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Why A Hockey Writer?

The following is taken from the Moncton Transcript, and hits the nail right on the head:

"Wish I had your job. Travelling here and there, and seeing hockey games, and getting paid for it."

"You have one easy life of it, haven't you?"

Thus the great world of fans looks on the hockey writer. He is the favorite of fortune, a man with the easiest kind of a well-paid job, a man who sees the big cities and the hockey games, and draws money for so doing. Pretty soft for him!

Yes it is—Not. How many fans know what a hockey writer has to do or what he has to be. Not one in of every thousand, possibly not even that percentage.

A successful hockey writer has to be, among other things a clever word painter .An encyclopedia. A diplomat. A mixer. A tabulated mass of information. He is expected to know everything, as a matter of fact, and has to hold down his position. An able-bodied liar in the time of need.

He has to stand well with the managers and the players. That is where he must show incomparable diplomacy. Let either side, once suspect him a talebearer and a snitch, and his usefulness is done, he can't get a story with a stick of dynamite.

He must mingle affably with the athletes, avoid "highbrow" airs, get respect and be respected by the players.

He must depict everything in accurate hues from December first until the March finish. He must keep the home fans happy, even if they haven't a darned thing to be happy over.

He must write everything so that no player will be offended, for the hockey player is temperamental as any prima donna. You can write panegyrics of their brilliant skill all season long, and they will simply take it as their due, as something that is coming to them, but if you write even one line that does not please them, they will be on your trail like wild men. Write one phrase knocking some player and fifty officious fans will clip it and mail it to him, if he is away, and if not will call his attention to it.

The writer must write good stuff or get the hook, that much is understood and that's why the seasoned hockey writers are scribes who, in any other department of the paper would probably outshine the regular performers in those situations. In other words he must write to please the fans, the players, the managers and the men who pay his salary, and it takes a diplomat, plus a clever liar, to satisfy all these contending forces.

He must be perpetually on the watch, night and day, lest he be "scooped" and made to look ridiculous. If he has enemies upon the club, they will unfailingly supply his rival with the latest news and do their utmost to discredit him.

On his return to the office following a thrilling game, in which the home team won, after a long overtime period, it's late, near midnight. He wants to finish as quickly as possible but the operators keep calling, "Hurry up with your copy: it's getting late." Doesn't he know that it is late. But that persistent call "Copy ,Copy" echoes through the night, and the hockey writer's night is ruined. He planned to make a good story out of it, but that echo has a warning. He throws together a story. Next day comes the thunder. "You're a nice one, you are." "Is that the best you can do" and other sarcastic remarks greet him at every turn.

To sum it up from December to March his life is that of a sentinel perpetually watching for the danger of a sudden attack, and yet with all the commanding general's duties heaped upon him. Soft job? Easy for him? Where do you get that stuff, anyhow.—Note—You said the proverbial "mouthful" Al and then some, but the same thing applies the hockey world over-give 'em lots of the glory stuff, but his faults, Oh, my!—keep those in the back of your notebook, and what's more be sure and publish all the suggestions and "wise cracks" the fans throw at you on the way to the exit. And last, but not least, don't forget the young "stuffed toads" who although, only within the past year or so, have learned just where the Arena is located, persist in telling you how to write the game—Oh, well, such is life.—Sport Ed.

LIKELY TO FIGHT TUNNEY

No License For McTigue In New York State Unless He Does

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Mike McTigue world light heavyweight champion, will be granted a license in this state only on condition that he fulfills his contract to fight Gene Tunney. This was one of the first official acts of the reorganized State Athletic Commission today when Tunney's claims for a title match were presented by his manager, Billy Gibson.

Tunney and McTigue were matched to fight December at Madison Square Garden, but an injury to the latter cancelled the bout. Difficulties McTigue had with his manager, Joe Jacobs, held up further arrangements, but he now is understood to be willing to go through with the contest, possibly in March.

