

Nothing Much Doing In British Sports During '55

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LONDON (CP)—British sport in 1955 resembled the Sahara desert—a lot of it but little to catch the eye.

Britain's long golden summer helped create new spectator interest in many outdoor sports, particularly track and field.

For the Chelsea Soccer Team, 1955 was a tremendous year. The Penitents won the 1954-55 football league championships for the first time, squashing the comedians' perennial joke about them. Newcastle United took its sixth Football Association Cup, joining Aston Villa and Blackburn Rovers in the elite class.

Elsewhere, American Tony Trabert set the stage for embarking on his professional career by winning the men's tennis singles at Wimbledon. On the track, Chris Chataway, Gordon Pirie and John Hiley were in the forefront. There was a flurry of autobiographies by winners, too, one by Roger Bannister on the four-minute mile, and another by Jim Peters, the great marathon runner who collapsed within sight of victory at the British Empire Games in Vancouver.

Canada provided two of the year's brighter achievements. At 17, Toronto's Marilyn Bell on hot July Sunday swam the English channel to become the youngest to conquer that gap of rough water between France and England.

And a University of British Columbia eight crew, whose members rowed with more confidence than they talked, upset a Russian snail in the Grand Challenge Cup of the Henley Royal Regatta. But the Canadians failed against the University of Pennsylvania in the final.

Even so, said The Times, the Vancouver oarsmen "can rest assured that their fame is now indelibly burned into Henley history."



TURKEY WINNERS
The Wendall McLaine (skip) after winning section A of the all McLaine (skip), Frank Cox (mate), George Anderson (2nd stone) and Frank Johnston (lead). Christmas turkey on Wednesday. (Photo by W. Taylor).

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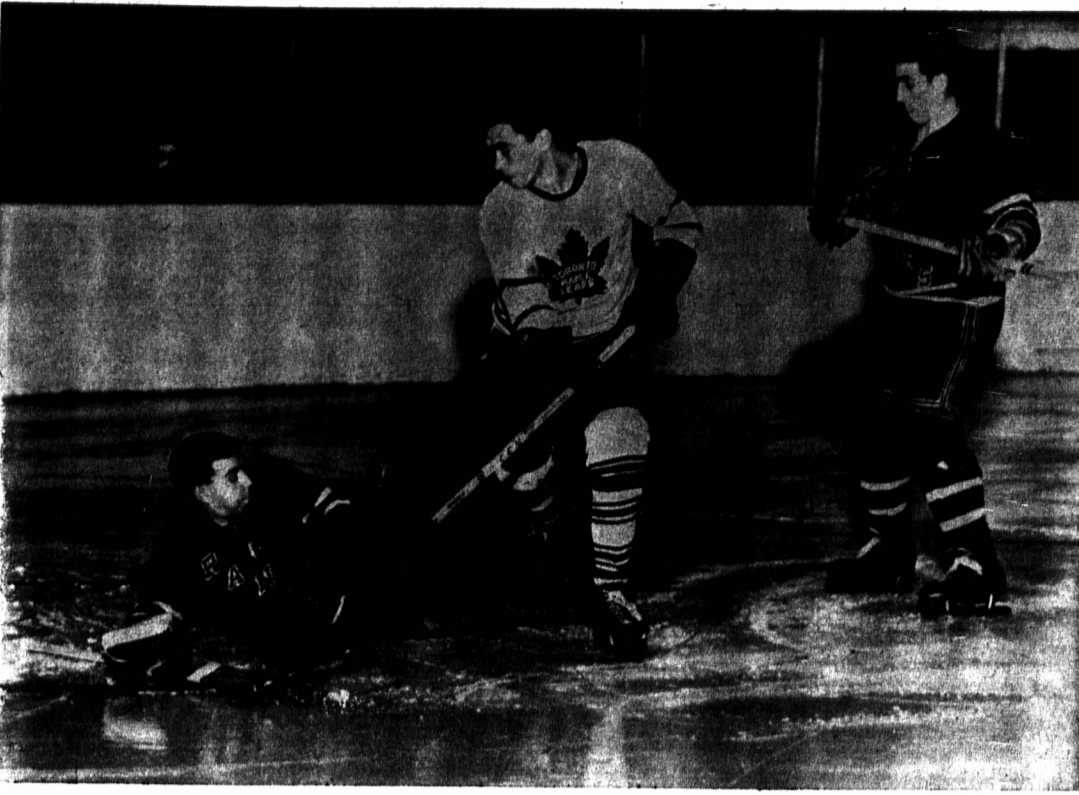
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WORSLEY SAVES — LEAPIN' LOU WATCHES
Goalie Lorne Worsley of New York Rangers slid from his net to snatch puck from George Armstrong of Toronto Maple Leafs during National Hockey League game in Toronto. Rangers' Lou Busby night as Leafs peppered 37 shots at him, clicking with 15 goals to drop Rangers 6-1.

Two Women To Operate Team

HAMILTON, (CP)—Two young women have taken over operations of this city's Pony League baseball entry, Hamilton Cardinals. And one of their first items of business was to change the team's name to Hamilton Redwings.

Jean Marini, 21, of Hamilton and Carroll Hodge, 22, of Winston Salem, N.C., are the new operators. Miss Marini, club secretary, took majority stock interest in the club from two former shareholders, Alex P. Brown and John Mooradian of Hamilton.

Her uncle, Emilio Tatti, president of the club, will act for her in the affairs of the team. Miss Hodge has been named general manager.

Miss Hodge started in baseball administration three years ago when she took a course at Southern Florida College.

Since then, she has worked for the Galveston Tex., class B Big State League club, the farm director's office of Philadelphia Athletics and was business manager of the Winston Salem team, a part of the farm system of the American League New York Yankees.

