

SPORTS FRONT



Island Sees Banner Season

By CHRIS ANNETT.

Another year has drifted by and a few more pages have been added to the history of sport both on the island and internationally.

Alberton's most famous native, Joe O'Brien hatched on to a real gem in the form of Armbro Flight and has won acclaim from all corners of the racing fraternity.

On the local scene the fabulous Andy's Son, owned by the Wheby brothers of Dartmouth, dominated the Maritimes and came up with that mud-splattered triumph in the Gold Cup and Saucer classic.

HOCKEY THRIVES

Saint Dunstan's University and Billy MacMillan let the rest of Canada know for the first time in recent years that hockey has not completely died out on the Island.

Billy MacMillan, star of the team, joined the Canadian club this fall and although his progress was rather slow at the first of the season he has been making giant strides of late.

Sandy's Royals took the second Maritimes title for the Island in the form of the intermediate title.

Three other Islanders, Kevin Smith, Jack MacEachern and Paul MacWilliams began to make names for themselves in rugged competition as they joined the newly formed Halifax Junior Canadians.

BASEBALL CONTINUES STRONG

While on the subject of Legionnaires we might as well switch the topic to baseball. The Prince Edward Island entry at the Canadian Baseball Championships led by the great hurling of Mike Kelly might have lost two games but they endeared themselves to the hearts of Winnipeg baseball fans with their game performance.

The juvenile club from Montague also came up with a Maritime crown as they too played off against a Halifax club.

Track and field also had a great year and the Islander Track and Field club, led by the burly Bob Simmonds, Andy Arsenault, Billy MacKinnon and Heather MacLean made Maritimes sit up and take notice.

Many other sports enjoyed banner years. Doug Cameron's great foursome were runners up in the Tournament of Champions and Island rinks gave a good account of themselves in national competitions.

MAN OF THE YEAR

In closing this New Year summary I would like to give one man credit for I felt that he has done much to spread the image of the Island throughout Canada.

May I take this opportunity to wish every one a Happy New Year and hope that it brings many many happy moments.



WHERE'S THE SNOW

Kansas University freshman Jim Ryan crossed the finish line in the 3,000 meter to set a new Sugar Bowl record in New Orleans yesterday.



CHANDLER STILL PRACTICING

Green Bay Packers kicking specialist Don Chandler, right, practices field goals today as Paul Hornung, left, Jerry Kramer, no. 76, and Bart Starr, kneeling, watch.

Chief Is On The War Path; Leafs Hope He Will Stay

By JERRY GLADMAN

Canadian Press Staff Writer The Chief is on the warpath again and Toronto Maple Leafs are hoping he won't remove the war paint until at least the spring.

The Chief—his father was Irish, his mother Algonquin—is 35-year-old George Armstrong and he has been patrolling right wing for the Leafs since his debut in the National Hockey League in 1951.

It's been conceded that Armstrong, who was named Chief Shoot-the-Puck by an Alberta tribe in 1950, has lost a step or two in the last two years, but Leafs need his savvy if they intend to make a successful run at first place.

They head into weekend action only four points out of first place—three behind Montreal Canadiens and one back of Detroit Red Wings.

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HUNTER'S CORNER

Old Year Draws To Close; PEI Sees Successful Year

The old year is standing on the sidelines awaiting the take-over from Christmas. Old 1965 has no apologies to offer for there is no need for apology.

On a November afternoon this fall I went for a long walk over boyhood territory. It was a sort of dream day with soft sunshines and perfectly calm.

It was a dream summer for the beach. Sunny and warm. It was the driest summer for many years and yet the potato crop was tops.

My daughter Marie, Mrs. John Anderson, Calgary, Alberta and her two boys, David and Stephen, visited us last summer and practically lived at the beach.

It was quite a change from her last visit to the Island. It rained most every day and was cold along with it.

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Canadians Break Through; Gain World Recognition

By JIM CRERAR

Canadian Press Staff Writer Canadians broke through to become the best in the world in several sports events in 1965.

Bill Crothers won recognition as the top half-mile, Petra Burka became No. 1 woman figure skater, Dan Sherry set a world record in swimming.

Close behind in the hunt for international honors was Nancy Greene who established her claim as the best woman skier in North America.

And a Canadian-bred trotter was named the top three-year-old in harness racing in the United States.

Crothers, the bespectacled pharmacist from Markham, Ont., won just about every race entered, including a big one over Olympic champion Peter Snell of New Zealand in Toronto in June.

Miss Burka, 19-year-old Torontoian, won the world figure skating title at Colorado Springs, Colo., in March.

Sherry, the swimmer from Hamilton, set a world record in the 110-yard butterfly at the British national championships in Blackpool.

The four-man bobsled team, with two members of the 1964 Olympic gold medal winners, Eric Emery of Montreal and Peter Kirby of St. Jovite, Que., won the world title at St. Moritz, Switzerland.

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BILL CROTHERS

Norden and Alpine Meadows, Calif., and Crystal Mountain, Wash.

