

# Sports

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## Sport Forum

### Peter Jackson Victim Of Boxing's Early Color-Line

Sir Peter Jackson was born on the island of St. Croix near Porto Rico in July 1861. At the height of his career he stood 6 feet 1 1/2 ins. and weighed 195 lbs.

His father was a fisherman with a wanderlust who persuaded a sea captain to take the whole family to Australia. After a time there the parents became homesick and went back to the West Indies but Peter stayed in Sydney. At 18 Peter was already winning fame as an all-round athlete in his adopted homeland of Australia. He was a great swimmer and diver and although few know it was he who introduced the Australian crawl to North America. He was also a great rower and at one time held the Australian sculling title.

Jackson was interested in all sports but he became a fighter by accident. When he shipped out on a schooner as a deckhand he met a man by the name of Clay Callahan who liked to do a bit of boxing although he wasn't much of a fighter. Callahan took a liking to Jackson and impressed by his showing in a few sparring bouts introduced him to Larry Foley, who was then one of the best boxing teachers in Australia.

Thus began Jackson's career at the age of 18.

In 1883 he entered the professional ranks and in a few short years he had climbed to the top as champion of England and Australia. Looking around for new worlds to conquer he headed for America with his sights set on the world's heavyweight title.

Jackson's first engagement in America was at the California Athletic Club when he knocked out P.E.I.-born George Godfrey then the colored heavyweight champ of America. In the same year he knocked out Joe McHauliffe and the following year Patsy Cardiff fell a victim to Jackson's hard fists in 10 rounds.

Jackson became a sensation when he chilled George McCornack and after other victorious engagements in Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo, Charles (Parson) Davies, the most prominent fight manager of the age, became his manager, and challenged the world in his behalf.

The world's champion at that time was John L. Sullivan whose boast in the barrooms was that he could "lick any man in the world." But when Peter raised his gentle voice in acceptance Sullivan turned a deaf ear. Sullivan would never fight a negro in the ring.

Jackson repeated his challenge time and again and finally one leading heavyweight agreed to a match. This was a young ex-bank clerk James J. Corbett. The pair met at the California Athletic Club on May 21, 1891 and the fight that followed was an historic one. The bout lasted 61 bruising rounds until referee Hiram Cook called a halt and declared it a draw.

After that fight it wasn't until January of 1892 that Jackson appeared in a ring again. When he did he stopped Jack Dalton and Al Fish on the same night.

However, it was the same old story all over again. There is little doubt that Jackson would have ascended the world's heavyweight throne had he been a white man.

At the early age of 40 the broken-hearted man who had once been Peter Jackson passed away a victim of tuberculosis.

It is fitting to end this story by quoting the words spoken by a great heavyweight champion when he came to the end of his road. "The greatest warrior that ever lived," said Gentleman Jim Corbett, "was Peter Jackson."

I am, sir, etc.,  
Wilfred O. McCluskey,  
Charlottetown.

## Irish-Trained Horse Is Favorite In Steeplechase

By JOHN FARROW  
LONDON (AP) — Irish-trained Quare Times became a 6-1 favorite Monday for the 110th running of the Grand National Steeplechase over Aintree's gruelling course March 24.

The 10-year-old bay gelding, winner of last year's race by 12 lengths, heads the big challenge by women owners in this year's chase over four miles, 856 yards and 30 jumps.

Mrs. Ciceley Welman of Mullingar in County West Meath, Ireland, owns Quare Times. Five of the seven top betting choices belong to women.

Sundew, second favorite at 100-9, is owned by Mrs. G. Kohn; Queen Mother Elizabeth owns Devon Loch, 20-1; Mrs. Leonard Carver owns 20-1 E.S.B.; and Mrs. W.L. Pillington owns another 20-1 shot, Must.

Challenging the women in a sport once exclusively "for men only"

are Col. W.H. Whitbread with Carey's Cottage and 88-year-old farmer Oliver Gibbey with Valiant Spark. Both were made 100-6 picks at Monday night's betting call-over by Britain's top bookmakers, a legal occupation here.

THAW AIDS RACING  
There has been little horse racing in Britain in recent weeks because of frozen tracks. Now the thaw has set in and trainers hope to give their horses tuneup races before the big day at Aintree. Quare Times and Sundew are scheduled to meet in the £1,000 (\$21800) Hearts of Oak Steeplechase

### Primroses Defeat G'town Eagles

The Montague Primroses travelled to Georgetown on Saturday night and in a crowd-pleasing game defeated the local Eagles by the score of 10-7. The smooth-passing Dowling coached Primroses showed why they have lately been burning up the Island Senior Hockey League.

The first period ended 5-2 for the Primroses as Hughes, their crafty and speedy center scored three. Dowling and Trowsdale getting one each. For the Eagles, Alie MacPhee, fast-skating local juvenile beat Ward for two pretty goals.

In the second period the teams changed goals and MacDonald, Dowling and Ledwell each got singles, while MacNeill and Dick's countered for the Eagles. In the final period the teams each scored two on goals by Dowling and Ledwell for the visitors, with MacSwain scoring a brace for the Eagles.

