

Opening Night Races 8.45 Tonight, Horses Called At 8:30



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Tonight's opening race meeting at the Charlottetown oval should be one of the best of the season. The nine classified events should develop very close finishes each heat. Then again it will be something of a surprise to all to see the very brilliantly lighted track with the new improvements which have cost thousands of dollars and the work of many men the past few months. The directors are certainly leaving no stone unturned to put Charlottetown on the map as the best centre of harness racing in the Dominion.

The fast pacer **Josedale Clipper** 2:08 1/2 has changed hands and will arrive in this City early next week. He has been sold by Dr. F. C. Dougan to Wendell Barbour and Roy Bevan together with all his equipment. For the past two years he has been trained and driven by Johnny Conroy and was the holder of the season's record at the Truro track when last reported. He is a handsome, fast-gaited horse that will gain popularity with racegoers and add new uncertainty to efforts of the pickers in the faster classes. Many will remember his straight heat victory at Covehead Sept. 24th, 1949.

A sensational mile—2:11 2-5—the fastest of the season in the Maritimes was paced yesterday afternoon by Mary Merck 2:08 3-5, owned by Earl Semple and Harold Cudmore and driven by Earl. Mary is staked in \$10,000 worth of stakes in Maine and should be a big factor there this summer.

A meeting of horsemen with the directors and officials of the Exhibition Association was held in the fox show pavilion Wednesday evening. Dr. F. C. Dougan, official presiding judge for the season, explained new rules which are in force this year. Horsemen were reminded that when they appear on the track to warm up their horses at night racing or afternoon events, they must be attired in driving costume and must not smoke. This was just one of many which he gave emphasis to for the benefit of drivers and owners. He also explained the system of starting that would be used this season—the horses would be called and would take two scores and would then go to the back stretch where they would be picked up by the jockey marshal. Miss Jones, each horse in his proper starting position. They would walk around the outside of the track, down past the three-eighths pole, and then the marshal would cross over and the horses would follow, each in its position, the Gate being in place about fifty yards from the eighth pole. They would then walk to the

Gate, which would move slowly, the Starter seeing that each horse was in its position, and would gradually increase speed. When the horses are at the wire the Starter will give the word Go and they are off.

It was particularly emphasized that no horse must change its position until after he passed the wire, that is he must not cross over or interfere in any way with another horse. As soon as the race is finished all the drivers must bring their horses back and salute the judges, who then nod permission to go to the stable. If a driver has any complaint he will raise his whip and hold it to catch the attention of the judges, then dismount and go to the judges' stand and make his complaint. Director Frank Acorn, who is in charge of classification, spoke on that subject and stated that invitation races were being considered, also other features that would be added attractions for horsemen and the public. The meeting was presided over by Dr. J. T. Lantz, President of the Association.

It is good friends like Eddie McCloskey of The Coffee Pot, New Glasgow, N. S., that keep us informed and help make this column interesting to our readers. This is a wire received from Eddie yesterday:—"Talked to Joe O'Brien last night. Had Robert Morris in two minutes today against time without a prompter. Last quarter twenty eight four fifth seconds. Everything is fine. He is leaving for Saratoga with stable." Joe gave Robert Morris a record of 2:07 3-5 as a three-year-old last season and won \$7,600 with him. A couple of weeks ago he lowered his record to 2:02 2-5 and it won't be surprising if he gives him a race record of 2:00 or better before the year is out. He is owned by Mr. Carla DeVries, California, and we are glad that this good owner has such a prospect because just recently his valuable trotting mare Miss Vita Lee 2:02 2-5, suffered a leg fracture which will put her out of racing for all time. Audrey Scott 2:08, the valuable Canadian pacer from the Richard Scott stable of Toronto, also suffered a leg fracture and she will be retired to the brood mare ranks.

D. Stuart Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer Tantram Race Track, Ltd., Sackville, N. B., announces the following classes for Saturday, July 1st:—Free For All, three dashes at \$166.67 a dash; 2:21 Trot or Pace, three dashes, \$100 a dash; 2:27 Trot or Pace, three dashes, \$100 a dash; 2:30 Trot or Pace, two dashes, \$100 a dash; entries close Wednesday, June 28th at midnight.

