Showboat Hall Says Bad Nights Impossible

Most basketball players have "bad" nights, but Robert (Showboat) Hall, the inimitable clown prince of the great Harlem Globetrotters coming here to play tonight, says its well nigh impossible for him or any of his teammates to experience this.

Even with a schedule of nightly play covering more than 80 games, plus many more during the post-season.

"We have so many variables going that if one isn't clicking we have another to offset it," is his explanation "Every night doesn't go the same way. That's what makes it good for us. You do some things over and over. Then you will do something one night you won't do the rest of the season."

Bob, a great pivot man as well as an outstanding showman, one of the finest entertainers in all sports, has been with the Trotters since 1949. He first played with a farm club they had at the time, The Kansas City Stars, and then broke into the parent club's regular lineup in 1952. He has been an outstanding star ever since and is a star in many of the 87 countries the famed aggregation has played around the globe.

The 6 foot 2 inch athlete's dream of playing with the Globetrotters goes back to his boyhood days in Detroit where he attended Miller High School play exhibitions since he was a youngster.

"I was recommended to Owner Abe Saperstein by an ex-player, Gus Finney," Hall recalls. "I went to their office straight out of high school. I really never thought I would get a chance to play with this great team."

Hall was one of about 25 new hopefuls who tried out for the Trotters in '49. About 18 were kept and farmed out to the minor league teams, among them Bob. Besides his fine play, his clever clowning ability was noted and he was soon tagged with the nickname of "Showboat" which has clung to him since.

He is regarded by many experts as the finest ball-handler. He had been seeing the team in basketball. The schedule of the Globetrotters is rigorous but Bob likes it. They play seven games a week, sometimes two in a day, in a season usually running from the last week in October until the following April. Included is considerable traveling, including the overseas jaunts all around the world.

Is it hard to keep up night after night? Hall replies, "You know you have to do it. You have to put out at all times. That's the job regardless of how you feel. Sometimes you may not feel quite like playing but you'd better be ready to go when you hit that court."

ELLIS IN FOR PAILLE

It looks as if Toronto Maple Leafs' forward Ron Ellis (11) is taking over Marcel Paille's position in the New York Rangers' goal during this second-period scramble in Saturday night's National Hockey League game in Toronto. Also in on the play is former Montreal Canadiens' forward Dickie Moore (16), on Toronto ice in Leafs' uniform for the first time. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Maritime Racing

SYDNEY (CP) — Raider Sis and Mr. Vic were double winners on an eight-dash harness racing card here Saturday night.

Raider Sis took victories in times of 2.16 2-5, best of the night, and 2.18. Mr Vic clocked miles in 2.19 and 2.17 2-5.

Single winners were Mighty Ett (2.21 2-5), Mai Kai (time unrecorded), Northern Lad (2.25) and Fo Jo Purdue (2.20).

The daily double on Mighty Ett and Mai Kai paid $107.

SACKVILLE DOWNS, N.S. (CP) — Whirl A Wick clocked a 2.08 4-5 mile and won the featured $1,500 Maritime Pacing Championship on an eight-dash harness racing card here Saturday afternoon.

Whirl A Wick, owned by Bert McLaren of Truro, won the second half of the feature after placing second behind Borderview Renown in the first heat. Borderview Renown, owned by Eric and Harry Whebby of Dartmouth, N.S., raced to the wire in 2.08 1-5 the first time out.

Security Scott, owned by Art Craig of Victoria, P.E.I., was the only double winner. The horse won races one and four in identical times of 2.09 4-5.

Other winners were Knight Norris (2.12 1-5), Marjorie Lee Volvo (2.14), Real Gold (2.11 4-5) and Miss Tom Scott (2.12 4-5).

MONCTON (CP) — Joe Goguen took a big step toward winning his second straight leading driver award Saturday night as he teamed home three winners on a nine-dash horse racing card here.

Goguen reined home 39 wins last season in 42 racing days and this year has 42 wins in 38 days.

He teamed Henry Cormier's Ripple Scott to wins in 2.14 4-5 and 2.16 1-5 and then scored a decisive win over Bad News in a feature match in 2.14.

Basil Whalen of Charlottetown scored a double as he teamed John Doyle's Watchim to wins in 2.22 and then back again in 1.07 2-5 in a special one-half mile event.

The fastest time of the night was recorded by Ohio's Orphan owned by the Frosty Hollow Stable of Saint John, who paced to his mark of 2.12 3-5.

Tiger Cats Capture First For Fourth Year In A Row

Hamilton Tiger-Cats clinched top spot in the Eastern Football Conference for the fourth straight year and won a bye into the eastern final against either Montreal Alouettes or Ottawa Rough Riders as a result of weekend play in the east.

Ticats overpowered Toronto Argonauts 27-7 in Hamilton Saturday to push the hapless Argos out of the playoff money once again.

Alouettes won an uphill 23-21 victory over Rough Riders in Montreal Sunday when George Bork threw a touchdown pass to Jerry Philp on a broken play with less than four minutes left in the game.

The Montreal game had no affect on the final EFC placings. Ottawa remained in second place and Montreal in third. They will play off for the right to meet Hamilton in the eastern final. Next week's EFC schedule will change nothing that counts in the standings.

In Hamilton Saturday, Ticats pulled out their patented second-half onslaught to win after trailing 7-5 at half time. They never looked to be in serious trouble.

FALONEY DEADLY

Bernie Faloney directed the Hamilton assault that saw Art Baker and Johnny Counts run for touchdowns and Hal Patterson leap for a Faloney pass at the Toronto goal line for another.

Don Sutherin converted all three, kicked a 43-yard field goal—his 14th of the season—and scored two singles on other field-goal attempts that went wide. Faloney scored Hamilton's other point on an 85-yard single as he averaged 59 yards in four punts.

