SPORTS FRONT

By NICK FILLMORE

Islander Makes His Mark

A FORMER ISLANDER, Dr. Russ Furness, Kensington and Vernon River, employed in Milton, Ontario, with a Quebec drug and instrument firm for the past three years, is making his presence known around Greenwood Raceway with a horse by the tag of Battle Kinney C.

The four-year-old recently captured its fifth straight win at Greenwood, coming from 12 lengths behind the leader on the far side of the back stretch. It was an impressive victory.

"This was the toughest trip," recalled the pleasant voiced 41-year-old veterinarian in a recent 'Daily Racing Form' story, by Gordon Pepper. "I really didn't think he was made of such stout stuff."

Dr. Furness credits his two sons, Don and David, for much of the horse's success. David, in his early teens, is still in public school. Don has already made application for acceptance to Guelph's veterinary college.

Dr. Furness, his boys, his wife and daughter, Sheila, are all a little surprised that Battle Kinney C. is even racing this season let alone winning as much as he has.

Kinney C. Had Serious Injury

"WE WERE SHIPPING up in a small plywood horse trailer from Milton late last September," Furness said, "when Battle Kinney C. put his left hind foot right through a springy part of the trailer and the wood snapped back and caught his foot in there. He tore at it for several minutes despite our efforts to calm him and cut around the wood.

"I was sure he'd never race again. We had him on Butazoladin for four days and it greatly eased a painful foot. Never filled at all. Now it looks as if he's going for a consistency championship," Dr. Furness said.

Bruce Fulmer of Windsor, brought the horse for the Furness family. He hadn't raced at two, was about a $1,600 winner at three with a best mile of around 2:05. Last season he won five of 20 and $3,036.

In seven starts this spring (he had five firsts, a second and a third) he won $2,209. Dr. Furness paid $1,750 for the horse, after Fulmer got him at an Ohio sale.

"Parked out 12 lengths behind, then winning through all that mud," Dr. Furness said, shaking his head. "And I was sure last September the horse wouldn't race again."

Local race fans will remember Dr. Furness as owner and driver of Lady Mark and Highland Rogue among other top horses.

'Say Hey Kid' Talks Ball

WE RECENTLY came across an old sports clipping in which Willie Mays was telling a writer his sentiments on being called baseball's greatest all around performer.

Says Willie: "I think it's a tribute but, you know, I don't think I have to be best all the time. In baseball you got to fail more than you succeed. I go to bat 600 times, and I'm not going to get 300 hits. If I can get 180 or 190 hits, I feel I've had a good year. If I'm in the first 10 in everything at the end of the year, I'm doing well.

"You know, it's hard for me to feel the best because I'm such a streak hitter," says Mays. "When I'm in a slump, I sometimes wish I was somebody else, because they think 'This guy is getting $100,000; he should get a hit every time. But boy, when I'm going good, then I'm glad who I am all right."

Right now, Willie is going good. If he can keep away from those two-week tail spins he can become the first guy to hit .400 since Ted Williams .406 mark in 1941.

Off The Cuff

THE WORLD OF CURLING has lost a truly great personality, R. G. L. HARSTONE, Hamilton, Ont., associated with curling for more than 35 years has died. When the Dominion Curling Association held its inaugural meeting at Toronto in 1935 Harstone was elected second vice-president. In 1939 he became president. He was also a vice-president of the Royal Caledonian Club of Scotland from 1939 to 1943 and in 1952 was named a trustee of the Macdonald's Brier Tankard and occupied this position at the time of his death. He became the friend of many an Islander at last March's Brier, held at the Charlottetown Forum . . . Los Angeles Dodgers are losing some tough ball games. Tuesday night it was JOE MOELLER dropping a game in the ninth inning to Chicago Cubs, 3-2. The Dodgers' one-run losses could mean the difference between first and second place in the NL at the end of the season . . . This fall's Atlantic Bowl game, Nov. 21, will feature the AFC winner against the champ of the Ontario Intercollegiate circuit. In past years the AFC has played the team from the Ontario group they felt they were equally qualified to play. . . . ROACH MacGREGOR has been racing a four-horse stable at Rockingham's half-mile oval. He's been winning and placing well with June Byrd and Avalon Worthy . . . The Charlottetown Recreation Department's playground leadership course opens at the Basilica Recreation Centre Friday night for a two day session under JIM FOX. All persons interested in summer employment with the recreation department or contemplating a future in the physical education field should attend. Some interesting lectures will be on the program.

