NO NEED FOR POWER MOWERS AT EPSOM DOWNS

They may not run quite as fast as thoroughbreds, but these sheep literally eat up the ground at famed Epsom Downs race-course. Epsom, England. Munching the lush grass, the sheep help to keep the turf in trim for future racing. The animals spend 10 weeks at the race-course and then go back to the farm for lambing.

Comfort And Convenience For The Race-Track Bettor

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The race-track bettor is a privileged character and should be given every comfort and consideration, says the Ontario Jockey Club. The OJC is doing something about it.

Next year the ground floor of the suburban Toronto New Woodbine clubhouse and general admission stands will be enclosed in glass to provide protection against possible freezing weather for the early spring and late autumn meetings.

OJC officials, jubilant over its most successful year in history, decided on the glass protection after the 196-day 1958 season ended Nov. 20. The track is situated in Malton, about 25 miles northwest from downtown Toronto.

It stands out alone in a vast, almost-treeless acreage, and is an easy mark for bone-rattling early-winter blasts.

The 196-day season attracted 1,687,331 spectators who poured $83,498,483 through the mutuels. The previous records were set in 1957 when 188 days of thoroughbred racing drew 1,407,105 spectators and total wagering was $75,493,319.

HARD TO REPLACE

It's almost axiomatic in sport that when you let an established player go to a rival club he consistently beats your brains out. The situation seems to work in somewhat inverse fashion at times.

Take the transfer of veteran Bert Olmstead from Montreal Canadiens to Toronto Maple Leafs in the National Hockey League.

Bert hasn't been causing his former mates any particular grief when the teams have met so far this season. But have you noticed Canadiens haven't yet found an adequate replacement for the lanky winger from Sceptre, Sask.?

Coach Toe Blake of Canadiens has experimented with Rookie Ab McDonald, Rookie Ralph Backstrom, tough little Marcel Bonin and also, by means of breaking up a line, Andre Pronovost.

The net result has been that Blake is still looking. His latest move was to send McDonald back to the leftwing spot, working with Jean Beliveau and Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion. Much had been expected of McDonald, a tall, angular and husky boy, but he is still to produce acceptably. Montreal fans have started to get down on him, more so since Canadiens let Bonin go to Rochester of the American Hockey League. His stay there is supposed to be limited.

Thus, while Olmstead isn't putting the puck into the net against his former mates, that spot he vacated still has a vacant look about it. Olmstead was the feeder for Beliveau and Geoffrion, the man who could go into the corners, dig out the puck and whip it to either of the two blistering-shot artists.

In his last two seasons or so with Canadiens Olmstead was bothered with a gimpy knee. It's a safe bet that at the moment Canadiens would welcome anybody of Olmstead's calibre, even with two gimpy knees.

INJURY GRIEF

Player injuries of any kind can cause lots of grief to a coach and his club, to say nothing of the fellows injured. This season Boston Bruins have been hard hit. Both defenceman Doug Mohns and Centre Bronco Horvath have been sidelined with fractured jaws. Doug Harvey, all - star Montreal defenceman, was out with a serious ankle injury.

The matter of injuries has prompted the great Art Ross, now in retirement in Boston, to come out with a suggestion aimed at curbing serious injuries. Ross was an outstanding player in his day and later headed the top brass of the Bruins for years.

Ross' suggestion is this: Sideline the player who caused the injury. Keep him out of the game until the injured player returns.

If Ross' suggestion was followed, Bob Pulford of the Leafs would be idle. It was his elbow—it is claimed the Leafs were wearing a barred type of elbow pad—that broke Mohns' jaw.

"But the NHL will never adopt the plan," said Ross. "I've advocated it for years to keep down sticks and elbow.

"The penalties haven't been serious enough. If you cross-check a man in the face, breaking his nose, and that man is out for two weeks, the player inflicting the penalty should not be permitted to play for the same length of time."

Further, Ross declares elbow pads are to protect a player falling to the ice. They are not to be used as a weapon on offence.

Champ Cowboy Is A Tough Hand

By JIM MONROE

HENRYETTA, Okla. (AP)—Jim Shoulders doesn't throw much bull and he doesn't let many throw him.

He won't tell you this, but he is the toughest of the "tough hands." He's the king of the rodeo cowboys, the most bone - crunching sport to be found.