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Congratulations are to be extended today to Cobey McCloskey, scrappy middleweight from Dartmouth, N. S., and former Charlottetown boy, who outpointed George "Big Boy" Peterson at the Forum last night in a 10-round fistic battle for the Island Heavyweight championship. Giving away 31 1-2 pounds to the husky defending champion, McCloskey looked like a champion right from the opening round on when he banged hard lefts and rights to Peterson's face that resulted in a badly swollen left eye for the ex-champion from the seventh round on.

Peterson, allowing his opponent to carry the fight to him for nearly the whole route, found it hard to keep up with his lighter opponents "always moving" tactics and got to him very seldom at long range. But it was McCloskey on points all the way, and although he didn't seem to be able to throw enough power to completely stop Peterson, he had him plenty groggy at times. Peterson had his best round in the seventh when he changed his tactics to carry the fight to McCloskey, and landing some good solid punching, gave his opponent the only rough going in the fight. Peterson tried to continue his aggressiveness in the last two rounds, but McCloskey was just a little too smooth, and in the 9th in particular, was hitting Peterson with rights and lefts to the head and body almost at will.

It has been a year or two since McCloskey has been seen in action in a local ring, and he has certainly come a long way since then in both condition and style and looked a much improved boxer to most fans who witnessed last night's bout. He is sharper on his hitting, and takes to his stride much easier and shows much more confidence than he did a year or two ago. At that time he was a whirlwind for about three rounds and then had a habit of coasting from there on. But now, he paces himself all the time, and looked nearly as fresh at the end as he did at the start of last night's go. The big question from now on will be who will he defend his title against in the near future. Will Peterson get a return crack at the title or will Irwin "Jenks" Jenkins, former heavy titlist get a crack at it? "Jenks" declined any comment on the subject last night.

Player activity over the Charlottetown Tennis Club courts at Victoria Park is increasing daily since the completely re-surfaced one, two and three courts were opened for play there last Wednesday afternoon. Although it has taken much hard work and effort during the past few weeks in the re-surfacing of these courts, the members of the grounds committee who have been carrying out the work, can now see pleasing results for their efforts.

The courts are looking in really wonderful shape, and those who have already played on them, are high in their praise as a vast improvement. Some say, however, that the courts are still a little on the soft side, but of course this is to be expected. The surfaces will need a bit of playing on and additional wetting down and rollings before they settle down to their former solid texture.

There appears to be a trend towards an increased membership at the club this year, and even though it is early yet and the official opening of the season is still to come, many new faces can be seen among those taking part in activities during the past few days. Many of them in the junior and beginner ranks. The work on the new clubhouse is also being carried on daily, and in addition much has been done in the repairing and strengthening of the spectator's benches, etc.

The re-conditioning of courts four, five and six still has to be done, but this will only take a short space of time, which should see all six courts going full swing in a week or so. With a new clubhouse to look forward to, and the courts in such fine shape, local club officials are looking toward a very successful summer of tennis and social activity.

EASTBOURNE, England (CP)—Even on a dark and cloudy night, visitors to this seaside resort will be able to walk in "Moonlight" fluorescent lamps and reflectors are being installed to simulate moonlight.

Junior Vics Defeat Kinsmen 9-1 In Jr. Baseball Game Here

Scoring seven runs in the fourth and fifth frames to add to their brace in the second inning, the Vics junior baseball team last night walloped the Kinsmen 9-1 behind the four hit pitching of Ev Beagan. The game was a regular Junior League fixture played before a fair sized crowd of fans at Memorial Field last night.

Beagan was letting down the Kinsmen on one hit. In the fifth the winners exploded for four more runs on three hits, a walk, and a fielder's choice. In their half of the fifth the losers broke the shut-out when they hit three successive singles after Purcell walked.

In the last frame both teams went scoreless although the Kinsmen had the bases loaded. Benny Carson, second hurler for the losers, retired the side on strikes in the last inning. Clint Taylor started on the mound for the losers and gave up five runs before he was yanked in favour of Carson. He was charged with three hits, and walked two. Carson was charged with four runs on four hits and three walks, while he struck out five other Vics batters. Beagan was touched for four singles while he walked four, hit one and sent ten Kinsmen batters back to the dugout via the strikeout route. Two double plays on the winners' part helped him out of trouble.

