

# STARTS INQUIRY INTO QUIST'S ACTIVITIES WITH THUNBERG

## BRATTON LOOKS INTO SECOND GARDEN MEET

Local End Is Absolutely O. K., Says Secretary

HUGO QUIST, fellow-countryman of Pavo Nurmi and Clas Thunberg, famous Finnish athletes, may get Thunberg into the same mess he plunged Nurmi through. Professional influences, according to a report in the Pittsburgh Post recently and republished in the Toronto Globe, and at present W. G. Bratton, president of the International Skating Union, is conducting an investigation into the matter. The Pittsburgh Post says that if the reports on which the investigation are well founded, Thunberg will be classed as a professional and barred forever from amateur competition.

The despatch says: "According to advices from St. John where Thunberg suffered more reverses in the open air, after having been defeated twice indoors, William G. Bratton of Pittsburgh, president of the International Skating Union, is at present conducting an investigation, which, if the rumors are substantiated, will result in Thunberg being classed as a pro, and barred forever from the amateur ranks where he won his greatest fame as the Olympic champion.

"Thunberg came to this country as the protégé of the St. John Skating Association, who did their business with the Finnish Consul at Montreal. It is said that the St. John Skating Association guaranteed Thunberg \$1,500 for his expenses while here.

"According to the plans of the Saint John Association, Thunberg was to appear in four events, showing at St. John, Pittsburgh, Detroit and New York. Under the plan, each of the four cities was to stand a pro rata share of the guarantee, being assessed \$375 for each city. The Finnish Consul at Montreal was to approve Thunberg's expenses and handle all his money.

"The International Skating Union, through President Bratton, issued the permit for Thunberg's first appearance in New York, which went through according to schedule. But, before appearing in this meet, his first in this country, Quist is said to have gotten hold of Thunberg and exacted a promise from a Madison Square Garden promoter that he be given a date to show Thunberg on his second appearance.

"The Metropolitan Skating Association granted the permit for the second appearance of Thunberg, and it is reported that Quist and his co-promoter, a New York sporting official, promoted the meet and pocketed the entire receipts.

"The Thunberg charges, based on reports emanating from Saint John, are bound to bring Quist into the line of fire again as the promoter of 'amateur' athletes, and Bratton is expected to file a report of the investigation being conducted by him on the unsportsmanlike conduct of Quist in demanding prohibitive and illegal fees for his latest Finnish phenom."

LOCAL END O. K.

As far as the Saint John Skating Association is concerned, D. J. Corr, secretary, said this morning that the local end was absolutely O. K. When shown the despatch, Mr. Corr said he had been rather expecting something of this nature. The report, he said, did not come to him in regard to the original plan for Thunberg's appearances here. "That, of course," he said, "is well known. The part about the expenses is way off, however." The entire matter, he said, probably would be sifted to the bottom, particularly in regard to Thunberg's second appearance at Madison Square Garden in the three mile event.

HOPPE WON.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 2.—Willie Hoppe defeated Young Jake Schaefer in an exhibition 18.2 ball line billiard game here last night 800 to 185.

In the afternoon Schaefer won easily 900 to 114.

PLAYED TIE.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 2.—Vancouver and Portland played to a one all tie here last night in a Western Hockey League game.

## DETROIT IS NEXT SKATERS' MEET

O'Neill Farrell Takes United States Title With Score of 70 Points

BINGHAMPTON, N. B., Feb. 2.—O'Neill Farrell, Chicago, with 70 points, won the National ice skating championships at Endicott yesterday. Paul Forsman and Lew Morris, were tied for second place with 60 points each.

Farrell was third in the 440, won the half mile and three mile. The three Saint John boys competing did not place. Willie Logan set a stiff pace in the three mile, taking the lap prize as he did in the two mile on the first day. Ed Snodgrass qualified for all the finals, except the 220 on the opening day.

