yarmouth, who is rated as one of the best golfers in these parts. Pete in turn was defeated by Arthur Taylor, another Charlottetown's younger and most promising players.

The most spectacular performance during the meet was the record-breaking round of Professor Bernard of Fredericton, who after playing a match with Bill Dixon of Gorsebrook, Halifax, turned in a card of 69 or 3 under par, a truly notable round and a mark which the boys hereabouts will probably be shooting at for some time to come.

Another interesting competition held here this year and which will be an annual event was that for the Gaudet Cup, emblematic of the championship of P. E. I. This cup was given by the late Mr. Joseph Gaudet of Summerside. Mr. A. V. Saunders led the field in this tournament comprised of players from both Charlottetown and Summerside, and therefore holds the championship of the Province for this year.

The ladies also held a Provincial Championship meet in which both Summerside and Charlottetown ladies players competed. The Cup for this was given by Dr. Simpson of Summerside and was won this year by Mrs. E. M. Bagnall who also won the local club Ladies' Championship.

Next year the Ladies Maritime Championship will be held at Charlottetown.

The local club championship was won by Arnold Taylor, Mr. Pete Kelly being runner-up.

The activities of the Club this year have been carried on under the capable supervision of the President, Mr. L. D. Murray. Mr. F. W. Weeks also has much credit due him for the splendid work he has done for the club this year and in previous years.

Members of the club have made excellent progress under the instruction of Mr. Sid Lingard, club professional for the past two years.

Basketball

The past year saw a great revival of interest in the hoop game with good crowds attending the various league games and with prospects for an ever better season this year. This popular pastime should enjoy huge popularity.

House leagues were in operation in the Holy Name Club and "Y" with both men and ladies scheduled drawn up. The Navy team suffering only one defeat, were champions of the Holy Name while the Merry Annes won the ladies title.

In the "Y", Hi-Y Club retained their previous year's title while the ladies title went to the Amazons.

City Title Play-Offs

The Senior "Y" team were crowned champions of the City, beating out the Navy and Hi-Y in a closely contested series of games.

The Abegweit Sisters team making their first bid for a Maritime title were defeated by the Halifax Ladies Athletic Club in a sudden death tilt at the local Y. M. C. A. The score was 24-15.

FOOTBALL

Away to a life start the local rugby season enjoyed a fair share of popularity with the various teams displaying a good brand of the fall pastime.

The Island League, two new squads entered the senior ranks, namely the Navy and Prince of Wales, and together with Saint Dunstan's comprised a three team loop.

Saint Dunstan's proved too good and retained the Island title for another year going undefeated in their league games. In an exhibition game the Prince of Wales boys defeated the champions 5 to 3.

The Saint Dunstan's intermediate machine also kept their title for another year. After winning the first set-to, the series went unfinished on account of weather conditions.

The interscholastic series met with the same fate with West Kent still in possession of the MacMillan Trophy due to their 9-3 win over Queen Square in the only game played.

TENNIS

The season of 1933 continued to witness tennis in the ascendancy in this Province, particularly in Charlottetown and Summerside. In fact, Charlottetown is now one of the most important tennis centres in Eastern Canada. Since the Provincial Association became a member of the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association three years ago the standard of local tennis has risen to an extent undreamed of by the first promoters of tennis in this Province over 50 years ago.

Affiliation with the C. L. T. A. brought outside players—expert players—from outside larger centres, who displayed a style which locals were not used to pick up. Youth has only to be shown in order to show. The tennis spirit which has been created of late years is developing a class of young athletes who, ere long, will not be satisfied with anything short of first place with anything but competition.

Three Charlottetown Clubs flourished during the past season, the Charlottetown Club, the Holy Redeemer Club and the Holy Name Club. The latter organized its late spring built courts at Victoria Park, beautifully located and with ample space for additional courts when required.

The Maple Leaf Club at Victoria Park fell somewhat due partly to its proximity to the premier Charlottetown Club.

