

SPORTS FRONT

Junior Star Has Problems

By JIM CULLEN

One of the most promising junior hockey players in the Dominion, Fran Huck, was a standout at last season's training camp with the Montreal Canadiens and has starred in Junior 'A' hockey in the west for the past three years.

He is a centreman from Regina and he has already made it clear that junior hockey holds no great challenge for him. The western youngster insisted after last year's training camp that unless he was a member in good standing of the NHL Canadiens for the 1965-66 season, he would direct his energies exclusively to college books.

According to statements attributed to Sam Pollock, Huck, who still has a year of junior eligibility left won't be in the NHL next season.

Pollock went on to explain: "I've got to be interested in centreman, when you consider that Jean Beliveau is 33. But on the other hand, I can't see anybody beating Beliveau, Henri Richard and Ralph Backstrom for a centre-ice job."

It doesn't make sense to turn Huck pro and take the chance of losing him. And there's no use having him with Canadiens as long as we've got centremen like Beliveau, Richard and Backstrom.

"One thing more," says Pollock, "he won't make the National Hockey League by threatening he won't play anywhere else."

We thought this would prove interesting to any stary eyed youngster on the local scene who have visions of playing junior hockey for a sponsored team and reaching every hockey player's ultimate goal—playing in the National Hockey League.

Junior hockey is strictly a business proposition with these teams and junior A loops are operated on the same basis as the NHL except on a lesser scale.

Young Huck is among the top few junior players in Canada at the present time, but it is very likely that he will never play in the National Hockey League.



SHERWOOD HOCKEY PRIZES

Mr. David Boswell, Provincial Director of Physical Education and Alcohol Studies presents K. Rodd, captain of the Aces the trophy for the winning team in the Sherwood Interurban Hockey League. Mr. Boswell was the guest speaker at the presentations last evening.

Tid Bits From Here And There

Marcell Cerdan Jr., son of the former world middleweight champion and the new darling of Paris boxing fans, Wednesday night knocked out Jamie Aparice of Spain in the second round of their scheduled six-round bout. It was Cerdan's ninth straight victory since turning professional and sixth by a knockout. Cerdan weighed 137 pounds, Aparice 133.

The 97th running of the Belmont Stakes, third leg of U.S. racing's Triple Crown, will be carried live on CBC-TV, Saturday, June 5, at 6:00 p.m. ADT. Host for the show is Jack Whitaker. Calling the race is Jack Drees. The \$125,000-added Belmont is run over a mile and one-half at Aqueduct Race Track, Queens, New York. Two favorites expected to battle for victory are Tom Rolfe and Dapper Dan. New Brunswick's Ron Turcotte rode Tom Rolfe to a win in the Preakness while Dapper Dan finished second in both the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness.

Tony Lema and southpaw Bob Charlies, winners of the British Open for the last two years, Tuesday joined the growing array of golf celebrities who will compete in the Canadian Open in Toronto July 14-17. The Royal Canadian Golf Association, who made the announcement, had previously lined up Jack Nicklaus, the current money leader, his runner-up Bruce Crampton and the top winner of all time, Arnold Palmer.

The provincial elementary interscholastic track and field meet will be staged at the Summerside Sports Complex today with two representatives from each county trying for top honors.

HUNTERS' CORNER

Islands Many Beaver's Show Weather Prospects

This columnist is not a weather prophet, far from it, but he is going out on a limb and predicting a dry, hot summer. It's the actions of a group of beavers that prompts this theory. In early spring a large beaver, all by his lonesome, took over a dam. Incidentally the same beaver was there all last summer and fall. During the trout fishing season he was quite interested in any anglers that were trying their luck. Sometimes he would swim under the boat just for 'kicks' and complete the performance with a forward flip. One evening this spring Bob Parke, City, and Harold were fly fishing for trout and finding the action very slow. Mr. Beaver was circling the boat at about forty foot range. . . nice casting distance. The temptation was too great and Parke laid the line across the beaver's back at the first cast. The water was about five feet deep at this point. When the beaver felt the sting of the barbed hook he hit bottom like a flash and for a few seconds, not over five, a veritable geyser of mud and water boiled to the surface with the rod in a perfect rainbow arc. When the angler reeled in one hook held a tuft of beaver fur. The action was wild and woolly while it lasted. It was nothing less than a miracle that the rod didn't break. Parke insisted that the leader was the weak link and would have given first. I don't put too much faith in that theory. . . he was just plain lucky.

In another dam approximately one-third mile downstream a trio of young beaver, their birthday was last spring, and this irresponsible group of teenagers enjoyed the life of Riley until the water table began to drop slightly. At this stage the old Sergeant Major in the up-dam came down and herded them into his domain and put them to work. . . and how. In two nights he had the by-pass plugged solid and where it be-

gan to seep around low spots at the by-pass mouth he had them plug this trickle too. We opened a breach one evening with the old slave driver watching the performance and waiting until we left. In the morning the breach was completely blocked. It was all brand new material. They never use the old stuff. To their way of thinking it had proven defective. Downstream he put them to work blocking every little trickle below the dam that filtered through the by-pass. Maybe this old toughie enjoys acting Sergeant Major. In other sections of the province particularly in southern Queens and Kings Counties, beavers are busy with their water conservation program. In Iona beaver have plugged a highway bridge and a heavy charge of dynamite was used to blast out the obstruction. A resident of the district stopped me on the street on Friday (yesterday) and complained about the hundreds of trout killed by the blast.