### Longden Rides In Santa Anita Win

By BOB MYERS  
ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)—Bobby Brocato, ridden by jockey Johnny Longden, easily won the \$15,000 Santa Anita handicap Saturday after Swaps was scratched.

Running before 62,500 fans, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Kerr's Bobby Brocato led practically from start to finish and swept under the wire six lengths ahead of Turk's Delight. Honey's Albi was third. Time for the 1 1/4 miles over a slow track was 2:04 3/5.

Swaps, who would have been the favorite, was scratched in mid-afternoon because of the condition of the track and the fact that he is not at peak racing form. He had easily whipped Bobby Brocato over 1-16 miles 10 days ago in his first start since losing to Nashua in the August match race.

### Vida Large Wins 5th Consecutive Badminton Title

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—Vida Large of Halifax retained her ladies' singles title for the fifth consecutive year as the Maritime badminton championships concluded Saturday night.

Miss Large defeated Mrs. R. Manning, also of Halifax, in the final and teamed with another Halifaxian, Ruth Hallisey, to edge the Halifax team of Annie and Gladys Longard for the ladies' doubles crown won last year by Miss Large and J. Myers.

A new champion succeeded Doug Bauld of Halifax, who did not defend his men's singles title. Dave McAdam of Saint John defeated another Saint John player, Alan MacDonald in the deciding match.

### Remember When

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
John J. McGraw, one of baseball's greatest managers, was buried at New York 22 years ago today. In the game for 42 years, he managed New York Giants for 30 seasons, winning the National League pennant 10 times between 1904 and 1924, and the World Series four times, the last in 1922.



### Black Hawks' Top Scorer

Nick Michkoski, 28-year-old centre and 15 assists. Born in Winnipeg, the Chicago Black Hawks of the National Hockey League, is top scorer with that club with 18 goals played seven seasons with New York Rangers before joining the Hawks in the 1954-55 season.

### Needles Sharp In Winning Flamingo Stakes Saturday

By GENE PLOWDEN  
MIAMI Fla. (AP)—Needles, running with a five-pound weight advantage because he is Florida bred, won the \$148,300 Flamingo stakes at Hialeah Saturday to establish himself as a solid candidate for the year's Triple Crown honors.

A crowd of 33,287 saw Needles' double past Winding Way farm's Golf Ace with 250 yards to go to win the mile-and-a-half classic by 1 1/2 lengths. Calumet farm's Fabius was third in the field of 15.

Needles, who won \$129,805 as a two-year-old, thus became a prime prospect for the Kentucky Derby and other rich three-year-old stakes to be run later this year. His next big race probably will be the \$100,000 Florida Derby March 24 at Gulfstream.

Needles ran the distance in 1:49.4. The track record for the distance is 1:47.2. He paid \$7.20, \$4.10 and \$3.00. Golf Ace, running as a field horse with Nan's Mink and Toby B., paid \$11.60 and \$5.60 while Fabius returned \$3.90.

### FAVORITE WAS FOURTH

The winner was carrying only 127 pounds to 122 for the others. The weight allowance was made under a Florida Racing Commission rule giving such a concession to home-breds. Needles was foaled at Dixie stables near Ocala. His owners are Jackson Dudley and Bonnie Heath, both of Florida.

The rule was adopted years ago to encourage thoroughbred breeding in the state and covers all but handicap races.

Maine Chance farm's Gun Shot, favorite with stablemate Busher's Idol at 9 to 5, finished fourth and Mrs. J.R.H. Thouron's Happy New Year was fifth, coming from dead last in the final half mile.

Once Needles turned on his tremendous speed there was no doubt about the outcome. The bay son of

### New Glasgow Ice Racing Results

On Sat., Feb. 25 the third race of the season was held at New Glasgow. With Gingerbread Man winning in straight heats over old campaigners, Dudy Budlong, and Miss Donna Mae.

Following is the summary:

CLASS A  
Gingerbread Man (E. Cole) 111  
Miss Donna Mae (E. Bernard) 232  
Dudy Budlong (C. Smith) 323  
Winning horse owned by A. Gaultier.

CLASS B  
Cahumetta (R. MacFadyen) 21  
Rovela's Bay (E. Smith) 13  
Peaceful Peter (E. Bernard) 23  
Winning horse owned by Mrs. R. D. MacFadyen.

CLASS C  
You'll Do (D. Strms) 11  
Basil's Nipper (R. Ford) 22  
Winning horse owned by Danis Strms and Carl Smith.

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## Swede Takes U.S. Indoor Net Title

NEW YORK (AP)—Ulf Schmidt of Sweden routed his heavily favored countryman Sven Davidson 6-1, 6-3, 8-10, 6-3, Sunday to win the U.S. indoor tennis championship in the second all foreign final in 29 years.

Schmidt, a 22-year-old Stockholm toy importer, had his service and volleys crackling in a display of remarkable tennis on the 7th Regiment Army courts.

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