

IN THIS CORNER

1956 Sports Round-Up

A review of the 1956 sports activities on P. E. I.

BASEBALL

The big baseball news of 1956 centre around the fortunes of the Charlottetown Abbies who won the Maritime Intermediate baseball championship to become the first Charlottetown winner of such a title since the Charlottetown All-Stars did the trick back in 1947. Abbies were definite underdogs entering the Maritime final against Memramcook Rovers and after they dropped the first game of the series 5-3...

Baseball was in for a minor revival when the 1956 season started. Summerside was once again operating and besides having a town league Summerside entered a team in the Island playdowns against the Abbies. However, the Abbies didn't fare so well against the more powerful nine from Charlottetown and bowed 2 games to 1 in the best-of-three Island final.

The lights came on again at Memorial Field and a City League was in operation in Charlottetown with three teams. Stars, Flyers and Dodgers entered. Dodgers finished on top of the regular schedule and in the semi-finals Flyers knocked off Stars in straight games in a best-of-three series with Jackie Burke hurling a no-hitter in the second game. Flyers and Dodgers staged a great battle for the title which, unfortunately was never decided as time ran out on the squads after each had one in one game and the other ended in a 4-4 tie.

Peakes won the Island Intermediate B Title by defeating the defending champion Rollie's Arrows. The Arrows won their way into the finals by downing the Intermediate B Abbies while Peakes was disposing of Morell. Peakes challenged Intermediate A Abbies to a series for the Island title but lost out by a close 3-2 score in a sudden-death game.

Little league baseball and classes of the minor leagues were in operation both in Summerside and Charlottetown. Johnny Carroll guided the loops in the Western Capital while Forbes Kennedy handled the Charlottetown leagues. There were no playoffs between the two centres.

The Midet Abbies played off with Moncton for the Maritime title but the powerful Aces snowed them under in a one game final.

HOCKEY

The big news of the 1956 season even overshadowing the great success of the Island Hockey League was the promotion of Forbes Kennedy to the National Hockey League Chicago Black Hawks. Kennedy was the property of Montreal Canadiens and played for three years with Montreal Canadian Juniors. After his final season as a junior Kennedy was

sold along with Eddie Kachur of Shawinigan Falls Cataracts to the Black Hawks for a reported \$50,000. Kachur was later sent back to Shawinigan but Kennedy stuck and at present is still centering Hawks top line with Eddie Litzenberger and Harry Watson as his wingmates.

Island hockey and the old Charlottetown Forum both took on a new look near the end of the 1955 season. The Forum was renamed the Sports Arena under the co-ownership of Messrs. Carl Burke and Fred Briggs and gone were the Charlottetown Islanders of Maritime Big Four Major Hockey fame. In their stead came an ambitious experiment to bring homebrew hockey back to the Island and it was done with tremendous success with the formation of a five-team Island Senior B Hockey League.

Teams entered in the loop were Parkdale Flyers, Basille's Youth Club, Summerside Aces, Montague Primroses and St. Dunstan's University.

Parkdale Flyers finished the league schedule on top and won the playoffs by beating St. Dunstan's 4-2 in the best-of-seven finals. It was a terrific series and fans flocked to the games with the final encounter attracting a crowd to 3000 to the arena. Parkdale made the finals by defeating Basille's Youth Club in the semi-finals while Saints were defeating Montague. Summerside Aces finished out of the playoffs.

Parkdale with permission of the league entered their team in Maritime Senior B playdowns and came out with the N.S.-P.E.I. championship. The Flyers defeated Pictou County Pontiacs 2-1 in the best-of-three series. Flyers won the opening game 7-2 at Charlottetown; lost the second 5-2 at Stellerton and came back the next night to win 9-7 at Stellerton. Parkdale coach Allie Carver won the Island Hockey League scoring title in a walk.

Alberton Regals were another big surprise team during the 1956 season. The Regals swamped Georgetown Eagles in 2 straight games to win the Island M.A.H.A. Intermediate B Hockey crown. The Alberton team then disposed

of Springhill All-Stars in two straight games to advance against Sussex Legionaires for the Maritime title. After beating Sussex 9-8 before a record crowd at Alberton the Regals dropped the next two games to be deprived of their title bid.

