

# Russia Seeks New Honors In International Sport

By KEN METHERAL, Canadian Press Staff Writer  
LONDON (CP)—Russia is seeking new honors on the international sports scene.



## Hunters Corner

Here is some startling news for trout fishermen and the opening date is only 29 days away. Under date of March 13, 1956, The Bangor Daily News printed the following under the caption: 'Newest Fish Gives Off Sound To Attract Fishermen'.

Circle says the lure—called "Sonic" was field tested all last year before finally approved for marketing. Field test reports, he says, are still rolling in from the south and at Michigan, the results were positively startling.

FIELD TESTING  
Many months went with the field testing of the "Sonic" because it means sound. Circles asserts field tests have proven its ability to take bass, trout, walleyes, pike and many salt water species.

It's many long years since I saw mill dams and lakes covered with such a thickness of ice in mid-March. Even some large springs are closed in to a space not much bigger than a kitchen rug.

BLACK DUCKS  
It's encouraging to count the numbers of black ducks dotting open channels or 'roosting' on ice edge. Blacks seem to be everywhere.

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the Russians next year in a full international football match. The 1957 fixture will mark the first meeting between representative, or all-star, teams from the two countries although individual British teams have played several games in recent years against crack Russian squads like Moscow Dynamos.

PLAY AT WEMBLEY  
The Football Association, governing body of English soccer, has announced the game will be played in England with the date provisionally set for May 8. It will take place in London's huge Wembley stadium and is almost certain to attract a capacity crowd of some 100,000 fans.

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BACK STRETCH  
watch Joe O'Brien, he'll be here and probably on top at the wire. Tell Mr. Crossman, if you see him, that his mare Silver Sis, was bred last week to Chippewa Chief by Chief Abbeduto, and out of the dam of Belle Acton.

DIRECTORS  
The writer had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the directors of the United States Trotting Association held in Orlando, Florida, on March 4-5-6. Practically all the directors were present and a lot of business was put through.

It was a nice field of 4-year-old trotters and Walter made a faultless drive, keeping Rick as steady as a clock all through and winning with the last quarter in .32 2-5. Time of the mile 2:13 2-5. The last time was saw Walter drive in a race was in 1930 at the newly constructed Saint John, N. B. Raceway and it was there that he sold Marjorie M., a 4-year-old, to Mrs. Charles Ballard, who in turn sold her to Richard Jabalee. With brother Mike up Marjorie equalled the track record at Charlottetown of 2:07 1/4 pacing and won many races over various tracks in the Maritimes.

That evening the directors were entertained by the Mayor and city fathers of Orlando and their hospitality was much appreciated. The writer could not feel the effects that time has had on the original directorate of the USTA as we recall the meeting held in Columbus, Ohio, December, 1938. At that time there were three race associations, the National in the East of which we were members here and had always been since its inception, and two others that divided the Western part of the United States. There were no very much smaller and the rules could stand a lot of improvement. At that meeting the three were merged into the United States Trotting Association and every year it has increased in stature and in making harness racing better and more satisfying a sport for all concerned.

VAST CHANGES  
Looking over these present and calling to mind that first meeting we found vast changes. Of the 32 that formed the Association only the following are directors now: Lawrence B. Sheppard, Hanover, Pa., president; Frank L. Wiswall, vice-president; Albany, N. Y.; C. W. Swoyer, Reading, Pa.; W. H. Dickinson, Hatfield, Mass. and the writer. Just to show the phenomenal growth of the sport, in 1939 at a safe distance as much as to say: "Boy, was that close!"

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CRIPS, SHOT PASSES  
In soccer, Russia places the same emphasis on physical fitness and complete mastery of game fundamentals that carried her to the Olympic hockey crown in Italy earlier this year.

The Russians favor the continental style of crisp, short passes instead of the long, ground-gain-in-England with the date provisionally set for May 8. It will take place in London's huge Wembley stadium and is almost certain to attract a capacity crowd of some 100,000 fans.

The game against Russia is one of five full international fixtures scheduled by the Association for the 1956-57 season. Other matches are against Ireland next Oct. 6; Wales Nov. 14; Yugoslavia Nov. 28; and Scotland April 6, 1957.

The England-Yugoslavia game will be the sixth international meeting between representative professional teams from the two countries. Yugoslavia holds three victories against a single defeat. One game was tied. England's purses totalled \$1,617,025. In 1955 purses totalled \$20,626,774. The problems connected with such an organization are tremendous and impose a great strain on the responsible management such as president L. B. Sheppard, vice-president Frank L. Wiswall and Executive Vice-president Don R. Millar.

