

REPLY OF R. J. VAIR

TO A BATH ROAD WRITER'S CHARGES.

Concerning His Action at the Recent Hockey Game—Glenburnie Residents' Regard Statements in Defence of Mr. Vair.

Glenburnie, March 7.—(To the Editor): S. W. Greer, in his letter of Feb. 27th, says it is with regret that he asks for space in your paper. Well, I would hesitate to ask for space too, if I had nothing but a rambling collection of falsehoods such as he gave to the public in that letter. I said in my letter of Feb. 21st that sixty or more Bath Road supporters came to Glenburnie and that number only about ten would pay admission. Greer says that is false and that he paid for six and that a Bath Road spare man was charged and he also says that some paid twice. Now here is what the two rink managers, who collected that day, have to say:

Glenburnie, March 2.—I am one of the rink managers of Glenburnie and helped to collect at the game. S. Greer paid me for himself only, the sum of ten cents. He paid for no women, and as far as I know, no one from Bath Road or any other place paid twice. A young man came to me at half time and said he was a Bath Road spare man and had been charged and I gave him back his ten cents. I also am positive that the man who asked if any one here wanted to fight jumped out of a Bath Road sleigh and I saw a Bath Road supporter and from all I saw happen here that day I know R. J. Vair's letter was a truthful plain statement of the whole affair.—A. A. HAY.

Glenburnie, March 2.—I am one of the rink managers of Glenburnie who collected admission on Feb. 11th, and I am sure that not more than ten Bath Road supporters paid. I saw S. Greer before the game interfering with both managers and I saw him strike William Blacklock, jr., on the head with a hockey stick and run for the sleigh where his wife was and I consider his action cowardly, and the cause of all the trouble. I did not see R. J. Vair strike or attempt to fight with any one and never saw a hockey stick in his hands that day. I wish to state positively that I charged no one twice that day. MAC LILLIS.

Greer also says that it was not a Bath Road man who asked if any one here wanted to fight, and that he will present me with \$10 if I can produce that man and he is a Bath Road supporter. Well, come along with your ten spot, Greer. That man was C. Friendship. Not only a supporter, but also a resident of Bath Road. Now, I do not want his money, but if he has a spark of manliness in him he will deposit the \$10 with you, Mr. Editor, to be equally divided between the Hotel Dieu and general hospital. He says he knows that ex-manager McIntyre is a truthful gentleman and that he told him (Greer) that Vair had bullied him so much he could not do anything with me. Well, here is what this truthful gentleman has to say:

"Bath Road, March 4.—I, David McIntyre, hereby state that I was at Glenburnie on Feb. 11 with my team. I must say, in all fairness to R. J. Vair, that I always received fair, gentlemanly treatment from him. I say positively that I did not say to Greer that Vair had bullied me. I also say that Greer did interfere with both Mr. Vair and myself before the game. I saw no hockey stick in R. J. Vair's hands that day. I did not see him interfere with the game in any way and am sure he did not strike any one nor attempt to. I also saw him order the men back from the sleigh and try to protect Greer. I read Mr. Vair's letter in the Whig and say it was a plain, truthful statement of what happened that day. As for whiskey being freely distributed I never saw any until I was about to leave for home. I was treated by a man whose name I do not know, and I do know that two or three Bath Road supporters had whiskey with them that day and I can attest this statement by oath if necessary.—DAVID MCINTYRE, ex-manager Bath Road hockey team."

Greer says he was not noisy. I say he was and the statement of four prominent residents of Bath Road township will bear me in this and also brand his whole letter as it deserves:

"Point Road, Pittsburg March 2.—We, the undersigned, residents of this locality were spectators of the hockey game between Bath Road and Glenburnie on February 11th. We heard S. Greer interfere all he could with the managers of both teams before the game. He was terribly excited and kept shouting all through the game. We would estimate the number of Bath Road supporters at sixty or more and the great majority of that number were men. We know R. J. Vair, and know that he was in no way unduly excited. We saw no hockey stick in his hands, either before, during, or after the game, and we know he is above striking with a stick or his hands, or in any way mixing up in a fight. We know he did not interfere with the referee or the game in any way. We saw Greer run and jump in the sleigh, for his wife's protection, and we think that if any lady received a black eye it was from his own rough action in getting in the sleigh. We saw R. J. Vair get in the sleigh and order the Glen men to stand back, and we feel certain that Mr. Vair saved Greer from a severe beating and perhaps saved his life. We read R. J. Vair's letter in the Whig and know it to be a fair, manly statement of what really occurred, and we hereby state that we are prepared to substantiate this under oath if necessary.—J. B. BARRETT, JAS. B. BAXTER, PATRICK FOWLER, THOMAS DUFFY."

Then Greer said I was hardly responsible for what I said or did, as I was so excited. Well, here is what the gentlemen say that stood beside me

nearly all the time of the game, and I will just let the public judge as to who was the excited one, Greer or myself:

"Glenburnie, March 3.—As a disinterested spectator of the now notable game of hockey played at Glenburnie between that club and Bath Road, and the amount of correspondence connected with it, in all due fairness to R. J. Vair, I beg to say that he stood beside me on a bank during the most of the game until the fracas occurred, when he left as cool and collected as I am at present, saying 'I must go and put a stop to that conduct. We can't allow it on this ice.' We all know that R. J. Vair can fight verbally on any question he takes up, to a finish, but as for using his hands or a hockey stick, he is not the man to do it, and I have now known him for nearly twenty years. But I think Mr. Greer must have been under a considerable amount of excitement, when he could strike a man over the head with a hockey stick; still more, when he had to run to the sleigh, get under the seat on which his wife was sitting, and when there her clothes would considerably limit his vision so that he would be unable to tell who was excited and who was not. I know that Mr. Vair was one of the first to get to said sleigh and could be heard ordering Glenburnie men to go back, telling them there was a lady in the sleigh who must not be abused. Besides, two or three of the respectable gentlemen of Glenburnie have told me that while getting Mr. Greer away to a place of safety, Mr. Vair was most eager in rendering assistance. I may also say that I read Mr. Vair's letter in the Whig and considered it a very fair statement of what occurred at the game. I am also willing to substantiate my statements by oath if necessary.—THOMAS MURRAY, Glenburnie."

