

NEWS of SPORT

GIRLS ORGANIZE N. B. LEAGUE FOR BASKETBALL

**U. N. B. Coeds One of
Clubs in Organization
— Provincial Playoff
to be Organized in the
Near Future.**

Saint John, November 22—A provincial meeting of girls' teams playing under modified boys' rules was held in the Y. M. C. A. prior to the meeting of the New Brunswick Basketball Association. The officers elected were, honorary president, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Fredericton; president, Miss Gladys Johnston, Saint John; vice president, Miss Bernice Somerville, Fredericton; secretary-treasurer, Miss Mary Kierstead, Fairville.

At the meeting a general discussion of ladies' basketball affairs took place and it was decided that a meeting would be held shortly when an executive committee of five members would be appointed to draw up plans for the provincial playoffs. The clubs represented were: Trojan-Rovers, Miss Janet Fraser; St. Jude's, Miss Daisy Dashwood; Fairville, Miss Mary Kierstead and U. N. B., Miss Bernice Somerville.

The Saint John city league playing under modified boys' rules will open on December 6 and will have six teams, St. Jude's, Fairville, Central Baptist, East Saint John, The Hustlers of West Saint John and Trojan Rovers.

MONTREAL VICS LOST OPENER

Montreal, Nov. 22—Senior Amateur Hockey for the 1926-7 season opened in Montreal tonight when St. Francois Xavier-National defeated the Victorias, 6-3 in a senior group Quebec Amateur Hockey Association fixture.

HAMILTON BEAT NIAGARA FALLS

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 22—In a close hard fought Canadian professional Hockey League fixture played here tonight, the Hamiltons defeated Niagara Falls by a score of 3 to 2.

Single G. Retires With Greatest Record of History Of Harness Racing

**Started Racing in 1913 — Never Mated — Great
Style to Him—Longest Track Career of Any
Noted Horse.**

Although all horsemen know that time and age take toll from horses the same as from men there is no one but what will regret the passing of the great pacing stallion, Single G. (1.58½) from the scene of action. The "Old Champ" as he has been familiarly spoken of in recent years leaves the turf a great hero, one that the crowd honors and applauds at his every appearance whether it be a glorious victory or a defeat.

The announcement by his owner, William B. Barefoot of Cambridge City, Ind., that he had been retired for good and all means that the best race horse of all time will not again jog back to the score in that wise old way of his, or dash into the stretch for home with greater speed and more lasting determination than any horse in the world. While horses may not truly be said to have personality a few of them have individuality that appeals to men of sentiment.

Single G., like Uhlan (1.53) had a bearing that brought admirers to his stall at all times. He was the Babe Ruth or the Walter Johnson of horses. Probably Walter Johnson great figure in baseball, and any other figure in baseball more nearly pictures Single G. than any other figure in the world of sport. The permanent retirement of Single G. leaves the harness turf without a great star among horses.

Dan Patch (1.55¼) champion of speed for a decade never had the long sustained heart interest that Single G. has carried for a decade. Peter Manning (1.56¾) world's champion trotter of both mile and half-mile tracks a worthy champion is plain and without the dash and colorful look of old Single G. Retired to Granger Farm.

It is very gratifying to all horse men familiar with the great horse to know he has been retired to the farm of Richard H. Granger of Richmond, Ind. Granger has been a devotee of the sport for a quarter

of a century not for profit, but just for the admiration and recreation derived by racing a few, breeding on a modest scale and ever being associated with harness horses. His farm is named in keeping with his modest efforts in the sport, being called "Jusamere Farm."

Single G. was bred by his owner, Mr. Barefoot and sired by Anderson Wilkes (2.22), son of Onward, which made his reputation as a sire in Illinois when owned by Brennaman Brothers of Decatur. While Anderson Wilkes was a well bred horse in his day his dam being Magnet, by Strathmore (1.08), Single G. was of plebeian lineage on the material side of the house. His dam was Little Gin, by Shoo Fly Gyp, the latter a horse of great speed, but not tractable enough to race successfully. Single G. was endowed with every quality that a champion should have—speed, racing brains and above all, more stamina and lasting ability than any horse of modern days.

