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CIRCE FINISHES 150-MILE RACE FAR OUT AHEAD

Protection Island's Extreme Point Attained and Passed by Cooke as Wind Fails, Tide Turns; Rivals Stop

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LET the flags salute, the guns shoot and the whistles toot—for the good sloop Circe; her skipper, Ray Cooke, and his crew.

A good boat well sailed, the Circe won the big sailing race of the season thus far on the Seattle Yacht Club's season's program, which is to say, the Protection Island race, a 120-mile cruise from the club's Shilshole Bay station around Protection, and back to the station again.

Eight boats left Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the long race and three others set out on the shorter course to Point Hudson and back. The Circe finished at 2:31:30 yesterday, or exact running time 28½ minutes short of a full twenty-four-hour day, which is the record for the Protection Island race, a test of sailing craft under the S. Y. C. direction that has been going on for many years.

The Gypsy Heart, sailed by Colin Radford, won the shorter course race, finishing at 12:47:30, to beat her closest class rival, Lenore, sailed by Wells Ostrander, 6 hours 12½ minutes. The Preservo, Rupert Broome, skipper, was third in this class.

The eleven boats went away with their wings spread Saturday afternoon, a good south breeze fanning them along clear to Point Wilson at Port Townsend, a good run of a sheer fifty miles. It is twenty miles from Point Wilson to and around Protection Island and back to the point again.

Circe Never Headed

The Circe had taken the lead at the start of the race and ever after that the rest of them took her dust. First around the island, with Gwendolyn II., Skipper Fritz Hellenthal, following and Gwendolyn I., sailed by O. A. Davis, in third position, the Circe started the return procession.

In all games and sports there is a saying that there is such a thing as luck, but that in the final analysis it favors the good player. The Circe got one of these breaks at the most critical period of the race.

Gwen II. was within 150 yards of Circe as the latter rounded Point Wilson with a last gasp of wind and as the tide turned.

Fritz Hellenthal saw his grand chance slip away and there wasn't anything to do but drop anchor. To fetch the point was impossible against an adverse tide and an absolute failure of wind.

As the Gwen rode at anchor, one by one the other boats, working up from Protection Island by taking advantage of the eddies, joined Hellenthal and his crew and, too, dropped their anchors—with Point Wilson only about 100 yards away, but wholly unattainable.

A good time was not had by all.

Meanwhile, the Circe tacked blithely home, nobody in sight, and nobody heaving in sight for hours afterwards.

Circe and Gwen had arrived at Point Wilson about 3 o'clock in the morning. A breeze began to stir at 9 o'clock, and the becalmed boats all weighed anchor, but only the Winsome, sailed by Roy Corbett, found enough to obtain headway that carried her around the point.

Finally All Get Around

The others tried again at 10:30, when the wind freshened up from the south and close-hauled, all of them this time made the ruffle and started on the fifty-mile beat for home. All of the bigger boats were within hailing distance all the way home to Shilshole Bay.

The Winsome had finished at 6:16, almost four hours behind the Circe, and was followed in by the Angella, skippered by Cully Stimson and Paul Henry, which got the finish gun at 6:53, while the judge had to reload fast to give another gun to the Gwendolyn II., which finished at 6:54, one minute behind.

This Protection Island race was a real all-around test of boats and seamanship, and every boat was manned by a skilled crew. The racing was so close and bitterly contested, fighting for every slant of wind and every eddy on the crawl-up from the island to the point, that both Gwendolyn II. and Winsome struck bottom, but were able to get off shortly with the tide's help.

The White Cloud of Tacoma, sailed in the "I" class, the next rated class to the Circe and her big sisters and tilled by Rud Pratch, hit bottom so hard she stuck on the island.

A Coast Guard boat was summoned and stood by as a guard against a possible wind that might pile her up before a tide helped her off and on her racing way.

Following home the four "W" class boats and the Gypsy Heart and Lenore were Gwendolyn I., of the "W" class; Idle Hour, Captain Paul Clyde, an "N" boat, and Elmira, an "I" boat. The "N" and "I" boats' respective corrected times will be figured by Chairman Joe Duthie of the sailboat committee and his fellows today.

Schoephoester Wins Golf Gross Honors

DEL MONTE, Cal., Monday, June 20.—(P)—C. Kerr, Los Angeles, captured low net in the qualifying round of the Pacific Coast Paper Box Golf Tournament here yesterday with a score of 85-20-65. Low gross went to A. J. Schoephoester, Seattle, who carded 84-12-72.

Rippe Has Team Liked 'Indians' Adopted Them

FRANK RIPPE, the restaurateur, will sit in the stands today at Hiawatha Playfield, toss out his chest and say:

"That's my baseball team out there



batting the West Seattle lads."

Rippe last week took a look at the Rainier Valley Indians that "Pop" Reed, the Franklin High School baseball coach had gathered together. "That's the team for me," he swore, and lined them up to play under his banner.

Ralph Reed

Rippe's line-up is part of the program to place business men behind all of the leading Seattle junior nines in the American Legion tourney. Such backing provides the youngsters with better baseballs, better equipment and the idea of civic importance makes the youngsters hustle just that much more.

University Commercial Club is backing Stan Mullane's O'Dea youngsters, the University Post of the American Legion helps Bill Schnellhardt's Roosevelt boys, the 40 & 8 Club aids Jack Sylvester's Broadway team and Dick Yeatman, the sporting goods man, furnishes equipment for Bill Nollan's Lincoln team which won the state and Northwest championships for Rainier Noble Post.

Teams still lacking sufficient backing are Ballard, West Seattle and Georgetown.

That Georgetown team has a tough assignment ahead tomorrow, playing the Lincoln team. The Lynx are built around Johnny Lewis, star of the Rainier Noble team that won the Northwest championship last year.

Today Rippe's were slated to play the West Seattle team, built around "Bud" Ransdall at Hiawatha Playfield. Last year these two teams formed the principal opposition to Shirley Boselly's Rainier Noble Post nine.

Maletta Is Ace

Coach Reed has a number of Franklin High School stars. Tony Maletta, the freshman who pitched such sensational ball as a Quaker, is sharing pitching duties with Eldon Caruthers, pitching mainstay for the Indians last year. Maletta played the outfield last season.

Catching is a bit weak with "Bus" LaSalle vieing with Bill O'Brien, who also seeks the first base assignment. O'Brien was one of Franklin's leading hitters.

"Bob" Grove, Jack Stallcop, Joe Doshen, O'Brien and Austin Seth are infield possibilities. Grove and Stallcop were on Franklin's diamond squad while Doshen, another Quaker, was a basketball star, but did not play baseball for the school. Seth is a better fielder at first base than O'Brien, but can't hold a candle to the Irishman as a hitter.

Caruthers and Maletta play the outfield when not pitching. Hans Turner, a four-letter winner as a golfer at Franklin, is another star flychaser.

Another lad who may win a job is Billy Hill, pitcher and infielder at Lakeside School, who shows a lot of promise.

Petrolle III So His 'Bat' Bout Put Over

NEW YORK, Monday, June 20.—Tonight's scheduled ten-round boxing bout between Christopher (Bat) Battalino, former world's featherweight champion, and Billy Petrolle of Fargo, N. D., was postponed today because of Petrolle's illness.

Petralia Shows Speed

READING, Pa., Monday, June 20.—(P)—Joe Petralia, Los Angeles, roared around the Reading fair grounds half-mile speedway yesterday to capture the entire program of three professional motorcycle races.