Albany St. Pats won the Island Intermediate B (A.A.U.) title by whipping Milton Hornels 3-2 in the best-of-five series, taking the final game 6-2. And in Intermediate C ranks Morell won the title defeating Summerside Eagles. St. Dunstan's University were tied for first place after the smoke cleared in the N.B.-P.E.I. Inter-collegiate Hockey League with Mount A. and St. Thomas College. However, Mount A. won by title because they had scored more goals than either of the other two teams. Mounties had 17 goals to 16 for S.D.U.

Charlottetown teams cleaned up on minor hockey titles. Abbie Perweights, Pee Wees, Bananas, Midgets and Juveniles all won Island crowns. Abbie Juveniles went on to the Maritime playdowns but were knocked out by Moncton in a sudden-death game for N.B.-P.E.I. honors.

The Abbie Juniors, who finished on top in the City Junior League, were beaten out in their quest for the Maritime crown by St. Thomas College who turned them back 3-1 in a sudden-death tussle at Chatham.

Abbie Sisters won the Island girls title defeating Montague Primrose Sisters in straight games.

CURLING

For the third consecutive year Dr. Wendall MacDonald's four some from Charlottetown won the P.E.I. Provincial Curling championship and advanced to the Dominion competition held at Moncton. In the Provincial play the MacDonald rink went through the round undefeated while racking up 3 straight wins at Montague. In the Dominion finals the P.E.I. chaps, came through with a 4-6 record good for a 7th place tie.

Members of the MacDonald rink were Dr. MacDonald (skip); John Squarebriggs (mate); Andy Likely (second, stone); Elmer MacDonald (lead).

The Dave Silliphant rink of Summerside won the Island High School title winning five games without defeat in the bonspiel held at Summerside. In the Dominion finals held at Fort William the Summerside squad held a 3-6 record which was good for sixth place. The Dominion title was won by Saskatchewan.

Other members of the Summerside rink were Stan Gay, Arthur Morrison and Donald Coles.

The Island Tyro title was won by a Summerside rink skipped by Leo Shields in play held at Charlottetown. Other members of the rink were Don Cameron, John Ellis and Bobby Steele.

The Physical Fitness trophy was won by an R.C.A.F. rink skipped by Norman Underwood. Padre Hugh Christmas, F.L. Geo Hollands and LAC Ken Pilliver were the other team members.

A Maritime Intercollegiate Curling Championship was held at the Charlottetown Curling Club with the Kings College, skipped by Bob Winters, emerging as winners with a 5-0 record over St. Mary's and P.W.C.

The Sybil MacMillan Charlottetown rink won the Island Ladies (Continued on page 9)

Aussie Tennis Stars Part As Ken Rosewall Turns Pro

By WILL GRIMSLEY ADELAIDE (AP) — Australia's famous "tennis twins" who have won the Davis Cup three of the last four years were separated Saturday when Ken Rosewall signed a \$65,000 contract to play with Jack Kramer's professional troupe.

The other half of the brilliant tandem, Lewis Hoad, spurned an offer which would have netted him \$67,500 tax free at the end of two years to make a new bid for the amateur tennis grand slam which he barely missed during the last year.

"Hoad definitely will not turn pro this year," said a close associate of the bombardier who many regard as the world's best amateur although he lost the last three decisions to Rosewall. "I would like to get them both and I am still hoping," said Kramer, "but prospects don't look bright."

Rosewall, who recently married assured himself of grocery money for quite a while when he signed for Kramer.

Besides the \$65,000 guarantee for a period covering 13 months, he was promised 25 per cent of all receipts over \$300,000 plus a five-per-cent bonus and option on a new \$25,000 contract should he beat Pancho Gonzales on the tour and emerge as the kingpin of the professionals.

Gonzales, recognized monarch of the pros, will provide a test for the slender boyish-looking Rosewall, who captured the U. S. championship at Forest Hills last September, breaking Hoad's chain of victories.

The tour is scheduled to open on Melbourne's Kooyong outdoor courts Jan. 19 with the second performance at Sydney's White City a week later. The New York debut will be in Madison Square Garden the afternoon of Feb. 17.

U. S. WEEKEND FOOTBALL

NORTH 14 SOUTH 6 MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—An unexpectedly powerful running attack and the constant threat of a passing offensive gave the North-east All-Stars a 14-0 victory over an out-played southern squad in the Blue-Grey football game Saturday.

The northerners stuck to the ground and alternately sent quarterback Jimmy Hunter of Missouri and fullback Don Vivic of Ohio State banging through the rebel line for consistent gains.