Bathurst Beats Campbellton 7–0

BATHURST, Feb. 10.—Bathurst played all round the fast Campbellton hockey team here tonight in the final game of the northern section of the Maritime Hockey League, winning by a score of 7 to 0. The game was fast and furious throught but the Bathurst players showd thir supriority arly in the first period and maintained it all through, showing up particularly well in the last two periods. McKeeman made the first score after seven minutes play in the first period. Ryan notched the second just one minute after the second opening of the second period. Crosby scored the third in seven minutes, Cripps the fourth after 1 2minutes and Crosby the fifth just half a minute later Lawlor and Ryan each got one past MacKenzie in the final period. The Campbellton team showed mush better combination work, but Bathurst shone in individual play. Watling refereed and handed out several penalties.

Creditable Showing Nevertheless

In a recent issue of a New York paper, a sport writer sheds a few crocodile tears over what he terms the poor showing of Canada at the Olympic winter sports at Chamonix recently. The burden of his argument is that Finland, Norway and Sweden—countries with considerably less population than Canada—far outscored Canada. Taking his own argument of population as a basis for points, one would expect the United States to be far in the van. Yet, the United States contingent, which far outnumbered Canada's hopes, scored no where near what the north European countries did. In fact, they can thank Canadian boy, Charles Gorman, for the 10 points scored by Jewtraw. But possibly to the movie scenario writer, most Yanks have an idea that Canada is a land of eternal snow, half-breeds, mounted policemen, dog-derbies, fur traders, etc. Naturally, a sport writer with this conception would expect marvellous ski jumpers and wonderful skaters in all parts of the country. They overlook the fact that outside of Montreal, very little ski jumping is done—that outside of St. John, the speed skating game is not encouraged—and that figure skating is confined mostly to Ottawa and Toronto. Thus, in the ski jumping, Canada had no representatives at Chamonix for the simple reason we do not breed them. Canada had one entrant in the speed skating. The United States had a team of six. Canada had two entrants in the figure-skating Rogers of Ottawa. and Miss Smith of Ottawa. The United States had several.— Telegraph Journal.

Pop Geers to Be At Bangor Races

BANGOR, Me., Feb. 10.—Eastern Maine Fair Association announces that it has closed contracts with "Pop" Geers to appear at the Bangor Fair with Peter Manning (1.56¾) and Sanardo (1.59¾) the week of Aug. 25.

It is considered probable that Geers will go after the Maine State record, which is also the Bangor track record, of 2.04¼, made by Sir Roch in a race here last fall against Single G, and Margaret Dillon.

SUSSEX AND THE ABBIES

Sports Editor of Telegraph Journal Thinks Locals and Dairy Town Sextette Will 'Lock Horns' This Year For Titular Honors

Unless the Charlottetown Abbies sustain a few more startling revers es, Martime hockey fans will have those old-time rivals, Sussex and Abbies, battling for titular honors again this year. Through the formation of the Maritime Hockey Association this year, it is probable that the P. E. I. winners will meet the winners of the southern section composed of Sackville, Amherst, Dorchester, Springhill and Oxford while Sussex, as winners of the western sectional meet the winners of the northern section and the sectional winners then play off for the title this means that play-offs must be started as early as possible as signs point to an early spring. Last year, Chatham, Abbies and Sussex fought it out, Chatham and Sussex both lost their games to the Abbies on the Island, Sussex by a one-goal margin. Then on Chatham ice, Sussex sustained an unexpected defeat and the Abbies were not slow in seeing their advantage. Their return game with Sussex was delayed for more than a week owing to a heavy snowstorm. Finally, the game was staged at Sussex and the dairy town boys won handily, 4 to 1. But the Abbies made certain against Chatham and became champions. They had no difficulty of disposing of the Nova Scotia champions, Windsor. So far the Halifax league has not entered the M. A. H .A. and until it does, the winners are not qualified to compete for the Maritime title. It is expected, however, that they will line up shortly. Until the Maritime territory is thoroughly organized, the winning team cannot compete fo rthe Allan Cup, emblematic of the amateur championship of Canada.—Telegraph-Journal.

Ice Racing at Pinette

The first race of the Federal Driving Club was held on Pinette River Ice on Saturday Feb. 2nd, 1924 before a record crowd, as the day was all that could be desired for an exhibition of harness racing on ice. A grand feature of the gathering was the number of ladies present to see the races and take snaps of the heats. Mr. N. A. Gillis our congenial undertaker of Eldon handled the finances and the classing of the horses and awarded the premiums which was more than satisfactory to the drivers.

