



A telephone message from Louis Praught, Sherbrooke, Que., race track, resulted in Jack Quinn of this city leaving Thursday morning to take a position as care-taker with Louis, Jack has had several years experience with horses at Charlottetown and last fall was at Foxboro, returning home was at Dufferin race track, Toronto, and Sherbrooke race track. "Quinnie" is a steady, reliable young man whom we would like to have had stay here but of course there is a larger opportunity where has gone as driver Praught with his fifteen head will make for Saratoga about the middle of May and race there and possibly at Roosevelt. Louis is really a top driver and has had a wealth of experience. In 1931 when we visited Charter Oak track, Hartford, Conn., we met Louis and even then he was making a name for himself with horses, and he gave us a tip to buy a horse which we regret we did not accept as he turned out all that was recommended and more.

Marne Kennedy, O'Leary, is looking forward to having a very happy summer with High Tide 214 on the trot and a handsome, good-gaited filly by Lusty Frisco, 207-1-4 that he expects to get a slice of the futurities with and perhaps have a look in at other events. It was Barne who sold Lusty Frisco to Bob Ryan, Houlton, Maine, where he is now making a name for himself as a sire of handsome colts with plenty of speed.

Carl MacKenzie, Secretary - Treasurer Truro Raceway, has announced that the track will be open for training April 25th with the dining room open the same date. The first race will be held the afternoon of May 4th. All the classified dashes on that date will be at 9-16 of a mile. Night racing will start Saturday, June 17th.

Some doubt seems to exist in the minds of upper Canadian horsemen as to what province had the honor of initiating night racing. Well, the facts are that the first night harness racing meet ever held in Canada was at Northam, P.E.I., on the track at the beautiful grounds of Milligan and Morrison and the evening was August 16th, 1932; 2,500 spectators were in attendance and the track pacing record was broken for the second time that season by King Spruce, owned by Well McNeill and driven by Orin Jardine. He was a straight heat winner in the 2:21 Trot and Pace, with Don Vernon Langille 2-4-2. Hust (Hennessey) 2-2-5, Rose Aubrey (Ryan) 4-3-3, Mr. Henry (Holmes) 4-5-4. Time, 2:11 1-4, 2:13 1-4. The former record of 2:11 1-4 was made by Marjorie M. on July 13th. Other races on the card that night were the 214 Trot and Pace won by Marjorie M. (Jabalee) in straight heats, Lucky Lindy (Jardine) 2-2-2, Billy Cope (Power) 4-3-2, Grandma (Holmes) 3-4-4, best time 2:12. Marjorie M. was owned by Richard Jabalee, North Sydney. The 2:28 Trot and Pace was won by Lillian with 1-2-1, Calumet City (Conroy) 6-1-5, High Toby (Sanderson) 2-3-2, Mack Volo (H. O'Brien) 5-4-3, La Rico (Power) 3-6-8, May Cromwell (Steele) 4-5-4. Time, 2:16, 2:13 1-4, 2:13 1-2.

Lillian was a chestnut mare by McGregor the Great. She had a record of 2:08 1-2 and was brought here and raced through the remainder of the season by the famous "Red" Hanafin. Out of her ten starts she won five races that season. The Guardian report of the races states "... The horses acted fine all through and quickly got accustomed to the lights." Messrs. Milligan and Morrison had spared no expense to build a plant with stables, track and everything in keeping with the best that could be found anywhere. The lighting system was entirely their own and generated by very expensive machinery that gave surprisingly good results. The officials were... Starter, F. J. E. Wright Summerside; judges, W. B. MacArthur, Kensington, Harry Silliphant, Summerside, Dr. F. W. Christopher, Boston, Timers, Dr. A. A. Lockhart, Kensington, F. J. Kennedy, Charlottetown, J. A. MacPherson, Summerside, Clerk of the Course, O. Cobb, Summerside. Racing under the lights was first held in Charlottetown in 1947, the same year that the lights were put in at Richeleu Park, Montreal. These two were, after Northam, the first tracks in Canada equipped for night racing.

