

Sports

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IN THIS CORNER

To Race Or Not To Race Is Big Question Locally

What's ahead in the realm of horse racing in Charlottetown during the summer months, is at the moment, the hottest question in circulation locally. Rumours have been flying about in such abundance that it has been difficult to select the wheat from the chaff. For example early last week we heard that a local man would be leasing the Driving Park and handling the Charlottetown racing himself. Later it was reported from an authoritative source that three local men were involved and that the news would be released as soon as the necessary legal proceedings had been completed.

Still another report hit our office yesterday afternoon. This latest report was, in effect, that five individuals, closely connected with the sport of harness racing, would be sponsoring the summer's racing at the Driving Park and had signed the necessary lease.

The report was, and as far as we could find out, still unofficial. In an endeavour to get a more complete release we contacted a few of the horsemen that we heard were involved in the transaction. Their comments shed little light on the rumour, other than to substantiate the fact that negotiations for the use of the track were indeed being made. When we related the latest rumour to H.J. Kennedy, President of the Exhibition Association, he said, "You heard wrong. There is nothing to release."

Well known Island horseman Roy Bevaus, allegedly another of the five man syndicate endeavouring to keep horse racing alive in the city said; "there are a lot of rumours floating around lately. I have nothing to report." Mr. Bevaus directed us to W.G. Barbour, whom he said, might have something to report. However Mr. Barbour's comments were only slightly more enlightening than those of the two gentlemen previously interviewed. Said Mr. Barbour: "There is nothing definite. We don't know what the outcome will be yet."

The fourth and fifth members reputedly a part of the group, a Summerside horseman and Frank Duck Avorn were not available for comment last night.

So there you have it. Now you know as much as we do, which, as is apparent, isn't a great deal. The one thing that, to this writer at least, seems certain is that there will be racing at the Driving Park this summer. It may not be sponsored by the Driving Park officials but it will be sponsored by somebody.

SPORT FORUM

Retired Unbeaten As Heavy Champion - James Jefferies

Sir. — James J. Jefferies began his professional boxing career in 1896 and stepped down from the ring in 1910. During 11 of those 14 years Jefferies ruled the heavyweight division and out of 25 bouts had his hand raised in victory 20 times.

Jefferies got his first break at the big time when he signed on as the sparring partner of Gentleman Jim Corbett in 1897 when Corbett was in training for his title match with Bob Fitzsimmons. There are many versions of what actually did happen at the training camp but whatever it was it raised Jefferies' stock as a fighter. One version had it that Jefferies knocked Corbett down; in another Corbett was knocked cold.

After that Jefferies returned to this native California and engaged in a series of bouts. He flattened Young Van Buskirk and Harry Baker in two rounds and held Gus Ruhlin, one of the top heavyweights of the day, to a 20 round draw. He held Joe Choynski to a draw and then followed knockout victories over Peter Jackson, Pete Everett and Joe Goddard.

After a decision of Tom Skarkey Jefferies headed east. There he out-punched Bob Armstrong, but was far from his best in doing it. As the fates would have it, however, it was this poor showing that got him his chance at the heavyweight crown, then held by Bob Fitzsimmons.

On June 8th, 1899, at Coney Island Jefferies chilled Fitz in 11 rounds.

Jefferies gave most of the credit for his success to his instructor Tommy Ryan who taught him just about everything he knew. Amongst his teachings was the "Jefferies Crouch" which became one of the most effective tactics in boxing.

In defense of his title Jefferies defeated Tom Skaerkey in 25 rounds; in two bouts against his old friend Jim Corbett, Jefferies scored a knockout and a t.k.o., and knocked out Fitzsimmons in 8 rounds.

Engaged in a series of exhibition bouts Jefferies suffered the first knockdown of his career at the hands of an unknown youngster named Jack Munroe. The champ was forced into giving Munroe a crack at the title, but, as was expected, Munroe was no match whatever for Jefferies and was belted away in two rounds.