At one of our meetings a committee from part-natural tracks were present and Mr. Wiswall addressed them, pointing out the objects of our Association and how anxious we were to cooperate with all tracks in the best interests of harness racing. His address was one of the finest the writer has ever listened to. We called it a masterpiece and he was the recipient of congratulations from almost everyone present. Mr. Wiswall is a man of towering stature, a brilliant lawyer and the time he spends on the USTA work earns him many thousands of dollars if applied to his profession.

Mr. Sheppard is a man of big interests, head of Hanover Shoe Farms, who recently purchased Adios for \$500,000 and whose farm has spent millions on buying the best stallions available for breeding. He is also the Head of Hanover Shoe Stores that operate throughout the United States and have a large manufacturing plant in Hanover, Pa. A very easy man to approach and one whose ability to see both sides of a question stamps him as the right party to be head of a vast organization like ours. In Mr. Wiswall's address he said the objects of the USTA embraced all the harness racing tracks in the United States and "The Maritimes Provinces of Canada." We were invited to hear the way he would bring that out and it certainly must have made an impression on the visitors.

A full report of the meeting will be published in Hoof Beats, a magazine that has at all times looked forward with the greatest interest. The writer had the privilege of expressing his pleasure on behalf of himself and many others on the improvement in Hoof Beats and on the helpful articles on shoeing and other topics which are featured there. The former president of the Maritimes who have so ably represented this Association through the years were also present, F. C. McCurdy of Truro, N. S. and J. Henry DeWitt of Woodstock, N. B.

O'BRIEN RANCH  
We had several chats with Joe O'Brien, who is one of the directors, representing District 3 (California and Western U. S.). Joe looked real well and confirmed what we had previously heard, that he had recently purchased a 50 acre ranch near Shafter, California. This ranch is partially in cotton from which three crops a year are taken and at present cotton is a very profitable crop. There are various other crops also raised and there is a lovely home for the owner and a smaller home for the resident manager. Joe was recommended to buy it by Sol Camp, who understands value about as well as any man in California. Mr. Camp pointed out that it would always be a good paying property and eventually would be very valuable as real estate because of the steady growth of Shafter. The price was \$60,000.

It may be of interest to our readers to know that leading drivers get 10 per cent of the winnings of their horses and they also get a straight salary per week for training and driving these horses. The Sol Camp stable won something like \$435,000, so you can figure up what a nice year's take Joe would have. Of course there is another side to the picture, the anxiety and strain of training a high priced stable is tremendous and then there is the danger of accidents so that is not all honey.

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# Sports

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## Nashua Has Six Opponents In Handicap This Afternoon

By GENE PLOWDEN  
MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—It'll be Nashua and six other handicap horses in the 112,900 Gulfstream Park handicap at a mile and a quarter this afternoon.

Some 2,000 fans are expected to crowd Gulfstream Park for the biggest feature in the track's 11-year history and many millions more will be watching the race on television or listening to it on radio.

Nashua drew No. 6 post position and was a solid 3 to 5 favorite despite a burdensome 129 pounds—highest impost of his career and two more than he carried to neck victory in the Widener last month.

JET-ACTION 3-1  
Opposing the Leslie Combs II star will be Maine Chance Farm's Jet Action, rated 3 to 1 in the early line Brookmeade Stable's Sailor, 6 to 1; Alfred G. Vandell's Find, 8 to 1; Sam Tufano's Wise Margin, 20 to 1; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Markus' Misteloux, 20 to 1; and Prince Nor, purchased at private sale only last Saturday from Hasty House Farm by Mrs. Charles Silvers and Mrs. Saul Finkelshtein for an undisclosed sum, 50 to 1.

Another attraction today will be the Final Exam purse, a \$6,000 allowance race at six and a half furlongs for 3-year-olds getting ready for next Saturday's mile and a furlong \$100,000 added Florida Derby.

BOOMING INDUSTRY  
West Germany's industry employed 6,570,000 persons in 1955, or about 500,000 more than the previous year.

MacDonald Voted Top Defenseman  
Young smoothy George MacDonald got the nod from a panel of five judges yesterday as the outstanding defenseman in the Island Senior B League.

MacLeod received three first place votes, more than any other defenseman named. But MacDonald got one vote for first and four for second giving him 17 points.

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## No. 2 U.S. Figure Skater

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ably originated in America and it could be that someone is annoyed that we didn't skate exhibitions," Lussi said. "Someone must be a sorehead."

Ronnie's father, Albert Robertson, a naval architect, asserted "this thing reeks of politics" and that "I have so much stuff I could blow the lid off" the skating association.

What riled the Robertsons and Lussi even more, they said, was that the nature of the charges, and who brought them, were not made known.

"This is ridiculous," said the elder Robertson, "if Ronnie is to be charged at least he should be given the full story and the full facts."