He has won 11 world championships, three more than any other cowboy. He has earned more money on bucking bulls and broncos than any other cowboy, and he is the only man to win a triple Crown more than one year.

For the last two years, Shoulders has won championships in wild bull riding, bareback bronc riding and all - around performance. And he is nearing a third straight triple crown this year.

Shoulders has been competing in rodeos for half of his 30 years. He has earned about $350,000 in prizes and endorsements, plus a roomful of saddles, buckles and trophies.

Why has he bucked higher than all the rest?

Partly it is the keen sense of balance and quick reflexes of the 5-foot-11, 160-pound native Oklahoman. But more than that, it probably is due to his toughness, dogged determination and daring.

SPURS HIS BULLS

A competing cowboy will tell you the rules don't require a rider to spur bucking bulls. But Jim is 'raking them high" every jump of the ride.

"He's been bucked at times because he won't stop spurring," says one cowboy.

Last year at Lewiston, Idaho, a bronc bounced him so savagely his collarbone was torn loose. Shoulders finished the painful ride, bandaged his shoulder tightly and climbed on another bucking horse the next day.

'Y' Hoopsters Beat Amherst

Earl MacKinnon took his Amherst Trotters into town Saturday for a basketball game with the Charlottetown Y.M.C.A.

The 'Y' hoopsters weren't the ideal hosts as they hung a 61-44 defeat on the visiting bordertown outfit.

The locals led 36-15 at the halfway mark but were hard pressed by the Nova Scotians in the final half who outscored the 'Y' outfit 29-25.

Top point getters were Wendall MacLean of the winners and P. Tompkins of the losers. Each man collected 17 points. Only other one to get into the double figures bracket was Amherst's W. Noiles. He garnered 11 points.

The game was played in the Y.M.A. gymnasium and was handled by Donnie MacLean and 'Red' Howatt.

Bets On Trotters Exceed Those Of Running Tracks

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time in the 19-year history of pari-mutuel wagering in New York, betting on the trotters in 1958 exceeded the totals for the running tracks.

Trotting at nine parimutuel tracks in New York was licensed for many more days than the flat, or thoroughbred tracks. There were 654 racing days compared with 210 days at the runners.

But what finally pushed the sulky parimutuel handle past the runners was construction of the new $20,000,000 Roosevelt Raceway on Long Island and the rebuilt Yonkers Raceway, a $17,500,000 layout.

Attendance at the trotters hit a high of 7,050,002, and betting jumped to $465,384,651, both records.

At the running tracks, wagering totalled $415,684,906. The per capita wagering was highest for the flat track attendance was 5,041,326.

S'Side Minor Hockey Schedule

S. A. A. Minor Hockey program:

Monday, December 8 — 4 - 4.30 Pee Wee 1 vs 5; 4.30 - 5.00 Pee Wee 2 vs. 4; 5.00 - 6.00 School Team vs. Kensington; 6.00 - 6.30 Paperweight Majors.

Tuesday — 4.00 - 4.30 Paperweight Beginners; 4.30 - 5.00 Pee Wee 3 vs. 6; 5.00 - 6.00 Bantam 1 vs. 6.

Thursday — 4:00 - 4.30 Paperweight Beginners; 4.30 - 5.00 Paperweight Majors; 5.00 - 6.00 School Team vs. Juveniles.

Friday — 4.00 - 4.45 Bantam 2 vs. 3; 4.45 - 5.30 Bantam 4 vs. 5; 5.30 - 6.00 Pee Wee 1 vs. 2; 6.00 - 7.00 Midget 1 vs. 2.

Saturday — 8.30 - 9.15 Bantam 1 vs. 2; 9.15 - 10 Bantam 3 vs. 4; 10 - 10.45 Bantam 5 vs. 6; 10.45 - 11.15 Paperweight Juniors; 11.15 - 11.45 Paperweight Majors; 11.45 - 12.30 Pee Wee 3 vs. 4; 12.30 - 1.00 Pee Wee 5 vs. 6; 4.30 - 5.30 Juvenile Practise; 5.30 - 6.00 Midget 1 vs. 3.