The Charlottetown Club and the Summerside Club are as yet the only members of the Provincial Association. It is expected that next season the other Charlottetown Clubs, at least, will join us and thus benefit by organized competition under standard rules and regulations.

The Charlottetown Club took the lead in all major activities. This Club can now boast of the finest tennis plant in Eastern Canada. Two years ago its six courts were re-surfaced with specially prepared clay which proved so successful as to be the envy of other visiting players. This season a fresh supply of similar clay—available from the excavation of the new P. E. I. Hospital—was procured and since the close of the season, the club has been in an anticipation of a still greater participation of first class tennis during 1934.

In addition to building up perfect courts, this Club has largely re-located its fencing with solid board painted green, in order to offset light effects.

The chief tennis event of the year in the Province was the open Provincial Tournament conducted by the Provincial Association on the courts of the Charlottetown Club during the week August 7 to 12th.

Nova Scotia was represented by six stars as Miss Mary Currie, Miss E. I. Lady Champion, Miss Ivy Mars, Miss H. L. Bevan, Miss Hogan, and Messrs. Douglas, Grant (Canadian Bedminster Champion), Harry L. Roper and Robert Donahue, all of Halifax, and Miss Doris Duchesne of Sydney. From Liverpool, N. S., came Hon. Peter Aitken of London, England, (son of Lord Beverbrook)—a brilliant performer and a former champion of Great Britain. Messrs. Roper and Aitken carried premier honours in men's doubles.

This league had a large following of interest from the other great eastern team of Grant and Aitken.

From New Brunswick came Lloyd Keating of Moncton, first ranking player of that Province, and his sister, Gertrude Keating. Miss Elsie Lord, also of Moncton, Miss Margaret Henderson of St. John and Miss Jean Jardine, both former champions of Fredericton, and P. D. Gannon, brilliant St. Stephen player.

The Quebec aggregation was represented by Miss Elsie Billing of Montreal, present Quebec Provincial Lady Champion, and Miss Doreen Beck, also of Montreal. Messrs. R. T. Barnard, A. E. Laverty, Charles Peters and Ian Ross of Montreal, players de luxe.

Ottawa, Ontario, furnished such attractions as Mrs. J. C. I. Edwards, present P. E. I. ladies singles champion, Mrs. H. L. Bevan, Miss Phyllis Ryker, present P. E. I. ladies doubles champions, Commander J. C. I. Edwards, present P. E. I. men's singles champion, and E. C. Gannon who with Mrs. H. L. Bevan are present P. E. I. men's doubles champions. Toronto was represented by the great W. L. Rennie, former Canadian champion and 1931 P. E. I. champion and J. C. Little, also of Canada's best known tennis executive and promoter. From Sudbury came Chas. Sharpe who doubled with Mr. Southam of Ottawa. Alan Stewart of Owen Sound, Ontario, formerly of Charlottetown returned to compete in the tournament and was much respected and top ranking.

RACING REVIEW

The Horse is the thing; You may have the thrills, You may have the gasoline, You may have the spurs, And the pace that kills, In your auto or flying machine, For the flyer that flies In the vaulted skies Must come to earth if his engine dies.

But the fire that lies In a horse's eyes Is the spark that lives and intensifies, So here's to the horse — THE KING —

REVIEW OF HARNES HORSE RACING FOR THE SEASON OF 1933

Harness horse racing in Prince Edward Island enjoyed as much popular favor during the past season as in most previous ones. While there was considerable of a slump in the number of meetings and was shortly afterwards sold to our own province did not suffer thereby.