The passing ability of Hunter and Purdue's Lenny Dawson contributed to the successful northern invasion, however, even though in a negative sense. The Confederates had to spread their defence to guard against the threat of an aerial attack. And that opened the way for the Blue ball carriers to slip through.

Jim Podoley, a hard-running back from Central Michigan College, made the most spectacular play of the game with an 80-yard touchdown run on a second quarter punt return. The ball bounced over his head but Podoley retrieved it and followed his blockers down the field.

WEST 7 EAST 6 SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Quarterback John Brodie of Stanford and halfback Jon Arnett of Southern California combined passing and running talents Saturday to give the West a 7-6 upset victory over the East in the 32nd annual United States Shrine charity football game.

The two spearheaded an 85-yard touchdown drive midway in the first period, and Washington's Dean Derby kicked the winning conversion in the K-rut Stadium battle before a capacity throng of 61,000.

Not until the fourth quarter could the East score. Then Illinois' Abe Woodson took a screen pass from Notre Dame's Paul

Hornung and scampered 35 yards into the end zone.

UCLA's DeShanick, one of the Panthers' defensive stars, and Utah's Jerry Liston burst through to defeat Hornung's conversion at tempt.

The game, played under sunny skies, was less than 10 minutes old when Brodie hit UCLA's Pete O'Garro in the end zone with a 28-yard scoring aerial. That capped the long drive that started on the east 15.

JACKSONVILLE Fla. (AP)—Georgia Tech's alert Yellow Jackets outlasted Pittsburgh's powerful determined Panthers 21-14 in a bruising Gator Bowl football game Saturday, giving coach Bobby Dodd his eighth bowl victory without a loss.

The triumph was Tech's second over coach Johnny Michelosen's Panthers this year. Tech defeated Pitt 7-0 in New Orleans' Sugar Bowl last New Year's.

The game had been billed as a defensive struggle, and there were moments of terrific goal line guarding. But the ever-threatening attacks of both teams kept the record crowd of 37,683 fans on the edge of their seats throughout.

Tech seemed about to turn the game into a rout, jumping out to a 14-0 lead with only two minutes left in the half. Pitt scored 16 seconds before intermission on a 42-yard pass from Corry Salvaterra to halfback Dick Bowen, and kept the pressure on the rest of the way.

Halfback Paul Rotenberry intercepted a Salvaterra pass to launch Tech's first scoring drive and got the third and winning marker on a five yard slant inside right end. Salvaterra, a constant danger in both his running and passing; Ralph Jelle, a pile-driving fullback; and all-American end Joe Walton, a defensive stalwart and feared receiver, were among the outstanding Pitt performers.

Bleu Host Wins \$30,200 Stake Race

NEW YORK (CP)—Gazelle Stable's Bleu Host won the \$30,200 Malibu Sequet stakes at Santa Anita Park Saturday in a blanket finish with Terrang and the heavily-favored Count of Honor.

The 41,500 spectators waited several minutes before stewards declared Bleu Host, ridden by Don Lewis, winner of the \$18,650 top-spot stakes, paying \$54.20 to backers.

Fifteen three-year-olds went to the post, with Robert Lehman's Count of Honor the heavy favorite and Rex Ellsworth's Terrang next choice.

Time for the seven-furlong feature was 1:23.

Jockey Eddie Arcaro on Count of Honor was seeking his second stakes victory of the afternoon. Two races before he brought in the favorite, Prince Khaled, in the \$27,250 California Breeders' trial stakes for a \$2.60 payoff. Prince Khaled ran the seven furlongs in 1:21 4-5, the fastest at Santa Anita since Jan. 12, 1955.

