

THEY WERE MANNING AND GIRLING THE OARS FURIOUSLY AT CENTRE ISLAND

# Speaking on Sports

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When young Bob Somers, who is fortunately single, promoted the track and field meet which took place at Varsity stadium last Saturday, the objective in mind was to raise funds.

Said funds were to be applied, he hoped to defraying expenses of junior athletes from Ontario who desire to be shipped as contestants to Edmonton where Dominion championships are to be staged this month.

Invariably, after any type of big game comes the morning after. Somers now finds that the operation was a success, the patients are keen to be on their way to Edmonton, the promoter's fire of enthusiasm is unquenched but the promotion broke him.

The expenses of the meet have left Somers holding a bag into which he guesses he will have deposited about \$800 of his own savings. This isn't a tough, observed the earnest young zealot, because he has it from army gratuities and he feels rewarded, at least spiritually, by the keen spirit and the flame he found in the brave young eyes of the nippy contestants.

Now to discover a young man of this extraordinarily altruistic nature the less-sordidly commercialized avenues of sport is alone something which should give our citizenry at least a short pause for exclamations and a side examination. While it may be true that a young man embarking on such an adventure as Somers did, possibly should be retrained, the fact is that he wasn't. He went ahead, largely on his own and he drew his little bankroll.

Young Somers, in undertaking his promotion, went, as we say, first class. He engaged Varsity stadium. He hired a professional to press-agent the show, paid him his regular fee. He ordered medals. He paid for advertising in the outlands. At sun-firing time he had representation from seventy-five clubs from forty of Ontario's towns and cities. That was simply splendid. So was everything until, that is, he looked at the stands and his Adam's apple, after doing a brisk jig went down for the third time.

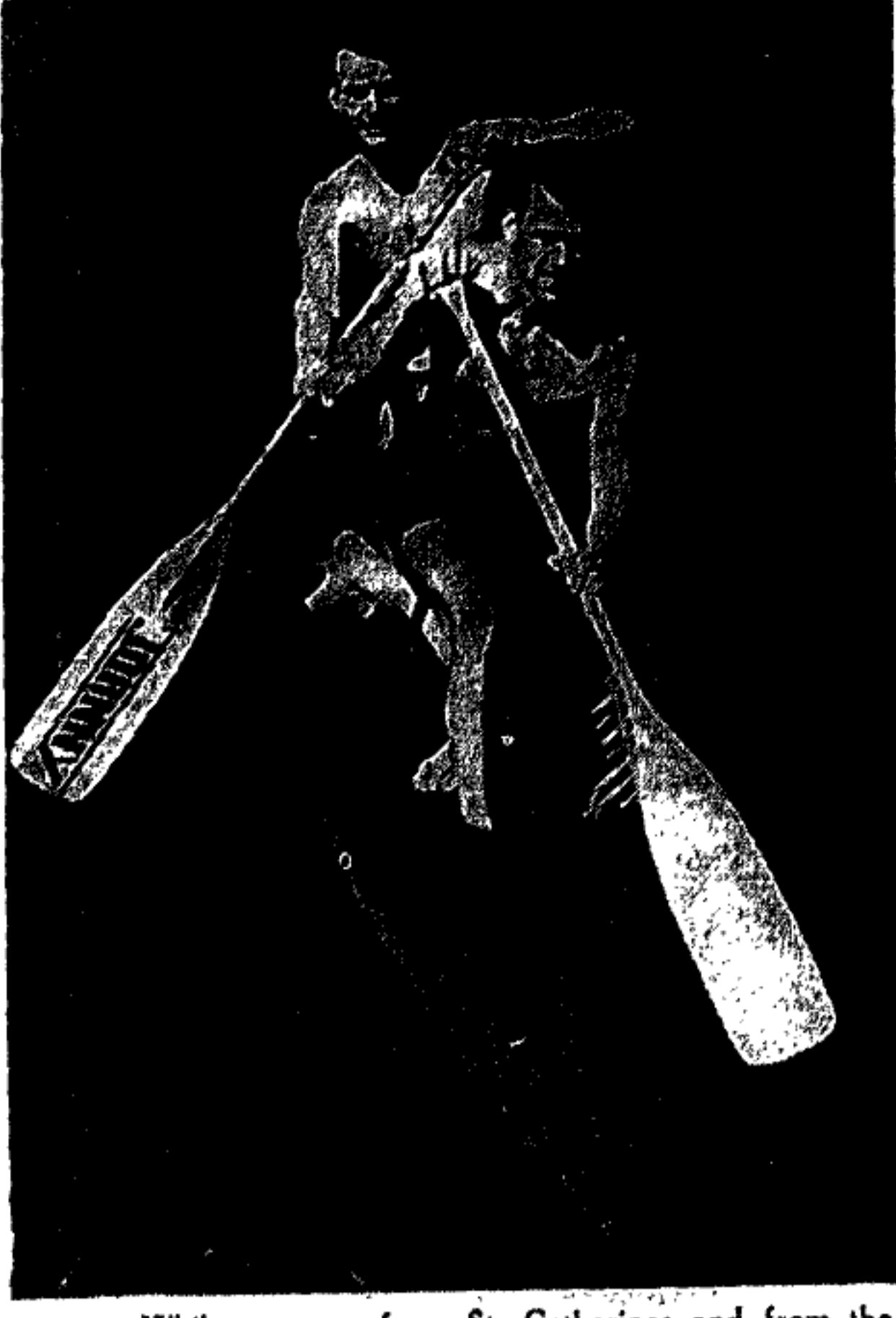
Well, that's a sketchy picture of the first track and field venture of any note in this area since Hitler's parades. Summarized the Somers report as competitor enthusiasm, great customer enthusiasm, none; result to promoter—Nil desperandum plus je ne sais quel.

