

National Golf Weekend At Courses Everywhere

The weekend now coming up, the nation's golf courses are preparing to host the National Golf Week-End, the year in which golfers everywhere can tilt lances for the championship and at the same time help the great development program among boys and girls in all provinces. Most of the youngsters are not members of country clubs and some authorities regard the golf program as the most productive project in existence.

scores against which the rest of the country will match their net totals. Men against men, women against women. Along with Leonard and hope will be the nation's two junior champions, Judy Darling of Montreal and Bill Wakeham of Victoria. They win this big league opportunity to perform because as title-holders they typically the peak of the junior development work financed by National Golf Week-End.

receive an "I Beat The Champion" certificate. Win, lose or draw they help the great character-building golf program of their Province.

Golfers everywhere will be swarming up to the first tee with their dollars in their hands come this week-end. They recognize this as their annual opportunity to have a part in what is said to be Canada's greatest youth project.

Here at Belvedere a large number are expected to take part. Entries will be received at the first tee or the pro shop. Matches may be played on either Saturday or Sunday.

All golfers, both men and women are urged to participate in this annual event.

Saturday, June 7, 1958 The Guardian Page 9 8 Starters At Belmont

NEW YORK (AP) — 8 even horses, including a longshot intruder named Saferris, were named to oppose the Calumet Farm's Tim Tam today in the tough 1 1/2-mile Belmont Stakes at swanky Belmont Park.

Throughout the week the management had figured only six colts would go against Tim Tam, Kentucky Derby and Frakes winner, attempting to become the ninth horse in history to complete the triple crown.

The colt given the best chance to make a battle of it is Irish-bred Cavan, who came from 14 lengths behind to win the Peter Pan Handicap last week.

If eight start in the Belmont, the pot will gross \$114,600, with \$73,440 net to the winner.

All owners must put up \$1,000 to start today. The forecast is for sunny skies.

It's Queen's Plate Day In Toronto

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer
TORONTO (CP) — The weather man is beaming, bettors are added with money, the Governor-General will lend a colorful touch to the proceedings and 14 of Canada's finest three-year-olds are primed for the 99th renewal of the \$25,000 Queen's Plate Saturday. The classic has everything a race fan

could want.

The final lineup was decided Friday when owners deposited their final nomination fee—\$250—with the Ontario Jockey Club for the 1 1/4-mile stakes race. Original nominations on Dec. 15, 1956, totalled 212 but the field was narrowed to 56 by May this year and then to 14 Friday.

The race is scheduled to start at 6:37 p.m. ADT and within three minutes the winning owner will step up and receive \$26,395—50 per cent of the \$25,000 put up by the OJC and the \$13,895

in nomination fees. In addition, he will receive 50 guineas from the Queen.

For a time Friday it appeared that the field would be cut to 13, all owned by Ontario residents. Jeanen, owned by Sarto Desnoyers of Montreal, suffered a quarter crack—something akin to a broken finger nail—on the right forefoot after this morning's workout.

Trainer Ted Mann examined the colt and decided it would go with a bar shoe. This, said the experts, would cut down consid-

erably the chances of the Montreal-owned brown colt winning the race.

FINE WEATHER

Sunny and warm for Saturday, predicted the weatherman. With this cheering news, OJC officials made some predictions of their own.

Although the race will be on television and radio, they figured that attendance and betting records set at New Woodbine on Queen's Plate day last year would be surpassed. At that time 26,705 persons bet \$1,038,284.

SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

Leard did a fine pitch for Cape Traverse in the game of the Prince County League. As the 11 strikeouters, Harold had the Tyne batters in a bit of a fog. He seemed to be solving his mystery in the later innings, or it was because he was not surprising in an early out game.

Bud Ramsay won a lot of friends in defeat at Civic Stadium Wednesday night. In "Tiger" Steele he was up against more heavy artillery than he could cope with, but his courage under fire was unquestioned. After being flogged in the second, he took the play away from Steele in the middle rounds, and at one stage looked as if he might still gain a draw or even a win. But Steele lived up to his nickname in the ninth and battered the Alberton boy from pillar to post.

The Wendell Oliver-Irving Rogers scrap was bristling with action, but not quite the blood and thunder battle expected of these boys. They are picking up a little more ring savvy, and have developed a healthy respect for each other's choice haymakers. All of which has made them a little less exciting but still plenty good for a crowd-pleasing bout.

