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BROXTON WAS LEADING HURLER AMER. CIRCUIT

It may be a bit surprising to followers of baseball to know that E. Garland Braxton of the Washington club was the leading pitcher of 1928 in the American League. The records compiled show that the Washington hurler was the most effective of them all allowing only 2.52 runs per nine innings though the records also show that he was credited with winning only 13 games and charged with the loss of 11.

Braxton was in 38 games in which he pitched 218 innings and held his opponents to 78 runs, only 61 of which were earned. One hundred seventy-seven hits were made off him. He gave 44 bases on balls and fanned 94 batsmen.

Only a little behind him was the veteran southpaw, Herb Pennock of the Yankees who was in 28 games and allowed 2.66 runs per nine innings. He pitched 211 innings and allowed 60 earned runs, gave 40 bases on balls and fanned 53 men. His record shows credit for winning 17 games and he is charged with the loss of only six.

One of the outstanding pitchers of the year was Bob Grove, the speedy left hander of the Philadelphia Athletics who finished third in effectiveness with 2.57 and made a record of winning 24 games and losing only eight. He pitched 262 innings and his opponents scored 93 runs only 75 of which were earned. He led the league in strikeouts with a total of 83.

John Miljus, former Pittsburgh pitcher, had a record of winning only one and losing four games for Cleveland and yet he was next to Grove in effectiveness with 2.65 but he was in only 11 games and pitched 51 innings. The veteran Sam Jones of Washington, formerly of New York and St. Louis, was up among the leaders with an average of 2.84. He was in 30 games of ball and won 17 and lost seven. Jack Quinn, another old timer, had a record of 2.90 and won 18 and lost seven games for Philadelphia.

Waite Hoyt of the Yankees, considered the leading pitcher of the year in the league because of winning 23 games and losing only seven, stood twelfth in effectiveness with 2.37 runs per nine innings.

The iron man of the league was George Pipgras of the Yankees who pitched 301 innings of baseball. He won 24 and lost 13 games and in effectiveness had a record of 3.33 runs per nine innings. He fanned 139 batsmen during the season and gave more bases on balls than anyone, 103.

MODERN VERSION

Ella loves me, this I know
For her brother told me so
But I fear we'll never wed
For her father shook his head.

Ethyl—Has Mrs. Chatterbox an impediment in her speech?
Methyl—Yes; there are only twenty four hours in a day.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF N. B. AND MAINE HARNESS RACING STEWARDS SOON

Will be Held at Presque Isle on January 3rd and 4th—Bright Prospects for 1929 Racing with Unbroken Season of 14 Weeks in Prospect—All Restrictions Lifted and Brisk Competition in Sight When Trotters and Pacers Start Campaign—Important Announcements by W. H. Gocher Expected at Meeting.

(By J. D. Black)

The call for the annual meetings of the Maine & New Brunswick Circuit to be held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Maine Agricultural Fairs Association at Presque Isle, Me., on January 3rd and 4th, has gone out and there is already every indication of a representative attendance when the moguls gather soon after the first of the new year.

Moreover there is a bright outlook for the Circuit for 1929, with the return to old conditions which make the racing open to the world and thus provide a kaleidoscopic review of battling trotters and pacers instead of giving the public the same horses to watch week after week. Some of the New Brunswick tracks, which provide most of the summer meetings, were luke warm to go on if the restrictions in effect last year barring horses not in the State of Maine or the Maritime Provinces by a certain date in the spring had been effective again; but now, with the bars all dropped, all the New Brunswick members of the Circuit are ready to go on with their usual meetings and, it is said, so are the Maine members.

Continuous Racing

This means continuous racing on the Maine & New Brunswick Circuit opening with July and continuing until the fall fairs are all over. Indications are that the St. Stephen Fair's racing committee, under the chairmanship of H. N. Ganong, will take over the management of St. Stephen's midsummer racing as well as the fair races in the fall. The Fredericton Exhibition conducted the summer racing at Fredericton on the past season as well as the racing at the fair in September and on the season's operations turned in a profit to the fair association besides providing one of the biggest attractions for the Provincial Exhibition. So Fredericton will go on as strong as before with affairs in charge of a racing committee with C. D. Holder as chairman, D. W. Griffiths as secretary and T. V. Monahan and others prominently identified with harness racing included in the membership; that committee have been given power to proceed with the arranging of the 1929 racing programs at Fredericton.