You might think that young Somers having blown himself to a \$600 deficit, would discard the banner and stagger off this tricky course. You don't know the bulldog breed. Now he wants to despatch about fifteen young hopefuls to the Edmonton games (most of each individual by scripping and queuing perhaps, on a diet of dried fish both ways) \$150 and the wonders of Toronto folk with money wouldn't like to sponsor a boy \$600 or maybe two if they feel generous.

Somers is also dashing off a letter to Mayor Lewis of Ottawa in which he points out that in young Don McEwen, who hitch-hiked here for the stadium show and ran the mile in 4:28 or thereabouts is to track with B.A. Scott is skating. This is a good assertion but, as you may gather from the performances to date, young Somers is no timid Tom when promoting a favored track or sport. He will urge that Ottawa should send young McEwen starting him of course through A.A.U. channels, in case Avery Burdage "takes umbrage at us again" to Edmonton.

And so gentlemen of Toronto with sporting blood and sentiment for the track addict in your pockets, that isn't working, how's about giving this young zealot who appears determined to revive the A.A.U. Central Branch if it breaks him, and those hungry young neophytes who wish to go westward where the blue begins, a shot of adrenalin like a few useful buckerinos? Don't ask us if you should do it, ask yourselves. You can get Somers at 38 Beverington Crescent or Ray Meads at 329 Mortimer Avenue. If you will go for that touch, these petitioners will ever pray, etc., etc.

What practically broke Somers down, in case you are still reading, was the eager look in the eyes of



While oarsmen from St. Catharines and from the Island Canoe club picked off most of the prizes in the Dominion Day regatta over Centre Island's Long Pond course, Balm Beach did cut in on a few of the points. One of their wins was in the senior tandem where Hank Farintosh, commodore of the club, and Ken Lane, treasurer, made it after a hard drive.



One of the special events on the program was the navy cutters race, and there the winning boat was the H.M.C.S. Princess Royal. As is traditional in these races the coxswain gets dunked and here is Cox Shitley Piper being hauled back into the boat after the baptismal. She appears to be enjoying the whole affair but must certainly have had to do something about her hair-do and make-up shortly thereafter.

## MOST IMPROVEMENT TO BE NOTED IN THE MUTUELS

### Mack Pass On? Unthinkable!

Meriden, July 2—Connie Mack, venerable 84-year-old owner-manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, emphasized again that his team is not for sale.

"There just isn't enough money in the world to buy my team," Mack asserted at a ceremony in his honor on the site where he played his first professional baseball game in 1884.

Mack scotched a report that Hank Greenberg, Pittsburgh Pirate first baseman, had made a bid to buy the Athletics.

"Hank hasn't made an offer," Mack said, "but if he did, my answer would be the same as it would be to anyone else. The Philadelphia Athletics aren't for sale."

The patriarch said he could still be useful to the team for a few more years, and that when he does retire, he plans to give the club to his sons.

"I hope that the Macks will always own and run the Athletics," he said. He recalled that he and four players were sold for \$700 to Washington years ago for \$700. His first salary with Meriden was \$80 a month.

## JACK COOK CROWNED 'DIRT TRACK' CHAMP

Newmarket, July 2—Two Winnipeggers of the six who made the long trip to take part in the Canadian dirt track bicycle championships here yesterday captured titles as Jim Teaman printed home in the quarter-mile event and Eric Olund captured the mile in 2:54.