The Argo touchdown came on some alert fielding by offensive end Lee Sampson at the Ticat 48 after Sutherin had the ball jarred losse on a tackle by Jon Rechner. Sampson ran it over and Karl Sweetan converted.

In Montreal, Bork was trapped on a third-down pass attempt and about to be smothered by Ottawa tacklers when he tossed in desperation. Philp galloped eight yards for the go-ahead touchdown at 11:49 of the final quarter.

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The Riders got possession twice after that, but quarterback Russ Jackson's shaky passing enabled the Als to intercept two in the dying minutes.

Montreal trailed 21-10 going into the second half but a touchdown by Nat Craddock in the third quarter, his second of the game, paved the way for the exciting rally before 18,055 cheering supporters. Montreal's other points were accumulated on a safety touch, John Baker's single and two converts by Willie Lambert.

Ottawa, with several regulars benched for listless play and the offence still ineffective, rallied on the defensive squad to set up two touchdowns and got the third on Dave Thelen's 59-yard run. Moe Racine convered all three.

Rick Black swept around end from the four-yard line after the Riders recovered a misguided lateral on a punt return. The defence did the whole job the next time when Bob O'Billovich raced 59 yards after intercepting Bork's pass.

Prince Of Wales Defeats S'side

Prince of Wales defeated Summerside High School in an exhibition football game in Summerside Saturday afternoon by the score of 24-1.

Brian MacArthur, Chris Annett and George Yeamans scored majors for PWC. George Yeamans converted all three touchdowns for PWC. Chris Annett accounted for three safeties which finished out the Prince of Wales scoring.

Summerside's lone point came on a safety.

BRITAIN SECOND TO U.S.

LONDON (CP) — Britain's pharmaceutical industry last year put Britain second to the U.S. among exporters of drugs and chemical supplies. It is calculated that each Briton now spends one penny on drugs each day, compared with fivepence a day on beer, twopence on candy and fourpence on bus travel.

Harry Poulton Steals The Show

Harry Poulton stole the entire show Saturday night at Charlottetown Driving Park as he reined three horses to double dash triumphs on the eight-dash program.

Poulton, up behind three horses owned by his mother, Mrs. James Poulton, made every trip out a winning one and amassed a total of six victories in six attempts.

Veteran race followers were trying to figure out if Harry established something of a record on the local oval but nobody could say with certainty if the feat had been performed before.

At any rate, Poulton had a glorious evening with The Sheik, Jolly Dick and Helen's Dream. Lorde Kelly teamed Cyclone Kelly to a 1-1 summary in the other event on the program.

A cold night kept the crowd small but those who were on hand saw a fine night of racing.

Best time of the night over a slow track was Helen's Dream's mile of 2.12:4.

Top pay of the night was the quinella, Jolly Dick and Princess Mark, $16.20. The first double, Cyclone Kelly and The Sheik, was worth $14.60, the exactor, Cyclone Kelly and Clayhaven Snoozer, $11.80, and the second double, The Shiek and Jolly Dick, $3.80. Only one other pay got into the double figures. It was a place ticket on Anthony L in the eighth and it was worth $13.90.

Next race program at Charlottetown Driving Park is set for next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

HARRY POULTON

DASHES 2 AND 6

The Shiek (H. Poulton) ... 1 1
Clayhaven Snoozer (D. Wineberg) ... 2 2
Dot's Boy (L. Arsenault) ... 2 3
Rollamatic (A. Lowery) ... 4 3
Colonick (E. MacLeod) ... 3 4
Terry's Hal (W. Dickie) ... 5 7
Diplomat Royal (O. Ross) ... 7 6
My Lady R (E. Arsenault) ... 6 8
Time—2.19, 2.18:1.

Cyclone Kelly owned by A.M. Gillis and George Agnew, Charlottetown.

Pays 5.60, 4.20; 9.40, 3.20, 2.40; 2.60.

Hettie's Boy (C. Birt) ... 3 2
Vernon River Gal (S. White) ... 4 4
McGee Volo (J. Arsenault) ... 5 -
Time, 2.15, 2.15:2

The Shiek owned by Mrs. James Poulton, Charlottetown.

Pays 4.80, 2.70; 2.70, 3.00 (win only).

DASHES 3 AND 7

Jolly Dick (H. Poulton) ... 1 1
Princess Mark (L. Kelly) ... 2 2
Jolly Abb (J. Arsenault) ... 3 4
Miss Jo Jo (C. Murphy) ... 4 3
Billy G. Command (E. Clow) ... 5 5
Time 2.14:1, 2.13:3.

Jolly Dick owned by Mrs. James Poulton, Charlottetown.

Pays 6.80, 4.70; 6.40, 3.00, 2.70; 4.10.

DASHES 4 AND 8

Helen's Dream (H. Poulton) ... 1 1
Port Hill Boy (L. Neill) ... 2 4
Anthony L (C. Murphy) ... 4 2
Sunny Key (E. Clow) ... 5 3
Dennis Herbert (J. Ferguson) ... 3 5
Time 2.15, 2.12:4.

Helen's Dream owned by Mrs. James Poulton, Charlottetown.

Pays 5.30, 3.10; 4.40, 2.40, 2.60; 13.90.

Gay Druien (E. Clow) ... 2 3

X-Men Down St. Mary's Huskies

ANTIGONISH, N.S. (CP) — St. Francis Xavier University trounced St. Mary's Huskies 60-14 here Sunday in an Atlantic Football Conference "B" section game.

Halfback Bill Maher led the X-Men with three touchdowns, one of them on an 80-yard kick-off return. Back Bill Roy and end John Gorham each contributed two touchdowns for St. FX which led 33-0 at halftime.

Sam Kelly and John Schneider scored the St. Mary's Touchdowns.

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