WINTER'S CORNER Pheasant Controversy Hasn't Run Course Yet

The month of June, associated with balmy winds and sunny days, has not lived up to her reputation. The first week has been grim. For the most part, winds and cold rain. The weather has been reversed. We had weather in April and so have had April weather in June. Even the crowing of Cocks has been stilled. It is at the moment that my estimate of three thousand pheasants in Queens County was on the conservative side. After their debut in 1956 I commented, as you may recall, that we had sufficient stock left for a backstop if left on their own. They have come back on their own but a lot quicker than I thought possible. Some are wondering what is behind the big pheasant re-stocking program.

My reports indicate they are claiming the credit for the pheasant comeback. It is worth noting that the 1956 release was written as a failure and resulted in the daily bag limit on pheasants being reduced from 5 to 3. It is a recorded fact. It is also a recorded fact that their 1957 pheasant stock and hatched chicks ordered destroyed to a bird due to an outbreak of disease and that this order was rescinded.

It brings us to our present situation of 1958. The Cocks were released throughout the country weeks before the 300 Wisconsin Game Preserve pheasants were released. So far the hunting of pheasant chicks being released on farms and in Commercial Game Preserve areas cannot be considered as a factor except in the case of a pheasant being released as a factor in the pheasant population. The rule is to release pheasants from a domestic poultry flock. Pheasants hatched on a stock in the wild. Further, the Game Act either to have in possession, or release into nature, any bird or animal without a license without the permission in writing of the Minister. I understand that pheasant chicks are being distributed throughout the province to anyone who wishes them with no strings attached as to the method employed in hatching with the idea of having them in the province in the light of excess pheasants.

It is this columnist's opinion that the present pheasant re-stocking program had gotten out of hand. I can sense an element of danger in the program of allowing amateurs to hatch and rear pheasants in close proximity to domestic poultry. After all, thousands of hunters have an interest in pheasant hunting and they should be given a chance to take matters into their own hands. I was told by a man prominent in the Southern Kings Game Association that the first he knew of the importation from Wisconsin was when word was received to drive to Charlottetown and pick up King's County's quota of birds. At the moment there appears to be no rhyme or reason to the program.

If his sponsors are bent and bound that their program is the cure for all pheasant hunting ills this columnist challenges them to make a testing ground in West Prince west of Portage. Buy them, hatch them, but do not live trap our native stock. Liberate them up there in thousands if the birds are available. There is a close season in that area now and has been for two years. There is no native stock in the area and if the birds multiply and spread there is no one, least of all this columnist, who will deny you the credit. If there is not enough birds to warrant an

British Golf Final Today

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (CP)

Alan Thirlwell, an Englishman who has played steadily, and Joe Carr, an amiable 36-year-old Dublin haberdasher, will meet today in the 36-hole final of the British Amateur Golf Championship.

Thirlwell, 29, Friday whipped Tim Holland, an American, 4 and 3, in one semi-final match. Carr, 1953 titleholder, defeated Michael Bonallack of England by the same margin in the other.

Bonallack, a Walker Cup team alternate last year, shot a dazzling 33 at Carr on the first nine holes and led two up. Then he skidded to a 42 on the back nine and the match was almost settled before the second 18 started.

Thirlwell had a morning round of 73, one over par for the 6,936-yard Old Course and was approximately even with par in the afternoon. One hole wasn't played out. Holland had a 74 before lunch and about three over after the rest.

Carr has been a member of six British Walker Cup teams and is a strong favorite in today's play. If Carr wins he will be the first British Isles player in 29 years to take this title twice. The last to do the trick was Cyril Tolley, who won in 1920 and 1929.

Probable Pitchers

NEW YORK (AP) — Probable pitchers for today's major league games (won-lost records in parentheses):

National League
Philadelphia at St. Louis—Simmons (4-3) vs. McDaniel (3-4).
Pittsburgh at Chicago—Gross (2-0) vs. Phillips (4-10).
Milwaukee at Los Angeles (N)—Burdette (4-3) vs. Koufax (2-2).
Cincinnati at San Francisco—Nuxhall (2-2) vs. Gomez (5-4).

American League
Detroit at Washington—Bunning (2-5) vs. Ramos (3-4).
Kansas City at Baltimore—Garver (7-1) vs. Harshman (5-4).
Cleveland at New York—Narleski (6-4) vs. Ford (6-2).
Chicago at Boston—Donovan (2-6) vs. Sisler (4-2).