Top individual honors and title of "Dirt Track" champion, went to Jack Cook, 26-year-old Houting Hamblee ace for his winning effort in the Canadian half-mile and quarter-mile events. Laurin, Treasurer of Montreal, won the five-mile title event with a burst in the final lap to take it handily.

Bill Hamilton of Oshawa won the mile Class B race and the one mile novice event.

Young winners, and the anxiety in their (unbroken, some of them) voices as they pulled up panting and quivering from exertion and asked: "When do we push off for Edmonton and the championships?" That, since he checked over the meet's returns, is something Somers doesn't know himself!

Young McEwen, who checked in from Ottawa on Shank's mare, plus what rides he could cozen, didn't have an operating dime. So Somers put him up, paid the charges and rewarded him, for his mile run, with a pair of new running shoes. "You should," says Somers, "have seen the shoes he won in!" Those who can remember back to the days of their own unafraid youth, will understand.

## KEN BUSK TAKES DINGHY TEST IN ROUGH WEATHER

In the remarkable time of 1:11.48, Boulevard club's Ken Busk literally leaped around the six-mile lake course yesterday to win the event for B dinghies in the Lake Sailing Skiff association's annual regatta at Queen City Yacht club. Bill Fair, who covered half of one of his 1/16 loads drift, nosed home 12 seconds later. The same time and distance separated the third boat skipped by Royal's Ken Bradford.

It was one of those days which started with a nice gentle westerly, threatening rain. Almost with the starting gun, the wind hauled to the northwest and, boy, did it freshen! So, the affair became a merry-go-round, with the first leg a dead free run followed by a breezing pair of reaches.

Among the experts in A dinghies, Royal's Sonny Hanna kept the pack behind him to wind up the affair 31 seconds better than Willie Williamson from Boulevard. Bob Taylor had to settle for a third.

Comet laurels went to Queen City's Doug Hill, while clubman Art Ludlow and club skipper Ken Lyle, Jack Clapp and John Hunter, all of Queen City, finished in this order. Pram-expert Bill Hall sailed his pint-sized puddle jumper like a submarine when she swamped. He managed to keep her on an even keel till just his noggin and masthead were above water.

Sensibly, the judges moved to the bay for sternwinds antics, but 25 to 30-mile offshore winds are just too much for centre board sailors; last half of the program was eventually postponed till another day.

At a banquet, Queen City Yacht club's Commodore, J. Mitchell, welcomed the large group of weather-bound sailors. J.S.A. official Bob Taylor had "out the green stuff to those who finished in the money." Bill Thompson.



Don't let that sombrero and kerchief fool you. It's Pat Flanagan, as hard-riding a cowboy as ever lassoed a hot dog at Kew Beach. Pat contracted the outfit while bulldozing sundry mat steers in Texas. He rides hard on Dick Bishop in one of the supporting bouts to the Whipper Bill Watson-Hill Lee rematch at the Gardens tomorrow night. Other pairs involved on the card are John Katan and Ken Kenneth (again); Walter Sirots and Ben Sharpe, and Dan O'Connor and Toar Morgan.

## SIX INCHES SEPARATE TWO HEAVY FOURS IN THIRD TEST

It would be hard to imagine any more evenly matched combinations in the ghettie world than the Hamilton Leander and St. Catharines heavy weight fours who brightened the post-war renewal of the Dominion Day regatta at Centre Island yesterday.

Pulling identical boats, turned out by the same manufacturer, these two fouromes hauled their way into a dead-heat in their mile race yesterday, and in the half-mile race St. Kitts margin across the finish line by a streak of approximately six inches.

What made yesterday's double-feature between them so amazing, was that 11 days earlier they had competed in a Hamilton regatta and finished in a dead heat.

Couch Double Winner  
Oarsmen from St. Catharines and paddlers from the Island Canoe club were winning clubs in their specialties. St. Catharines scullers came up with five of the 13 events, while Argonauts, feeling the effects of lost training time and equipment through the disastrous fire early this year, came up with three winning efforts.

Only double winner of the rowing events was 18-year-old Billy Couch of Buffalo who won the high school singles and 145-pound senior singles. St. Catharines victories came in the lightweight fours, high school eights, lightweight eights, heavyweight fours and junior 145-pound singles won by Barrett.

Argonauts won the senior doubles, quarter mile singles via veteran Johnny Coulson and senior singles through Ken Nunn. Hamilton won the senior eights and Graves gave them the junior singles race while Dons won the 145-pound doubles.