Jefferies retired from the ring on May 13, 1905, as the undefeated champion of the world. But he returned in 1910 for a bout with Jack Johnson, John L. Sullivan and Jim Corbett.

Jefferies died March 3rd, 1953, at Burbank, Calif.

I am, Sir, etc.,
WILFRED O. MCCLUSKEY,
Charlottetown

Game Will Be Played To Finish

WINNIPEG (CP)—Jimmy Dunn of Winnipeg, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, said Monday he has ordered the eastern junior hockey final game in Toronto tonight played to a finish.

The original best-of-seven series between Toronto Marlboros and Montreal Canadiens is deadlocked at three games apiece with one game tied.

Dunn said the eighth game will go into 10-minute overtime periods if the score is tied at the end of regulation time and continue until one team holds the lead at the end of a 10-minute session.

The winner meets Regina Pats for the Memorial Cup.



BACKSTROM SHOTS WINNER

Ralph Backstrom (11) of Montreal junior Canadiens rifles the winning goal past goalie Bob Seno of Toronto Marlboros at Toronto to give the Habs a 3-2 victory and force a seventh game in their best-of-seven Eastern Canada junior final. The other Toronto player is defenceman Bob Baun. (CP Photo)

BASEBALL

Results

International League
Toronto 100 000 001—2 8 0
Miami 100 000 000—1 5 0
Hetki. and Griffin; Morehead, Conley (9) and Niarhos.

International League
Buffalo 300 000 000—2 7 0
Richmond 000 000 000—3 1 0
Bowman and Heyman; Coates, Jordan (8) and Thacker.

International League
Rochester 100 004 001—6 10 0
Columbus 000 000 310—4 13 2
Geiger, Markell (7), Deal (8) and Rand; Kume, Holder (7), Meller (8) and Noble.

National League
Cincinnati 000 000 030—3 7 1
St. Louis 300 001 10x—5 10 0
Scantlebury, Gross (5), Jelfcoat (7) and Burgess; Mizell, Kinder (9) and Sami W. Mizell. L. Scantlebury. HRs: Cin—Jablonski. STL—Boyer.

American League
Cleveland at Kansas City (N)—Score (0-1) vs Shantz (1-0)
New York at Baltimore (N)—Ford (1-0) vs Palica (0-1)
Washington at Boston—Ramos (0-0) vs Porterfield (1-0)
(Only games scheduled)

National League
Brooklyn at New York (N)—Erskine (0-0) vs Hearn (0-0)
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (N)—Friend (1-1) vs Rogovin (0-0)
Cincinnati at Milwaukee (N)—Fowler (0-1) vs Spahn (0-0)
Chicago at St. Louis (N)—Jones (1-0) vs Haddix (0-0)

American League
New York 6 1 857 —
Chicago 4 1 800 1
Kansas City 3 3 500 2 1/2
Boston 3 3 500 2 1/2
Detroit 3 4 429 3
Washington 3 5 375 3 1/2
Cleveland 2 4 333 3 1/2
Baltimore 2 5 286 4

Maple Leafs Sell Bionda To Boston

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Bionda, 23-year-old defenceman from Huntsville, Ont., played last season with Pittsburgh Hornets, Leafs' farm club in the American Hockey League.

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Quaker Franchise Is Up For Sale

SASKATOON (CP)—The Saskatoon Quaker franchise in the Western Hockey League went up for sale along with the Saskatoon Arena Tuesday with a combined asking price of \$250,000.

The Arena Rink Ltd. board of directors made the move following refusal by city council Monday night to buy the rink for \$200,000. The arena was built as a community project in 1937.

Directors said the asking price would include the WHL franchise for the professional Quakers, who have incurred heavy losses during the last three years. The rink company operates the club.