Minor Hockey Program Today

Only minor hockey activity scheduled for Sports Arena today is a Midget game between QCHS Vics and QCHS Royals. Game time is 6:00 p.m. and coaches Al Rogers and Harry Sentner are asking a full turnout of their players for this tune-up contest.

CURLING SCHEDULE

The following is the Curling Draw for Monday night in the chicken bonspiel.

7 P. M.

Ice 1 — D. Saunders, Dr. Moreside, R. Ketch, Dr. Kelly vs. Dr. Prowse, B. LeClair, D. Goodspeed I. Dowling.

Ice 2 — F. Acorn, C. Whitlock, L. Campbell, F. Bradley vs. Dr. Giddings, D. Walker, R. MacGregor, Dr. Higgins.

Ice 3 — B. McNeill, R. Boyne, Geo. Kays, D. Fontaine vs. Dr MacDonald, H. Sear, C. Asprey, Dr. Drysdale.

Ice 4 — D. Cameron, A. Bagnall, W. Millar, B. Acorn vs. J.S MacDonald, G. Bennett, B. Cox, J. Squarebriggs.

Ice 5 — Dr. Gallant, Dr. Hooper, B. MacGregor D. Jardine vs. Doug Hill, F. Cox K. Ready, A. Ballem.

8:30 P. M.

Ice 1 — Open for scratch game.

Ice 2 — J. Squarebriggs, A. Burke, D. Fraser, M. Coutour vs F. Hansen, P. O'Rourke, L. Windsor, G. Ives.

Ice 3 — W. MacLaine, G. Dillon C. Whitenect, I. MacLeod vs C. MacDonald, T. Whitlock, B. Fischl, D. Ginley.

Ice 4 — J. Burden, A. Llewellyn, D. Smith, N. Kelly vs. F. Curtis, Al. Saunders, L. Steeves, L. Stone.

Ice 5 — Open for scratch game

NOTICE OF MEETING

Fish and Game Meeting of the Queens County Branch of the P. E. I. Fish and Game Association will be held Tuesday evening Dec. 9th, at 7:30 in the Canadian Legion Hall. Election of New Officers for 1959.

All Members urged to be present & cast your vote.

Biggest Turn-Out Ever, Seen This Year In Minor Leagues

Saturday was one of the busiwitnessed at Sports Arena or est, if not the busiest, day ever Forum as it was previously named. The occasion was the second session of this year's minor hockey set-up and 700 boys from the City and surrounding areas took part as 45 teams ere worked out and organized.

From a previous workout it would seem that there will also be 2 or 3 school-girl teams in the City as well, so with games for 48 teams weekly and a couple of skating sessions for young people who are not taking part in hockey, the City minor hockey leagues, sponsored by the Charlottetown Playground Commission and Abegweit AAA, are providing a wonderful program for the young folk inn the limited time at their disposal.

Due to the increased participation in the various hockey leagues, Saturday's activities this season will get underway at 6:45 a.m. rather than the previous 7.45 a.m. starting time.

It is realized this is a pretty early starting hour but officials in charge feel the boys will all cooperate in this effort to give more ice time to all and as their turn comes along they will gladly roll out a bit earlier on the odd Saturday.

This year's minor leagues will be made up as follows: (figures in brackets represent last year's number of teams).

Paperweights 12 (10); Peewees 17 (10); Bantams 8 (6); Midgets 6 (6); Juveniles 1 (1); two teams in this league). Girls (SDU and PWC provide the other 3 (1) -- This is an estimated figure but it is hoped to have a 3-team league.

This year's schools or areas where schools are smaller, hence combined, are represented as follows by teams: Prince Street has 3 Pee Wee and 3 Paperweight teams.

West Kent has one Pee Wee and two paperweight squads; Queen Square has turned out 5 Paperweight and 6 Pee Wee teams; Spring Park has one Paperweight and one Pee Wee team; Central Royalty, Parkdale, Southport and Model Schools combined to produce one Paperweight, three Pee Wee, one Bantam and two Midget teams; Queen Charlotte High has two Pee Wee, four Bantam and two Midget teams and Birchwood High has three Bantam and two Midget teams.

Regularly scheduled league games will get underway next week in all leagues, so boys are asked to watch the papers for time of their games, etc.

All the regular officials and coaches who have faithfully helped out in the various leagues the last few years are back again, giving a helping hand and there is room for more interested Dads to assist due to the increase in interest and numbers taking part this year.