Ralph Pineau was the heavy hitter of the game as he collected two hits, a double and a triple in three times at bat. Hardest hits of the game went to Pineau and McCallum of the winners, each getting a triple.

Art Hughes, right fielder for the Vics had to be carried off the diamond in the fourth inning when he aggravated an old back injury going into first base.

BOX SCORE	
	AB R H PO A E
Vics	3 0 0 0 0 0
Hughes rf.	3 0 0 0 0 0
MacPadyen lf.	1 0 1 0 0 1
Hennessey 2b	3 0 0 0 1 0
MacCallum c	3 0 1 12 1 0
Lund lb	4 0 0 5 1 0
Pineau 3b	3 2 1 1 0 0
Flynn ss	3 1 0 2 0 0
C. Gillis cf	2 2 1 0 0 1
Ch. Ready lf.	3 1 1 0 0 0
Beagan p	2 0 0 1 0 0
Totals	27 9 7 18 7 1
Kinsmen	AB R H PO A E
Hood 2b	3 0 1 3 4 1
Cairns ss	2 0 0 2 0 0
Trainer 1b	3 0 0 7 0 0
Roslier c	2 0 1 5 0 0
Coyle lf	3 0 0 1 0 0
MacNeill 2b	3 0 0 0 2 0
Williams rf	1 0 1 0 0 0
Taylor p	1 0 0 0 1 1
Carson p	1 0 1 0 2 0
Totals	19 1 4 18 9 4

*—Replaced Hughes in 4th.
**—Relieved Taylor in 4th.

SUMMARY
Earned Runs—Vics 6, Kinsmen 1; Runs batted in—Gillis 2, Ready Hood; doubles—Pineau; triples—Pineau, McCallum; sacrifice hit—McCallum; stolen bases—Ready, Flynn, Hennessey; base on balls—off Taylor 2, Carson 3, Beagan 4; struck out—by Carson 5, Beagan 10; hit by pitcher—Roslier (Beagan); passed balls—McCallum 2; wild pitches—Beagan 3; double plays—McFlynn to Lund to Pineau, Beagan to McCallum to Lund.
Umpires—At plate, Blanchard; bases, Toombs and Allen.

Score By Innings	
Vics	133 456
Kinsmen	020 348-9
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Yanks Likely To Retain Tennis Cup

WIMBLEDON, England, June 16 (AP)—The United States today wrapped up the Wightman Cup tennis trophy for another year and needs only to tie one knot tomorrow before gaining possession of it for the 14th straight time. The British court queens haven't won since 1930. The Americans today took the first three matches in the best-of-seven women's competition against the British. They have to win one of four matches tomorrow.

Canadian Boxing Title At Stake

KENTVILLE, N. S., June 16 (CP)—The Canadian light heavyweight boxing title will be at stake here Saturday night when veteran Tiger Warrington of Mahone Bay, N.S., takes on Montrealeur Ed Zastre in a 12-rounder. Warrington, who claims to be 36, held the title prior to the Second World War. He's 12 years older than Zastre and one pound heavier, tipping the scales at 174 pounds.

Yankees Recall Two Players

ST. LOUIS, June 16 (AP)—New York Yankees today recalled first baseman Johnny Mize and second baseman Billy Martin from their Kansas City farm of the American Association. The Yankees said Mize is needed by the parent club to fill in at first for Tommy Henrich who has been troubled by a bad knee. Martin is needed for pinch-hitting duties.