He informed me that trout littered the area as thick as potatoes after the digger had passed. He told me he gathered up over one hundred trout ranging in length from four to eleven inches. The bulk of the trout in question were in the nine-inch bracket. Before the blast trout fishermen had only fair luck with their angling efforts and came to the conclusion that the beaver dam did not hold too many trout. How mistaken we can be at times when it comes to judging the trout population in any given body of water. My informant laughed when he told me that the beaver commenced repair operations before dark on the evening following the morning blast. In two days the dam was bigger and stronger than ever. The only solution is to live trap those natural engineers and remove them to another area where their dam will be appreciated. . . and just where that spot be found.

Manager Claims Palmer Selfish

NEW YORK (AP) — Arnold Palmer is selfish and perpetrating a hoax in proposing a streamlining of the pro golf tour, contends the tournament manager of the Professional Golfers Association.

"Arnold's chronic unhappiness with the PGA tour, on which he has won more than \$600,000 in official money alone since 1955, must be a source of puzzlement to others as it is to me," Jim Gaquin said in the latest issue of Golf magazine.

Gaquin led off on golf's all-time leading money winner and popular favorite for complaining about too many pool table

courses and suggesting that the tour schedule be reduced from around 45 to 30 tournaments a year.

Palmer's suggestion was that more top name players would compete if the tour were streamlined.

Gaquin calls this proposal a hoax and adds: "It would cause twice as many ailments as it would cure."

CITES DRAWBACKS The tournament manager said to limit the tour would deprive certain sections of the country of major league golf, would alienate some faithful sponsors,

Additions At Belmont Change Race Prospects

By ORLO ROBERTSON
NEW YORK (AP)—Early Zip was added to Saturday's renewal of the \$125,000-added Belmont Stakes Thursday, setting up the prospect of another thrilling stretch duel between Tom Rolfe and Dapper Dan with Hail To All ready to cash in on his stretch running charge if either falters.

As in the Preakness, Tom Rolfe will be ridden by Ron Turcotte of Grand Falls, N.B.

With the remark "I want to keep them honest," trainer Bill Winfrey announced he would enter the Wheatley Stable's Bold Bidder, a fleet son of Bold Ruler, as a running mate for Ogden Phipps' fast closing Dapper Dan.

Until Winfrey decided to start Bold Bidder, the 1 1/2 miles of the third leg of the triple crown for 3-year-olds at Aqueduct threatened to be not much more than a mere gallop for one mile with all the action coming in the last half mile.

Bold Bidder, who'll be ridden by Braulio Baeza, didn't race

Maritime Racing

FREDERICTON (CP) — Bonaventure, owned by Donnie Bishop of Fredericton, was the only double winner on an eight-dash harness racing card here Thursday night. The Fredericton horse hit the wire in 2:13 3/5 and 2:15.

Sparky Hal, owned by Jim and William Smith of Marysville, N.B., paced the fastest mile of the night, a 2:12 4/5. Other winners were Cogent (2:13 3/5), Queen's Grand Duke (2:16 4/5), Bonnieburn (2:15 2/5), Market Report (2:13) and Key Portia (2:14).

Local Horsemen Hold Meeting

A meeting of Charlottetown horsemen last night at the Charlottetown Curling Club, decided to attempt to work out details of a plan for insurance of trainers, drivers and grooms. William Boyles presided. A motion was defeated seeking to have horse owners represented when draws are made for races. The draw is made by the judges.

Frank (Duck) Acorn described his classification duties and invited questions from horsemen.

George Callbeck of Summerside, the province's representative on the United States Trotting Association, congratulated Mr. Acorn on the "fine classifying job" he has been doing.

Others taking part in the discussion included Charles Willis, George Gregory and Ray Sudsbury.

would pose a serious public relations problem for the PGA and limit the earning opportunity of players.

Gaquin said four purses have increased to \$3,500,000 from \$1,000,000 since 1957 and he argued the program has never been better supervised and publicized.

He added that major tournament winners who do not wish to play the PGA tour have the privilege of staying out.

"Who Arnold, who has contributed so generously and importantly to the development of the PGA's tournament program, should advocate a policy that would limit opportunity for other players, perhaps less experienced, endowed or fortunate than he, is a mystery to me," Gaquin said.

Palmer and many other leading players contend they are unable to compete in all the PGA events, yet draw criticism from sponsors when they are forced to skip certain tournaments.

Palmer said more good players would play if competition were confined to a limited number of select tournaments on top-flight courses

as a two-year-old but in his six starts this year, all at sprint distances, he has been first three times.

