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## WESTERN LONGBOAT WAS EASY WINNER

**Paul Acoose, of Grenfell, Captured Five Mile Road Race.**

Paul Acoose, the Grenfell Indian and champion runner of Saskatchewan, added fresh laurels to his record yesterday, when he won the Y.M.C.A. five mile road race and incidentally became the first champion of western Canada. H. Dawson, of the Y.M.C.A., finished second, and S. G. Martin, of the Winnipeg North End Athletic club, came in third. The winner's time was 27 min. 26 secs. F. Fitzgerald, the Edmonton runner, fell on several occasions and ran a plucky race, finishing seventh.

Never in the history of the association has so much interest been attached to the event as yesterday. The field was a large one, only two of the 24 who entered, J. C. Hack and L. D. Zucco, failing to line up for the start. The weather conditions were all against record time but they did not dampen the ardor of the competitors, who were carried out to the starting point just past Deer Lodge by street car. The roads, however, were all against record time being made and it is safe to state had conditions been more favorable the fleet-footed westerner would have had no difficulty in lowering the amateur record for Canada.

### CROWDS MARRED FINISH.

The complete success of the race, however, was marred by the crowds who turned out to witness the finish. Winnipeg has always been looked upon as a great sporting city. During the athletic season which has just been brought to a close, generous support has been given the athletic meetings, but yesterday a portion of those assembled, in their enthusiasm and anxiety to observe the competitors, interfered with the race. It was particularly requested that a fair chance be given to the competitors and that the road be kept as clear as possible at the finish. This was not done. In their excitement of the moment, perhaps to congratulate the Indian on his splendid victory, the crowd forgot that there were others on the way, and made it very difficult for the rest to finish. Dawson, who was running a splendid race had no easy task to pass the finishing point, but the worst to suffer were D. Beckerman, and the veteran athlete, A. F. Little. The former was given no show and in fact was refused permission to pass by a number of unsportsmanlike onlookers opposite Eaton's. He ran a good race and might easily have been accorded fourth place but for his misfortune.

### MARTIN IN FRONT.

It was only a few minutes late when starter J. D. Ormsby had the runners in line and set them on their way. S. G. Martin, the northender, immediately started off in the lead, setting a stiff pace, being followed some distance behind by Acoose, while then came grouped, Irvine, Little, Dawson, Beckerman and Ditchfield, with Fitzgerald in the centre of a big group of other runners. The northender continued to make the pace, but all were appearing to have considerable difficulty in holding their feet, more particularly the Edmonton boy, who was gradually dropping back, having fallen three times, dislocating his little finger.

### ACOOSE GOES OUT.

Just after passing Deer Lodge, Acoose headed Martin in the dip and, contrary to his usual custom, made his own pace, gradually drawing away from the field and running in great style over the hard roads. Martin, however, was running well within himself and when two miles had been covered these two had a good lead from the field. Ditchfield, Little and Beckerman were running fairly well together, and the lighter brigade in Irvine, Moore and Owen were keeping a steady pace some distance behind. At this time it was clearly evident that the Alberta champion had no chance, while behind him were a long string of athletes, who were experiencing great difficulty in keeping their feet.

The road improved after passing across the old wooden bridge, and Acoose, striding along at his old pace, looked a certain winner. Behind him, however, it was a pretty race for second place. Dawson, who was showing splendid condition, kept on improving his position, and soon passed Martin, though Little, Beckerman, Ditchfield and Irvine were close behind. Fitzgerald also, though he had again fallen twice, was running better and beginning to show his form by overtaking many of those in front. At the corner of Sherbrooke street Acoose had the race well in hand and running along with a splendid stride was a good winner. Dawson finished 1 min. 10 secs. later, and Martin was a good third.

### THE INDIAN'S CAREER.

Paul Acoose, the first champion of western Canada, comes of a family all of which are good runners, and he himself promises to make a name in the athletic world. This is the first year the young Indian, who is 22 years of age, has competed in running races, but next year will see him improve his time and undoubtedly lower Canadian records. Acoose lives on the Indian reserve about ten miles from Grenfell, where his father has lived before him many years. Jack McLeod, president of the Grenfell Athletic club, who accompanied the Indian to the city, tells a good story of the father, who in his early days could beat all the redskins on the reserve. In a hunt one day after ten deer, old man Acoose set out on horseback. On and on he went in pursuit till finally after twenty miles had been travelled, the broncho gave up and was unable to continue the chase. The old man—he was a young, well set Indian in those days—went after them on foot for some thirty miles, and showed his great powers of endurance by killing every one of

the ten denizens of the forest. "You may smile," said the genial president, "but it is as true as I am here," and that's how Paul has his running powers, and will become the greatest runner in Canada.

