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SOFTBALL

In softball circles Holman's of Summerside walked off with Provincial honors over Charlottetown Holy Redeemer in the men's division, while the City representatives in the girls division, Knights of Columbus captured the all-Province championship in that bracket.

HORSESHOES AND QUOITS

Horseshoe and quoit pitching competitions were carried on in their full-scale programs throughout the Province with the Brighton Horseshoe Club of the City and the Parkdale and Brackley Quoit Clubs holding a number of matches and novelty competitions throughout the summer months. In addition to their annual Club championships in the various divisions, Provincial play was also held. Members of the Brighton Club carried off top honors in the horseshoe bracket, while Parkdale were the breadwinners in quoit competition. Competition was keen and closely contested in all divisions and the season was considered to be one of the most successful in a number of years, with indications in favor of considerable increase in the sport for the future.

GOLF

Members at the Charlottetown Golf Club and the Green Gables Club at Cavendish enjoyed an excellent season of competitive play in a wide variety of matches and other competitions including Club and Provincial play as well as in Maritime circles.

M. J. "Mousey" Dowling of the Charlottetown Club brought the Maritime title to the Province and made an excellent showing in N.B.-P.E.I. tournament play by tieing for top honors. Dowling also retained his Charlottetown Club championship in a closely contested finals against Club President, A. G. MacMillan, and was also runner-up to Art MacKenzie of the local club who captured top laurels in the Provincial championships.

Other leading winners in competitions last season was Ted Bradley who captured the MacKinnon Cup while Dowling was again the runner-up. In the junior division Skip Sear took the championship with Doug Cameron the runner-up.

A team from the Charlottetown Club, made up of M. J. Dowling, Bill Beer, Don MacDonald and Doug Saunders also won the trophy for low gross at the N.B.-P.E.I. tournament.

In the ladies division, Mrs. R. E. Cotton won the Club championship over runner-up Mrs. Emma Holman, with Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse copping off top honors in the "B" division over Mrs. George Wood who placed second.

One of the big features towards the success of activities at the City Club was the invaluable assistance given by Mr. Marc Sandow who took over the duties as Club Professional for the season. Assisted by Mrs. Sandow, who acted as secretary to Mr. Sandow, the genial couple made a big hit with club members and the many classes for beginners and for those of more experienced players carried out by Mr. Sandow, did much to foster and improve the calibre of play in local golfing circles.

As Club Professional at the Green Gables course, Cecil "Bubby" Dowling conducted a wide variety of tournaments and competitions that was a large contributing factor to the interest and enjoyment of members at the Cavendish resort during the seasons activities.

TENNIS

The Charlottetown, Holy Name and Holy Redeemer Tennis Clubs enjoyed another successful season of competitive play with all three holding their annual Club tournaments to declare their club champions in all divisions.

The highlight event of the tennis season, however, was the holding of the Prince Edward Island Closed Championships over the Charlottetown Club's courts when a strong representative team from the R.C.A.F. base at Summerside joined with City representatives in a series of keen contests that produced some of the best competition to be witnessed here in recent years.

It was the first time that the airforce boys have taken part in local tennis activities, and their contribution was a welcome one that added much success to the event, and opened new fields for future competition.

Despite strong opposition from the R.C.A.F. however, the Charlottetown Club won all of the five titles at stake. In the singles division, Earl Smith, now of Summerside, won the men's title and Miss Helen Larter the ladies, the latter also teaming up with Miss Wanda MacMillan for the ladies doubles crown. The team of Walter Cullen and Earl Smith captured the men's doubles honors, while Jimmy Palmer and Miss Audrey DeBlois were the top team in the mixed doubles division.

A historical feature of the tennis year was the tearing down of the old clubhouse of the City Club, which has stood on the Victoria Park site for nearly three-quarters of a century. The new building which will replace the old on the same site, was well on its way to completion at the end of the season and is expected to be finished and officially opened in the early part of the 1951 tennis year.