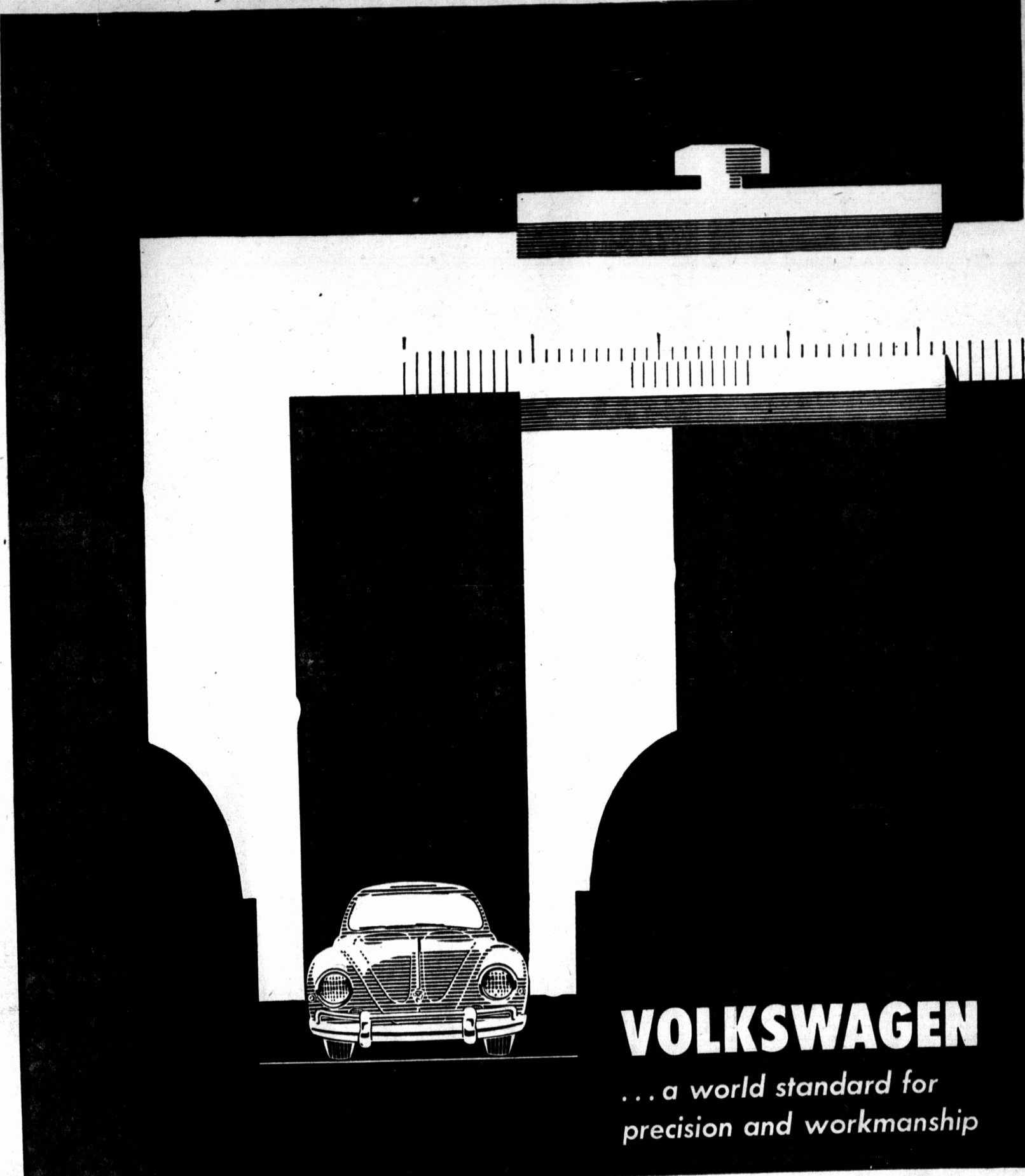
ARCARO ESCAPES Arcaro escaped injury in a race sandwiched between the Breeders and Malibu Sequet. His horse, The Chaplain, twisted and Eddie went flying overboard. He bounced and ran afoot off the track.

Mercain - Byars Stable's Ghan Fleet, evidently a colt with some quality, came from far back off the pace to annex the fourth renewal of the \$10,000-added Alligator Handicap at Tropical Park in Miami. At the end of the mile-and-a-half test, he was two lengths before J. R. Weiner's N-time, the favorite. Third in the field of 11 juveniles was Balaklava II.

Ghan Fleet, a son of Count Fleet, was the second choice, returning \$9.70.

T. A. Grissom's oddly named Shan Pac packed his punch into the stretch run and nipped long-shot Sir Roamer by a head to win the \$5,000 Sugar Bowl Handicap at the New Orleans fair grounds.

Sir Roamer, Mrs. Grace Knibba's son of Gemnie Bomb, went to the top with Shan Pac and the two battled head and head the final eighth of a mile in the six-furlong test. Shan Pac covered the distance in 1:12.3 over a lightning fast track and paid \$7.00.



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