Then Greer says that I tried to throw the blame on some one else. He strictly avoided one of the main issues of my letter—his cowardly, raffish action of striking William Blacklock, Jr., with a hockey stick and thereby causing all the trouble, and I say that you, Greer, disgraced township hockey yourself (if that is possible), and the name of Bath Road as well. I say again that only two of the players eluded and if he had received a job in the ribs from the end of the hockey stick, as my son did, he would know the meaning of the word aggressor. I say again that the Bath Road supporters crowded on the ice and stopped the game. He says they were largely women and children. Here, what William McKendry has to say about it:

"Glenburnie, March 2.—I was present at the hockey match between Glenburnie and Bath Road on February 11th, am well acquainted with R. J. Vair, and did not consider him at all excited, but did see some Bath Road men excited or worse, especially the one who held the hockey sticks. He walked on the ice several times during the game, and was very noisy. I am sure there were sixty or more Bath Road supporters here, and of that number not more than sixteen or eighteen were women. I saw at least twenty or thirty Bath Road supporters

at the hockey match at Glenburnie on Feb. 11th and saw no hockey stick in R. J. Vair's hands at any time during the game or after and did not see him strike or molest any one in any way, but I did see him in the sleigh trying to protect Greer.—A. SANDS."

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rs (men) rush on the ice near the close of the game, and I say positively that S. Greer was the first man to step on the ice when the players clashed. I saw R. J. Vair keep the crowd away from Greer and drive away with him to safety.—W. M'KENDBY."

"Maple Lawn, March 4.—I was a spectator of the game between Glenburnie and Bath Road on March 11th. I heard Greer interfering with both managers before the game and when the players clashed I heard him shout 'O' his son, 'Strike him, Billy,' or words to that effect and I am prepared to make this statement under oath if required.—JAMES HOGAN."

In answer to his charge of my having used a hockey stick I am prepared to make this statement under oath that I never had a hockey stick in my hands that day, that I did not strike any one, that I do not know Richard Cooper, and did not pull him to the ground, trample on him or molest him or any one else in any way. I did rescue Greer and save him from well-merited punishment, and to use his own words, 'I must be one of the respectable people of Glenburnie for I rendered him ready assistance, or again to quote Greer, we know not where the end would have been. I say also that no lady was roughly handled, and if one received a black eye, as Greer says, which I do not believe, it was not at the hands of any Glen man, and if Greer had respected his wife's feelings that day and behaved like a man, she would have been shocked. As to her condition she was on the market as usual on Feb. 25th and again in Kingston on March 4th. Here is what Mr. Craig has to say:

"Glenburnie, March 2.—I was an eyewitness of the game played here on Feb. 11th between Glenburnie and Bath Road and of the trouble near the end of the game and I can corroborate every word of R. J. Vair's letter. S. Greer, his wife and son came to my home after and were taken care of, and Greer said he struck some one with a hockey stick, he thought young Vair. There were no marks or signs of rough treatment visible on Mrs. Greer. I also saw R. J. Vair get in the sleigh and protect Greer and his wife and order the Glen men to stand back and tell the driver to turn the team and drive away.—A. J. CRAIG."

He says we cannot stand defeat. Oh, yes we can, but we will not stand for crooked work and right here I want to state positively that Glenburnie Ramblers have never been beaten in a league game this season by seven eligible men. Greer asks me to prove my first letter. Well now the public, when they read the uncorroborated statements in this letter that I have received from men who saw the game and Greer's actions and my own that day will be the best judges of that and I will leave it to them. Here is another statement by an observer:

"Latimer, March 2.—I was present at the hockey match at Glenburnie on Feb. 11th and saw no hockey stick in R. J. Vair's hands at any time during the game or after and did not see him strike or molest any one in any way, but I did see him in the sleigh trying to protect Greer.—A. SANDS."

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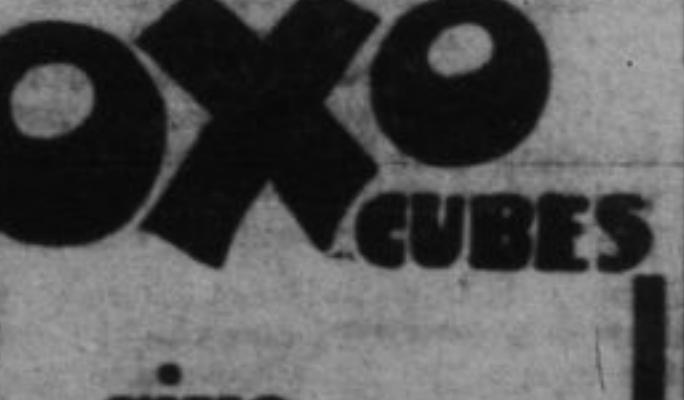
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