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## MARY DAVIS' UNLUCKIEST RACES OF THE SEASON.

**Bob Davis Loses \$50,000 in Wagers on His Horse Named After His Wife—Record For Close Finishes.**



TO SPEND \$50,000 ON a thoroughbred, and then to see your colors borne but once to victory in seventeen starts, is a pretty stiff proposition, but that is the fate which befell Bob Davis, the well-known turfman, this season. To fill the cup of disappointment, the unlucky racer bore his wife's name, Mary Davis. The long string of failures angered Davis so much that two weeks ago he took the filly away from Andy Blakely and gave her to O. J. Decker to train. Even under new handling the filly ran one of her usual races a week ago and was beaten.

Davis did not write his cheque for \$50,000 when he bought the promising filly, but that sum represents the amount of his season's wagers. No

matter in what kind of race she ran, the Davis commission was down; but the only time that he collected was at Belmont Park, when she defeated Jack Atkin, Harrigan and other topnotchers. Mary Davis can claim the title of the unluckiest horse of the year, and she will have no more races. She was dropped into races where it looked a shame to take the money, but through some racing luck she was beaten. For close finishes she holds the record. No matter what class of bangtails she met, it was the same old story. The route either tired her or she got in such a jam that she never had a chance until the home stretch, when she came along like a whirlwind and got up—but not far enough to grab off the money.

There is an adage in racing circles that a runner bearing the name of any individual is always unlucky. Bob Davis is willing to substantiate this claim, for he has paid dearly to find it out.

## WHAT OTTAWA JOURNAL THINKS OF HAMILTON SPORTS.

Under the head of "True Sportsmanship" the Ottawa Journal prints the following:

The greatest Rugby match that has been played in Canada for years, perhaps the greatest ever, has just finished. Ottawas have beaten Tigers. The Rose-dale grounds are covered with a mass of people, the Ottawa men cheering and dancing with reckless abandon in their delight at the triumph of the team that has won the championship. Down from the stand came a company of three hundred men, covered with yellow and black colors. Straight across the field they make their way to the Rose-dale club house, into which the Ottawa team has just been carried by their joyful supporters. "We want the team," is the cry of the Hamilton Rooters' Club.

One by one all the Ottawa players who can be found are taken from their room and placed on a table above the crowd. As each man stands up his name is called and he is given a cheer that would put to shame a crowd of twice the size of the yellow and black contingent. These men, who have seen their favorite beaten on the field realize that the victory was fairly won. Nothing could have been more gracious than their manner of accepting the issue. For the first time for many years the Hamilton supporters enthused over a team from Ottawa. It made the Ottawas doubly proud of their victory to know that it was won from a team backed by such splendid sportsmen as the Hamilton men showed themselves to be. Not an Ottawa player available is allowed to leave without a hand shake and a pat on the back from a follower of the losing team. This incident, probably unique in Canadian athletics, shows that Canadians are not behind their brethren in the old country in their appreciation of all that is best in sport. When Bert Stronach's turn comes he gives a fitting close to the incident by calling for three cheers for the Tigers, and everyone joins in a mighty shout for the game losers of the Interprovincial. Many Ottawa supporters come forward, too much affected for words, and silently grasp the hands of the Hamilton party.

What need now to crowd the columns of the press with explanations of how the Ottawas played a clean, fair and game game? This is the official expression of Hamilton's view of the great Ottawa victory.

## Varsity Tackles and Ottawa Kicks.

The Rough Riders' victory over Hamilton on Saturday was as great a surprise to Varsity as it was to the rest of the Rugby world, says the Toronto News. Varsity, headed by "Bull" Ritchie, the only player left who was with "Casey" Baldwin in 1905, when they defeated Ottawa in the greatest game of Rugby this town ever saw, confidently expected to meet Hamilton in the final, and revenge looked sweet to them. Now, however, the situation is changed. It is up to Toronto to follow the precedent set in 1905. It looks as if they could do it.