Also at Crystal Mountain, Peter Duncan of Montreal won the American combined title.

Armbro Flight, owned and bred by Armstrong brothers Elgin and Ted and Elgin's son Charles, of Brampton, Ont., won 22 of 26 trotting starts and earned \$232,200.

Armbro Flight won such notable races as the Kentucky Futurity, the Dexter Cup at Roosevelt Raceway and the American Trotting Classic in California.

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A couple of Canadian athletes who distinguished themselves in the U.S. were jockey Bill Turcotte of Grand Falls, N.B., and golfer George Knudson of Toronto.

Turcotte capped a fine year with a win in the Preakness Stakes aboard Tom Rolfe. Knudson earned \$35,000 on the U.S. pro tour.

Ron Feagan, 23, of Goderich, Ont., outdistilled Gilles Lachance of Montreal to become Canada's top harness racing driver.

Whistling Sea, owned by Paul Olivier of Calgary, became the first horse from outside Ontario to win the Queen's Plate in its 106-year history.

Americans continued to run away with the Canadian open golf title, Gene Littler of Las Vegas, Nev. winning at Toronto. But Canada won its first America's Cup title over Mexico and the U.S.

WESTERNER WINS GOLF Will Homenick of Winnipeg won the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association Championship, George Henry of Valdeola, Ga., took the Canadian amateur, and Ian Thomas of London, Ont., won the Canadian Junior.

Alberta won the Winnipeg Cup in interprovincial men's play and Ontario took the women's interprovincial team title.

Neil Harvey of Toronto won her second successive Canadian women's chess title and Jocelyne Bourassa of Trois-Rivieres, Que., an 18-year-old high school student, won the women's open.

In hockey, Montreal Canadiens ended Toronto Maple Leafs' three-year string of Stanley Cup by defeating Chicago Black Hawks four games to three in the final.

Canada's national team lost three games at the world tournament and finished fourth behind the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Sweden.

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Sherbrooke Beavers took the Allan Cup senior crown in the final against Nelson Maple Leafs. University of Manitoba Bisons defeated St. Dunstan's Saints of Charlottetown in the national college-hockey tournament.

BLUES WIN WEST Winnipeg Blue Bombers, last in 1964, won the Western Conference title in the Canadian Football League but lost 23-16 to Hamilton Tiger-Cats in a wind-swept Grey Cup final at Toronto.

Toronto East York Argonauts won their second successive senior football title, defeating Winnipeg St. James's Rams, Montreal Notre Dame de Grace won the junior crown over Edmonton Huskies and University of Toronto Blues defeated University of Alberta Golden Bears in the first Canadian Save the Children College Bowl.

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Bruins, Wings Make Trade

BOSTON (AP)—Boston Bruins Thursday traded veteran left winger Parker MacDonald to the Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League for centre Hubert Martin.

The Bruins obtained MacDonald, 33, from the Red Wings last spring.

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Post Season Bowl Games See 14 Teams Hit Grid

By THE CANADIAN PRESS United States college football's biggest post-season weekend puts seven games on display today and New Year's Day, including four bowl games featuring the year's six top teams.

Today, Donny Anderson, twice All-American halfback, will lead Texas Tech against Georgia Tech in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.; rifle-armed Billy Stevenson and his Texas Western teammates will play favored Texas Christian in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex., and East will tangle with West in the Shrine game at San Francisco.

In the Saturday spectaculars, top-ranked Michigan State plays fifth-ranked UCLA in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.; Arkansas, No. 2, takes on Louisiana State in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas; third-ranked Nebraska and fourth-ranked Alabama battle in the Orange Bowl at Miami; and sixth-ranked Missouri meets Florida in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans.

CBC-TV will carry the Rose Bowl game, which starts at 5 p.m. EST.

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HELLO '66. As we greet the New Year, we want to wish our friends a truly prosperous 1966! ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION. Charlottetown Branch.

DART RESULTS

The following are results of play in the 1965 Inter-Club Dart League 1965.

Brace "A" at CLA 4-1; Legion "A" at Brace "B" 3-2. Sgts. Mess at Sportman 2-3. Legion "B" at Firehall 2-3.

STANDINGS Team P W L Pts. Sportman 30 22 8 44. Legion "A" 30 21 9 42. Brace "A" 30 19 11 38. Brace "B" 30 14 16 28. CLA 30 11 19 22. Legion "B" 30 11 19 22. Sgts. Mess 30 11 19 22. Firehall 30 11 19 22.

Schedule for Thurs Jan. 6, 1966 by 9 p.m. Sportman at Brace "A". Brace "B" at Legion "B". Sgts. Mess at CLA (to be played Wed. Jan. 5, 1966). Firehall at Legion "A". Note High Single 140 3-way tie.

SKI-DOO DEMONSTRATION Saturday, Afternoon January 1st At KEITH CARMICHAEL Limited Brackley Pt. Road Sherwood