This is the first year Acoose has come into the athletic world. His first appearance was on May 24, in a five-mile race at Grenfell, when another Indian, Phelix Pennepekenick by name, was a hot favorite, but Acoose won as he liked in 23 minutes flat. He then came out in the ten-mile road race at Regina early in July, where he won the title of champion of Saskatchewan, beating a field of 21 runners. This was more or less of a cross-country affair, for the roads were very muddy and fields had to be traversed and wire fences negotiated. Acoose got over the course in 1 hour 6 seconds.

Grenfell began to wake up to the fact that there lived in Saskatchewan a runner who could beat them all, and in company with some supporters from the west came in to the exhibition week. The Indian's first race in Winnipeg was not a success. It was over a mile, and the Indian suffered the only defeat of his career when by bad judgment his colors were lowered by T. Bator, of the Y.M.C.A. On the same day, however, he showed his real ability when over a heavy track he beat some of the best runners in the city. His time was 15 minutes 20½ seconds. A few days later he came out again and won the five-mile championship, covering a rough and heavy track in 30 minutes 51 seconds. A long rest then followed and Acoose came to Winnipeg for further honors in July, when he won the five-mile race at the Trades and Labor sports in 27 minutes 51-5 seconds. By winning the five-mile race yesterday over the hard roads, Acoose accomplished a wonderful performance, which stamps him as a world beater. Though he failed to lift the championship cup, his name goes on to it as the first winner.

### SUMMARY OF THE RACE.

The runners finished in the following order: Paul Acoose, Grenfell A.C.; H. Dawson, Y.M.C.A.; S. G. Martin, W.N.E.A.A.C.; A. F. Little, Y.M.C.A.; D. Beckerman, Y.M.C.A.; P. C. Irvine, unattached; J. F. Fitzgerald, St. George's society, Edmonton; W. W. Moore, Y.M.C.A.; A. Owen, Y.M.C.A. Others to compete were: F. G. Anderson, unattached; F. W. Wood, Y.M.C.A.; S. Waskey, un-



**PAUL ACOOSE,**

**The Grenfell Indian Who Won the Five-Mile Road Race.**

attached; N. McDonald, unattached; S. E. Davidson, unattached; G. Lockwood, St. Giles' church; B. W. Jackson, unattached; J. Wiedman, Y.M.C.A.; E. W. Johnson, Y.M.C.A.; W. J. Murray, unattached; J. Ditchfield, unattached; W. Booth, W.N.E.A.A.C.; C. Timberley, unattached.

In the weighing competition among the runners, W. W. Moore, with 100½ pounds, and W. J. Murray, 105½ pounds, took the shields for the lightest and heaviest competitors. The novice prize was won by P. C. Irvine, and A. F. Little took the prize for the oldest competitor.

The officers of the day were as follows: Starter, J. D. Ormsby; judges, Geo. P. Leyden and H. R. Haddock; timers, T. Boyd, F. Filmer and L. R. Plunkett.

### MONTREAL RACE.

Montreal, Nov. 3.—Heading the two hundred and sixty runners that started, Paddy Royal, of the M.A.A.A., won the Herald road race to-day. He was followed by McCuge and Delaney, both of the M.A.A.A., Fuhvre, of the Nationals, and White, Brockville, the latter finishing fifth. The course was more than ten miles long, and Royal's time was 58 min. 28 1-5 sec., breaking the record made over the course last year by Abbey Woods of the Gordons. None of the clubs affiliated with the C.A.A.C. entered and this deprived the Gordon men from competing. Abbey Woods, of the Gordons, won the independent harrier ten mile race, which was started an hour earlier than the Herald race and was partly over the same course. His time was 57 min. 32 2-5 sec. He was followed by Robson, Y.M.C.A.; Feley, Stanns, Lennahan, Gordons; and McBain, Westmount.

### BOYS' CLUB RACES.

Much interest was taken yesterday afternoon in the two races run in connection with the Boys' club. They were both started opposite the Free Press office and the course in each instance was west on Portage avenue and return.

The splendid snowing and times made by the boys makes it very evident that the youngsters will cut a big figure as they grow older. There were six competitors in the two mile race and it was certainly a most interesting fight. From the start J. Goring took the lead, but it was only a slight one and he was closely followed by the others who were grouped together. At the turn he was still in the lead and right up to the finish though closely pressed, he held his advantage to win in 13 mins. flat. It was