The one thing that the intercollegiate teams have generally to buck up against when they play the city teams is the much heavier line, and weight is generally the stumbling block in the way of the college teams. This, however, will not be a factor next Saturday, as the teams are just about even on the line. Ottawa is heavier in the scrimmage, and Varsity has the weight on the back division.

With the question of weight not playing an important part in the game it comes down to a question of which team plays the better Rugby, and that's where the blue and white team has it on the interprovincial champions.

The Rough Riders have two men that, judging from Saturday's exhibition, have no equals in the game to-day. They are Jack Williams and Bert Stronach. Williams' hard work and Stronach's following up were the undoing of the Tigers. With two good average players in the place of these two, the Rough Riders would be a very average team. The rest of the back division are poor catches. Gerrard and Johnstone are terribly weak, and McCann is not a sure catch by a long way. With the exception of Williams, McCann was the only man worth mentioning as a running half. He did some good work in that department on Saturday.

The Ottawa wing line has not the bucking ability of the Tigers, and with the exception of Stronach and Christie in tackling ability. The blue and white should be able to hold them on the line all right and incidentally give them a lot of trouble stopping the Varsity backs.

The Ottawa backs will find that instead of Lyon being down on them when they fumble, they will have a guard of five or six around them, and a mufi will entail a great deal more risk than it did against the Tigers. The Varsity backs play together as one man, and with the possible exception of Lawson, they all have good hands. Both Gall and Dixon are good booters, and can also carry the ball

back when it is necessary. They are just about the hardest men in the game to catch behind their line. Captain Newton first of all has the football brains; also he is a good man to carry the ball through the line, and as a tackler he has few equals and no superiors. Lawson is the greatest running half the game has seen in many a day, and his catching has improved immensely since the meeting with Queen's, the only game this year in which he muffed the ball to any extent.

The Tiger prophecy was wrong, but the Rough Riders will find Varsity a much tougher proposition than Hamilton was, and it will take more than Stronach and Williams, great as they undoubtedly are, to win out on Nov. 27.

## The Turf.

The New York World says: There is a movement on foot to bring about the reorganization of the Metropolitan Turf Association—the bookmakers' organization.

The club is split into factions. Some of the members want its affairs wound up, while others desire a reorganization. All agree that it cannot continue as an organization under the present conditions, for it is dying slowly but surely of dry rot and starvation. Hence the demand for a change.

The chief trouble with the "Mets" is lack of money. Although it is quite the proper thing for cartoonists to serve up pictures of the racegoers walking home from the tracks with the layers' passing them riding in autos, actual facts show that there are many once prosperous ex-bookmakers walking the street practically "broke," with their chief asset the membership button of the club. And that button, be it known, is not worth much to its owner while alive, but is worth \$5,000 to his heirs after he is dead.

Of course all the members of the old betting rings on the metropolitan race tracks are not "broke." Far from it. But there are many who are so financially crippled that they now constitute the majority of the "Mets." Many of these men now find it a hardship to pay their dues and to meet the \$25 assessment tax which provides the \$5,000 insurance fund when a member dies, and they are clamoring for the club to wind up its affairs and split up the money in the treasury among the members.

Hamburg Belle, 2,043½, has been buried in the centre of H. M. Hanna's great estate in Thomasville, Ga. Over the grave of the former trotting queen there will be placed a headstone, telling of the remarkable deeds of the mare, who, after creating a sensa-

tion on the turf during the past season, died so unexpectedly last week. Dying so far from home, Hamburg Belle was probably not accorded the usual courtesies of a horse funeral. A regulation thing is to enclose the remains in the most expensive racing habiliments, and often to bury with the trotter or pacer his fanciest bridle. Of course, there are no sermons or hymns nor anything of that sort at a horse funeral, but there are often tears and often touches of sentiment. For instance, shoes worn by the racing whirlwind at some of its most famous contests are generally detached at the last moment, and the fight for the possession of them is generally more sentimental than mercenary.

