

Joe Keeper Recalls Days He Raced With The Best

WENNIPEG (CP)—Joe Keeper is beginning to have a little trouble with his teeth, and his legs are stiffening a bit, but he still likes to recall the races he ran against the best of the world's distance runners.

During a brief stay at Deer Lodge Military Hospital in adjoining St. James, the 78-year-old Cree Indian talked about his past efforts and achievements. Keeper represented Canada in the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, ran for the Canadian Army in France during and after the First World War and made a name for himself in Manitoba racing.

FINN THE GREATEST
He says the greatest distance runner he ever encountered was H. Kolehmainen, a Finn who won the 10,000-metre race at the 1912 Olympics.

"It was a great race," recalled Keeper. "I finished fourth, only 80 yards behind him."

"About a third of a mile from the finish four of us were all bunched together and then Kolehmainen started to go. An American Indian came second, another Finlander third, and I came fourth."

Keeper won his heat in the 5,000 metres at Stockholm but was unplaced in the final.

He joined the Engineers when war broke out and during sports days in France met other top-notch runners. He defeated Canada's famed Tom Longboat, who represented Canada in the 1906 Olympics in London, in both one-mile and three-mile races.

BIG TRIUMPHS
Other victories were over Teddy Wood of England and Jack

Kidd, the Canadian mile champion in 1910 and 1911.

The highlight of his army running came in 1919 during an inter-Allies meet in Paris.

"I ran in the 10-mile race through the streets of Paris against the crack distance runners of the Allied army," he said, "but an American just beat me out, and no more."

He was just as active on the Manitoba racing scene.

Every Thanksgiving Day the YMCA staged a five-mile road race from Deer Lodge to its Winnipeg headquarters and Keeper won this from 1910 to 1913.

BRANDON EVENT
Among the top-flight Manitoba runners conquered by Keeper was Tom Towne of Brandon.

"The Brandon Sun staged a 10-mile race through the Brandon streets," Keeper said, "but I won against the Wheat City's favorite son."

Keeper is a non-smoker, a teetotaler and an active member of the United Church of Canada.

For more than 30 years he has been a member of the Hudson's Bay Company staff at Norway House, near the northeast tip of Lake Winnipeg.

Now living in retirement at Norway House, Keeper says he does a little hunting and fishing, and polishes his racing trophies.

TOP ISLAND CREW 9-2

Moncton Aces Capture Crown

MONCTON (CP)—Moncton Aces slugged down Morell-Peakes 9-2 here Wednesday night to win the New Brunswick - Prince Edward Island Junior baseball championship.

The victory, which shot Moncton into the Maritime finals against Halifax, gave them the best-of-three series in straight games. Moncton copped the opening 15-1.

Edgar Autfrey pitched six-hit ball and struck out 13 on the Moncton mound. It was Autfrey's seventh victory against one defeat. He had a 10-0 record in 1958.

Moncton collected nine hits off Morell-Peakes pitcher Ernie Connolly. Clarence Poirier and Gary MacKenzie singled twice for Moncton. Phil Doiron hit a three-hit homer in the eighth inning. Harry Callaghan tripled and doubled twice in four trips to pace Morell-Peakes.

Probable Pitchers

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

National League
Pittsburgh at St. Louis (N)—Haddix (11-11) vs Jackson (13-12)

Cincinnati at Los Angeles (N)—Newcombe (13-8) vs McDevitt (9-8)

Milwaukee at San Francisco—Spahn (19-14) vs Sanford (14-11). Philadelphia at Chicago—Cardwell (9-9) vs Hobbie (15-12).

American League
No games scheduled.

6 Leaf Players To See Action Against Hawks

PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP)—Six players who did not see action in the National Hockey League exhibition with New York Rangers Tuesday will play Friday here for Toronto Maple Leafs against Chicago Black Hawks.

They are Jacques Caron, former Peterborough junior goaltender, veteran netminder Johnny Bower, Bert Olmstead, Ron Stewart, Pat Hannigan and Dick Mattiussi.

"I don't know which players I'll drop for this game," said coach Punch Imlach Wednesday, "but I want to take a good look at Hannigan and Mattiussi. I'll use Caron, Bower and Ed Chadwick a period each."

The squad had a rest Tuesday morning after the Tuesday game, with some shooting practice and a scrimmage in the afternoon.

Tribe Recalls Billy Hunter

CLEVELAND (AP)—Cleveland Indians Wednesday recalled Billy Hunter from San Diego and sold him to Toronto of the International League. The amount involved was not disclosed.

The 31-year-old shortstop had been sent to the Indians' Pacific Coast League farm club before the season started. The Indians acquired him from the Athletics June 12 of last year in a trade for Chico Carrasquel.