Alphonse Pineau, Rustico, has purchased from Heath MacLeod, Irishtown Road, a very handsome four-year-old mare by Lusty Frisco 207-1-4. Her dam is by Lycopia 206 1-4 by Bingen 206 1-2, and her granddam was by Captain Aubrey 207 1-4. The mare is in foal to Abner T. Clegg 204 1-2. She weighs 1,100 lbs. and Heath MacLeod, her breeder and former owner, can well be proud of

the good care he has given her. Professor S. A. Rockford has passed on but his memory still lingers with us. He was a horseman who learned his trade in a hard school and knew it thoroughly. Few of us realized that he had picked up such a good brood mare when he arrived here with the two-year-old Alestra, that with not too much opportunity showed herself a really good race mare. The reason she came into our mind was the fact that Bert Younker, Winsloe, was registering one of her get and a glance at her pedigree reveals the following... Alestra, by Real Frisco 159 3-4, dam, The Blond Lady by The Senator, by Peter the Great. Both Real Frisco and The Blond Lady are familiar names to top breeders in the United States.

Alestra was bred at Peninsula Farms, Fremont, Ohio, and on June 16th, 1930 as a two-year-old, took a record of 2:17. The following spring she was brought to the Maritimes by Prof. Rockford and took part in four races, after quitting herself well for her age. We particularly remember a race in which she was a starter at Fredericton and was timed in better than 2:13. Another race that comes back to memory was at Kensington, P.E.I., July 17th, 1940. The summary was, Major Bowes (L. O'Brien) 3-4-1-1; Alestra (J. O'Brien) 1-3-2-2; Uscita Britton (McArthur) 2-1-4-3; Nell Cochatoleda (Kelly) 5-2-3-2, two other starters. Time, 2:21 3-4, 2:26, 2:18, 2:22. Major Bowes was owned by Mrs. Sampson Grady, Summerside.

SPORTING NEWS



The Charlottetown Abbies took a close 5-4 victory over the Summerside Crystals at the Forum on Thursday night in the opening game of an extra home and home, total goal playoff series for the right to represent the Intermediate A Hockey League against the winner of the Intermediate B. League which is Borden Nationals, in a final series for the Island Intermediate Hockey championship and the privilege of continuing on into Maritime Intermediate play-off competition.

It was a mediocre game of hockey that was to this writer a start to a series that is as odd as the game was itself of which all the why's and wherefore's in connection with both, we don't profess to know, or expect that we ever will.

To start with, the series was developed by the decree of the M. A. H. A. after Saint Dunstan's had eliminated Crystals in the finals and the Island Intermediate A championship, after which the Saints withdrew from further competition due to academic reasons that did not permit them to continue further without interfering with forthcoming exams etc.

Assuming that the Crystals would be the team to continue on in further play after Saints withdrew, by virtue of the fact that they were the runner-up for the title, the next thing we knew the M. A. H. A. had laid down a ruling that Crystals were to meet Abbies, the team that had won the regular schedule but were put out in semi-final play against Saints in a home and home series for the right to continue on in further playoffs.

Both clubs have their versions as to how this came about, and although both seem to have justified reasons for their versions, one doesn't seem to quite balance with the other, and like this writer, many fans we talked to before Thursday's game are in a bit of a quandary still as to what it is all about. We have no intention however, of going into the details any further and will leave the series as it stands, and turn our attention for the moment to the first game itself.

As we said before, it was a close but nevertheless only a mediocre game of hockey that got off to an uninteresting and unsatisfactory start. Scheduled to commence at 8:30, it was well after ten o'clock before the game got started, and although both teams were dressed and ready at the appointed time, alas there were no referees to take charge of it.

After biding our time for an hour or so, we decided to look into the cause, only to be informed that the two referees appointed to take charge of the game, were somewhere in the vicinity of North River Rink refereeing a Midget Hockey final, (which incidentally had an unsatisfactory ending) but were "supposed" to arrive in the City of Charlottetown, the game continued much longer, than expected and bad roads on the way back kept the officials from meeting the deadline by about 1 1/2 hours.

We do not attach any blame to the referees, but surely the officials who were in charge of appointing the referees for the senior match, were not so short of capable "arbitrars" that they needed to double up and keep fans waiting an hour and a half or more to see a hockey match, and even then, had to call upon the first vice-president of the M. A. H. A., Walter Lawlor, to handle the whistle to get the game underway before other officials took over. Without even giving serious thought this writer could think of at least four that could have been engaged for such duties had they been contacted at the proper time.

When the game finally did get going, both teams played close hockey for two periods, and although there was nothing outstanding about the calibre, it was clean with six penalties being handed out for minor infractions, but in the third, things started to happen again that brought no credit to the contest.

Moncton Juveniles Down Juvenile Abbies 5-1

MONCTON, N. B., March 24 (CP)—The Moncton Juvenile East End Beavers tonight captured the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island hockey title as they turned in a sudden-death 5-1 win over the Charlottetown Juvenile Abbies.

