



## Ring Reminiscences

— Fights and Fighters —  
(By JAMES PENDERGAST)

There was a pretty good heavy-weight (190 lbs.) in Fairbanks named Billy Bates. A match between Bates and myself was arranged. I trained well and was in great physical shape. Bates wanted to have an "understanding" and fix the outcome. He was nervous. I don't know just what he wanted, because taking a "dive" was unthinkable for me. I wouldn't know how to do it anyway. I said, "We'll go five rounds easy and then let the best man win." I started out with fast punches. I may have touched him lightly a few times. Maybe some of them hurt him and surprised him and he thought I was out to double cross and finish him, because out of a blue sky the lightning struck. He had a lethal right haymaker of a right which landed fair on the "button." I tried to rally and continue but it was evident that I couldn't survive the body punches which were coming and my second threw in the towel.

Bates would have ranked with the best, if he had the real ambition, but like myself boxing was only incidental with him. He was a miner and jack of all trades. He had beaten Frank Slaven, the old Australian champion a year or two before in Dawson. I saw and talked to him only once afterwards. He handed me five hundred dollars. I suppose I thought it was ancient history then and repinings and recriminations would do no good. What was done was done, and couldn't be undone. Bates passed away on the Coast a few years ago. I went back to Dawson then—about fifteen hundred dollars to the good—a hundred or more represented bets on the Dawson baseball team, which had come down river to play the Fairbanks team—and the Canadian team won. Canadians in town won big money.

If I may be pardoned I will digress a bit to describe the trip. It was about June 20th, and "Flora's green mantles" decorated the river banks and side hills; a profusion of wild roses festooned the sides of creeks and mountains. The whole vista was a riot of colour. The sun didn't set—even at midnight. It just sank with about half its disk below the horizon, and then gradually began to rise. There were some pretty swift rapids and some very high and rugged cliffs to pass. The river is quite narrow at Dawson (about 1-4 mile). It widens a bit after passing Circle City. I think it must be nearly a mile wide at Fort Gibbon—at the confluence of the Tanana and Yukon. The rugged scenery is very picturesque. The rock formation, jutting out perpendicular-

## Islanders Prepared For Invasion Of Lair Of Sydney Team Tonight

Supplied with a \$2,000 bond to be used in event of attempted arrest of centre man "Bucko" Trainor and backed by over a dozen supporters, the Islanders left for Sydney by bus yesterday afternoon about three o'clock.

It was learned here yesterday from the Forum Management that plans were made to arrest Bucko as soon as he arrived in Sydney for causing alleged injuries to a fan who caught his stick during the second series game in Sydney on Saturday night, March 31.

The club was advised to take a \$2,000 bond which would be used as ball in the event of an attempt being made to arrest "Bucko". The bond was supplied by the Forum management and sent along with coach Leo Lamoureux.

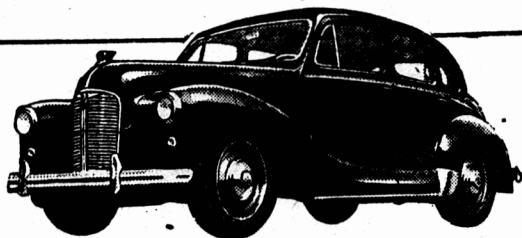
It was also reported that threatening letters and other forms of intimidation are being used in attempts to weaken the will to win of the Islanders.

The Islanders planned to leave by plane yesterday but poor flying conditions necessitated the use of a bus. They intended to spend the night in either New Glasgow or Truro and continue to Sydney this morning.

They will enter the sixth game of the series tonight, the teams standing on even footing with two wins each and a tie.

It was stated that the results of the series so far have given rise to the proposed actions at Sydney and that the 8-1 defeat of the Millionaires at the hands of the Islanders Wednesday night was a terrific shock to the Steel

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## Canadians Make Big Haul In Sweepstakes

(By The Canadian Press) Canadians from Cape Breton to the Pacific split up at least \$363,560 in prize money Saturday by drawing winning tickets in Grand National sweepstakes.

Ernest Reid, a 26-year-old immigration inspector from Emerson, Man., was the big Canadian winner. His ticket, drawn on the winning horse, Nickel Coin, netted him \$140,000 in the Irish Hospital sweepstakes.

The Cape Breton winner was Vincent O'Brien of Sydney River, N. S., whose ticket was drawn on Royal Tan, only other horse to complete the course at Aintree without a fall. Mr. O'Brien's ticket on the second-place finisher will bring him \$42,000.

Derrinstown, whose jockey remounted to bring him in third, netted \$28,000 for Dwight Bruce of Ottawa and Delta Campbell of Moncton, N. B.

Joe Oumet of Hamilton took first prize in the Quebec Legion Army and Navy sweep, winning \$34,500 with his ticket on Nickel Coin. C. W. Kempton of Vernon, B.C., was "aboard" Royal Tan for

\$20,000 and a ticket on Derrinstown was worth \$13,500 to John Duhamel of Montreal.

The rapidity with which the National's other 32 starters piled up on the jumps took most Canadians out of the big-money class early. But 32 holders of tickets on unplaced horses in the two sweeps drew a total of some \$50,800 in prize money.

Reid, in Ottawa on official business when he heard the news of his big prize, took his time about making plans on how to spend his money. His only immediate concession to his newfound riches was a decision to take a lower berth instead of an upper on his trip back to Emerson.

When the money arrives, he plans to see that his parents get a trip back home to Scotland. Then he may take a trip to the west coast, but only for a holiday. He doesn't plan to quit his job.

## Harmon Field Wins Hoop Game

Harmon Field Huskies defeated the R. C. A. F. basketball team Saturday afternoon by a score of 91 to 46. The Huskies were short on height with the exception of one player who was 6 foot 3, but their passing and shooting was a treat to watch. Byrd led the scoring parade with 20 points. For the Canucks Buton and Green topped the list with 9 points each. The local armen, saving their men for the night's game with S. D. U., used 14 players so that none would have to play too long.

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