Almost every great race track and training stable has its private cemetery, but it is probably only at the wonderful Palo Alto farm, in Southern California, that monuments are erected to the memory of great flyers. The will of Leland Stanford declared that a portion of his estate should be set aside for the proper burial of the horses who had made his name famous, and for the creation of monuments in their memory. Towering above them all in a statue in memory of Palo Alto, 2,083½, The Palo Alto cemetery is one of the big sights of southern California.

## Large Crowd Saw Fight Pictures.

**Pictures Disprove the Statement of Johnson That Ketchel Was Easy.**

At the Armory Hall last night the Johnson-Ketchel fight was reproduced on canvas for the first time in this city. It was the first opportunity the local followers of the squared circle had of sizing up the big smoke, and in view of the big fight to come off next June between him and Jim Jeffries unusual interest was taken in the pictures, which were unusually good.

The fight pictures disproved Johnson's statements and show among other things that the heralded defensive cleverness of the negro champion can be punctured. The films are remarkably clear and distinct.

The fight itself is a poor one and the films bear out the statements of the Frisco critics. Real fighting, the kind that men like Johnson and Ketchel should be capable of, is scarce. In three rounds, the ninth, tenth and eleventh, there is more fighting than in all the rest of the eight rounds combined.

The smile that was so prominent in the reproduction of the Johnson-Burns battle in Australia, with two exceptions, was missing entirely from the countenance of the huge black. At the opening of the ninth round Johnson's lips parted in a grin, but the look of pleasure quickly fled when the Michigan boy swung left and right to the body, causing the black man to cover up to avoid repetition.

Johnson had considerable the better of the weight, height and reach, and naturally he had the advantage. In the clinches he laid over the white boy until forced to break by the referee, and in this manner he managed to wear Ketchel down, but, as the announcer says, Ketchel went down like a real champion, fighting all the time.

Now the question arises, can the chondy-giant that stalked flat-footed around the ring at Colma on Oct. 16, when twelve rounds was required to dispose of a legitimate middleweight, make an impression on the huge Jeffries when the pair meet in the battle with the decided right of the owner of the heavy weight crown. Though Johnson doesn't like to say so, the pictures show plainly that Johnson tried his best, and if that is all that he can display, Johnson's life on the pugilistic horizon will be short-lived.

The pictures will be shown to-night and to-morrow evening.

## Ackerman Injured in Lafayette.

A letter has just been received from Al Ackerman's trainer stating that the wrestler met to be able to fill his engagement here for a month on account of an injury he received yesterday as the result of being thrown out of a rig. His jaw was broken in two places and he was otherwise damaged. As Max Schmidt has been training faithfully for this bout, and has timed himself to be in condition for the mid of December, he offers to meet any man on that date, under the same conditions he was to meet Ackerman, two falls in an hour.

## SCRAPS OF SPORT

The executive committee of the senior Harriers met last evening in the Y. M. C. A. parlors, when the indoor schedule was drawn up for the coming season. Reports were received from the basketball committee and baseball committee. A meeting of all members will be held next Friday evening at the Y. M. C. A. parlors at 8 o'clock sharp, when further business will be transacted and the schedule submitted for approval.

In the big Commercial City League at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium two fast games of basketball will be played to-night. The first game will be between the T. H. & B. and the Mills Hardware Co., and the second between the Wood Milling Co. and the Oak Hall team. The first game is called for 8:15 and the second 9 o'clock. J. McKay will referee.