A four-goal spurge in the first period gave the locals their margin of victory as they were held scoreless in the second period as the visitors got their lone tally, and got one in the third. The Moncton squad now will go against the Nova Scotia winner in the Maritime final series, for which no dates have been set as yet.

Charlottetown: Goal, Large; defence, Burgess, Field, Coyle, MacMillan; forwards, Hennessey, Carver, Flanagan, Kennedy, Dalziel, Glover, Howatt, Clarke, Gregory.

Large Attendance At Ice Follies Last Night

The Charlottetown Figure Skating Club, under the direction of Mr. W. E. Scantlebury, put on a pleasing performance before some 1,000 spectators at the Forum last night when they presented their Ice Follies of 1950 and celebrated their 9th annual production.

Producing fourteen numbers of graceful skating, acrobatic and routine skating acts with some thirty or thirty-five skaters from tiny tots to teenagers taking part, the program was excellently presented with colorful costumes lending much to the fine and intricate performances, with the young amateur artists exhibiting real talent in the art of smooth skating and difficult skating and dance routines.

Other highlight features of the program included a keenly contested relay race between the boys' teams of West Kent, Prince Street and Queen Square Schools, with the teams finishing in that order, while an exhibition hockey match between the girls' teams of West Kent and Prince of Wales College gave the large crowd of spectators plenty of excitement when the teams battled it out to a scoreless draw in a very closely contested encounter.

The program lacked nothing in the way of fun and laughs either, when two skating clowns "Slip" and "Shoot" put on some mirth-filled skating antics that went over really big with the audience.

The program, which was under the distinguished patronage of His Honor Lt. Governor J. A. Bernard and Mrs. Bernard, Hon. J. Walter Jones and Mrs. Jones, His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald and Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, was brought to a highly successful conclusion with an enjoyable skate for all to the lilting music of the 17th Reece Regiment Band.

Mr. Paul Sharpe was the capable master of ceremonies for the show while Mr. J. Austin Trainor, C.D.A. was in charge of makeup and costume. The following is the program presented, and the team lineups for both the hockey and relay racing.

Relay Teams - 1. West Kent - Gerald Birt, Bobby White, John Squarebriggs, Forbes Kennedy; 2. Prince Street - Brian Lewis, Darold Tanton, John MacDougall, Malcolm McPadyen; 3. Queen Square - Bobby Trainor, Ralph Trainor, Clifford Gillis, Charles Macdonald.

HUNTERS' CORNER

The opening of the trout fishing season is almost within long casting distance. In a few weeks hopeful anglers will be digging worms into bait cans and threading worms on No. 6 hooks with fingers numb from the cold. Some dams are already opening up and should be clear of ice by mid April. The season opens on Sunday this year (April 16th.). A few angles, particularly among country folk, whose scruples forbid them to fish on Sunday will not take too kindly at seeing the cream removed from their pet trout holes while they sit idly on the side-lines. I can well imagine some of them with one eye on their bibles and the other on the trout rod standing in the corner. When a man's conscience troubles him it takes the joy out of trout fishing.

A few dams are still ice bound and unless we have some heavy throws between now and the 16th., ice conditions may make fishing out of the question. I had a birds' eye view of Whitlock's Pond on the morning of March 21st. It was one solid sheet of ice. Incidentally no holes had been cut in the ice since the last snowfall and that should be good news for those fishermen who patronize Whitlock's on opening morning.

Wildgeese are slow in putting in an appearance this spring. Back in the old days of red grass pentads geese could be depended upon to hit St. Peter's Island hammocks around March 5th. My records show, I think the year was 1930, I counted 700 geese at Tracadie Bay on March 7th. On March 18th of the same year I estimated approximately three thousand geese lining a two mile narrow strip of open water from the Black Bush to MacGillivray's shore. The channel took a swing south at this point. With the aid of field glasses I could spot geese sitting on the ice on either side two and three feet deep. Now and then I could see his black wings flapping indicating that some birds were swimming in the open water. In the days when spring shooting of geese was legal, goose hunters from Charlottetown planned on having their 'boxes' sunk at Tracadie Bay in readiness for March 17th.

On March 21st I flew over Tracadie Bay and there wasn't a wildgoose to be seen and only very little open water. I did see several hundred ducks. There were only a few black. 90 per cent were Golden-eyes and Mergansers. Maybe those ducks are better known under the names of Whistlers and shell ducks. A few robins have been observed and crows are uttering their familiar spring caws so I guess Mistress Spring is just around the corner.

