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Sport Echoes
From
Prince County

The fight card held in Victoria Kink Wednesday evening last, though showing some first class scrapping chiefly through the efforts of Russell and Lafferty, also came up with some exhibitions, not all of the fistiest variety, which indicated more clearly than ever that Prince Edward Island needs some kind of boxing commission.

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Prince Edward Islanders are made to order for fight fans and the sport should do well here. Though keen on most forms of sport Islanders are particularly partial to the rugged types such as hockey and boxing. But the fight game must be kept on the highest level to keep the fans shelling it out at the box office.

It is surprising the large percentage of the fair sex that is seen at these boxing cards. The ladies can be dyed-in-the-wool boxing fans if the atmosphere around the ring is kept respectful. There was a little too much lurid and pictur-

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quite well satisfied that horse racing in the Maritimes would fold up over night unless the horsemen were confident in the veterinarians and laboratory workers conducting the tests. There is no rapid test that can be conducted before the eyes of the public. The results of the tests are not available for approximately three days. The betting public would in no way be protected any more than they are now. The bet- esque language at Victoria on one occasion. If this kind of thing keeps up, the boxing get-togethers on the Island in the future will be largely stag parties.

Also, these waltz-me-around-again-Willie affairs do not make much of a hit with the fans, and should never be indulged in unless there is a good orchestra in attendance. The fans get particularly incensed when two boys who are known to be up-and-at-'em fighters start performing like Ricardo Montalban and Jane Powell in "Two Weeks With Love."

A boxing commission would be able to make sure that all boxers are in shape before they enter the ring, thus protecting the boxers themselves and the fans who pay to see them. A commission would also make sure that rings were constructed properly and that sufficient padding were present so that if a boxer's head hit the canvas hard there would be less danger of concussion.

There is a bright future for boxing in Prince Edward Island. The natives love that old sock and counter-sock. But we do need intelligent control of the sport in order to cash in on all its possibilities.

We're looking forward, however, to the Charlottetown go between Coby McCloskey and the New Brunswicker, Durelle. We've talked to people who have seen these boys in action and without exception they fairly reek with enthusiasm. We hadn't seen Coby since he was a kid breaking in. Even then he gave the customers their money's worth with cyclonic first rounds which generally left him "out of gas" for the remaining chukkers. He never gave up though. He's a very smooth performer now and this June 5 encounter should be one of the best fights seen in an Island ring.

BROOKLYN, June 1—(AP)—Brooklyn Dodgers announced today they have signed Michael Napoli, a 19-year-old catcher from Long Island University, for a "sizable" bonus, probably in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

PARIS, June 1—(AP)—A plaque to the memory of Marcel Cerdan, world's middleweight champion boxer, was unveiled today at the Palais de Sports. Cerdan was killed in an air crash en route to the U. S. on Oct. 28, 1949. Sugar Ray Robinson, current middleweight champion, unveiled the plaque.

tors would be paid off and the purse probably paid too.

"From time to time in the past, or during my time in Charlottetown, one hears that the race tracks need the saliva test. What I would say after analyzing it in detail is that the race tracks of the Maritimes need the saliva test the least of anything to help racing along at the present time. This is a delicate problem and has to be handled with great care. Be careful of the test until you have the proper men to handle it. Let me recite an instance where a horse is being fed a tonic mixture solely for stimulating the appetite. Such a horse if tested will be positive—you can readily see there would be some real confusion. . . . Everything is wonderful here for me. It is better all the time. I'll miss the Island though and my friends there, but as the old saying goes, the best of friends must part—that's the way I felt and still feel about most of the Island people I worked with for so long. Good luck to them all." . . . Thanks, Doctor, for your splendid letter. It is always good to hear from you and to know that you are still so interested in horse racing in this country.

Many thanks to our good friend Cecil H. McGinley, for his welcome letter with bits of horse gossip from Houlton, Maine, and other places. . . . Hilary O'Reilly, who has been caring for June Morning and Private George at Roosevelt Raceway, returned to Houlton this week and informed me the June Morning bowed a tendon in her good foreleg and has been sent to Hanover Shoe Farms to be bred to Norris Hanover 3, 2.02 1/5. Bob Ryan shipping from Yonkers to Rosecroft, Maryland, and has started Colonel Dan twice, getting second each time. He also started the Jolilly two-year-old filly in a colt race and landed third in 2.13 and a fraction. Bill Flemming won it, with I think, Royal Mist, and Earle Avery was second with one of Clarence Black's Fingos. Harold Birmingham has six foals so far, all by Bell Boy and out of Volie Lee, Janie Canuck, Sister Peggy, Miss Charmer, Bright Hanover and Little Goldie.

"Bob Ryan has two 1951 foals both by Lusty Frisco and out of Miss Wescott and Hoity Toity 2.12 1/4. Bob is training a nice two-year-old filly out of Hoity Toity, by Lusty Frisco, and has been a mile in 2.25 on the trot already with her. I turned Sudden Mary 2.11 3/5 over to Jimmie Smith at Woodstock, N. B. this week to race for me this summer. We have to pay duty on horses and equipment to take them over the boundary to train but not if you go there to race the week the races start. However, if a Canadian bred horse is taken back to Canada to race you have to pay full duty on it when it is returned to the U. S. This is perhaps a small matter and does not affect too many horsemen, but right along the border it puts a stop to taking the Cleggs and Budlongs back to race at Woodstock and Fredericton. I would like to have taken my nice Federal filly out of Leah Guy 2.04 1/2, to Woodstock to train, but this duty makes it prohib-

itive. There are no horses training at the Houlton track this spring so I am turning my young stock out to pasture."