He was foaled in 1910 his first training being given him by Howard Vickery, a young horseman of Indiana, Vickery developing him as a two year old to a mile in 1.15. The outstanding feature of the colt was that he had to be shod differently from almost any horse of that period or any other time, in that he had to be rigged with a ten-ounce shoe behind and about half that much weight in front. Pacers have required more weight behind than in front to carry them out of a racking gait, but none so pronounced as was Single G.

Career Began in 1913.

His long career as a race horse started at Terre Haute, Ind., July 25, 1913 when he was a 3-year-old driven by his trainer, Vickery. A singular thing about the race was that he met William IV., There were nine colts in the race and the only ones to survive the speed duel were the two colts that were to later on beat two minutes and

become champions, the other seven all being distanced. His campaign that year included eight races in which he was four times first and four times second taking a win race record of 2.12¼.

The following season Vickery piloted him in but three races, when he was transferred to the stable of Fred Jamison of Washington, Pa., his season totalling 15 races in which he won eleven, was three times second and once fourth with 36 winning heats to his credit.

In 1915 when he was a 5-year-old, Barefoot placed him with Curt Gasnell, a fellow townsman living in Cambridge City and one of the best race drivers ever produced in Indiana. Gasnell was seven times first with him, twice second twice third and once fourth, winning 21 heats and reducing his record to 2.02¾.

Season of 1916 Memorable.

The season of 1916 was memorable in his career, as Gasnell won the first heat of his race at Kalamazoo, Mich., in 2.00 even time, the first time he scored what might be classed as perfect time. Gasnell met with a fatal accident at Cleveland Ohio, a hapless pacer falling with him. The balance of the season Single G. was driven by Walter R. Cox, now of Goshen, N. Y., his tally for the year showing five firsts, seven seconds and two thirds with ten winning heats and a record of even 2.00.

The following season he was returned to the stable of Fred Jamison making 12 starts, winning seven races twice second and once third being apparently unplaced in two, in the language of the track, he was not unplaced as he won money in one or more heats.

In 1918 he had another great season, being fitted for racing again by Fred Jamison at Washington, Pa., but illness prevented him from driving him, the late Edward F. Geers driving him in five events during Jamison's incapacity. At the Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, while still under Jamison's management he was driven to the world's record for pacers over a half mile track by Allen of Iowa, pacing the two lap course in 2.01 which still holds as the best mile ever done over a half mile ring. Allen suffered a broken arm later in the season which necessitated the securing of almost any trainer that came handy. Among the reinsmen that had the seat back of him was Harry Stokes of Urbana, Ohio; Dick McMahan, then of Chicago; William Marvin, Lafayette, Ind.; John Dagler, Rushville, Ind., and Hamlet Allen, brother of the driver that gave him his world's championship record at Des Moines. The balance sheet record for the year showed ten races won, three seconds and one third, and twenty-eight heats won, in which he beat two minutes on two occasions lowering his mark to 1.59½ at Toledo.

Allen Takes Over Reins.

In all his subsequent races he was driven by Allen including the years from 1919 to 1926. In 1919 he won five races, was four times second, three times third, again beating 2.00 with a mile in 1.59¾ at Toledo, Ohio. In 1920 he won nine races, once second and one fourth, dropping his record to 1.59 in a winning race at Atlanta, Ga.

The season of 1921 when he was 11 years old, was the best year of his long career, so far as races won as he was fifteen times first, his victories including three efforts against time or mile dashes. The losing performance was in a special match against Peter Manning at Hartford, Conn., the race so-called "the Race of the Century," being a questionable affair that should not be charged against as noble a race-horse as Single G. But he twice more paced two miles in two minutes, once at Toledo and the other time at Syracuse.

In 1922 as a 12-year-old, he was virtually an exhibition horse showing his wares at the leading fairs of the country, making but one start on a mile track and winning as he liked at North Randall, Ohio taking six races in sixteen heats, pacing in 2.02¾ in a field of horses over the Springfield, Mass., half-mile track.

As the famous pacer has raced ten seasons and was 13 years old, few horsemen thought he would even lower his record but at Syracuse N. Y., in a special race against Sir (Continued on Page Two)

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