Snodgrass finished fourth in the final of the 440 yard event which was won by Forsman. The entire squad was due to leave Binghampton at noon today for Detroit to compete in the international events there the latter part of this week. Charlie Gorman, world's champion, has not made up his mind yet in regard to competing.

SUMMARIES.

440 yards dash—First, Paul Forsman, New York; second, Lew Morris, New York; third, O'Neill Farrell, Chicago, 402-5.

Half-mile—First, O'Neill Farrell, Chicago; second, Eddie Murphy, Chicago; third, Valentine Bialis, Utica, 1:23.

Two-mile—First, Ed Meyers, New York; second, Richard Donovan, Endicott; third, Valentine Bialis, Utica, 12:05.

Three miles—First, O'Neill Farrell, Chicago; second, Lew Morris, New York; third, Richard Donovan, Time, 34:42-5.

Intermediate championships: half mile—First, Burr, Toronto; second, Ruth Mulhoney, Detroit; third, Tebo, Saint John, Time, 1:48.

One-mile—First, Parody, Lake Placid; second, Jacobson, Chicago; third, Olson, Chicago, Time, 4:38-5.

Junior championships: half mile—First, Boyd, Chicago; second, Stack, Endicott; third, Fine, 1:42.

Women's championships: 440-yard—First, Lella Brooks, Toronto; second, Littlejohn, Chicago; third, Lois Littlejohn, Chicago, Time, 48-5.

Half-mile—First, Lella Brooks, Toronto; second, Lois Littlejohn, Chicago; third, Ruth Mulhoney, Chicago, Time, 1:55.

## MEET COMMITTEE WINDING UP AFFAIRS

Accounts Still Are Coming in—Few Days Yet Before Completed

The skating committee in charge of the World's Championship meet last week is engaged in winding up financial business in connection with the races. Accounts are still coming in and are being attended to, and the headquarters in Prince William street is being kept open for a few days until this work is completed.

The committee are trying to get all accounts in so that they may be dealt with before the end of the week. No statement as to whether a deficit or credit balance is to be expected could be given last night, as several outstanding accounts had not come to hand.

The railing and flagstaffs have been removed from the track at Lily Lake, but the big grandstand has not yet been dismantled. Work of demolishing the huge structure will not be undertaken for about a week, G. M. Lawson, the contractor, said last night.

STEECHER WON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Joe Steecher, claimant of the world's heavyweight wrestling championship, defeated Ivan Podunny of Russia in a title match here last night. Steecher scored two falls after one hour, 38 minutes and 47 seconds.

VETERAN DEAD.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 2.—Joe Thomas, former pugilist, who fought the leaders in both the welterweight and middleweight classes during his ring career, died yesterday following an operation for stomach trouble.

## Along The Sport Trail

By JOHN A. DUNLOP

WINNING ST. JOHN'S TITLES OUT OF SEVEN IS NOT A BAD DAY'S WORK for any section of the world, and New Brunswick has reason to be proud of the efforts of her young manhood at the world's championship meet here last week.

Championships came to this province through Charles Gorman in the seniors; Tommy Tebo, in the intermediates; C. H. Smythe, Moncton, in the 16 years; Chester Cole, Sackville, 14 years; John Landry, Saint John, in the 12 years, and three local youngsters in the 10 years. The only title that went out of the province was the ladies', Miss Lella Brooks, Toronto, winning that easily.

Even though the youngsters had not won any titles, their work would have been of vast encouragement to those who have at heart the cause of healthy athletics for the way some of those boys who did not even figure in the title lists performed was a tremendous revelation.

And, to our mind the palm goes to a youngster by the name of Willie Logan, Saint John.

NEXT to Charlie Gorman's wonderfully fine work throughout the entire meet, we place Logan's brilliant efforts as one of the big features of the meet. He shines even better than O'Neill Farrell, the Chicago lad, because Farrell was skating his second year in fast company.

Logan showed consistent form on every day of the meet, showing the results of the careful training he had received for this meet. The youngster was willing to pay the price for this in long, hard, training hours and when the test came he took second place in the three longest events on the program, the mile, two-mile and five-mile.