## Tigers Honor Arthur Moore.

**Farewell Dinner Given the "Artful Dodger" Last Night.**

**Art Will Become a Benedict To-morrow.**

At the Jockey Club Hotel last night a duck dinner was given in honor of Art Moore, who will join the ranks of the benedicts to-morrow. The officers and members of the team were present, as well as a few friends of the "artful dodger" who was presented with a handsome cabinet of silver by Dr. R. A. Thompson, on behalf of the team and officers of the club. Speeches were made by Dr. R. A. Thompson, W. H. Ballard, W. H. Seymour, Dr. W. G. Thompson, Manager Lazier, Ben Simpson and M. M. Robinson. Reference was made to the brilliancy of Mr. Moore's football career, and the faithfulness he had shown to the club, always in the best of condition, present at all the practices, and never missing a game in the six years that he had played with the seniors. "Such a record is one to be proud of," said Mr. Thompson, "and Art Moore is deservedly one of the most popular members of the Hamilton Football Club."

Saturday's defeat did not seem to throw a gloom over the dinner, and all present spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr. Robinson suggested that the club select an early date to get together and discuss the question of a Tiger Amateur Athletic Association.

## CRIBBAGE.

**W. E. P. C. Takes the Lead in Four-Club League.**

By defeating the Beach Club last night the W. E. P. C. took the lead in the Cribbage League. The game was played at the Beach. The Hamilton Cribbage Club visited the I. C. B. U., and played another draw. The scores of the two games were:

| S. J. C. C. | I. C. B. U. |
|-------------|-------------|
| Havelock    | McCarthy    |
| Sylvester   | Reynolds    |
| Rabbits     | 3 Firth     |
| Vaughan     | Boisson     |
| White       | 4 Grace     |
| Dan Jarvis  | Quiller     |
| Stapleton   | 7 Hickey    |
| Total       | 18          |
| W. E. P. C. | Beach       |
| Moore       | Bodington   |
| Campbell    | 5 McGrath   |
| Spain       | Brown       |
| McDonald    | 5 Hazel     |
| McCallum    | Dynes       |
| Adcock      | Lat         |
| Connor      | McKenry     |
| Lissman     | 7 Lundy     |
| Total       | 22          |

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Hamilton, 23rd Nov., 1909.

No. 58—By district memo it is notified that the annual inspection of armories, stores, etc., will take place on Monday, 29th inst., at 3 p. m.

In relation to above, officers commanding companies will be present, also the Quartermaster and they will proceed to get in at once all rifles, belts, haversacks, etc., that have not been returned to company armories.

No. 59—(a) The annual presentation of prizes and dance will be held in the new armories on St. Andrew's night, Tuesday, 30th November, at 8:30 p. m. sharp.

(b) Every member of the regiment has the privilege of bringing a lady with him, and tickets admitting them can be had from the company officers on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings this week.

(c) Every member of the regiment attending must be in uniform. If, out of dress, khaki and kill, plaid, etc.

No. 60—A signalling class will commence on Wednesday, 1st December, and take place each successive Wednesday till further orders. Any desiring to join, at 3 p. m., apply to Sgt. Honeyman at the 1st Orderly Room on the above date.

J. W. Bell, Capt. and Adj., 91st Regt.

"Rubber, rubber, who's got the rubber? You can get Catspaw Rubber Heels at any shoe store or cobbler's."

## THRIFTY IRISH.

**Ireland Entering Upon an Era of Great Prosperity.**

Washington, Nov. 23.—Ireland is entering upon an era of prosperity which can be attributed almost directly to the growing thrift of the Irish people, according to the United States vice-consul at Cork. He reported to-day that a statement from the Irish Department of Agriculture, just issued, declares that in June of this year, as compared with the corresponding month of 1908, there was an increase of \$20,000,000 in deposits in Irish joint stock banks and of about \$2,900,000 in savings banks deposits.

The increase in post office deposits on December 31 last, compared with December 31, 1907, was \$102,500, while the increase in Government fund, India stock investments, etc., on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, amounted to \$80,000,000. In the same connection the vice-consul calls attention to the fact that Ireland exported about \$42,000,000 worth of linen products in 1908, and that the sales of Irish lace are greater than ever before.

**RAILWAY MAN DEAD.**

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 23.—George E. Merchant, former president of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad, died here this morning.