CNIB PRIZES AWARDED

A banquet was held last night at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind Home in Charlottetown for the members of the bowling and cribbage leagues for the blind. At the right, Lion Phil Bower presents the challenge bowling trophy to Henry Doucette, center who was the best improved player over last year and Edgar Doucette right, chairman of the friendship entertainment committee of CNIB home stands by waiting to present Henry Doucette with the club cribbage trophy, who also won the Maritime cribbage championship.

SPORT ECHOES

By Norman Macdonald
Summerside Bureau of The Guardian

Sport Fans Tastes Analysed

We must agree with a fellow columnist that the showing of that soccer game on television last week-end was a poor substitute for the baseball game of the week. There isn't any doubt, of course, that if a vote were taken among Canadian sports followers, Baseball would get an overwhelming majority over soccer. You might, however, present a quite reasonable argument that the "soccer" minority should be able to watch their favorite sport once in a while. We agree. But the point that wasn't brought up at all is that the soccer game was a delayed broadcast with the result of the match known before the game started. We doubt if even soccer fans would be enthusiastic about that kind of warmed over sports fare.

The skillful manipulation of a soccer ball by a player's feet is worth watching, but not for a whole afternoon. When you take the suspense of who's going to win out of a soccer game it becomes a sort of outdoor ballet, and after we watch ballet for five or ten minutes, we get fidgety and hope that Alan King or Marg Osbourne will soon put in an appearance.

A world series game or an N.H.L. Stanley Cup Final is, we think most fans will agree, tops in television viewing as far as sports are concerned. Now, hands up, please, those who would want to see either of those the day after it was played. Thank you — both of you. And we recognize you fellows too. You're the guys that, before you read more than ten pages of a book, look at the last few pages to see who really did put arsenic in the old dowager's coffee.

Softball Is On The Way

Things are starting to hop in the senior softball circuit in Summerside. Jim Jenkins has secured a sponsor for his St. Eleanors team — and they will be known as Inman's plumbing. Jim thinks he has a chance of getting John McLaren, RCAF slugging thirdbaseman of last year, and he has some other smoothies on his negotiation list, such as Clarence Gillis, last year's second sacker for MacKenzies. They say Eric Johnston is gathering a group of stars around him, but we haven't heard any names as yet, and Gumps Gay is also optimistic about the line-up of this year's Enman drug team.

Island Entry In NSSHL?

A call has gone out for Island fans to give their opinion of the idea of an Island team, based in Charlottetown, entering the NSSHL. We're an Island fan, and we've decided to give our opinion. It is an excellent idea — if. Now that "if" is a big one, almost as big as Kipling's and it covers a lot of ground. We'd just as soon join a flea circus as the NSSHL which operated last year. Windsor was all over the other teams like a mother hen, and lop-sided scores were the rule with very few exceptions. Even the other teams, which were perhaps fairly evenly matched, seemed to have an overdose of lop-sided scores, on one side or the other. Then the caliber of hockey must have been much below that of those "Islander" days. Remember, both the Moncton Hawks and the Halifax Wolverines won the Allan Cup. Granted that Windsor put up a stiff fight against Ottawa, but Woodstock slaughtered the Mourtagnards, and Winnipeg massacred Woodstock.