Mixed Foursomes Over Week-end

The special golfing feature to be held over the Belvedere course of the Charlottetown Golf Club over the week-end will be a mixed foursomes match of 13-hole, medal play competition which will be held there this afternoon commencing at two o'clock. Special prizes for the match have been donated by R. T. Holman, Ltd. Although additional matches will be arranged at the clubhouse today for those not already in the draw, the following is the draw as made up last evening:—
W. R. MacNeill and Mrs. N. H. DeBlois vs Doug Saunders and Mrs. W. R. MacNeill; M. J. Dowling and Mrs. Arnett Howatt vs F. B. Conrad and Miss Iris MacLennan; Reg MacKinnon and Mrs. E. C. Baker vs Art MacKenzie and Mrs. Mellish; H. F. Sear and Mrs. J. S. MacDonald vs Frank McInnis and Dorothea Stewart; W. A. Gaudet and Mrs. G. Buntain vs A. G. MacMillan and Margaret MacMillan; Skip Sear and Mrs. Kay Johnstone vs W. R. MacDonald and Mrs. A. G. MacMillan; Ivan Trainor and Mrs. J. H. Cerry vs Don MacMillan and Mrs. J. S. Weir; Don MacDonald and Mrs. Marjorie Stewart; Ralph Manning and Mrs. W. E. Cotton vs Y. Boudrias and Jean MacLean.
Note:—All matches will make their round of the course in the order in which they appear in the draw.

Results Of Music Examinations

The following is a list of successful candidates in examinations held recently by the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto arranged in order of merit.
Grade X Piano: First class honours, Maureen Blake; honours, Hilda Pickard.
Grade IX Piano: First class honours, Patricia MacDonaid.
Grade VIII Piano: First class honours, Sheila MacInnis; honours, Ruth Boswell, Eleanor Kays.
Grade V Piano: First class honours, Barbara McQuaid, Pauline Noonan, Betty Lou Doyle, Vera Hynes; honours, Jeana McIsaac.
Grade IV Piano: First class honours, Catherine McDonald; honours, Regina Gillis; pass, Lorraine Scott, Mary Whiteside.
Grade III Piano: First class honours, Roberta Lapping, Sheila Malloy; honours, Virginia McDougall, Nola Marie McCabe, Claire McNally, June Hennessey, Elizabeth Kelly (equal).
Grade II Piano: First class honours, Margaret McIntyre, Anne Lawlor.

Cobey McCloskey Is New Island Champion After Bout Last Night

Cobey McCloskey (159 1-2) of Dartmouth, N.S., and formerly of this City, boxed his way to the Prince Edward Island Heavyweight championship at the Forum last night when he took a unanimous decision over the defending title holder, George "Big Boy" Peterson, (191), in a 10-round title bout that gave a crowd of over 1,000 fans plenty of action. The event was the main feature to a four-bout card that was a crowd-pleaser from start to finish, with the semi-final six-round, non-title bout between Bud Lund, (135), Island lightweight champ, and Bobby Gallant, (136), adding a glittering highlight to the card. Lund scored a three-round knockout after he was nearly knocked by Gallant in the first round with a smashing left to the jaw that sent Lund to the canvas for the count of nine. The event was the main feature to a four-bout card that was a crowd-pleaser from start to finish, with the semi-final six-round, non-title bout between Bud Lund, (135), Island lightweight champ, and Bobby Gallant, (136), adding a glittering highlight to the card. Lund scored a three-round knockout after he was nearly knocked by Gallant in the first round with a smashing left to the jaw that sent Lund to the canvas for the count of nine.

The main event saw McCloskey, the challenger, outpoint Peterson nearly the full route with fast, long range hitting that brought a damaging left hand into play continuously, and the aggressor in about eight of the ten rounds. Although Peterson did some solid punching at times, he couldn't keep up with the fast, shifting style of McCloskey, but did most of his damage in close when he could tie the challenger up. With no doubt the knowledge that he was losing on points, made his best showing in the seventh round when he took to carrying the fight to his opponent for the first time, and although he landed some long range punching in the round, McCloskey was still the master all the way.

The semi-final between Lund and Gallant was the most rousing bout of the night. Coming out to land the first early blows of the fight Lund was suddenly tagged just on the jaw with a terrific swinging left by Gallant that sent him down for the count of nine midway in the first round, and nearly ended the fight right there. But Lund came out weathered the round and came out punching in the second. He had Gallant in trouble all through the round, and although Gallant fought back gamely, he was just about out on his feet at the bell. The end came at the 64 second mark of the third when Lund tore into his man to land a hard right to the body, a left hook and a right cross to the jaw that stretched Gallant on his back for the full count.

For a downright bristling battle the 4-round semi-final between Lafferty and Russell took top honours for the night. Boxing well and hitting hard and often, both boys made it an even-stephen battle all the way. The last round in particular was a whirlwind affair. Lafferty really got to his man in the early part for really solid punching, but Russell reversed the procedure in the last half to throw rights and lefts that had Lafferty rocking on his heels at the bell. On the fight however, Lafferty got the nod of the judges by a 4-1 score margin.