To date only about half the boys taking part have registered and paid their nominal fee which in a small way helps defray the expense of this large-scale recreational plan.

Boys are asked to hand this fee in to leaders at their schools this week because as league play gets underway, officials will have no time to look after issuing tickets, etc., so this is the last week to get registered unless other arrangements have been made.

All in charge will be looking forward to cooperation of boys and girls in this matter which pertains to all taking part--Paperweights, Pee Wees, Bantams, Midgets, Juveniles and Girls.

Habs Crush Rangers 6-0; Leafs, Wings Cop Wins

MONTREAL (CP)—Goalie Jacques Plante was credited with an assist on a goal—a rarity among new-minders—in a 6-0 runaway win Saturday night for Montreal Canadiens over New York Rangers.

The shutout was the fourth of the National League season for Plante, whose teammates widely outplayed the Rangers in throwing 49 shots at New York goalie Lorne (Gump) Worsley.

Rookie Alvin MacDonald scored two of Montreal's goals, doubling his season's output. The others were counted by Bernie Geoffrion Maurice Richard, rookie Ralph Backstrom and Marcel Bonin.

Plante's assist was the first in the NHL in four seasons. It came on Montreal's first goal, scored by Geoffrion at 8:31 of the opening period. The play started with Plante passing up to defenceman Doug Harvey, who relayed to Geoffrion. The Boomer went on to blast a 25-foot backhand shot past Worsley.

The official scorer at first credited only Harvey with an assist. Subsequently, referee Lou Farelli officially awarded an assist also to Plante.

It was the first assist for an NHL goalie since the 1954-55 season, when Terry Sawchuk of Detroit Red Wings was credited with one.

SUMMARY

First period: 1. Montreal, Geoffrion (Harvey, Plante) 8:31. Penalties: Howell 4:30, Bartlett 13:27.

Second period: 2. Montreal, MacDonald (Geoffrion, Talbot) 3:07; 3. Montreal, MacDonald (Backstrom, Provost) 9:05; 4. Montreal, M. Richard (Moore, Talbot) 13:47; 5. Montreal, Backstrom (Geoffrion) 14:16. Penalties: Howell 7:45, 9:37, Goyette 17:55.

Third period: 6. Montreal, Bonin (Marshall, Provost) 13:46. Penalties: Turner 3:14, Gadsby 15:45.

Stops:

Worsley	15	17	11	—43
Plante	8	3	8	—19

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Maple Leafs, finding new life with the guidance of long - injured George Armstrong, maintained their strange mastery of Boston Bruins Saturday night as they whipped the Beantowners 4-1 in a National Hockey League game.

Armstrong, 200-pound rightwinger who was out for a month with a groin injury, sparked the unpredictable Leafs with two goals and tossed his weight around with authority.

Leafs, still last in the league race, ran their total victories to seven for the season. Four wins have come in six games against Bruins. Leafs lost one of them and tied in the other.

SUMMARY

First period: No scoring. Penalty: Gendron 16:16.

Second period: 1. Toronto, Duff (Stewart, Mahovlich) 2:47; 2. Toronto, G. Armstrong (Creighton, Mahovlich) 16:27; 3. Toronto, G. Armstrong (Creighton, Olmstead) 17:19; 4. Boston, McKenney 17:4 Penalties: Labine 1:24, G. Armstrong 4:35, Morrison 13:53, MacKell 14:48.

Third period: 5. Toronto, Stewart (Creighton, Olmstead) 11:3 Penalties: Regan 10:04, Bria Cullen 17:53, R. Armstrong 19:10.

Stops:

Simmons	5	12	4	—21
Bower	10	8	8	—26

CHICAGO (AP) — Two fast goals in the third period by Red Kelly gave Detroit Red Wings a 4-3 victory over Chicago Black Hawks in a televised National Hockey League game Saturday.

Kelly's shots came 16 seconds apart. Hawk goalie Glenn Hall saw neither.

Detroit's other two goals were scored in the first period by Warren Godfrey, Kelly's defensive mate.

Chicago gained its short-lived 3-2 lead on a pair of first-period goals by centre Kenny Wharram and one by defenceman Dollar St. Laurent in the second.