The season started at Northam on the evening of June 21st. The course was under a flood of artificial light. There was an attendance of over 1,000 and the meeting was hailed as a great success. The 2:17 trot and pace was won by Star D, owned by Dr. F. W. Bowness, Kensington, and driven by Tyndall Semple in straight heats, with Peter Daves second, A. B. Jr. third and The Willys fourth, best time 2:16 1-4. The 2:28 trot and pace was won by Mac Volo, owned and driven by Harry King, Alberton, in straight heats, with Peter S. second, Walkie third, Emma Watson fourth and Mr. Squires fifth, best time 2:16 1-4. The named and driven by Doreen Aubrey, Tyne Valley, in straight heats, with Biddy Aubrey and Hastings Echo second and third, best time 2:23 3-4. Lucky Lindy, owned by McNeill, and driven by Well McNeill, won the first heat of the 2:17 trot and pace, with Heatherbell, Heatherbell and the Willys third, best time 2:16 3-4. The match race between Lucky Lindy and Volo Rico was won by Volo Rico, owned by Jimmy King, Charlottetown, and driven by Pat McNeill, best time 2:15 1-4. Addie McGraw making her first start on Island soil was an easy winner in the 2:23 trot and pace. The fastest heat was the second, won by Pixie, owned by Robert King, best time 2:16 3-4. Winnie Winkle from the O'Brien Stables, Alberton, driven by Claude O'Brien, she won easily in straight heats, best time 2:19 3-4. Emma Watson second, Captain Cope third. From Summerside, the circuit shifted to Saint Peters, where a quite successful meeting was held on July 12th. The 2:14 class created the most excitement with Heatherbell, Addie McGraw and Lucky Lindy as starters. The battle between Heatherbell and Addie McGraw in the second and third heats was one of the best of the season.

Heatherbell, owned by Brent McNeill, Charlottetown, winning out in the last few sprints, best time 2:15. The 2:25 pace was won by Mac Volo after Johnny Miles had captured the first heat. A. B. Jr. third and Real Grant fourth, best time 2:16 1-4. The 2:18 trot and pace was won by Myron McArthur, won the 2:24 trot, Mr. Squires taking the first heat, May Tell third, Walkie fourth, best time 2:20.

One of the most ambitious rural meetings of the year was held at Northam, July 19th. It was a beautiful day, the appointments were perfect, great fields of horses, good racing and a large crowd. The 2:15 trot and pace was won by interest Darcy Gratton won in straight heats with Calumet Brownie three, two, two, Marjorie M. two, three, four, King Spruce, Neil Frisco and Volo Rico also won. The time of the first heat was 2:09 1-4, a new record for the Northam track. Darkey Gratton was driven by Johnny Conroy and under the ownership of Hedley Fulton, Upper Slevacke, N. S. The 2:15 trot brought together eight good trotters and was easy for Addie McGraw, owned by Raymond and McNeill, Charlottetown, and driven by Well McNeill. She trumped the third heat in 2:12 3-4 which is a new track trotting record for Northam. Frank J. O'Brien won the 2:14 class.

Stuart Dickson was outstanding. Miss Bourke reached quarter finals in Ladies Singles and almost defeated Miss Billing of Montreal to qualify for semi-finals. The match between Miss Bourke and Miss Billing was one of the best of the tournament. Mr. Dickson's singles game was highly commendable as was also his and Miss Bourke's teamed in mixed doubles.

In addition to the players above named 1934 entrants in the Provincial Tournament promises to include Marcell Rainville 1932 no. 1 ranking Canadian player, Roland Longtin and Robert Murray premier Quebec Province and high ranking Canadian players. Laird Walsh 1933 sensation and "our own" much respected and top ranking Georges LeClere.