Swedish manufacturers are experimenting with houses made of a board obtained from wheat or rye straw.

Charlie Chase Acquitted On Stolen Goods Charge

MONTREAL, (CP)—Charlie Chase, former Canadian middleweight boxing champion, was acquitted Tuesday on a charge of receiving stolen goods but Judge Rene Therberge said he morally disagreed with the verdict.

Ronald Jones, 27, a friend of the boxer who gave Saint John, N.B., as his address, was convicted of receiving two wheels stolen from a parked car Dec. 8, 1954. He will be sentenced Friday.

Police constables said when they noticed the wheels missing from a car in a west-end parking lot they traced them to Jones' car by foot and tire prints on the snow. Chase and Jones were in the car, Chase, 24, said he and Jones had been celebrating in Montreal night clubs after returning from a fight in Quebec City. He said he fell asleep in his friend's car and didn't wake up until he was shoved by a police constable who told him he was in trouble.

Jones admitted having the tires and said he paid \$15 for them and was told to pick them up at the parking lot several hours after midnight. In view of Jones' admission, Judge Therberge said he could not legally hold Chase guilty of any offence.

"I am obliged to acquit you on points of law," the judge said, "but morally I am convinced things didn't quite happen as related here."

U. B. Seaman Heads O'Leary Athletic Assn.

The annual meeting of the O'Leary Athletic Association was held in the O'Leary School Dec. 8th, with Mr. E. W. Turner, in the chair.

The financial statement was presented by Donald N. MacKenzie, secretary-treasurer and showed an operating profit for the 1954-55 season of \$809.54 cents. This included the profits of the canteen amounting to \$509.54 under the capable management of Mr. Alton Rayner. The capital assets of the association at the present time are \$5,878.88. The fixed assets include the lot, building and equipment.

A committee composed of Dr. L. G. Dewar, Mr. Alton Rayner and Mr. Alvin Palmer was appointed to investigate the possibility of building a new rink.

The following directors were elected by ballot: U. B. Seaman, E. W. Turner, Dr. L. G. Dewar, Ray Jelley, Alton Rayner, Donald N. MacKenzie, C. F. Willis, Douglas Adams, Therin Ellis, Avarad Harris, Aubin Wedg, Keir Ramsay, Wynburn Harris, James Baglole and Raynall MacNeill.

Following the annual meeting a directors meeting was held and the following officers elected: U. B. Seaman — President; C. F. Willis, First Vice-President; E. W. Turn-

Boxer's Wife Awarded \$80,000

NEW YORK, (AP)—Mrs. George Flores, awarded \$80,000 in her suit against the state charging negligence in the death of her husband after a boxing bout in 1951, said Thursday she would give \$10,000 of that amount toward formation of a boxers' guild.

Mrs. Flores, through her attorneys, said letters would be

written to heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano and middleweight champion Ray Robinson asking them to take the lead in forming such an organization.

Flores died four days after suffering a technical knockout in Madison Square Garden at the hands of Roger Donoghue. It was claimed the boxer was permitted to fight too soon after suffering previous knockouts.

Mrs. Flores also is suing Madison Square Garden Corporation and the International Boxing Club for \$300,000.

Bobsleds And Men To Be Streamlined For Ch'ships

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy (AP)—Sleds and men alike will be streamlined when trials for the Olympic bobsled championships start Jan. 16, 10 days ahead of the winter games.

It's caused by the ruling of the International Bobsled Federation in 1953 that men could not be heavier than 100 kilograms (220 pounds) in the four-man sleds and 105 kilos (231 pounds) in the two-man sleds.

Previously bobsledding was the sport of super-heavyweights, who considered every pound something additional for gravity to pull at in the dash down the bobsled run. Fifteen countries will go into the two-man eliminations and 14 into the four-man. Each will have two teams. The trials are made necessary by the fact that Cortina's bobsled run, a 1,700-metre, 16-curve affair which Italians consider the world's best, can safely take only about 20 teams in a day's competition. The ice will not hold up safely under more. Thus 10 two-man and eight four-man teams will be eliminated in the trials.

Four-man teams have been entered by Argentina, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Norway, Poland, Rumania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the U. S. Lichtenstein entered only in the two-man event.

Prince Co. Sport Echoes

Schurman's Departure Is Severe Blow To S'ide

It begins to look as if the Summerside Aces are about to get a severe setback in their hopes to keep a competent team functioning in the Island Senior "B" League. Paul Schurman has accepted an offer from the town of Sussex to take up the duties of coach there, and if nothing happens to change his mind, the Aces will be minus one of their star performers and in the league in which they are now competing, they can ill afford to lose any top-notch players.

To make matters worse, rumors are persistent that Vance Harris may follow Schurman to the mainland, and if this should happen, the chances are the Aces would fold, at least, as far as competing in the Island League is concerned. It is possible, of course, they revert to intermediate "A" or "B" and enter a league with rural teams in the Prince County area.

Schurman can hardly be blamed for departing for greener pastures, considering the fact that Summerside are so poor you'd have to fertilize them to grow stinkweed. A first rate team would provide a lot of fine entertainment at Civic Stadium this winter, but it is a little too much to expect that the boys will hang around and loaf all winter for the privilege of providing this entertainment.

Enough of gloom. Let's look at the bright side of things. Looks as if we're going to have artificial ice by Christmas, and the Stadium with all its new paint and repairs.

er, Second Vice-President, Lorne W. Johnston, Secretary-Treasurer. The tender of Bradford Bernard for caretaker for the 1956 season was accepted.

Norway had 1,032,200 employed wage earners in October, 1955, and 7,869 registered to tally unemployed.

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