## MARKETS AND FINANCE

Tuesday, Nov. 23.—The bad roads and the disagreeable weather generally affected the number of farmers and customers at Central Market this morning, and trading in all lines was dull. Fish and meat have settled down to their winter prices, and little or no change is expected for some time. The offering of poultry was very poor, but was not too small for the demand. The dealers say that they cannot tell yet how turkeys will sell at Christmas, but they think 19 cents will be about the price asked. Dairy produce was firm at the prices that have prevailed for two weeks. The wheat market still keeps very strong, it being quoted at 2 cents higher this week—\$1.05 to \$1.05.

The current prices this morning were:

| Dairy Produce.   |              |  |
|------------------|--------------|--|
| Dairy butter     | 0.27 to 0.30 |  |
| Cooking butter   | 0.25 to 0.28 |  |
| Cheese           | 0.11 to 0.20 |  |
| Butter, new laid | 0.28 to 0.30 |  |
| Butter, cooking  | 0.28 to 0.30 |  |

| Poultry.       |              |  |
|----------------|--------------|--|
| Chickens, pair | 0.10 to 0.12 |  |
| Old turkeys    | 0.10 to 0.12 |  |
| Young turkeys  | 0.10 to 0.12 |  |
| Ducks, pair    | 0.10 to 0.12 |  |
| Geese, lb.     | 0.10 to 0.12 |  |

| Fruits.                    |              |  |
|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| Pears, basket              | 0.20 to 0.25 |  |
| Grapes, basket             | 0.12 to 0.20 |  |
| Oranges, basket            | 0.40 to 0.75 |  |
| Hickory nuts, bushel       | 2.00 to 2.00 |  |
| Walnuts, bushel            | 2.00 to 1.00 |  |
| Apples, snow, basket       | 0.20 to 0.25 |  |
| Northern Spies, per bushel | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Greenings                  | 0.20 to 0.50 |  |

| Vegetables, Etc.       |              |  |
|------------------------|--------------|--|
| Celery, dozen          | 0.40 to 0.50 |  |
| Lettuce, per bunch     | 0.05 to 0.10 |  |
| Parley, dozen          | 0.40 to 0.50 |  |
| Potatoes, basket       | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Potatoes, bushel       | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Radish, bunch          | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| New Cabbage, dozen     | 0.25 to 0.30 |  |
| Brussels sprouts, each | 0.05 to 0.10 |  |
| Vegetable marrow, each | 0.05 to 0.10 |  |
| Beets, basket          | 0.20 to 0.30 |  |
| Carrots, basket        | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Carrots, each          | 0.05 to 0.10 |  |
| Paranise, basket       | 0.20 to 0.30 |  |
| Tomatoes, basket       | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| White onion, basket    | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Onions, large, basket  | 0.40 to 0.50 |  |
| Peas, basket           | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Summer squash, each    | 0.05 to 0.10 |  |
| Hubbard squash, each   | 0.05 to 0.10 |  |
| Pumpkins, each         | 0.05 to 0.10 |  |

| Smoked Meats.                  |              |  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Fat smoke, small, price steady | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Wool, pound, unwashed          | 0.12 to 0.13 |  |
| Bacon, sides, lb.              | 0.15 to 0.20 |  |
| Bacon, backs, lb.              | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Hams, lb.                      | 0.15 to 0.17 |  |
| Shoulders, lb.                 | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Loaf, lb.                      | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Boleens, lb.                   | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Porter, lb.                    | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Frankfort, lb.                 | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| New England ham, lb.           | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Mushrooms, quart               | 0.15 to 0.20 |  |

| Flowers.             |              |  |
|----------------------|--------------|--|
| Peonies              | 1.50 to 2.00 |  |
| Berries              | 0.15 to 0.20 |  |
| Asters               | 0.15 to 0.20 |  |
| Orchids              | 0.15 to 0.20 |  |
| Rubber plants        | 0.40 to 0.50 |  |
| Chrysanthemums       | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Roses, each          | 0.05 to 0.10 |  |
| Chrysanthemums, doz. | 0.20 to 0.25 |  |
| Orchids, doz.        | 0.20 to 0.25 |  |
| Chrysanthemums, doz. | 0.20 to 0.25 |  |