RIFLE SCORES

Player	Score
Robert Pitcairn	96
Walter Carver	96
J.D. McAskill	96
Bob Barwise	95
W. MacLean	95
Art Brown	94
Al West	94
Merrill Smith	94
Uttley Birt	92
Ovid Dollar	91
A.J. Cluney	89
Clifford Birt	88
Milt Carver	87
Wallace Coles	87
Jack Andrews	87
Harold Prowse	87
R. Beer	82
Gary Thompson	81
Frank Ross	80
Ivan Morrow	80
Brenda MacKay	80
Judy Birt	80
Marelyn Rice	80
Ted Beer	80
Carol MacLean	80
Ken Burke	80
Don Gallant	80
Robert Seames	80

TIGERS DROP A'S 7-4

Home Runs, Double Plays Help Yanks To 4-1 Win

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Two home runs, one of them a three-run blast by Hank Bauer, and five double plays by the league-leading New York Yankees gave them a 4-1 victory Tuesday over Washington Senators.

Bauer lined a homer into the left field stands in the fourth inning to break up a scoreless pitching duel between loser Chuck Stobbs and sophomore Johnny Kucks.

In the only other game played in the American League Tuesday, Detroit Tigers downed Kansas City Athletics 7-4.

All games in the National League were postponed because of cold weather.

TIES RECORD
The Yanks effectively throttled

the Senators with twin killings. The combination of Gil McDougald, Jerry Lumpe and Bill Skowron rattled off four of the double plays to halt Washington threats. Shortstop Lumpe tied a major league record by participating in five double plays.

Yogi Berra hit his fourth round-tripper of the season in the seventh.

A 24-year-old Canadian rookie pounded a home run and two singles in Detroit's victory over Kansas City.

Reno Bertoina from Windsor, Ont., whose weak hitting has hampered his bid for Detroit's regular second-base job, socked his first major league homer in the eighth, just after Ray Boone hit a Tiger four-bagger.

Bill Tuttle homered in the fourth for the Tigers.

Veteran Steve Gromek went all the way for the winners, yielding a single run in the first inning and a two-run homer to Vic Power in the seventh. Arnold Portocarrero took the loss.

Ti-Cats Sign Two Imports

HAMILTON (CP)—Hamilton Tiger-Cats have signed two more imports.

They are: Don Luft, 245-pound end obtained by trade 10 days ago from Calgary Stampeders, and John Irvine, a 215-pound, six-foot one-inch centre from University of Maryland.

Coach Jim Trimble explained Tuesday that the signing of Irvine was insurance "in face of the doubtful army status of Wingo Avery, the centre we signed earlier this year."

PROBABLE PITCHERS

NEW YORK (AP)—Probable pitchers in today's major league baseball games (won-lost records in parentheses):

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Canadian Has Another Derby Hope

By ALAN HARVEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON (CP)—Canadian sportsman Max Bell has another sports Derby hope on his hands.

Calgary Court, a promising colt named after Bell's home town, has entered the Derby market as a 25-to-1 chance — solely on the strength of some sparkling workouts. The price is a remarkably short one for a colt that has only run once in his life, but the bookies are taking no liberties in an open year.

Calgary Court, by Supreme Court out of Anna Lucasta, makes his 1956 debut today in an 8 1/2-furlong race at Epsom, where the Derby will be run June 6.

Sporting Record, a weekly publication, says there has been a "significant move" for Calgary Court in the Derby market. This brought him to a shorter price than his two stablemates, Al-Mojannah and Hakim Hafiz, quoted at 50 to 1 and 40 to 1 respectively. The three horses are in different ownership, but all three are trained in Ireland by P. J. (Paddy) Prendergast.

Another Canadian-owned horse among the Derby entries is Pipe Royal, owned by J. E. Armstrong of Brampton, Ont.

The Derby is regarded here as the world's greatest flat race. Bell's two previous entries in the classic, Blue Sail in 1954 and Indian Hemp in 1952, did not place.

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NOTICE

Regular shoot at York Rifle Club tonight.

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Small bore shoot at Armouries postponed until May 2 due to other commitments.

KNOCKED DOWN 5 TIMES

Unknown Fighter Flattens Don Cockell In 2 Rounds

LONDON (AP)—Kit Lave, 22-year-old unknown from the south sea island of Tonga, floored British heavyweight champion Don Cockell five times Tuesday night and then knocked him out with a right in two minutes, 17 seconds of the second round.