Chatham, N. B., news sent us by "Wib" Jardine is . . . Glen Jenkins has traded the pacer Doctor S. 2.08 1/2 with Don McAulay, Pughwash, for a five-year-old thirty class pacer. She is a big mare, seventeen hands high, by Dillon Scott and has a nice smooth way of going. . . . Vince Jenkins is training a four-year-old trotter by Dickerson, and Eldon Fowles is breaking his colt by Federal 1, 2.03 1/4, p. 2.01 1/2, out of Diana Gratian. She looks to have considerable class. . . . Dad is back in the sulky again and he and I have seven headed by Abbeled, 3, 2.10 4/5. He has been miles in better than 2.30 and looks good. . . . Joe Eaves is a big four-year-old that has been miles in 2.32 with last quarters in 35 seconds. He is entered in the \$1,000 Miramichi Stake to be raced July 1st. . . . Single Annie, a 2.28 trotter by Sam Hanover out of Teetonty. She can really turn it on. . . . Surprise Lady is a four-year-old pacer mare by Calumet Budlong out of Jeanette D., dam of three in the list. She is a natural pacer and shows a lot of step. . . . Mr. Bee, a green trotter owned by Ben Ryan of Newcastle. His sire is Sam Hanover. . . . Mae West Hanover 2.17, just arrived the last week from Fredericton. She is by Silver Hanover and took her record at St. Stephen, N. B., last year, driven by E. W. Savage. She is eligible to the 2.26 trot. . . . The last member of the stable is the pacer Fleeta Volo 2.19, by Corporal Lee out of Lulu Axworthy, eligible to the 2.23 pace. She is a big mare in splendid condition and is expected to lower her mark considerably. All the horses in the stable are owned in Quebec except Mr. Bee. The letter ends with: "Dad sends his best regards to you and all his old friends. . . . Thanks, Wib, and we are awfully glad to know that our friend Orin and you have such a promising stable. We hope to see you both here Old Home Week."

Rollie Wood has sold the two-year-old pacer by Abner T. Clegg which he recently purchased from Cecil Drake, Cardigan, to Dr. J. A. Donahoe of Truro. . . . Frank Acorn, race classifier Charlottetown Driving Park, left early this week for a tour of Maritime and Quebec tracks. He is stopping off at Moncton, then visiting Fredericton, Woodstock and St. Stephen ovals, then on to Richelieu Park, Montreal and Quebec City tracks. He is expected back early next week.

The sixteen-year-old Dale H. by Abbeledale won a \$1,250 Classified Pace at Yonkers Raceway, N. Y., the night of May 18th, time, 2.12 1/5. Many will remember this good little pacer when he was owned by Walter Hennessey of Charlottetown. He has been a consistent campaigner ever since, last fall winning a number of races at Foxboro, and then through the winter at Dufferin track, Toronto. With the new rule enforced in 1952 this will be Dale H.'s last appearance on the race track.

The two-year-old trotter Galley Slave, the was sold at Harrisburg out of the Joe O'Brien stable and recommended by him to Charlottetown horsemen as a good buy, has proved one of the real bargains of that sale. Once or twice a week Galley Slave has been winning at Yonkers Raceway, the latest being the Classified Trot, purse \$7,500, raced May 17th there. Thomas B. Scott won with the four-year-old Wayzoff by Royal Napoleon, dam, Jane Azoff 1.59 1/2, second in 2.03 2/5—a terrific mile. But it was eclipsed on the last night of the meet by White Mountain Boy, a five-year-old by Colomite, dam, Merry Bars 2.04 1/2, by Gratian Bars. He was first to the wire in 2.03 4/5, which is a new track record for Yonkers, and incidentally a wonderful mile over a half-mile track. Merry Bars raced at Charlottetown in the late 30's. She was brought here from the west and after racing here went down through the New England States and was purchased as a brood mare and has made good.

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club will be held in the City Hall (upper room) Wednesday evening, June 6th at eight o'clock sharp. All out of town track members and horse owners should be present to hear the report of the president, Charles Willis, and to discuss plans for the present racing season. Immediately following that meeting there will be a meeting of the P.E.I. Horsemen's Protective Association formed for the purpose of giving aid to drivers who might sustain injuries while racing horses. The owners of horses have contributed a percentage of winnings which were deducted by the tracks for the past two years, and there is also on hand our proportion of funds from the Maritime Horsemen's Protective Association. Full details will be given at the above meeting.

Commander George H. Buntain, Secretary-Treasurer of the Charlottetown Driving Park, is very greatly pleased with the response to the early closing stakes offered by that Association. Up to yesterday afternoon 11 had entered in the Free For All and 26 in the 2.26 Pace—just samples of what have been received. No doubt other entries are in the mails as they could arrive up to today.

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