| Meats.                |                |  |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|
| Beef, No. 1, per cwt. | 7.50 to 7.50   |  |
| Beef, No. 2, per cwt. | 7.00 to 7.00   |  |
| Wool, pound, unwashed | 0.12 to 0.13   |  |
| Mutton, per cwt.      | 6.00 to 6.00   |  |
| Dressed hogs          | 10.00 to 10.00 |  |
| Veal, per cwt.        | 9.00 to 9.00   |  |
| Sprink lamb, per lb.  | 0.00 to 0.10   |  |

| Fish.              |              |  |
|--------------------|--------------|--|
| Salmon Trout       | 0.15 to 0.15 |  |
| White fish         | 0.15 to 0.15 |  |
| Atlantic cod, doz. | 0.20 to 0.20 |  |
| Halibut, lb.       | 0.30 to 0.30 |  |
| Cod, lb.           | 0.10 to 0.10 |  |
| Scallops           | 0.10 to 0.10 |  |
| Smelts, 2 lbs.     | 0.25 to 0.25 |  |
| Pickled            | 0.10 to 0.10 |  |
| Ward               | 0.10 to 0.10 |  |
| Mackerel           | 0.20 to 0.20 |  |
| Orchards           | 0.10 to 0.10 |  |
| Haddock, lb.       | 0.10 to 0.10 |  |
| Klintered Herrin   | 2 for 10     |  |

| The Hide Market.        |              |  |
|-------------------------|--------------|--|
| Calf skins, No. 1, lb.  | 0.18 to 0.18 |  |
| Calf skins, No. 2, lb.  | 0.15 to 0.15 |  |
| Calf skins, No. 3, lb.  | 0.10 to 0.10 |  |
| Calf skins, each        | 1.00 to 1.25 |  |
| Horse hides, No. 1, lb. | 0.14 to 0.14 |  |
| Horse hides, No. 2, lb. | 0.14 to 0.14 |  |
| Horse hides, No. 3, lb. | 0.14 to 0.14 |  |
| Hide, fat, lb.          | 0.15 to 0.15 |  |
| Hide, skin, lb.         | 1.00 to 1.00 |  |

| Grain Market. |              |  |
|---------------|--------------|--|
| Barley        | 0.55 to 0.60 |  |
| Wheat         | 1.40 to 1.45 |  |
| Oats          | 0.40 to 0.45 |  |
| Rye           | 0.45 to 0.50 |  |
| Buckwheat     | 0.45 to 0.50 |  |
| Chopped corn  | 0.10 to 0.15 |  |
| Corn          | 0.80 to 0.85 |  |
| Peas          | 0.80 to 0.85 |  |

| Hay and Wood.  |                |  |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| Straw, per ton | 9.00 to 10.00  |  |
| Hay, per ton   | 14.00 to 16.50 |  |

| Toronto Markets   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards were 78 carloads, consisting of 1,416 cattle, 29 hogs, 718 sheep and lambs, 10 calves and 142 horses. |  |  |

The quality of cattle generally was medium.

There was good, the best in many weeks, all the butchers' cattle being sold early in the day, leaving 289 exporters for Tuesday's market, which would mean that 1,127 cattle were sold at good prices, when quality is considered.

There were many buyers, but prices did not go any higher than on Tuesday last at the City Market. There were no such prices as \$5.50 and \$5.60 paid for butchers' cattle, as was reported in one of the evening papers yesterday.

Exporters—No exporters were sold, unless they were a few bulls, which sold at from \$5.50 to \$4.60.

Butchers—Prime picked butchers, \$5.25; loads of good, \$4.75 to \$5; medium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; common, \$3.50 to \$4.25; cows, \$2.50 to \$4