TRACK AND FIELD

Once again the Abegweit senior and junior athletes lead Provincial efforts in track and field endeavour during the past summer. They competed in five Maritime meets, and although not making as strong a showing as during the previous year, won their share of individual and team honors and proved themselves to be one of the top competitive teams in Maritime amateur athletic circles. Young Wendall Barrett won individual scoring honors in three junior meets and placed second in another, while team captain George Walters was high point winner in the Maritime Invitation Meet held at Charlottetown.

Several three-Province crowns in individual events were won by Abbie athletes. Barrett won both the senior and junior Maritime broad jump championships, while Earnie Matheson retained his Maritime title in the hammer throw. The Abbie mile relay team again retained their Maritime title in that event, this being the fourth successive year they have gone undefeated. The 1950 team was made up of Cullen Delorie of Georgetown, Bob Jay, Johnny Cash and Bob Naylor, the Amherst, N.S., speedster who has performed with Abbies for the past two seasons.

Although their strongest competition came from the smart Halifax Wanderers team, the Abbie juniors rolled up a grand total of 129 points during the season to lead all other teams. The senior team took second place in aggregate scoring with 163 points to Wanderers 189. In individual placings the senior team won 16 firsts, and placed second in 13 events and third in 26. The juniors won 11 firsts, placed second in 16 and third in 11 events.

Under the capable coaching of Major Walter Smith, the Abbies concentrated on junior development, and the high success attained is evidenced by their fine showing. In the four junior meets in which they competed, they took top honors in three.

In Provincial Interscholastic competition the Queen Square School boys team and the Prince Street School girls team were the high aggregate winners of their respective divisions. Q.S.S. boys won with a total of 61 points, while P.S.S. placed second with 37. The Prince Street girls had a winning total of 39 points, while North Rustico were the runners-up in girls team totals.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Members of the Prince Edward Island Rifle Association enjoyed another successful season of range competition when a large number of keen Island marksmen took part in an extensive program of special matches and Provincial, Maritime and Dominion championship competition.

In the annual Inter-Maritime Rifle Championships, held at Debert, N.S., in June, a strong rifle team representing this Province came through with flying colors when they captured the Inter-Maritime Trophy, emblematic of marksmanship supremacy in the Maritimes. It was the fourth successive year that this Province has won the title to set a new record in the history of the Shoot in the 51 years that the trophy has been competed for. Ralph E. Jenkins of the Island team, was the high scorer of the match with a total of 100 out of a possible 105. He also scored the only perfect scores of the meet, making them over the 200 and 500 yard ranges. Headed by Coach P. J. Landrigan, the team was comprised of Capt. E. R. Burke (team captain), Lt. R. E. Jenkins, Lt. J. S. Moore, Sgt. Eric Coles, Lt. B. B. Jones, Lt. P. T. Hooper, Sgt. G. A. Coles, Capt. R. A. McCabe, Sgt. G. G. McLennan. The Island team amassed a wining total of 755 points, while the Nova Scotia team placed second with 738, and New Brunswick placing third with a total of 735 points.

With an exceptionally large number of marksmen taking part in the 78th Annual Prize Meet of the Provincial Rifle Association which took place early in August over the Squaw Point Range near Tea Hill, Sgt. G. G. McLennan of Alexandria carried off top honors. Winning both the Grand Aggregate and Ottawa Aggregate, it was Sgt. McLennan's second year to win the Provincial championship. W. T. Crockett and Capt. A. J. McCabe gave him a close race for honors, the former scoring a 468 in the Grand Aggregate, just four below Sgt. McLennan, while Capt. McCabe was the runner-up in the Ottawa Aggregate with 516, only one point under McLennan's winning 517 points. The only two lady competitors in the meet, Miss Elsie Strong of Windsor, N.S., and Miss Mary McLennan of Alexandria, sister of the Provincial champion, also made splendid showings. Miss Strong won top honors in the City of Charlottetown Match, while Miss McLennan was a member of the winning team in the W. K. Rogers Memorial Match, and placed third in the Jones Memorial Match. Miss McLennan also brought high laurels to this Province later the same month when she placed 10th in the Bisley Aggregate in Dominion Championship competition at Ottawa. Her aggregate score was 732.

