



STOCK ELIMINATOR

Local driver Walt Dixon accepts the winner's trophy from Miss Niagara Dragway emblematic of his victory in the Spring Nationals (East) held at Niagara Falls, New York, June 8th. The car is a 1969 Cougar sponsored by North Halton Ford and Mercury, and owned by Frank Van de Valk and built by Dave Armstrong. North Halton Ford and Mercury was formerly Dodge Brothers.

Worst Played, Worst Refereed Consensus of Beavers' Match

Georgetown Beavers Rugged Club hosted the Toronto Irish, Sunday, June 8, at the park. This was the club's last game of their spring season and it proved to be the worst played, worst refereed, and least enjoyed game of the season for all participants.

The perennially strong Irish put the Beavers' backs to their goal line in the first few minutes of the game and with some excellent kicking, dropped-kicked the ball, on the run, through Georgetown's uprights to score the first 3 points. Georgetown began to recover slowly but the experienced kicking of the Toronto team kept Georgetown from advancing to the Irish goal line. Eventually, on a brilliant play by Les Judge, Beavers scored the only try of the game as Judge 'dribbled' the ball with his feet from centre field to the Irish line and then fell on it. He failed to convert his own try and the game was tied.

From this point on, play deteriorated drastically for both teams as the referee began calling an exceptionally tight game for the type of teams playing and for the time of year the game was being played.

Georgetown began to get further frustrated when their inexperience was penalized by the referee and he refused explanation of his actions.

In the meantime the Irish had managed to get 2 more field goals off the many penalties given to Beavers and the score was 9-3.

The frustrations of the Beavers took the form of verbal assaults at the referee and this led to Sean Bilsborrow and Keith Bottomley being officially removed from the playing field by the referee. Both teams, upset with the overall look of the game that afternoon were now content to let the clock run out and get the game over with as soon as possible. Thus the Beavers spring season ended upon a sour note but, with the number of new players out this spring, the club is looking forward to a prosperous fall season.

DID YOU KNOW?

Douglas fir was named after a Scottish botanist — David Douglas — who reported the tree features during an 1825 exploration of the Pacific Northwest.

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OUTDOORS WITH GEORGE HOARE

Coon Hunt Almost Had Tragic End for George

Despite the adverse weather conditions and high water, many nice catches of Lakers, Speckled Trout, Rainbows and pickers have been made. Apparently some spots are more productive than others. Mr. McKay of Port Sydney informed me that the river there has been very poor. Usually good sized Specks, Rainbows and Whitefish are taken there.

This year due to high water and recent heavy rains, angling luck has been almost nil.

Apparently the same conditions prevail at the locks at Huntsville. The locks are at the end of Mary Lake and the falls and rapids at Port Sydney at the bottom end. This is the Muskoka River. Further on down below the Hydro dam at Bracebridge many nice Lakers have been caught this year. I believe they weighed up to 30 pounds.

Mr. McKay of Port Sydney is an expert boat builder, angler and professional guide. He informed me that a recent trip to Algonquin Park produced almost nothing in the way of Lake Trout.

Usually they are near the top in early spring. Even trolling deep with wire lines failed to produce very much.

Stan Allen of Milton was with the party which came back recently from Shoo Fly Lake with that good catch of Trout. Sorry Stan. I will take the blame for your name being absent from the column.

COONS IN THE WILLOWS—Several years ago while I was having a lunch break on the night shift I mentioned to my fellow workers about the time I was nearly drowned at the age of eight. My cousin, Garnet Wiggins, and I were gathering driftwood for my grandfather

listened intently while I told my story. They admitted that I was lucky to have been saved. Finally one of them said, "That reminds me of a time up north while on a hunting trip. We were on our way back to camp when we spotted two bear cubs up a pine tree."

"Let's get them alive," one of the party said, and he was elected to go after them. He grabbed each one in turn by the back of the neck and after a lot of tugging, pulling and manoeuvring they were finally dropped into a net below. Of course the cubs showed their displeasure by grunting and squealing. "It seems we're never in the right spot at the right time to get a picture," the story teller explained.

What baffles me is how could anyone be so strong as to pull a bear cub free of a tree with one hand while holding on to the tree with the other. Perhaps they were somebody's tame bears and had their claws manicured, but if this was so how did they ever climb up there in the first place.

Anyway the story was supposed to be true.

I said to one of the other boys, "Gee he makes it sound easy. Just like picking peaches." One of the other fellows said, "I doubt the story. Did you ever try picking an ordinary house cat from a tree? Try it some time."

What really bugged me was the fact Garnet and I ended up being nearly drowned while the bear plucker never even fell out of the tree. My story was really overshadowed, but then I guess you have to be prepared for anything after you've told a true story.

BIG WOLF — Just recently I mentioned that I had a wolf hide that measured six feet six inches from tip to tip. It was trapped near Huntsville by Johnny Usher. One of my co-workers saw one last year some hunters had shot near Bancroft measuring 11' feet from tip to tip. "It must have been twins with only one head," I said. "Probably a victim of atomic fallout."

NEXT WEEK — How to waterproof maps. Also, ninety-nine blackbirds with one shot.

Tight lines until next time.

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Hornby Registers Win In Close Ball Game

Hornby edged Procor 8-7 Thursday night to register its first victory of the season in the Halton Rural Softball League.

Hornby pitcher Larry Bennett had a fine night on the mound and at the plate. He struck out five Procor batters, while giving up six walks. He also cracked out a single.

Top hitters for Hornby were Don McLeod and Don Ritchie with two hits and two runs batted in each. Wayne McLay also had a pair of hits for the winners.

Losing pitcher was Wayne Heslop who relieved starter John Schwab in the 6th inning with the score tied 5-5. Schwab allowed three hits in his stint on the mound. Heslop had a good night at the plate collecting two hits and driving in a pair of runs.

Other hitters for Procor were Bill Heslop, Wayne Ferguson, Schwab and Al Norton.

Hornby broke a scoreless deadlock in the 3rd inning with three runs. Procor came right back to score four runs in the top of the fourth. But Hornby went back into the lead, 5-4 with two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Procor scored single runs in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings to go ahead 7-5. Hogby tied it up with two runs in the eighth and won with a single run in the ninth.

McLeod started off the winning rally when he went all the way to third as two Procor fielders collided trying to grab a pop fly. He came home on Heslop's wild pitch.

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