Lakeshore Clean Up  
Island paddlers won 11 of the 16 canoe events, taking the juvenile tandem (Stelly and Watt), double blade tandems (Johnson and Mercer), juvenile war canoe (Hodgson), double blade fours, girls' single blade tandem (Beryl Robinson and Ellen MacParlane), senior singles (Hawgood), junior war canoe (Hodgson), juvenile fours, juvenile singles (Watt), senior fours and senior war canoe (C. Johnson).

Balm Beach won double blade singles (Williamson), junior singles (Lane) and senior tandems (Parintosh and Lane). Toronto Canoe club took the junior fours and junior tandems, Watson and Palmer in both.

Lakeshore club swimmers under Gus Ryder won 12 of the 18 swimming events, Iusmeden being a triple winner and Beryl Lewis taking two firsts.

## BRANTFORD BURTOLS BLAST D-A PITCHERS

Brantford Burtols showed terrific batting power as they walloped the offerings of two D. & A.'s chukkers for 16 hits and claimed a 15 to 11 victory in the Danforth Girls' Senior exhibition at Danforth Stadium last night. Cecil Morris held first place in the Intermediate league with a 9 to 3 victory over McKinnon's in the opening game.

Norma Gillen was the big Burtols hitter as she walloped out a three-run homer, a double and two singles in five tries. Elsie Griffen and Alice Green each with three hits, and Hazel Johnstone with two were other big clubbers. Mickey White picked up four of the losses' hits, Edith McConnell and Flo Brook each having three.

Ben Terrell held McKinnon's in six hits, while Lorna Dean and Marie Hinde with two hits each, paced the attack. Isabel Glynn with two hits, one a triple, was best for the losers.

## EARLY SCORING SPURT WINS FOR STAFFORDS

Staffords piled up eight runs in the first two innings and needed them to grab a 10-7 Vindictor junior baseball verdict from Riverdale Grads yesterday. Glen Pettinger paced the victors with three hits in three tries, driving in a pair of Seige Takkis, for the winners, improved after a four-run burst by Grads in the second.

## HANNON MOVES TO CALGARY

Winnipeg, July 2—Mel (Fritz) Hannon, former Winnipeg Blue Bomber star who led the club to the Canadian football title in 1935, will leave this week to establish residence in Calgary where he will open an insurance business.



**Masumatic**  
Belmont Park will feature a \$1000,000 race at its September meeting, a 2 1/2-mile handicap for three and older.

**Things Bad**  
Four donkeys, reports Dan Parker on how things are in Glocca Moro, are being used by the O'Mahony's on the Ballydehob farm to pull the plow that Danno once pushed for the spring plowing with his own two hands avick.

**Good Show**  
Tennis moguls at Vancouver have engaged and are paying an American expert to teach the B.C. young idea how to go to and retreat properly from the tennis net.

**Millions, But . . .**  
Averger winning this year's Grand Prix of the Paris turf won 4,000,000 francs. Don't let that sum throw you. In our coinage it's \$40,000.

**Slow Death**  
Hank the isn't hitting his old Nick Greenberg, his friends say, is being "low-balled to death" by National league pitcher. Maybe Hank should adopt the cricketer's swing.

**Algerian Tale**  
A New York hotel bootlegger, still in his thirties, is retiring from "business," having shined himself \$50,000 in cash.

**Price**  
For an appearance in Alaska this month, Joe Louie will get \$10,000 cash and five round-trip airplane tickets. He'll show at booming Anchorage.

**Going Up?**  
Roy Campenella, colored catcher with Montreal Royals, is said by Paul Richards of Buffalo to be the best catcher in baseball today.

**Joe's Brudder**  
Vince DiMaggio, in one game at Oakland hit homers over the 355-foot left and right field walls.

**A Rose, Etc.**  
Follow stuck us with this one: "What's the difference," he asked, "between a polecat and a skunk?"

**Smart Gal Dept.**  
Daphne Walker, Britain's ace figure skating queen and their best to rival B. A. Scott in the Olympiad, has turned professional, will be starred early in a Brighton ice show.

**P.K.'s Dilemma**  
Briggs stadium at Detroit is to be lighted for night ball next season. This leaves the Cubs park in Chicago, the only unlighted stadium in baseball.

**The Anointed**  
Tommy Ivan and Johnny Mowers have been officially nominated as right and left bowlers to Jack Adams in Detroit's hockey empire which already embraces three cities or more.

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