The Provincial team also made a commendable showing in the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association championships held in Ottawa in August, placing hign in some matches and taking top honors in others. A team made up of Major A. F. Gormley, Capt. E. R. Burke, Capt. R. A. McCabe and Capt. A. J. McCabe were the winners of the Barlow Match in the D.C.R.A. competitions. The Island Cadet team also made a fine showing in the D.C.R.A. matches by placing third in the United Empire Trophy Match. Other highlights in Island's participation in Dominion competition was Sgt. G. A. Coles of Summerside placing on the Bisley team which will represent Canada in the 1951 Bisley competitions in England, while an Island team also won the London Merchant's Cup for the second time in three years.

SWIMMING

Swimming competitions underwent a big revival here last summer when members of the Red Cross, Water Safety Division and the Y's Men's Clubs of Charlottetown and Summerside got their heads together in a campaign to bring the sport back into its own here as a leading feature of sporting entertainment. Their efforts were greeted with spontaneous reaction by swimming enthusiasts and other sponsoring groups all across the Province which resulted in the holding of championship competitions in all three Counties who's winners went on to compete against one another for Provincial honors.

The Queen's County meet was held in a very successful manner at the Victoria Park waterfront on August 5th. while three days earlier the Prince County competitions were held at Summerside in an equally successful fashion with both meets under the sponsorship of their respective Y's Men's Club organizations. Later in the month, the Kings County meet was held at Georgetown under the joint sponsorship of the Canadian Legion and the Community Welfare League and proved a big attraction at the Kings County centre.

The final windup to the seasonal activities took place at Summerside on September 4th. when representatives from all three counties met to compete for Provincial swimming and diving honors. Prince County was the big winner, garnering a total of 62 points, while Queens placed second with a total of 39. With a number of their competitors unable to compete at the meet, Kings County placed third in the Provincial competitions.

All in all, the seasons activities brought about a top notch calibre of keen swimming and diving competition, and paved the way for bigger and better possibilities for the sport becoming one of the Provinces leading sporting entertainments in the future.

RUGBY

Despite the fact that local teams didn't win any Maritime titles, senior, intercollegiate and intermediate intercollegiate divisions experienced a highly competitive season of rugby activities. In intercollegiate play, Saint Dunstan's University again made a strong bid for the N.B.-P.E.I. title in a three-cornered loop with Mount Allison and University of New Brunswick. It was a well-contested home and home series with the other two student boards that produced plenty of smart rugby that for the second year in a row came within an ace of ending in a three-way deadlock for first place at the end of the regular schedule. Saints lost the final game of the series over their home field to Mount A. by a 9-5 count, a game, that if they had won, would have sent the series into extra games to decide the title.

The second Saint Dunstan's squad showed a little too much power for the Prince of Wales College thirteen in intermediate intercollegiate competition, the Saints chalking up their second Island title in as many years, defeating Welshmen in straight games in their best of three series. But both contests were keenly contested and gave local fans plenty of keen action.

Probably the most prominent feature of the past girdiron season was Charlottetown's re-entry into Maritime senior play, when a strong band of ex-college and school gridsters banded together under the Abegweit colors to make a strong bid for McCurdy Cup honors. Under the tutelage of coaches Lt. Col. W. J. MacDonald and Gordon Bennett, the boys turned out in evening and early morning sessions to whip themselves into a formidable aggregation. Playing a series of five exhibition contests, three with senior Saints, one with Truro Bearcats and one with the Mount A. varsity squad, the locals made such good showings that they were entered into the McCurdy Cup semi-final playoffs against Glace Bay Legionnaires.