He'll have only one purpose—to carry the small field through a rapid first mile. Then it'll be up to Dapper Dan to carry on. In the Preakness the son of Ribot came from far off the early pace to drop a neck decision to Tom Rolfe, from Raymond Guest's Powhatan Stable. Bold Bidder gave evidence of his speed by working seven furlongs in 1:26 Thursday with the first six furlongs in 1:13.

Hail To All, who won last Monday's Jersey Derby for Mrs. Ben Cohen, also likes to come from behind. But the style didn't net him anything more than numerous seconds and thirds until the Jersey Derby.

In that 1 1/4-mile race he wore blinkers for the first time and in the opinion of jockey Johnny Sellers they made the difference.

Hockey Leagues Plan To Unite

SEATTLE (AP) — Officials of the Western Hockey League will meet Monday in Montreal with representatives of the American Hockey League to finalize a proposed working agreement and interlocking schedule of two circuits, Al Leader said Thursday.

Leader, Western League president, will head the league delegation attending the annual conference of professional leagues.

Billy Mills In Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—Billy Mills, the marine lieutenant who gave the United States its first Olympic gold medal in the 10,000 metre race, has entered the elite field in the three-mile event of the Toronto International track meet here June 10.

Mills, who will be 27 June 30, came from virtual anonymity in the track world at Tokyo last October to win the 10,000 metre event.

During the 1965 season he has won the U.S. national indoor three-mile title with a time of 13:25.4. His fastest time in the event on an outdoor track is 13:30.2.

BASEBALL SCORES

American League
Boston 000 100 011—3 6 3
Minnesota 030 000 01x—4 8 3
Monbouquette (5-5) Earley (7) and Tillman, Ryan (7); Pasquel (7-0) Pleis (8), Klippstein (8), Nelson (9) and Zimmerman. HR: Min—Allison (8).

National League
San Fran. 001 200 000—3 6 1
Milwaukee 019 000 00x—10 10 2

STANDINGS

American League
W. L. Pct. GBL
Minnesota 20 15 .569
Chicago 27 16 .628 1/2
Detroit 25 19 .568 4
Baltimore 26 21 .553 4 1/2
Cleveland 21 20 .512 6 1/2
Los Angeles 25 26 .490 7 1/2
Boston 21 24 .467 8 1/2
Washington 22 28 .440 10
New York 19 26 .422 10 1/2
Kansas City 10 30 .250 17

PROBABLE PITCHERS

Probable pitchers for today's major league games, won and lost records in parentheses:
American League
Chicago, Horlen (5-3) at New York, Stafford (1-3) (N).

Detroit, Aguirre (5-3) at Cleveland, Terry (4-3) (N).

Boston, Wilson (3-4) at Kansas City, Sheldon (0-1) (N).

Baltimore, Pappas (5-1) at Los Angeles, Lopez (6-3) (N).

Washington, McCormick (2-3) at Minnesota, Kaat (4-5) (N).

National League
New York, Fisher (4-4) at Pittsburgh, Law (2-5) (N).

Philadelphia, Roebuck (2-2) at Chicago, Jackson (3-5).

San Francisco, Perry (5-3) at Cincinnati, Maloney (5-1) (N).

Houston, Farrell (4-1) at St. Louis, Gibson (8-2) (N).

Los Angeles, Osteen (3-6) at Milwaukee, Blasingame (5-4) (N).

Six Day Racing Promoters Learn Valuable Lessons

By JOE DUPUIS
MONTREAL (CP) — Promoters lost a gamble when they introduced indoor bike racing this spring to the big areas of Toronto and Montreal.

But they learned some valuable lessons. For one thing, says Paul Roy, they learned that the racers haven't achieved the popularity in Canada to draw successfully in arenas the size of Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens, and the Forum in Montreal which can each accommodate upwards of 15,000 fans. But the rinks each

drew a total of only 30,000 for six-day indoor bike races staged last month.

Roy is president of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, governing body of the sport in Canada. He said Thursday, in commenting on the financial setbacks, that indoor meets will still have to be staged in the smaller arenas, such as the 5,000-seat Paul Sauve arena in east-end Montreal if promoters are to profit from their investment.

booking another meet for Maple Leaf Gardens next year. But, Ladouceur plans to return his promotions to the Saave arena in 1966.

Roy sees a great future for the cyclists but cautions that there is yet much work to do to educate Canadians to appreciate the sport.

This Weekend At Belvedere

The Dowling Handicap will hold the spotlight at the Belvedere Golf and Winter Club this weekend. The tournament is sponsored by club professional, Cecil Dowling, and the qualifying round is scheduled for Saturday with the top 32 players qualifying for the tournament.

Net scores determine the winners in this league and this will be one of only two match plays remaining at the local golf course this season.

In match play the competitors are seeded and with 32 golfers starting 16 will be eliminated after the opening round and likewise right down the line until you come out with two finalist and thus a championship match.

Mixed foursomes will take to the fairways at the Belvedere course Sunday and any of the members planning on taking part are asked to leave their names at the pro shop or on the club bulletin board.

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