

Pro Football Has Bright Prospects

TORONTO (CP) — Canada's pro football business has excellent prospects of growth over the next 10 years, a study by a Toronto firm of management consultants concludes.

The study, involving detailed examination of the nine pro clubs, with particular attention to Hamilton, showed that no pro clubs have recorded downward attendance trends over the years 1950-1957.

The report was prepared to help the Hamilton Parks Board decide whether it was economically wise to enlarge Civic Stadium or build a new park.

The study indicated that if the seats available and the Tiger-Cats maintain a contender, they can expect to sell 28,400 seats—an increase of 9,000—by 1965.

The study showed Hamilton had the biggest attendance increase over the last seven years, gaining from an average of 10,000 in 1950 to 19,000 last year. Other sharp increases were recorded by Regina, where attendance increased from 7,460 to 10,400, and Montreal, where the

average jumped from 15,000 to 21,000.

The only two cities that didn't show an appreciable increase were Toronto and Calgary. Toronto Argonauts averaged 18,000 fans in 1950 and 17,000 last year. However, the report explains, Argos won the Grey Cup in 1950 and had last-place clubs in three of the last four years studied.

A DANGER

The report touches on the danger of open television. The only year the Big Four tried it, 1954, all teams except Montreal showed a drop in attendance.

The experts estimated that clubs can count on 80 per cent of their seats being filled.

Some are already operating above that. Regina has filled as high as 113 per cent and never less than 90 per cent, while Montreal has had at least 90 per cent and Vancouver also has operated well above the limit.

Toronto has operated below the 80-per-cent average every year since 1950. In 1955 attendance dropped to 64 per cent of the capacity.

HUNTERS CORNER

Low Temperature Marks For June Almost Certain

June has given us a few pleasant days but for the most part appears set on breaking all low temperature records. The countryside presents a panorama of green and gold but this is due at her best. There has been no heat or dust to detract from her beauty. When July ushers in with dust and stifling heat we'll long for some of June's goodness. That's the way of life always will be. June and October are my favorite months. June is filled with joy and promise of life. October with an atmosphere that tells of life's ending. The crimson and gold of distant hillsides is a fore-runner of dead leaves rustling under November's chill breath moving across a serene landscape. As we grow older we learn to take each in turn for each has something to offer us.

was a natural born policeman. "Buck's" letter went on to describe the top trout and salmon fishing to be had in Newfoundland. I was warned not to use his name in my Column but I felt that a lot of people in this province would like to know that our Top Hockey Player is well and doing well in our sister province of Newfoundland and that P. E. I. still holds top place in his affections.

The sudden passing of Benjamin "Babe" Wood has left a void in the sportsman's realm that will not be filled for a long time to come. I have known "Babe" since he was a boy and in his passing have lost one of my staunchest friends. He loved fishing and hunting and I can truthfully say he was one of the finest sportsmen I have ever met. If they were all like him there would be no need of game wardens. In the time I know him I never heard him utter a swear word. He will be greatly missed not only in his home but in the community in which he lived.

We have had memorable hunts together but it was his association that I cherished most. It was a tonic to meet him and compare notes on game prospects in which he was so well versed. My deepest sympathy is extended to his family in their bereavement. As for myself his memory will never grow dim.

I received a pleasant surprise a few weeks ago when I received a letter from "Buck" Trainor from Grand Falls, Newfoundland. One paragraph has a special interest to me: "Always read with great interest your column in the Guardian and was pleasantly surprised to read in the issue dated May 27th, about being invited to watch for possible intrusions on a stream by my Dad, the late Joe Trainor. My main reason for writing is to ask if you remember if there was a 'gaffer' along at the time, for I do not have any idea in that area this happened, but when you wrote about Dr. 'Gus' and his all came back to me and I am wondering if it is possible that this could be the same trip I just barely remember."

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of a second off the season's record set by Jet Master.

Here is a brief summary: Races 1 and 4, Mighty Again (Ratchford) 1-4, Leah Federal (Gaudet) 5-1, Chevrie G. (E. Moreside) 2-2, Royal Value (C. Smith) 3-7, Billy Elgin (S. Daniels) 4-3, time 2.11 4-5 and 2.14 3-5. Mighty Again owned by A.C. Burgess, Windsor; Leah Federal owned by N.A. Renton, Moncton. Races 2 and 6 (trotters), Bold Dean (L. Walker) 1-3, Dark Yankee (Mauger) 6-1, Joppa Maid (E. Shaw) 2-2, Mighty Gallon (Kaye) 3-6, four other starters, time 2.13 2-5 and 2.17 3-5; Bold Dean owned by L. and G. Stable, Halifax, and Dark Yankee by Harry Hirsch, Sydney.