Retain Dates

Woodstock will retain the usual dates for midsummer racing, but will return to former dates for the fall fair so as to follow the Northern Maine Fair at Presque Isle. Last year the Woodstock Fair directors dropped their show back to the fourth week in September from the second week in order to avoid the customary clash with St. Stephen; it rained both weeks and both shows went into red ink whereas with fine weather both would doubtless have made some profit as Fredericton did with a better break in the weather during the week between the Woodstock and St. Stephen shows. Now the Woodstock management have determined to return to their old dates, the second week in September and Fredericton's week has never been other than the third week in September, there would seem to be little or no chance for avoiding a clash in dates of New Brunswick's fairs in 1929.

Some Doubt Here

The only summer meeting regarding which there appears to be any question is that held at Presque Isle. There is nothing very encouraging in the potato situation at the present time for either growers or

dealers and when the potato market is in a protracted slump everything in Aroostook County sags, too. Possibly later things may brighten up in Spudland; if this was a normal season Caribou would probably be back in line again. But Presque Isle or any other place which wants racing dates will have to say so when the annual meeting is held. At present Moncton is the eastern end of the Circuit, and A. E. Tremblay, racing secretary at Moncton, will be on hand at the annual meeting to claim dates again for 1929. There are indications that an eastern extension of the Circuit to take in the big Prince Edward Island Exhibition at Charlottetown and the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition at Halifax would be popular in the Maritime Provinces and in certain quarters in Northern Maine, but the dates of the Charlottetown and Halifax Fairs this year were the latter part of August—the dates now held on the Maine & New Brunswick Circuit by Skowhegan, Bangor and Houlton Fairs. Anyway it all means there is no likelihood of open dates the latter half of the season and chances are there will not be an open week from the start of July until the glad fall fairs are over—something like fourteen weeks of continuous racing.

An interesting promise to horsemen attending the Maine & New Brunswick Circuit meeting had just been made by Secretary W. H. Gocher of the National Trotting Association. He has promised to tell the assembled followers of the sport just how the Circuit can get away from a situation occurring last year when under the new money won classification rule the eligibility table permitted horses to win week after week without going into a new class. The Circuit's Stewards have asked the Joint Rules Committee for a new eligibility table for half mile tracks, but it seems no substantial change is likely.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 17—Five teams have filled application for entrance into the Provincial Basketball League, which will get underway shortly after the beginning of the new year, with the possibility of the entries numbering six by the time the teams are ready to swing into action, according to Guernsey Charters, president of the N. B. B. A. in a statement issued here tonight. The teams already entered in the league include U. N. B., Saint John Trojans, Saint John Y-Nots, Moncton Pawnees and Mount Allison University, Maritime champions. Although no definite word has been received from Woodstock, reports emanating from that town are to the effect that the Woodstock team will also seek admittance into the loop.

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The Mistress—Oh Jane how ever did you go and break the vase?
Jane—Very sorry mum—I was accidentally dusting it.

She—Am I the first girl you ever kissed?
He—Well you're the last and the last shall be first.

Fred—So you popped the question by star light?
Ted—Yes, and she accepted in a twinkling.

SCORE LEADERS

Montreal, Dec. 17—The scoring and penalty statistics of the National Hockey League up to and including games played December 16, issued by President Calder tonight, indicates that the race for scoring honors in both sections of the league tightened up appreciably last week. The most notable change was that Bill Cook, star right winger of the world's champion New York Rangers, forged to the front in the American division, gaining a lead of a single point in the aggregate over Carson Cooper, the Detroit "shovel shot". Nels Stewart held his lead in the Canadian division, but found his margin reduced.

Gent—I wonder why Miss Screech always shuts her eyes when she's singing.

Lady—I suppose she doesn't like to see us suffering.

Budding Author—What do you think of my latest novel, old chap?
His Friend—Fine. Who were the binders?

Weak and Run Down Didn't Want to Eat Could Not Sleep

Mrs. D. Leone, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., writes:—"I was weak and run down; did not want to eat, and could not sleep. I felt tired of living and often longed for death to free me from my terrible misery as I felt I would never be strong again. I thought I would try

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