IN AND AROUND HEMPEN SQUARE

Heavyweight — Primo Carneri blattered a lethal uppercut on Jack Sharkey in six rounds to become first Italian holder of the heavyweight belt. Max Baer of California injected class and color into the heavy division by his K.O. of Max Schmeling, German ex-champion, in 10 rounds. Jack Dempsey made good in the role of promoter and earned to a degree the distinction "The man who carried on where the years of age, after a time, Tex Rickard, left off." Dempsey, defended his crown in Rome by pounding Paulino Uzcudun, Spanish chopping block, to defeat in 15 rounds before Mussolini, who was the first heavyweight champion introduced scientific boxing to the picture following defeats by Mike Levinsky, in 10 rounds at Chicago, and Tommy Loughran, in 15 rounds at Philadelphia. Death of W. L. "Young" Stribling, Georgian globe-trotter, 28, who died in a fight world to its very depths. Passing of William Muldoon, the "sold man," and James J. Corbett, who won the heavyweight crown and introduced scientific boxing to the picture by defeating John L. Sullivan back in the Gay Nineties, was regretted by all sections of ringdom. Muldoon's death resulted in appointment of Bill Brown to New York State commission and resultant rapid and beneficial changes to fight code.

Light Heavyweight — Little of outstanding nature in this division unless it were Eusebio Rosendo's successful defence of his title against the tottering "toy builder" Mickey Walker, one-time ruler of welters and middles, in November, won middleweight in August from Ben Jey via K.O. in six rounds, but lost it two months later to Vince Dundee in ten rounds. Brouillard to make bid for Rosendo's light heavyweight crown. The Sherwood Acton, who won the Irish Canadian title by beating Young Corbett in one round at Los Angeles. Corbett had been crowned from Jackie Fields. McLean rated most worthy titleholder of 1933.

Lightweight — Barney Ross dethroned Tony Canzoneri in a ten-rounder at Chicago and defended it in 15-round return bout at New York.

Featherweight — Kid Chocolate and Freddie Miller sharing top honors. Chocolate champ of N.B.A. O'Connell defeated Seaman Watson, British champion, in New York.

Welterweight — Al Brown, N.B.A. champion, Flyweight — Midget Wolfe, United States champion; Jackie Brown, England, holds European claims. Wolgast beat Brown in non-title go in Manchester.

Rifle Shooting

It was one of the most successful seasons in years for the riflemen. Nearly 1500 marksmen took part in the various events, held weekly in the town continued with unabated interest till the end of October.

The Islanders distinguished themselves at the Dominion Shoot at Ottawa, the P. E. I. Highlanders were one of Canada's premier shots and considered one of the most important team events in the meet while they also captured fourth place in the Borden and City of Ottawa matches. Q.M.S.A. J. McCabe and the team, N.S. 785, 2 P.E.I. 783, N.B. 783, were one of the hardest fought shoots in years, the three teams breaking the existing Maritime record.

The Provincial Rifle Meet, held July 15th, was won by Capt. A. W. Allan in the remarkable score of 290 out of a possible 295.

Three matches to decide the military team championship proved insufficient as the Signallers, N.B. Highlanders, despatched to the Maritime in the fourth match the Signallers won the title by twenty points.

The country riflemen defeated the city men by a small margin of 10 points in their competition September 30th.

The City Championship, shot October 7th, was won by Q.M.S.A. Gormley for the second time. A prize shoot held on Oct. 20th, cup becomes the permanent property of the one who wins the shoot three times.

The MacKinnon and Guardian cup matches were shot on Oct. 21st. The Signallers annexed the MacKinnon Cup while the Highlanders won the Guardian match.

A prize shoot held on Oct. 26th closed the season.

York and Covehead districts experienced a banner season, the competition featuring their most quiet bid at the residence of Mrs. Perry Hooper, Milton, which heralded the close of the season was most enjoyable affair and a fitting close to the season's competition.

Rifle honors were not withheld from the men, for two of the Signallers-Highlanders, Capt. A. W. Allan and Mr. Archibald were frequent competitors at the range.

Mr. E. G. Love, 88 years old, who was disabled by the loss of an eye and the remarkable feat of 18 out of a possible 108 in the final shoot.

N. H. L. SCHEDULED GAMES FOR TONIGHT

Saturday, December 30—
Canadiens at Montreal, Detroit at Toronto.
Sunday, December 31—
Americans at Rangers, Montreal at Chicago, Ottawa at Chicago, Toronto at Chicago.