Backstretch

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records will be shattered this season.

So far, no half-mile track in Canada has the honor of posting 2.00 or better for a winning heat. The nearest that we can recall after was when Joe O'Brien won at Richelieu in 2.00 2/5 with Diamond Hal, and that is the Canadian pacing record.

Richelieu also has to its credit the fastest mile ever trotted in Canada, and that was when Scott Frost won in 2.01 3/5 in 1956, driven by Joe O'Brien.

By the way, it was Tankersley who prepared the Sportsmen's Track in Chicago, and Roosevelt Raceway, New York last year.

TIMER

We understand that the American telemeter, an electrically operated system for the timing of races, is installed at Richelieu track. The telemeter flashes the times at each quarter mile, and at the finish, on a panel added to the infield totalizer board.

The system also includes two indicator panels located on the inside of the hub rail—100 feet past the half, the other 100 feet past the quarter pole. These flash the fractional times for the drivers. As a third feature, the telemeter provides two poles with red flasher lights at the starting line and at the quarter pole. These turn on at the press of a button by a judge in cast of a spill or any accident, called "spill-lights" they are designed to warn the drivers a mishap has occurred, and to alert the track announcer and the ambulance crew.

The Lacroix Stable of Montreal last year was the high bidder at Harrisburg, on the pacer, "Great Adios", 3, 2.00 2/5, by Adios, that was charged with winnings of \$56,160 at the end of 1957. In his first two starts at Blue Bonnets this season, the four-year-old has been a winner, the last event being an Invitation Pace for \$3,000.

His driver was Jules Giguere, who is one of the tops in Canada. The time was 2.11 1/5, but the track was very slow.

AT HALIFAX

Here is a brief report of Wednesday night's races at Sackville Downs: Race 1 (Classified Pace) Pepper Shaker (Karas) 1, Governor Boy (Ratchford) 2, time

2.18; winning owner — Fullon Moreside, Lower Sackville. Races 2 and 6 — Crystal Maid (C. Mauer) 1-2, Peter Lee Brewer (A. Carter) 2-1, Plus (York) 3-1, time 2.15 2/5 and 2.15 1/5; Crystal Maid owned by Eric Wheby, Dartmouth; Peter Lee Brewer owned by Byron Kennedy, Halifax. Races 3 and 7 — Raven Abbe (MacGregor) 1-1, Stalag Hanover (Mauger) 2-6, Beware (Walsh) 3-2, time 2.13 4/5 and 2.12 1/5 (the fastest mile in the Maritimes, to date); Raven Abbe owned by H. R. Bevan of Charlottetown.

Race 4 (Classified Trot) — Mighty Gallon (Kaye) 1, Mahlon Harvester (L. O'Brien) 2, Cobblestone (Campbell) 3, time 2.17 4/5; winning owner — D. A. Turner, Windsor. Race 5 — Jingle Cale (B. Walsh) 1, Spic 'n Span (Cyril Smith) 2, Tim Clegg (Butler) 3, Stewart's Demon (J. Moore) 4, time 2.26 4/5; winning owner — Nick's Restaurant, Dartmouth. Race 6 (Begy's Prince (Ratchford) 1, Lela (Loye) 2, Cattle Direct (Gaudin) 3, Axworthy Peter (F. Daniels) 4, time 2.17 2/5; winning owner — R. L. Riley, Halifax.

Raven Abbe's mile in 2.12 1/5 stamps him as a pacer of class, and he should beat 2.10 quite easily before the season is very far advanced.

PROMISING STABLE

Harry Hirsch of Sydney will have a stable of three in competition this year. They are — Conivar, 2.01, that equalled the Moncton track record of 2.05 2/5 made by Dave Grattan on July 16, 1956 and won the free-for-all at Charlottetown's Old Home Week last summer in 2.06, 2.05 2/5 and 2.07 1/5. The track record at Charlottetown is held by Newport Chief, 1.59 3/5, made August 18, 1956, with Buddy Cruikshanks driving — time 2.05.

Another promising member of the Hirsch stable this season is Stalag Hanover, that took his record of 2.07 at Vernon Downs last year; he was second to Raven Abbe at Halifax Wednesday night in the third race. The other member of Harry's stable is a green three-year-old trotter, Dark Yankee, splendidly bred and very promising.

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