For the information of trappers the season on mink and muskrat closes on March 31st. Latest reports from fur sales indicates that raw furs are still on the downward trend. Even mink and muskrat pelts have fallen off in value in comparison with preceding sales. The low price offered for their skins should give muskrats a chance to build up in numbers. At present they are practically nonexistent in many sections of the province.

Hungarian partridge have weathered the winter in good shape notwithstanding the period of icy crusts during late February. Some birds fell by the wayside but the survivors are in tip top shape at the present time. Good reports also are being received regarding the Chukker partridge. All signs indicate that the Chukkers may be disappointing as a game bird as compared with the Huns. Their tactics are more after the pattern of the pheasants... they don't believe in using their wings if their legs will serve the purpose.

House cats are again getting into the game picture. Not long ago I was talking to a farmer from a district north of Cardigan. He informed me that their cat had brought in three pump Huns in one week for her kittens to feast on. He found out that she was catching them around a grain stack at the rear of his farm and a good four hundred yards from the dwelling house. He said he didn't know what to do to stop her. I told him that was easily solved. I don't think he thought too highly of my suggested remedy.

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Millionaires Defeat St. Mary's 7-3 To Take 3-1 Lead In Finals Series

Today's Matches At Curling Club

Weekend matches at the Charlottetown Curling Club this afternoon are as follows:

3 p.m.
Ice 1—Prov. Gov't vs Merchants No. 2.
Ice 2—Stragglers vs Contractors
Ice 3—Auto Dealers No. 2 vs Bankers
Ice 4—Y. Boudrias, D. Stewart, G. Buntain, R. B. Bell vs J. E. Burnett, H. Callbeck, Ivan Horne, A. W. Hyndman.

3:30 p.m.
Ice 1—F. W. Troop, John Wilson, Alex Matheson, W. R. Jenkins vs W. Pringle, G. J. Johnston, M. McGulgan, R. S. P. Jardine.
Ice 2—G. Wellner, P. Hillier, E. K. McNutt, G. Avard vs J. Coles, H. E. Hyndman, W. Pickard, McPherson.
Ice 3—E. Gallant, Walter Wilson, R. A. Parker, R. Carruthers vs Frank MacDonald, Tom White, Seaman, Full.
Spares - E. Baker, Frank Clark, H. C. Crockett, O. Diamond, G. Hutcheson, Ern Matheson, D. Mayne, McCannell, Earl McLeod, H. C. Trainor, T. Mitchell.

Albies Win Bantam Title; P. S. S. Girls Advance To Finals

Both visiting Charlottetown teams won their games and rounds at the Crystal Rink in Summerside last night. The Prince Street School girls defeated the Summerside St. Mary's Convent team by the score of 2 to 1, taking the round by a total goal count of 5 to 3. The Bantam Abbies won over the Summerside Kinsmen Bantams by the top-scaled score of 10 to 2, winning the round, 19 to 3.

The victory for the Bantam Abbies gave them the Island Bantam hockey championship, while for the Prince Street girls, it advanced them into the finals against the Montague School girls the defending champions, for the Island inter-school girls hockey title.

Summary of girls' game:
First Period
Scoring—None.
Penalties: K. Skinner, S. Arsenault.
Second Period
1—Seide, S. Arsenault, 2:12 (M. Peters)
2—Ch'town, Hurst, 4:07 (V. Stewart)
3—Ch'town, Skinner, 10:05
Penalties—None.
Third Period
Scoring—None.
Penalties—None.
Referee: Art Perry.

Summary of Bantam game:
First Period
1—Abbies, Carroll (Mullins)
2—Abbies, Lantz (D. MacLeod)
3—Abbies, Arsenault (Robertis)
4—Seide, Gaudet (Whalen)
Penalties: Mullins 2, Whitehead.
Second Period
5—Abbies, D. McLeod, (Carroll, Lantz)
6—Abbies, Carroll, (McLeod, Lantz)
7—Abbies, D. MacLeod (Carroll)
Penalties: McAusland, Carroll
Third Period
8—Abbies, Arsenault, (Robertis)
9—Abbies, D. McLeod, (Carroll, Lantz)
10—Seide, Somier (Doucette)
11—Abbies, Whitehead (Moore)
12—Abbies, Carroll (D. McLeod)
Penalties: Matthews, Whalen
Referees: Art Perry and Jimmie Razavat.

FIREMEN'S BENEFIT MASQUERADE SKATE

Join with the crowd. Meet your friends at the Forum, Wednesday, March 29th. Spotlight waltzes with music furnished by the Reece Band.

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