Races 3 and 7, Mr. Rock (Cyril Smith) 1-1, Miss Wilma Dale (J. MacGregor) 2-2, Theo A. Nick, (L. O'Brien) 3-4, Mighty Special (J. Given) 6-3, four other starters, time 2.10 4-5 and 2.12 2-5. Mr. Rock owned by G.J. Walker, Sackville. Race 5, Governor Boy (Ratchford) 1, Paxton's Goldie, (Campbell) 2, Helen Hoosier (L. O'Brien) 3, Ramsay's Brown (D. Walsh) 4, time 2.18 1-5, winning owner R.L. Ruley, Halifax. Race 8, Falcourt Heronine (Mauger) 1, Windsor Volo (Gaudet) 2, South Dakota (E. Moreside) 3, Lela Clegg (Loye) 4, time 2.16; winning owner Jack MacLeod, Dayton, N.S.

OTHER RACES

At Foxboro, Mass. races last Tuesday night. Newport McElwain owned by Heber Sweeney of Bridgewater, N.S., and driven by Frank MacAlduff of Tignish, was third in the \$2,500 one mile race for three-year-old trotters, time 2.13. The track was slow and the time was considered quite good.

Eight drivers were set down for "not trying" in recent races at a Montreal track, according to a report. Now that our horses have had sufficient preparation we would advise local drivers not to "put on the brakes" too strongly when they pick up the lead after the start of a race. A glance at the rule book will show the penalties that might be incurred.

They had a fine racing program at Saint John last Wednesday night, with Mighty Flashy (D. Armstrong) winning the first dash in 2.13 2-5, Bold Venture, 2.05 4-5, a 12-year-old pacer driven by Don MacNeill of Summerside, won the second dash in 2.13 1-5, the fastest time of the night. In the sixth dash, with the same field, the winner was Crusader Chief (W. Carr) time 2:15; Betty Brooks B. (J. Lang) was 2-2 in above dashes.

The 3rd and 7th dashes were split up. Dynamite Volo (C. Wood) being 1-2, Jollity Path (W. Carr) 2-1, times 2:17 and 2:17. Roger Stone, 2:03 3-5, a 12-year-old pacer owned by Mackin Bros. driver by Willard Carr, won the 4th

and 8th dashes, with Cover Up (Donovan) 2-2, time 2:15 4-5 and 2:13 1-5. The fifth dash was won by Millie's Time (J. Long) Spencer Key (Queen) 2, time 2:19.

The season's track record at Saint John is 2:12 2-5, held by Sturdy Jimmy (A. Wood).

OPENING MEET

The opening race meet of the season was held at Fredericton last Tuesday night. The races were held up for about 15 minutes between the second and third heats because of a heavy shower that left the track slippery for the remainder of the night.

This, apparently, didn't slow the miles up very much as a mile in 2:12 was paced by Chico Vivian (T. Devlin) in the 4th race. In the 8th race, with the same field, Ben Brooke C., that had been unbeaten at Woodstock earlier this season, won in 2:13 4-5 with driver R. Troy up.

What looks to be a very promising three-year-old showed up in first and fifth dashes which were won by Hedgewood H. in 2:12 2-5 and Johnny Thunder in 2:17, respectively. The youngster was a "Luteifer" that took a record last year of 2:33 as a two-year-old. In the above races, he was second and third. In the first he was photoed out, losing by half a head to Hedgewood H. (R. Savage). Johnny Thunder (H. Bishop) took a new record in the above win. Other horses that looked good were: Mr. Miller Abbe and Rush Cedar; both new horses, divided wins in the third and seventh races.

We wish to thank our friend, Dow Clowater, for the above information.

AT TRURO

At Wednesday night's races in Truro four horses took new records, and the program was an exciting one all through. Pine Land Duke, owned by Kenneth Fraser of Dartmouth and driven by George Turner, won the 5th dash in 2:18 his former record was 2:25 2-5.

The fastest mile of the night was stepped by Lou Creed, a four-year-old owned and driven by Clayton MacLeod of Westville, N.S., time 2:15 3-5 (a new record) in winning the second dash. Lou Creed also won the sixth race in 2:17 2-5. Lou Creed was purchased at the Delaware sale some months ago and looks to be a real bargain.

Lady's Dream, making her first start, won the 8th race in 2:21 2-5. We believe our harness horse friends will be rewarded with a most enjoyable night's racing if they are present tonight at the Charlottetown Driving Park, because of the record number of horses at the track, classifications have been made that makes the picking of winners very unpredictable, and that means exciting finishes.

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