ON EVE OF TEST  
The disclosure came Thursday night, less than 12 hours before the start of Friday's competition in the men's singles national championships being skated in the Philadelphia Arena.

Robertson, following the pattern of the past few years, finished second again to Olympic and world champion Hayes Alan Jenkins in the school figures division, that counts 60 per cent toward the title.

The elder Robertson let fly at this result, too, and asserted that the judges were not impartial. He went on:

"They fix it, they rig it so that Ronnie cannot beat the Jenkins figures in his free skating."

Ronnie is regarded as the world's best free skater and he took first place in that division in 1955.

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Seven-year-old Marilyn Davis gets an Alice-in-Wonderland view of Henry Moore's seven-foot-high group "Three Standing Figures" in a Winnipeg Art Gallery exhibition. As was Alice, little Marilyn is baffled but impressed by the work of Moore, recognized as the western world's leading sculptor.

## Richard To Be Back Tonight

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Canadiens management said Friday that Maurice (Rocket) Richard, who suffered a five-stitch cut in his head in Thursday night's game with Chicago Black Hawks, will be ready for today's game against New York Rangers. The Rocket took a header into the Chicago net late in the first period when he fell over Pierre Pilote's stick while going for a pass. He banged his head against the ice-level metal base at the back of the net. After treatment at the forum clinic he was taken to hospital for x-ray examination, largely as a precautionary measure.

## Rough Riders Ink 2 Imports

OTTAWA (CP)—Ottawa Rough Riders of the Big Four Football League Friday announced signing of two more imports.

Latest catches of coach Frank Clair are Mill Graham six-foot six-inch, 215-pound end from Colgate University, and Elroy Payne, six-foot, one-inch, 200-pound full-back from McMurray College in Abilene, Texas.

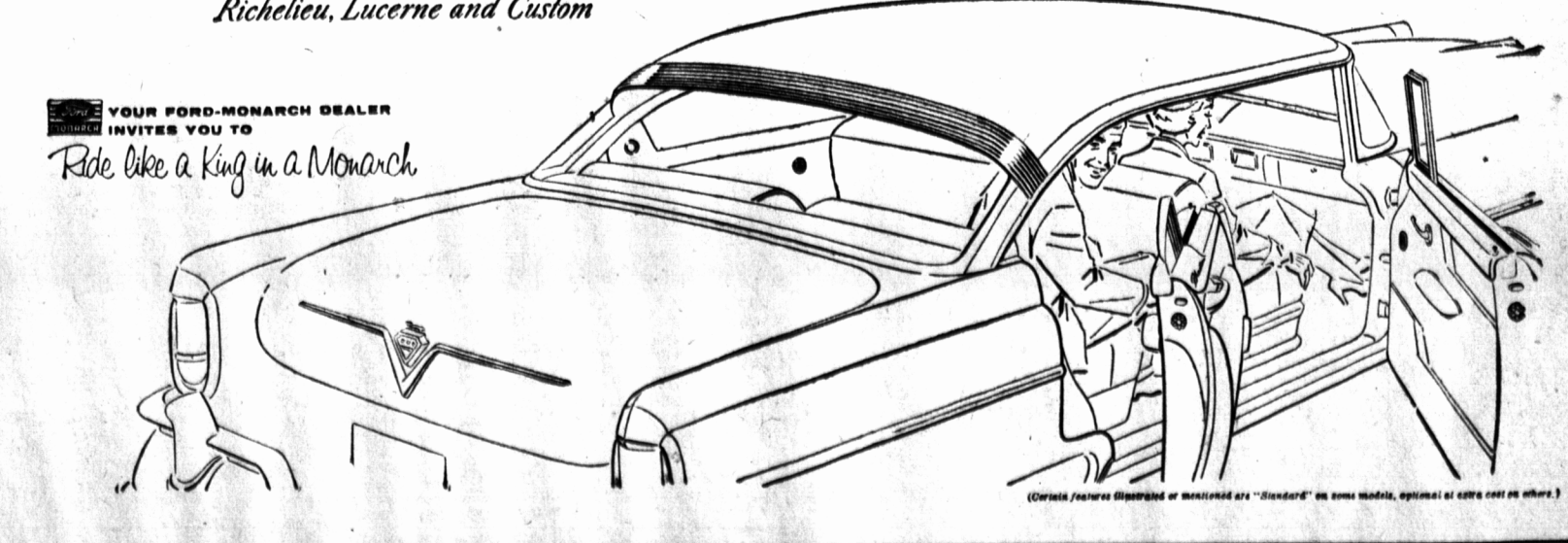
Graham said in Albany Thursday he had been signed by the Ottawa club. Friday's announcement made it official.

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