Lave weighed 200 1/4 pounds and Cockell, who was stopped by world champion Rocky Marciano in the ninth round last May, weighed 211 1/2.

Cockell never showed any of the form that made him a world contender in a scheduled 10-round fight at Earls Court before 14,000 fans.

Lave knocked him down for a count of four with a left hook to the jaw shortly after the bout began and Cockell just managed to last the first round.

In the second round Lave put Cockell down twice for counts of seven, one time for six, and once for eight before knocking him out.

This ruined promoter Jack Solomons' plans to stage a British heavyweight championship bout May 28 between Cockell and Jack Gardner.

Earlier in the evening, Gardner, former British heavyweight champion, lost on a second-round technical kayo to 24-year-old Joe Bygraves of Jamaica, who now lives in England.

TIPS ON GOLFING

Developing A Backswing

ALEX MORRISON
Central Press Canadian
Golf Columnist

The golfer who tries to be honest with himself often is perplexed by his inability to account for his bad performances. One of my pupils, Ken Kelly, has come close to mastering the Correct Swing Pattern, according to my teachings.

An occasional subpar nine, one of them 33, made him expect rounds in the 60's. But recently he scored a 70. I had warned him about practising until he had completely eliminated a fault in his backswing, namely, pushing the club away from his body just before starting his downswing. I explained that this fault was caused by locked muscles and joints somewhere in his right side before the backswing was started.

As a corrective measure I told him to make sure that his right wrist was at ease when gripping the club and through the waggle. When I stand over him and make sure that he keeps the right wrist

easy during these preliminaries his swing generally is without the usual fault. He hits the ball exceptionally well with both irons and woods.

When on his own, the fault prevails. Why? Mainly because he doesn't acknowledge the cause of it. He refuses to believe one of two things. First, that a small amount of tension in any part of the right side before the swing is bound to be greatly multiplied during the swing before striking the ball.

Second, that considerable practice with the proper mental and physical processes must be done before you can expect to consistently do the proper thing when playing.

I fail to see anything perplexing about this. False pride of sheer laziness may prompt a player to claim confusion over the real cause of his troubles after it has been clearly explained and demonstrated.

But only the proper practice can eliminate it.

NOTICE

The fishing properties owned by the undersigned and located at Bristol in King's County, Prince Edward Island, known as Jordan's Fishing Ponds are declared "Private Fishing Properties".

Anyone found trespassing for the purpose of fishing thereon shall be liable to prosecution under provision of Section 2, Sub-Section (v) of the Prince Edward Island Fish and Game Protection Act 1951.

G. G. HUGHES,
W. L. JORDAN,
N. J. MacLEOD.

Remember When

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Bill Quackenbush, great Detroit defenceman, was a w a r d e d the Lady Byng trophy seven years ago today for the NHL's year best combining gentlemanly conduct with high playing ability. The first defenceman to win the trophy Quackenbush had just played a full 60-game schedule without incurring a single penalty.

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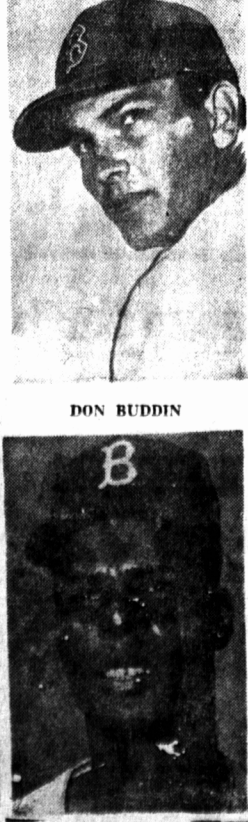
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MAJOR LEAGUE ROOKIES

Three infield rookies won starting jobs in the big leagues, following their stellar play in the spring camps. The three are: Short stop Luis Aparacio, Chicago White Sox; Don Buddin, Boston Red Sox, and Charlie Neal, Brooklyn second baseman.