The team we would have liked to see play last year was New Glasgow because they had Fleming MacKell. Of the boys who are climbing up the hill to the N.H.L. and the players going down hill on the other side, the latter are much the bigger drawing cards. We saw Lefty Grove, one of the best pitchers ever developed in the major leagues, but we saw him on the way up. He pitched for Baltimore against Toronto, and we were not greatly excited. We saw Ty Cobb play one exhibition game in Toronto, and he was slow and fat at the time, but it was one of our biggest sports thrills.

The NSSHL teams could get an ex-N.H.L. star, say one apiece, and if the clubs were evenly matched, and if the caliber of play could be jacked up, and if the cost maintaining a team would not break the promoters, and if we didn't have an old-fashioned winter scene with snow as the feature distraction, and if — we're run out of "ifs" for now. If any more occur to us, we'll let you know. Well, guest we're no relation to Pollyanna, but you'll have lots of optimists, some of them cockeyed, giving an opinion, so you need a pessimist like me every now and again to keep things in proper balance.

League Executive Announced

A meeting was held at the Charlottetown Armouries last night in connection with the forming of a four team Charlottetown city baseball league.

The meeting was chaired by Jim Fox, city recreational director and those present included: Charles Ryan, 'Cuker" Pineau, Pat Sherren, Col. D. J MacCormack, Donnie MacLean and John Kane.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. Fox and he then asked Mr. Ryan, who had been appointed at the previous meeting to head a committee which included "Buck" Whitlock and John Kane to select a league executive, to give an account of his endeavors. Mr. Ryan reported that the committee had chosen Col. D.J. MacCormack as league president, Dr. John Theriault, vice-president; and Jim Fox as secretary treasurer.

WORKOUTS BEGIN

League President, Col. MacCormack announced that workouts for persons interested in participating in the newly formed league are asked to turn out at Memorial Field, Friday night between the hours of 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 2 p.m. in order to submit their names for the coming season.

Players are urged to be on hand as the teams will be chosen before the end of next week and those not registered will be left out.

Rifle Ass'n. Will Hold Shoot Sat.

The P.E.I. Rifle Association will swing into action this year with the firt shoot scheduled for this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Squaw Point.

The association will be operating under the following executive for the coming shooting season: R.E. Jenkins, president; Eldon MacLean, vice-president P. J. Landragan, secretary treasurer and Ken Jay, chairman of council.

Competitions have been slated to be held on May 18, 23, 30 and June 6th. The top eight Island marksmen in these respective meets will represent the Island in the inter-maritime rifle shoot which will be staged at Squaw Point here in Charlottetown. Last year's competition was held at Sussex New Brunswick. The Island squad will be defending champs in this year's tourney.

A note of interest to Island shooting fans might be that WO2 Mike P. Susick from the Summerside RCAF station has been chosen for the Bisley team this coming season. This will mark the fifth out of the seven years in which he has competed that Mike has been chosen from the approximate 700 riflemen who attempt each year, at Ottawa, to snare one of the eighteen shooting positions available on the coveted Bisley squad.

F-O R.A. Pitcairn, a former Islander from Little York will also be among the select group of riflemen in this coming competition. Mr. Pitcairn is now residing in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

POTTER IS WAITING

Ahearne Is On His Way To CAHA Annual Meet

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Sports Editor

Canadian amateur hockey officials should watch out. Bunny Ahearne is heading this way.

He'll step off an ocean liner this weekend and into the midst of some indignant hockey men. They feel that Canada's Olympic team was "robbed" of a third - place bronze medal in Austria last February and that Bunny put the finger on our young guys.

Canada finished fourth, the lowest placing in Olympic history, and the rap is that Ahearne did us wrong. He'll be expected to answer that charge at the golden jubilee meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association in Ottawa starting Monday.

But don't worry about John Francis Ahearne. He'll come out all right.

No one intimidates this Dublin-born man who has been European representative of the CAHA for 35 years or so. Now, as president of the International Ice Hockey Federation, he is the most powerful amateur hockey official in the world and Canadians know it.