Class A. had five starters, Judson Boy owned and driven by J. A. MacDonald won the race, Alcidalia owned by John Whittle and driven by Wm. I. Ross, second, George E, owned and driven by Robt. Nicholson, third, Colonel S. owned and driven by Roddie MacKenzie, fourth, Baby owned and driven by Jas. Robinson was drawn after the second heat, having received a bad quarter cut.

Class B, Soldier Lad, owned by Herbert Panting and driven by Wm. Ross, won the race, Goldie C. Wellington Compton second and Neil M, Angus MacDonald third with Britannia, W. A. Ross fourth.

Summary:

Judson Boy (MacDonald)	1	1	1		
Alcidalia (Ross)	2	2	3		
George E (Nicholson)	4	3	2		
Colonel S (MacKenzie)	5	4	4		
Baby (Robinson)	3	5	dr		
Class B.					
Soldier Lad (Ross)	3	1	1	2	1
Goldie C, (Compton)	1	2	2	1	2
Neil M. (MacDonald)	3	3	3		r
Britannia (Ross)	4	4	4		r

Officials

E. L. Harrington starter.

Judges—Alex. J. Ross, Angus Mac Kenzie, Daniel Ross, A. M. Dougherty.

Clerk of Course—N. A. Gillis.

The Game To-night

Summerside and Abegweits will hook up tonight in what will be the last game of the season here this year between these two teams Summerside has proven their ability as puck chasers of the first water and the game tonight will undoubtedly be watched with interest by the large attendance which is expected will attend the game.

FIRPO RECEIVES HUGE OFFER

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 10.—Luis Angel Firpo announced last night that a New York syndicate offered him $1,110,000 for his exclusive services in the United States for one year. Time would commence with his return to the United States next month, but a contract would leave him free ot arrange for another fight with Jack Dempsey through other promotors. The offer of the syndicate, according to Firpo embraces a bout with Harry Wills, negro heavyweight, with an exhibition tour and moving picture rights.

Canucks Defeat St. Pats 5–3 And Tigers Take Game From Senators 1–0

(Canadian Press.)

MONTREAL, Feb. 10.—The Canadiens have climbed from the bottom in the National League and with seven scheduled games remaining are bunched on even terms with St. Patricks and Hamilton for second place. The climb was made here Saturday night, when they defeated St ,Pats ,5—3 and Hamilton conceded at Ottawa a 1—0 defeat to Senators.

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LARGE ATTENDANCE AT ICE RACES SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Mack Todd Wins Class B Trot–Harry Todd Takes First Race in P. S. Brown Trophy For Green Trotters.

The ice races of the Charlottetown Driving Club on Saturday afternoon drew a large attendance. The weather was cold and clear and there was a moderate wind blowing. The races consisted of two classes, a Class B Trot and a Class C Trot.

The Class B Trot was won by Mack Todd, who laid over his field very considerably. He is owned by Milton Brehaut, of Charlottetown,

The Class C Trot which was the first contest for the P. S. Brown trophy, brought together a field of six trotters and resulted in a good race between Harry Todd, owned by Frank McKay, and Todd Alto, owned by Vernon Riggs, for first place, Harry Todd proving the winner. Another race for this trophy will be held shortly.

SUMMARY

Class B Trot

Mack Todd (Brehaut)	1	1	1
Captain H., (Horne Bros)	3	2	2
Micky B., (Godkin)	2	5	5
Teddy (White)	5	3	3
Dapper Don (McNeill)	4	4	4

Time—1.09½, 1.09¾, 1.09½.

Class C. Trot

Harry Todd (McKay)	1	2	1
Todd Alto (Riggs)	2	1	2
Major Upton (Brown)	3	5	3
Frank Dillon (Thorne)	5	3	5
Nellie T., (Spencer)	4	4	4
Ever Ready (McCourt)	6	6	6

Time—1.17, 1.14½, 1.13.

OFFICIALS

Starter—G. McDonald.

Judges—W. Brown, A. Kennedy, W. J. Brown.