Travelling to the Cape Breton coal town on Remembrance Day the Abbies met the Legionnaires in a sudden death contest, losing out by the narrow margin of 3-2, a game that has been the subject of much controversy and criticism over since. Glace Bay continued on to win the McCurdy Cup by defeating Acadia University 13-8.

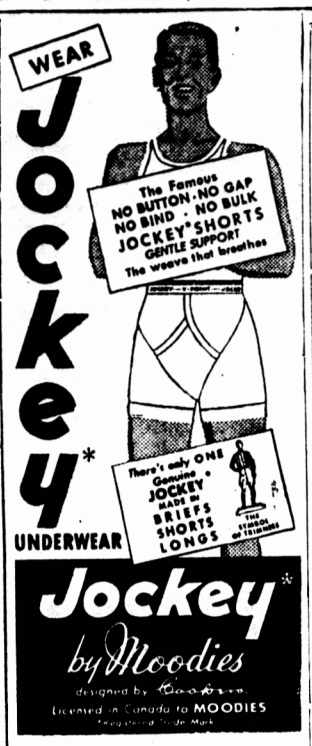
BOXING

Activities in the manly art of self defence also held its own in the limelight of sporting endeavour when a number of boxing cards were held throughout the season in this City, Summerside and many other parts of the Province. Although no Provincial amateur championships were held during the year, a number of Island professional title holders successfully defended their titles against contenders from other parts of the Province and also made good showings in non-title matches in Maritime fight circles.

One Island title did change hands however, when Coby McCloskey, a former Islander and now of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, lifted the Provincial heavyweight crown from George "Big Boy" Peterson of Charlottetown, who had reigned supreme in that division for a number of years.

Although only of the middleweight division, McCloskey's fast, deceptive tactics and aggressive punching, outpointed his much bigger opponent for an unanimous ten-round decision in a title scrap at the Forum on June 16th.

Island lightweight champion Bud Lund and welterweight titlist Harry Poulton both put their titles on the line during the season, but their fighting ability that put them on top, saw them through some rugged contests against good opponents to retain their titles.



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ling through the maze of juniper spires with the throttle wide open. With a quickening of the pulse I saw he was going to cross the road less than 30 yards to my left.

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Before hitting the open he shut off his scolding cackle and went into a glide. He was travelling like a Russian built MI heading for the Manchurian border with an American Sabre Jet on its tail but the the left barrel caught him squarely halfway across. He folded his wings to his sides and his crash dive carried him twenty yards into the swamp across the road. Shots like that linger in one's memory.

Yes it was a banner hunting year. I graduated as a stubble goose hunter . . . three trips out and 4 geese. I also broke a record on woodcock. Three birds in a row . . . clean kills in 3 shots in less then five minutes. Something I had never equalled in forty years shooting.

Tonight as I look back I see Whitlock's rippled by a soft south wind . . . low clouds drifting overhead . . fresh caught trout curling in a frying pan beside an alder bordered brook. . .the kid and I side by side watching night mists rise from a duck pond in a greying October dawn . . . . a line of black ducks wavering over decoys . . . . four shots — four ducks. . . golden stubble and two seal brown pointers staunch as rocks . . . a flurry of brown thunder bolts . . . two double shotguns speaking in unison . . . feathers floating silently earthward . . . four birds for the game pocket . . . .

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As October wanes I see low scrubby alders beside a swamp . . . the whistle of wings and brown birds in swift flight . . . . a perfect score and perfect work by a faultless Pointer . . . I feel the weight of three pheasants endowed with all the colours of the rainbow in a bulging game pocket . . . I see cold stars in a night sky . . . hoar frost on a windshield . . . a stool of decoys in a grey ing November dawn . . . . I thrill to the beating of wings and the pulse stirring music of wildgeese . . . . I see three black and white mounds on stubble and feel the weight of three big honkers bite into my shoulder and a soft white breast caress my cheek . . . . Yes, 1950 was a year filled with hunting memories. May they never dim.

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