EMERGED UNSCATHED

The effervescent, 63-year-old Irishman who has lived in England almost all of his life has been up to his double chin in trouble with the CAHA before. And he has come out of the skirmishes without a mark on him.

"I'll fry him," warned Art Potter of Edmonton, CAHA president, following the Austria Olympics. Potter was there and he made it plain the issue would be thrashed out at the association's annual meeting.

"I'll be there," chuckled Ahearne. "I'm not worried. Why should I be?"

The controversy is a little involved and boils down to interpretation of IIHF rules pertaining to final placings in the eight - country round - robin tournament. Ahearne saw it one way. Potter, coach Rev. David Bauer of the Canadian team and his players, another way.

Here's the background:

Three days before the tournament ended, the IIHF met in Innsbruck and drew up rules that would apply if two or more teams were tied in points at conclusion of the seven-game championships. Ahearne spelled these out for reporters after the meeting, which was attended by Potter, a member of the IIHF executive council.

DIFFER ON MEANING

Ahearne said that in event of a three-way point tie, placings would be decided on the basis of goal spread—the difference between goals scored and allowed — involving the seven games. It turned out later that Potter calculated the tie-breaking mathematics on the basis of games involving only the top four teams.

Canada, Sweden and Czechoslovakia ended in a three-way tie for second place behind gold medal-winning Russia.

The Swedes, with a 31-goal spread, won the second-place silver. The Czechs, with a spread of 19, won the bronze and Canada's spread of 15 put the team into fourth place. This was taken on the basis of seven games.

Had the four - team system been used, Canada would have received the bronze medal.

Of course, there was haggling. A hastily called meeting of the IIHF board of directors—held while the final game of the tournament between the Swedes and Czechs was being played—defeated by a vote of 6 to 3 a motion by Potter to use his system.

Canada was supported only by Russia and Czechoslovakia.

POTTER ANGRY

The meeting ended 10 minutes before Sweden won 8-3, and too late to inform Father Bauer and his players. They had left a down hotel party to go to the arena and get their bronze medals.

They left in a huff before the centre-ice medal presentations.

Potter blew his top. It wasn't the first time a CAHA president had vowed to get Bunny.

In 1952, immediately after the Winter Games in Oslo when Edmonton won the hockey gold medal, Doug Grimston of New Westminster, B.C., traded punches with Bunny over the team's pre - Games exhibition tour of Europe. It involved the financial setup. The brawl occurred in a downtown hotel lobby and Grimston declared he would have Bunny tossed out of hockey.

The CAHA annual meeting was held three months later at Minaki, Ont. Grimston and Bunny were there. "I wouldn't have missed this meeting for the world," Ahearne said at the time.

The fist-swinging wasn't even mentioned at the open meeting. His status with the CAHA didn't come up and Bunny went back to London chuckling

The Ottawa safari should be another easy time for him. He wields the big stick in hockey matters in Europe and the CAHA needs this moon - faced man to set up Canadian tours.

This is another meeting he wouldn't miss.

BUNNY Ahearne (left) and Art Potter are expected to provide some fireworks at the golden jubilee meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association starting Monday in Ottawa. CAHA president Potter says he'll "fry" Ahearne, who as president of the International Ice Hockey Federation was responsible for a controversial interpretation of the rules that placed Canada's Olympic team fourth in Austria last February. Ahearne is attending the meet as European representative of the CAHA.

Preakness Preparations Are Drawing To A Close

BALTIMORE (AP) — There was a threat of rain in the air Wednesday but there was no talk of withdrawals at Pimlico, where the six three - year-old horses scheduled to start in Saturday's Preakness went through slow workouts.

Rain or shine, Northern Dancer, Hill Rise, The Scoundrel, Roman Brother, Quadrangle and Big Pete will be entered Thursday morning at the cost of $1,000 each and, barring the unexpected, will be in the starting gate Saturday for the second leg of the triple crown.