The scoring of the judges in the main event are as follows: Judge J. E. Cameron—40 points for McCloskey, 37 for Peterson; Judge Tom White—29 for McCloskey, 24 for Peterson; Referee Jenkins—7 rounds for McCloskey, two for Peterson and two rounds even. The officials presiding over the night's card are as follows:—Judges—J. E. Cameron, Tom White and Irwin Jenkins (prelims); Timers—Dr. R. F. Seaman, Dr. F. C. Dougan; Referee—Hickey Nickerson (prelims); Irwin "Jenks" Jenkins (main bout); Announcer—W. H. Beaton.

Abbies Meet C & B As Falcons Tangle With Airmen In League Games

An Abegweit-Curran and Briggs clash at Memorial Field tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 and a Ment's Falcons-R. C. A. F. Royals duel at the Western Capital at the same time. In Island Physical Fitness Baseball League competition over the week-end.

The game here between Abbies and the C and B brigade, will see the former aggregation gunning for their first victory in three league starts this season, while the latter will be giving every thing they have to stretch their unbroken winning streak to three straight. This will be the second encounter this season between the two squads, the Abbies having lost a 4-2 decision to the Western players in the first tilt of the schedule over the C and B home field a week ago Wednesday.

The Summerside tilt will also be a second meeting, the Royals having taken a 4-1 victory over the local Falcons in the other half of the double league opening fixture. It will be a case of the R. C. A. F. squad battling for their second win of the season to close up the gap between them and the league leaders. The Falcons, like their local brothers, the Abbies, will be trying for their first win of the season.

In the local contest, either Jackie Burke or Donnie MacLean will be the starting hurler for the Abbies with Maurice Flynn or Art Perry doing the receiving. For C and B Joe Bernard is expected to be on the mound and Bob Schurman performing the catching duties.

Baseball Games

In the third game of the West Prince Suburban Baseball League, last Sunday, the St. Louis and Tignish high school teams battled it out to a 9-0 draw. The game was a thriller from start to finish and fans are looking forward to the next game between these two teams.

The battery for St. Louis was M. Arsenault, A. Wedge and F. Bernard and for Tignish, R. McInnis and P. McInnis.

Sunny Green Acres Plans Big Race Day

Springfield has been the scene of much activity since the beginning of the month. Last week and Mr. Mathieson was approached by some prospective purchasers for his new race track and right-of-ways. It is quite possible that this enterprise of Sunny Green Acres might be under new management next month as the offers received are most attractive. However, it is felt that Mr. Mathieson would be reluctant to make any change. In event of a change it would not be before the 22nd, as he has offered his track and goodwill to the people of South Granville for a big race meet to help raise funds to pay off the debt of their new school.

This generous offer was gratefully accepted by the trustees at the annual meeting which was attended by Dr. L. W. Shaw, director of education. Although details are not yet available it is expected that four well-filled classes will make up the program. Mr. H. J. MacRae and Son of French River have moved in their stable of three, Sugar Harvest, Prodigal Vic and Yankee Joan, the latter a handsome three-year-old by Squire Hanover. This filly will fill in on Class D with Ula C., now training at this centre. Mr. Cyril Smith of Hunter's River has also Bud Abner colt in excellent condition and his many admirers from Millvale will be at the rail to watch the handsome gelding get away.

Mr. Mathieson hopes to have the grandstand completed and the proper registration certificates in order.

The ladies of Granville school district will do the catering and there will be a well-stocked refreshment booth for this occasion. It is hoped there will be a large turnout of fans and a hearty invitation is extended to all to attend this meet.

NATURALISTS IN FIELD

OTTAWA, June 16 (CP)—The National Museum will send 14 parties into the field this summer seeking new information on Canada's natural history, the Resources Department announced today. The investigations will extend from Newfoundland to British Columbia.

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MEETING OF HORSEMEN

The Annual Meeting of the P. E. Island Harness Racing Club will take place in the CITY HALL, CHARLOTTETOWN, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 21st AT 8:30.

CHARLES WILLIS,
President.