DOWN THE ALLEYS

CHARLOTTETOWN ALLEYS

Paterson Jewellery—2955, Invincibles—3136, High single, C. W. MacDonald, 273, High three, C. W. MacDonald, 758.

Star G. making it a dead heat in the first, time 2:12 1-4. Tease 2:09 1-2, owned by Hedley Fulton and driven by Johnny Conroy, had a surprise victory in the 2:15 trot, the second in 2:15 1-4. The 2:14 class was won by King Spruce, who tramped the first heat in 2:11 1-4, the second in 2:11 1-4. The 2:19 class was won by Darkey Gratton, Calumet Brownie, Marjorie M. Neil Frisco and Volo Rico as starters. Darkey Gratton won the first and second heats, Calumet Brownie the third in 2:07 1-4, equalling the track record held by Marjorie M. and Neil Frisco. The 2:22 mixed was won by Mac Volo, but Winnie Winkle was first in the 2:19 class. The 2:14 class was won by Johnny Miles, Calumet City fourth, best time 2:13 1-4. The same afternoon Sampson Hal paced an exhibition mile against time driven by Well McNeill and stepped the 2:12 in 1:12.

The evening prizes were given to the leading drivers of the meet, Johnny Conroy first and Tom Holmes second. The prize for the fastest heat pacing went to Billy Hood, driver of Calumet Brownie. The prize for the fastest heat trotted during the meeting went to Brenton McNeill, owner of Heatherbell. The prize for the caretaker of the fastest heat pacing to Earl Crowl, caretaker of Calumet Brownie and the prize for the caretaker of the fastest heat trotted to Harry Bailey, caretaker of Heatherbell.

ISLAND HORSES ABROAD

As usual Prince Edward Island horses won their share of the honors at Fredericton and Halifax. Fredericton meeting opened on September 14th, Winnie Winkle winning second place in the 2:24 trot and pace and the third heat in 2:14 3-4. The 2:24 trot was won in straight heats by Bellini Scott, owned by William McKay of Kensington, Jollys being third. The fastest heat was won by Addie McGraw, best time 2:12. Addie also second in the 2:19 trot, best time 2:11 1-4. Heatherbell won second in the 2:14 trot and pace, stepping the first heat in 2:10 1-4. Nova Scotia Exhibition was held at Halifax, Sept. 30th, to Oct. 4th, the following honors going to local horses. Claire Napoleon was two, Tricie won the 2:27 trot and pace, Silver Doctor won the first heat, standing and Peter S. fourth, best time 2:13, a new record for Claire Napoleon. Star D won fourth money for the 2:13 trot and pace while Winnie Winkle won the 2:24 trot and pace in the third heat, Calumet City second, Pixie third, May Tell fourth, Silver Doctor fifth, best time 2:13 1-2.

During the summer we had a long visit from Dr. F. W. Bowness of Boston, who brought down with him two colts which he entered and raced in the two-year-old class at Charlottetown. The pair personally superintended their training and his genial presence at the track was a source of great pleasure to everyone. As a result of his visit he returned home in the very best of health.

The season of 1933 could be dismissed with the words "most successful" were it not for a tragedy which occurred at Buffalo on Friday night, Sept. 1st, when the hip joint of George Morrison was dislocated and he was unable to drive. The writer's acquaintance with George Morrison goes back many years, and the opinion first formed of him continued through the years. He was a strong personality, one capable of making many friends and holding them. He had tremendous energy and was struck by another tragedy that would dampen through projects his race track and building at Northam are evidence of the driving power and creative genius he possessed. Whatever Edgar Milligan did was done with a hammer ring. His memory will live long with those who survive him.

Another good friend of all horsemen passed away later on in the season. We refer to Alexander MacPherson, who for several years in a quiet way raced a horse or two. Alex had never very much to say, always pleasant and agreeable. He liked the game and was ready to do his part. To the relatives and those who are sorrowing because of the death of Edgar Milligan and Alexander MacPherson, we extend our deepest sympathy.

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