Timers—F. Hooper, D. McLeod.

NOTES

A meeting of the Charlottetown Driving Club will be held on Wednesday evening (election night) at 8 o'clock sharp to make arrangements for racing on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. As pointed out before, every horseman who has a horse with speed should be present at these meetings and an opportunity will be given him to start in a classified race. Out-of-town horsemen are particularly requested to come in and join the Charlottetown Driving Club, where they have equal privileges in the racing.

Jim Connolly is clearing the course today and widening it so that there will be ample room for all the horses in the next races.

Now is the time to boom the sport while the weather conditions are favorable.

the following classes have been suggested for Thursday's racing, but have to be voted on, on Wednesday evening. If they do not meet with the approval of the meeting others will be substituted:

Class A Pace: Todd E., Baron Hartshorn, Colonel Waltz, Anna Pratt, Baron Boy, Directum Boy, Judson Lad.

The owners of Directum Boy and Todd E., are asked to be present Wednesday evening or send a representative.

The following fast trot has been suggested for Thursday: Class A. Trot: Mary Pickford, Baby Todd, The Pup. Keltie, Mack Todd, and Mack Cresceus.

The above two classes should make rattling good contests.

For Saturday's races a slow class pace and a fast class pace have been suggested.

The winners of all classes this season will receive specially designed ribbons which will be nice mementoes.

STANDING OF HALIFAX CITY HOCKEY LEAGUE

	W	L	T	For	Agst
Dartmouth	4	1	1	16	15
Dalhousie	3	1	1	17	10
Wanderers	3	2	0	18	15
Crescents	0	6	0	11	23

H. E. McMunn, A. J. McCaffery, Pete Campbell, Hooley Smith, H. E. Watson, W. B. Ramsay, W. A. Hewitt, Ernie Collett, Capt. Dunc Munro, Sig Slater, J. C. Cameron, F. G. Rankin

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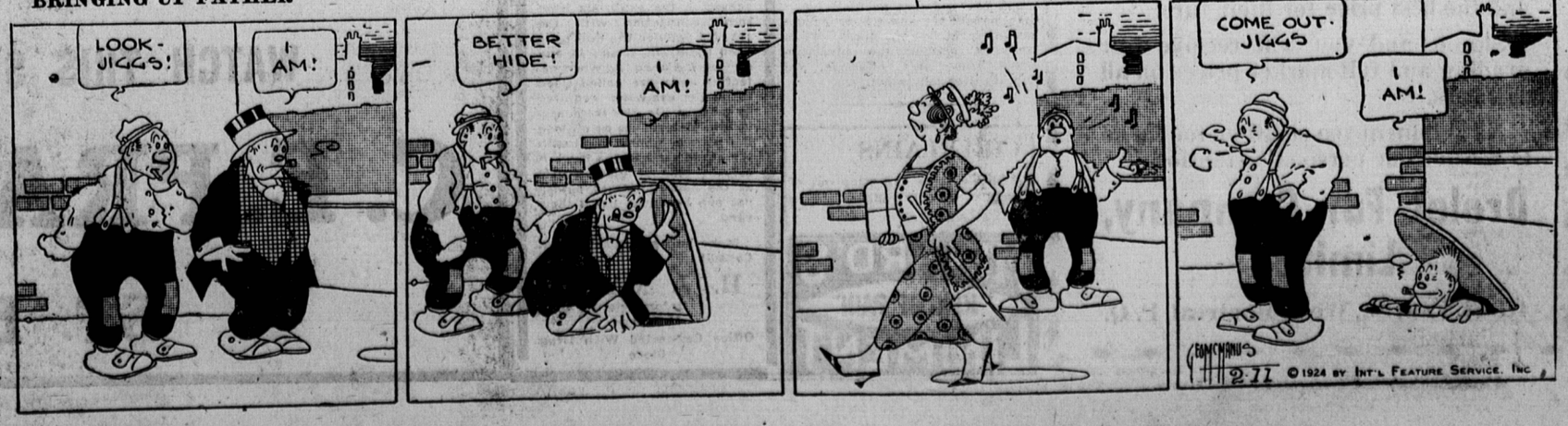
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