First period: 1. Detroit, Godfrey (Ullman, Howe) 6:03; 2. Detroit, Godfrey (Howe, Ullman) 7:49; 3. Chicago, Wharram (Murphy, Lewicki) 11:23; 4. Chicago, Wharram (Lewicki, Murphy) 16:17. Penalties: Kennedy 8:06.

Second period: 5. Chicago, St. Laurent (Balfour, Hull) 9:06. Penalties: Vasko 1:53.

Third period: 6. Detroit, Kelly (Laforge) 4:39; 7. Detroit, Kelly (Ullman, Delvecchio) 4:54; Penalties: None.

Stops:

Sawchuk	10	12	10	—32
Hall	11	11	14	—36

West Wins All-Star Tilt; Field Conditions Horrible

By JACK SULLIVAN

HAMILTON (CP)—The West beat the East 9-3 in the annual all-star Shrine football game here Saturday, but the scoreboard told only part of the story. Weather conditions for this end-of-season spectacle were atrocious, just as they've been since its inception four years ago.

The field resembled a strip of concrete, a bone-rattling 35-mile-an-hour northeast wind slashed across the stadium and the temperature reading was well below the freezing point. Any resemblance to football was incidental.

The ball wobbled, reversed direction and did many other crazy things on punts, passes and pitchouts. Players, unable to get solid traction on the frozen surface despite the use of running shoes instead of cleats, slid helplessly on knees and elbows.

ALWAYS BEEN BAD

The classic held each year in early December, has been ill-fated from the start.

In 1955 at Torontol players sloshed through mud and rain to a 6-6 tie. In 1956 at Vancouver, the West won 35-0 in rain, mud and fog and a plane carrying players home crashed, killing five western players, four of them all-stars. In 1957 at Montreal, the East took the honors 20-2 on a field that was a combination of mud, water and ice.

A crowd of about 5,000 watched Saturday's game. Another estimated 10,000 bought tickets but stayed close to the fireside. The proceeds, minus $250 to each player on the winning team and $250 to each of the losing team's personnel, are turned over to the Shriners to aid their crippled children's hospitals in Montreal and Winnipeg.

The final count in dollars and cents may not be known for days and the most pressing problem now concerns the future of the game. Team executives from Montreal to Vancouver, who supply the all-star players, have the say.

The subject was kicked around in informal post-game conversation at a civic reception given by the city for players and officials and the consensus was that the game should be played in mid-July, before the start of the regular Big Four and Western Interprovincial Union schedules.

FEAR INJURIES

Club executives have shied clear of this early-season date because of the possibility of injury to key players. The subject most likely will come up at the annual meetings of the Canadian Football League in January and the Canadian Rugby Union two months later.

Almost forgotten in Saturday's game post-mortem was the fact that the result gave the West a clean sweep of Canadian football honors this year—the Grey Cup, junior and intermediate championships—just as in 1956 when the West took all the honors, capped by the all-star triumph at Vancouver.

That year, Frank Tripucka of Saskatchewan Roughriders tossed four touchdown passes. Saturday, he figured in the game's only touchdown pass—a second-quarter nine-yard toss to Kenny Ploen of the Grey Cup champion Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

That ended the scoring except for three second-half singles by Vic Chapman of British Columbia Lions.

EAST GETS NOWHERE

The Eastern all - stars scored only one legitimate point, and that came about in the opening 15 minutes when Cam Fraser of Hamilton Tiger - Cats booted a single. Their other two points, scored a few minutes earlier, were a gift when Jackie Parker of Edmonton Eskimos conceded a safety touch from the 11-yard line.

The east led 3-0 until early in the second quarter when Tripucka took over the signal-calling duties from Parker. With the ball on the West 46, Tripucka shot a 45-yard pass to Saskatchewan's Jack Hill, the leading scorer in the western conference this year, and Ploen took the game-winning pass three plays later.

The statistics pointed up the West's advantage. They got 21 first downs against only seven for the East. They ended with a 216-119 advantage on yards gained on the ground and 172-92 in the air. Western passers — Tripucka, Parker and Jimmy Van Pelt of Winnipeg — completed 10 of 20 with one interception against 11 of 27 and two interceptions for Bernie Faloney and Sam Etcheverry.

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