WARM WATERS
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SPARKS RISE

Frank Opsal, 30-year-old holder of the Canadian and British Columbia over-all trapping titles, has sparked a rise in the sport in British Columbia. A Vancouver equipment

salesman, Opsal started shooting only seven years ago. He won the Canadian singles title in 1956 and the Canadian high over-all crown at Edmonton last fall.

Al Grillo (Is) Back With First Love

By ED SMITH
Canadian Press Staff Writer
HALIFAX (CP)—A nine-year veteran of the U.S. National Football League is back with his first love, as a trouble-shooter for the harness-racing game.

Allison Alphonse Grillo, 45, of Edison, N. J., admits it took "some convincing" before he accepted the job as presiding judge at nearby Sackville Downs. A few probably wish he'd never been convinced.

Since taking office in June Grillo has handed out 30 suspensions, ranging from three days to 25, and other drivers have been fined for various offences.

NOTHING CROOKED
"I didn't have to crack down on anything really wrong or crooked," the former New York Giant and Cleveland Brown first-string tackle explained. "It's just been a part of education, trying to eliminate unthinking and dangerous habits. Minor rule breaches could have a habit of building up into something big."

Drivers, horse owners and the race-going public acknowledge that Grillo and his "bible"—the rule book of the U.S. Trotting Association—makes a healthy tonic.

Fans generally seem to agree their wagers are getting the best possible protection. Drivers feel more secure "on a safer track," and owners acclaim the greater safety factor for their entries.

Track officials report this year's attendance up 18 per cent and pari-mutuel handles running 7 per cent ahead of 1958. Sackville Downs had a total handle of \$1,600,000 last year and hopes to top \$2,000,000 by October.

The soft-spoken presiding judge

says tracks generally can learn a lot from the Sackville operation.

"They have a good plant and are always improving. Drivers and horsemen are co-operating and above all they have good promotion."

CAN'T COMPETE
Maritime tracks can never hope to compete with their United States counterparts. "The money just isn't here."

But with "education and promotion" much more can be realized than is at present available. Grillo got his love of the game through boyhood-association.

"The track at home was practically in the back yard. I was always with it."

He owned and trained horses both before and after the Second World War. In 1954 he was appointed presiding judge at Freehold, N.J. His football was sandwiched between. He was with the Giants in 1935 and 1936 and then came seven years with the Browns interrupted by wartime work in the industrial relations departments of General Motors Corporation and Boeing Aircraft Company.

There are no gridiron carry-overs to the affable Grillo's new position here.

REMEMBER WHEN . . .
Bobby Riggs and Alice Marble completed a sweep of the Wimbledon and United States tennis singles titles 20 years ago today at Forest Hills, N.Y. Higgs defeated Welby Van Horn in straight sets to succeed Don Budge as U.S. champion. Miss Marble defeated the former champion, Helen Jacobs, 6-0, 8-10, 6-4.

She Grabbed Race But Lost Plenty

By ALAN HARVEY
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Want to lose £5,800? Win a horse race.

That was the disconcerting experience of Mrs. Hannah Lerner, owner of a promising British two-year-old most inappropriately named Fair Reward.

Mrs. Lerner's racer went to the trouble of winning a 24-horse event at York race track, and all she owner collected was first money of £1,354.

Even before Mrs. Lerner collected the prize, however, she had to pay 6,800 guineas, or £7,140, to keep the good-looking son of Fair Trial in her barn.

LIKE CLAIMING RACE
This was because Fair Reward's victory occurred in a selling race, similar in principle to claiming event in Canadian and United States racing.

Under British rules, the winner of a selling race goes up for auction, and the money obtained from the sale is divided between the racecourse and the owner of the horse finishing second. The reasons for this strange regulation probably date far back to the beginnings of the British turf. Usually the price paid at the

auctions is reasonable, but horsemen immediately spotted Fair Reward as an outstanding future prospect and the bidding was so keen that Mrs. Lerner, intent on retaining her colt, had to pay the 6,800-guinea figure, a record.

Deducting prize money, Mrs. Lerner thus lost £5,786 for the privilege of seeing her colors carried to a five-length victory. And Frank More O'Ferrall, owner of Queen of Kildare which ran second, made a handsome profit in splitting Mrs. Lerner's 6,800 guineas with York racecourse.

"ABSURD" RULE
Racing writer Peter Scott of The Evening Standard, piqued at the "absurdity" of the selling-race rule, said the farcical auctions should be scrapped.

"There are plenty of opportunities for bad horses in this country without selling races, and the auctioneering farces, practised almost nowhere else in the world," wrote Scott.

In Canada, claiming prices are fixed in advance and are virtually uniform. Trainers deposit their claims before the race, with a draw held for the winner if more than one claim is made.

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