

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

## New System Approved

A meeting Wednesday night in Charlottesville approved the new classification system in vogue this season in race tracks under the aegis of the Gallop and Trot Association. We have never set ourselves as experts in regard to race classification. We have attended a great many of the racing meets in our day and we have always had this classifying as a most difficult assignment. Because of this, we have been amazed at the great races we have seen here on Island tracks. Competition has been decidedly keen and many races have seen four and five horses finish within inches of each other. Undoubtedly there has been much good classifying has left something to be desired. It's only natural that in some instances you will find some horses in "too deep." However, the overall picture has been good and the Prince Edward Island racing public has appreciated the fact that they were seeing pretty fair racing.

## Fair Trial Needed

We certainly believe everything should get a fair trial and by that I mean we do not intend to condemn a system that really hasn't had too much opportunity as yet to prove itself. However in the races we have seen here we did see many that didn't leave us in a high state of excitement. Several of the finishes were not of the breath-taking type and the bettors seemed to know the result of things before they even got started. Minus pools in win are a rare thing. Before this season we remember only one at Charlottesville track. This was on the second trip of a race and it was fairly evident that the first dash winner was going to repeat.

But this year we had four minus pools to date on win and three of those came on the first trip of a race. The folks who put their money in the mutual windows knew the outcome before the race started. They really weren't happy about it. Neither was the management who lost money by paying this required-by-law amount.

## Barring Horses

INDEED such losses by management have made the barring of horses "must." There has been much good operating a Parimutuel if you are going to have minus pools.

Perhaps we have had all the minus pools we are going to have. Perhaps no horse to be barred from the field from now on. We sincerely hope so of the race game that this is the case. Bettors aren't going to keep going to the mutual windows to buy tickets and it return them ten cents.

A lot of good betterly have talked to us about the whole subject and we were very sympathetic. We are going to have a rule that if you are the type who desire competition and a run for their money, if their horse loses, they'll not go around bragging and they'll show no indignation if the runner horse a winner and pay them ten large cents.

## It Gets Tiresome

LAST night a horse was barred the first time he appeared on the track. The mutual management, after discussing it on the board.

No mutual likes doing this but the same mutual people who are tired of seeing minus pools starting them in the face. It's not unusual in show pools and you can expect these newly ever few days and nights. But this minus stuff on win is really for the birds.

IT'S our hope that decisive victories by pacers and trotters are a thing of the past for this season. We have had more than our share of them and so have the public. We can stand some exciting finishes for the rest of the campaign. We are going to have a rule that if you are the type who desire competition and a run for their money, if their horse loses, they'll not go around bragging and they'll show no indignation if the runner horse a winner and pay them ten large cents.

## A-Stars Shine in Barry's Lions

League-leading National Park All-Stars defeated Barry's Lions 5-4 last evening on the Old Diamond but it wasn't without a struggle.

The Lions grabbed the lead on two occasions before the final decision. They had several chances at least by going to the plate with a runner on base. Barry's Lions were the victors in a game postponed from Saturday afternoon by the rain.

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## DOMINION BYRD HAS RAIL

Doug Hill's Dominion Byrd, shown below with Bert McKinnon holding the race horse, has a row to go for the title of the Evening Patriot \$2500 Inaugural when he goes tomorrow (Saturday) night at Charlottesville.

This first of the Island's triple crown races has attracted some starters. Over 1100 bettors are expected to view this great racing classic. Joe Hennessy will drive Dominion on Saturday.

## Hens Dream Capures Program's Feature Event

Helen's Dream, a ten-year-old gelding owned by Mrs. James Poulton, Charlottesville, grabbed the lead in the first division early closer at Charlottesville on Tuesday night.

The Jolly offspring topped the second division of the event and then in a race-off romped home again by his wire. His time was 1:12.1 and 1:12.1.

Santiago owned by Stan Mayhew, Kinross and driven by Charlie Smith took the first division but finished last in the race-off. Cyril Smith's Sunny King ran second in the first division and chased the clincher.

Emmet Bernard, reined Col. Dan MacKinnon's Blue Sky Lark won a double triumph in the feature romping home with ease in dash card number six and five.

Biggest pay of the night was the quinnella of Amigo Mike and Helene, which paid \$250.00. The ticket was worth \$140.

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# Veteran Donor and Gabe Lead in Two-Round Open

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Wheatley on his first-round 66, Ford was one of the late starters and shot confidently into a lead that he held over the second round.

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