



Sport Echoes From Prince County

Greetings from the Island of Prince County! And what we western sports fans want to know is when is the Government going to get us a car-ferry to take us across the Kensington Strait!

Congratulations to the Lennox Island Miacs for winning the Intermediate "C" hockey title in such handy fashion. Congratulations are due both to the Miacs players themselves and to their capable coach, Father McInnis, who has won his second Island title, having led the Tignish school to an interscholastic championship a few years ago.

Coveted Trophies Are Presented



Three young Prince Edward Island swine breeders, All-Canadian champions and the President of the P.E.I. Swine Breeders Association stand behind the coveted Brethour and Todd Trophies, the emblematic of Canadian bacon supremacy. Standing from left to right are Messrs. Willard Prude, Kingston, winner of the Brethour Trophy in 1949; W. W. Gibson, Marshfield, President of the Swine Breeders Association; Sterling Willis, Kingston, winner of the Todd Trophy in 1950; and William Lund, Tracadie, Brethour Trophy winner last year.

Ring Reminiscences

— Fights and Fighters —

The following is the first of a series of articles by Mr. James Pendergast, of Kensington, which will appear in this paper from time to time. Mr. Pendergast is a well-known former athlete of this Province and even now, in his years of retirement, is an ardent follower and supporter of all phases of sporting activity, and writes with experience and authority on many sporting subjects.

Boxing, the manly art of self defence, (and offense), appears to have taken quite an upsurge lately. More heavyweights are getting into the limelight — especially in the Cavalcade of Sports from Madison Square Garden.

Some weeks ago there was a "heavy" match between two Italian names, (it's hard to remember those Latin names), one from Brockton, Mass.; the other from New York. They both had quite a "win" record — both touted highly. The Brockton man won, but I don't think he was matched with anybody of big reputation since.

It's hard to make an estimate of the ability of these fellows — in comparison with the champions — so many factors enter into consideration. A mediocre man, if "right in the pink" and with the "will to win", may beat up a far better man, if the latter man is "off colour" — has neglected his training, has over trained, and is consequently "stale", or for numerous other reasons.

And speaking of birds, poor Billy Conn had such high nervous tension a week before the second fight that even the birds twittering in the trees at Caybreak outside his hotel annoyed him. Joe, constituted of a slower organism and metabolism, timed his training as to bring him to top physical form on the day of the fight. There seems to be a great difference in the amount of training required by different men.

It seems logical that a natural athlete would require less of the monotonous grind of daily running, boxing, bag punching, rope skipping, shadow boxing, medicine ball, etc.

The great John L. Sullivan had the reputation of never training for a fight, he was such an outstanding fighter that he was able to put his man away quickly — He had a long fight in France with Jake Kilrain (72 rounds), but it was under the old London Prize Ring rules — when one of the competitors got tired or in difficulties he lay down or touched earth, and each "down" was called a round. He had another bout with an English fighter named Tug Wilson. Wilson did a merry-go-round, ducking and side-stepping and John L. couldn't get the "hammers of Thor" on him.

Which reminds me of a reminiscence of Hon. George Black, in a recent letter, of a fight in Dawson...

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to make a clean-up on a sure thing. One Fairbanks, Alaska, mining operator told me he had bet twenty-five thousand dollars on Jeff — and when Johnson sent the message, he "hedged" for all he could get. He didn't say how much he got back by betting on Johnson, but the inference was that he was a lot behind on the venture.

Jeffries lasted 14 rounds against the black panther. He must have been in good shape, considering that he was 35 years old and retired for six years — living in comparative ease and luxury.

Jeff was a magnificent specimen of manhood — about six feet in height and between 225 and 230 pounds. I believe he was the best example of physical perfection I ever saw. I saw him in 1903 or 1904 in a theatrical three round exhibition in Boston. Boston was then, and during the days of the "Noblest Roman" of them all, the great John L. — the mecca of all promoters and propagandists of the science of fistiana.

In these few anecdotes and observations as Judge Arsenault said in his intensely interesting memoirs, "I don't propose to follow any chronological order" — just a hap-hazard heterogeneous account of athletes and happenings, as the impression emerges on the mental kaleidoscope.

Jeffries was born in California the son of a minister of the Gospel. Ministers and their families had to be rugged individualists. There were many "fighting" parsons on the supposedly "last frontier."

Our own Rev. John Pringle, D. D., was a notable example of militant Christianity, (pardon the digression, I hope to refer to the episode later).

California went wild on boxing after Jim Corbett took the championship from the hitherto invincible Sullivan. The state banned boxing, but they staged their matches at suburban ranches, on barges in San Francisco Bay, and any convenient place — an hour or so ahead of the police. On one occasion, four of the best prominent men in Frisco came within an upset getting to a fight on a barge of drowning, then their boat...



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It looks now as if the Summerside bantams and midgets will have to play sudden-death games on Forum ice for the respective Island championships. We recognize the difficulty the hockey heads have in getting those games over early, and it must also be admitted that unusually mild weather in March furnished added heatcases to the leaders who were trying to get those minor play-off games played. None of this alters the unfortunate fact, however, that the Summerside teams are under a sizable handicap having to play sudden-death contests at the home rink of the Charlottetown teams.

Just finished listening to that exciting game in Halifax. The redhead is back in action and making his presence felt. Murph Chamberlain said Halifax was the team to beat. The Islanders seem to think so too. They could hardly drop the Big Four title now even if it was hot.

Mt. Royal Wins From Unionvale

The Mount Royal Ramblers took the second game of the series 3-1 in the O'Leary rink on Thursday night. In the first game the Hornets were short a number of players but had a larger score in the second game.

NEWARK, N.J., March 23—(AP)—Rex Layne, contender for the heavyweight boxing crown, will meet Eddie (Red) Cameron in a 10-round bout at Salt Lake City April 9, Willie Gilzenberg, manager of Cameron, said today.

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