No wonder Clas Thunberg says he is the coming champion. Any boy who can do this in his first year in senior company with his best years ahead of him has every incentive to take care of himself and school himself through experience to take the upsets with the wins with a level head.

Charlie Gorman started out in 1920 to show the world he was the best and despite knocks and discouragements that would have put most of us out of the running long ago, he stuck to it. Six years after he started, he reached the pinnacle.

Young Logan will not find this year's meet as easy as the rocky road to Dublin is as soft as a feather bed compared to the path a champion must tread.

Natural ability and an honest desire to win, backed by an even nature that can take defeat with a smile, has made many a champion. In addition to this great work in the longer distances, Logan's effort in which he chased Murphy to a dead heat in a 440 trial in the first time of 37 seconds flat showed the boy is rapidly developing sprinting ability of great power. 37 flat a few years ago would have been a new world's mark.

IT WAS rather a shock—yet a pleasant one at that—to see the way the 16 and 14 year old titles went outside of Saint John, Smythe, Moncton, and Cole, Sackville, carrying them back in their grips.

Young Smythe, son of a former Maritime champion, showed wonderful speed, stamina and judgment in winning the 16 year old title from such fast boys as Raymond Murray, New York; Hirschel Boyd, Chicago, Gerald O'Brien and Maxwell, of Saint John.

Smythe won the 440, the 880, the mile and placed second to Murray in the 220 on the second day of the meet. That is ample proof that Smythe has the goods and when he steps into the 16 years, he will be heard from with a vengeance.

Chester Cole's great work in the 14-year-old class when we in Saint John expected Francis Logan to win, should boost the game greatly in his section of the province. Young Logan, who is just over the 12 year old mark, did splendid racing also, getting seconds in the 440 and 880.

THERE is another Moncton boy who deserves a whole of a lot of credit when he did get going and if New Brunswick is looking for a coming 220 yard sprinting star, they won't have to search much further than young Bourque, of Moncton.

As to his performance in the final of the 220 yards, 16 years, is astounding. No one down here ever heard of him before and while he showed flashes of form in the first two days, he struck a wonderful stride in the final day when he won the 220 in the exceptionally fast time of 19 and 2-5ths. Second, Gorman won the senior final in this event in 19 and 1-5th. An eighteen-year-old boy, unheard of and unused, comes within one-fifth of the big guns!

So far as we know, this is a record for the intermediates. Whether it is or not, it is so near the world's record as to make Bourque's feat stand out like a beacon on a dark night. Watch Mr. Bourque. Moncton and Sackville should be proud of the youngsters. What they need most is competition and encouragement.

THEN there is Tommy Tebo and Ed Snodgrass. Tebo was the class meet, excelled all expectations. On the first day of the meet, he won the 100 yards, 200 yards, 400 yards, 800 yards, 1600 yards, 3200 yards, 6400 yards, 12800 yards, 25600 yards, 51200 yards, 102400 yards, 204800 yards, 409600 yards, 819200 yards, 1638400 yards, 3276800 yards, 6553600 yards, 13107200 yards, 26214400 yards, 52428800 yards, 104857600 yards, 209715200 yards, 419430400 yards, 838860800 yards, 1677721600 yards, 3355443200 yards, 6710886400 yards, 13421772800 yards, 26843545600 yards, 53687091200 yards, 107374182400 yards, 214748364800 yards, 429496729600 yards, 858993459200 yards, 1717986918400 yards, 3435973836800 yards, 6871947673600 yards, 13743895347200 yards, 27487790694400 yards, 54975581388800 yards, 109951162777600 yards, 219902325555200 yards, 439804651110400 yards, 879609302220800 yards, 1759218604441600 yards, 3518437208883200 yards, 7036874417766400 yards, 14073748835532800 yards, 28147497671065600 yards, 56294995342131200 yards, 112589990684262400 yards, 225179981368524800 yards, 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