It'll cost another$1,000 to start in the 1 3-16-mile classic making the gross value of the 88th running for the Preakness $176,-700. The winner's share will be $124,200 with $30,000 for second, $15,000 for third and $7,500 for fourth. Thus, only two horses will not share in the payoff.

The weatherman sees a few showers between now and post time, but fair and warm is the general prediction. With limited seating, a none-too-large lawn in front of the stands and the infield closed to spectators, the ancient but refurbished track is expected to be packed to capacity of 30,000. The race has a 5:45 5DT post time and will be televised in the United States by CBS and in Canada by the CBC.

All six horses were on the track Wednesday morning for gallops.

The jockeys are not expected to arrive until Friday, with Willie Shoemaker coming from California to handle Hill Rise. Bill Hartack again will be astride Northern Dancer as he was in the Kentucky Derby when the Canadian - bred colt, owned by Toronto industrialist E. P. Taylor, beat Hill Rise by a neck. The Scoundrel was third in the Derby, Roman Brother fourth and Quadrangle fifth after being bumped at the start. Big Pete won the six-furlong Delaware Valley Stakes at Garden State Park the week before the Derby.

Trainer Horatio Luro, after watching Northern Dancer gallop a mile, said he isn't concerned that his horse again has been made the second choice to Hill Rise.

An early line posted by the track handicapper quoted Hill Rise at 7 to 5, Northern Dancer at 2 to 1, The Scoundrel 4 to 1, Quadrangle and Roman Brother 8 to 1 and Big Pete 20 to 1.

"I guess the handicappers were going by the workouts," said Luro. "But what a horse does in the morning doesn't mean what he'll do in the afternoon, especially when horses like these are in the best of condition."

The suave Argentine was referring to Hill Rise's mile workout of 1:40¼ Tuesday and Northern Dancer's none-too-impressive 1:42 3-5 on Monday.

NOTICE

The West Prince Development Foundation invites all farmers interested in growing sugar beets, grain corn, soya beans, tomatoes and burley tobacco and learning about a new farming program, to attend a meeting in the Alberton Court House Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

Andrew Wells, Chairman.

Pro Baseball Clubs Announce Final Cuts

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Veterans and rookies felt the axe as major league baseball clubs cut their rosters to the mandatory 25-player limit by midnight Wednesday.

Several clubs made the necessary cuts several days ago.

Among those lopped off Wednesday were Harry Bright, a versatile utility man for the New York Yankees who has spent the better part of 15 of his 18 baseball years in the minor leagues.

Bright, 34, earned a World Series share in 1963 when he played in 60 games and hit .236. He struck out twice as a pinch hitter against the Dodgers in the series.

The lists of cuts Wednesday by clubs:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York—Sent first baseman-outfielder Harry Bright to Richmond of the International League on 24-hour recall option.

Washington — Sold pitcher Howie Koplitz to Toronto of the International League and optioned catcher Ken Retzer to same club on 24-hour recall.

Boston — Sold pitcher Wilbur Wood to Seattle of the Pacific Coast League and placed ailing outfielder Gary Geiger on the voluntary retired list at his own request.

Minnesota — Sent pitcher Dwight Siebler and outfielder Joe Nossek to Atlanta of the International League.

Kansas City — Released outfielder Gino Cimoli.

Cleveland — Optioned pitcher Jerry Walker to Jacksonville of the International League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York — Optioned first baseman - outfielder Ed Kranepool, shortstop Al Moran and outfielder Larry Elliot to Buffalo of the International League on a 24-hour recall basis.

St. Louis — Optioned pitcher Paul Speckenbach to Rock Hill, S.C., of the Western Carolina League on 24-hour recall.

Philadelphia — Sold pitcher Ryne Duren to Cincinnati and asked waivers on third baseman Don Hoak.

Pittsburgh — Optioned pitchers Frank Bork and Tom Sisk and outfielder Rex Johnston to Columbus of the International League on 24-hour recall.

Eddie Bush To Attend Hockey Clinic

Vance Toner, chief instructor for the second annual Atlantic Provinces Regional hockey leadership institute has announced that Eddie Bush, former outstanding Detroit Red Wings defenceman, will be assisting with the Hockey Clinic when it gets underway at Dalhousie University on August 16th.

A native of Collingwood, Ontario, Bush began his hockey career in his hometown and then moved to Guelph, Ontario as a Junior. In 1938 he turned professional with the Detroit Red Wings, and in 1942 established an NHL record for the most points scored by a defenceman in one Stanley Cup play-off game. At the end of the 1942 season, he joined the RCAF and played with service teams in both Toronto and Halifax.

Following the end of the Second World War, he returned to professional hockey in the American Hockey League, and then moved to the Sherbrooke Saints of the Quebec Senior League. In 1950 he began his coaching career in Collingwood and later moved to Guelph where he coached the Junior "A" entry for six consecutive years. In 1962 he coached the Hamilton Red Wings to the Memorial Cup.

During the past two summers, he has served as instructor at the Detroit Red Wings Hockey School.

Bush has contributed twenty years of service to amateur hockey in Canada—ten years as a player, ten years as a coach —as well as twelve years as a professional.

The deadline for applications for the hockey institute has been set for June 1st. Application forms are available from: David Boswell, Director of Physical Education, Charlottetown.

Baseball Player Files Law Suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Don Rudolph, pitcher formerly with Washington Senators and now with Toronto Maple Leafs of the International Baseball League, has filed a $1,000,000 Superior Court suit against Police Chief William H. Parker, two detectives and the city of Los Angeles.

The complaint filed Tuesday charges police with illegal search and seizure, false arrest and malicious prosecution.

PROBABLE PITCHERS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Probable pitchers for today's major league baseball games, won and lost records in parentheses:

American League

New York, Bouton (3-1) at Detroit, Wicksham (4-2).

Chicago, Peters (3-1) at Minnesota, Arrigo (2-0).

Baltimore, Estrada (0-0) at Washington, Koch (0-0), (N).

Only games scheduled.

National Leagueu

Los Angeles, Koufax (2-3) and Drysdale (4-1) at Chicago, Ellsworth (2-3) and Jackson (5-1), (2).

Milwaukee, Spahn (2-2) at New York, Stallard (2-4).

St. Louis Broglio (2-1) or Gibson (3-0) at Philadelphia, Bennett (3-2), (N).

San Francisco, Sanford (3-3) at Houston, Bruce (3-1), (N).

Only games scheduled.

BASEBALL SCORES

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

National League

Los Angeles at Chicago, ppd rain.

Milwaukee	000 000 020—	2	11	0
New York	11 200 10x—	5	9	9

Cloninger (2-2), Hoeft (5), Smith (6), Niekro (8) and Bailey; Fisher (1-1), Bearnarth (8) and Gonder. HR: NY—Gonder (2).

St. Louis at Philadelphia, ppd, rain.

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, ppd, rain.

American League

Baltimore at Washington, ppd, rain.

Undtd add AL linescore

Boston	000 000—	0	2	2
Cleveland	100 1108	3	6	0

Morehead (1-3), Earley (6) and Tillman; Donovan, Siebert (1-0) (4) and Azcue.

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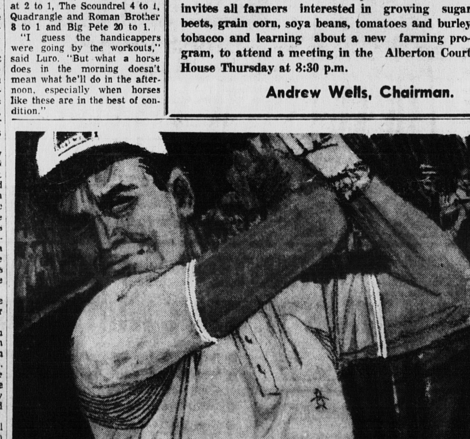

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