

W. E. Scantlebury Heads Hoop League

W. E. (Wallie) Scantlebury last night was elected president of the City Basketball League at a meeting of team representatives held in the Travel Bureau. Retiring president Rev. Walter McGuigan of Saint Dunstan's was named Vice President with Joseph Cullen being appointed secretary.

Members of the executive include: Lt. Col. W. J. MacDonald and Elmer Murnaghan. Saints, Navy and Ray's Millionaires are the teams that will comprise the league, to be run as an open league with an all star team being picked at the end of the season to enter Maritime playdowns.

In addition to the above league a junior league is also to be run with Prince of Wales, second Saints and Abegweils named as opponents.

Referees chosen to handle the games include W. E. Scantlebury, Earl Goss, R. LeClair, Bill Reid, A. J. McKinnon and Pat Power.

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Sugar Robinson And Chuck Taylor To Fight Dec. 19

DETROIT, Nov. 24 (AP)—Contracts for a world's welterweight title bout between champion Sugar Robinson of New York and Chuck Taylor of Coakville, Pa. were signed today.

George Gainsford, Robinson's manager, and Taylor signed the papers calling for a 15-round match here Dec. 19 in Olympia Stadium, promoted by Nick London.

Winner of 19 of his 22 bouts as a professional, Taylor is scheduled to start training here late this week.

Jimmy Gray To Coach Dalhousie Hockey Squad

HALIFAX, Nov. 24 (CP)—Jimmy Gray, high scoring left winger with Halifax Crescents in the Maritime Senior Hockey League, has been appointed coach of Dalhousie University's hockey squad. It was announced tonight.

Gray, who although a student at Dal is ineligible for intercollegiate play, will take over the mentorship immediately from Windy O'Neill, one-time campaigner with Toronto Maple Leafs and now a Dalhousie student.

Competing with Dalhousie in the 20-game Nova Scotia intercollegiate schedule will be Nova Scotia Technical College, St. Francis Xavier University of Antigonish, St. Mary's College of Halifax and Acadia University of Wolfville.

Reports Persist Cardinals Club Changing Hands

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 24 (AP)—Reports persisted today without official confirmation or denial that St. Louis Cardinals and at least part of the National League club's vast minor league baseball properties have been sold to a syndicate including Postmaster-General Robert E. Hannagan, Owner Sam Breadon, besieged with inquiries, indicated he will make an announcement on the matter later. "I can't say anything now, but I will have something to say later," Breadon said.

1948 Kentucky Derby May 1

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 24 (AP)—Col. Matt J. Winn, president of Churchill Downs, announced today that next year's Kentucky Derby, the 74th, will be held May 1.

School Teams Clash This Afternoon

Weather permitting West Kent and Queen Square Schools football squads will clash in the second game of their best of three series for the City championship at S.D.U. gridiron this afternoon. Starting time for the tilt has been set at 3:30.

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Would Like To Know Which Class They Should Register In

(This is one of a series of weekly sports roundups contributed by sports editors in Maritime centres) (By Doug Costello Sports Editor, Saint John Telegraph Journal.)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Nov. 24 (CP)—Coming out of a slight case of shell-shock brought about by announcement that Saint John Beavers had lost the services of Bill Giggie, Walter Kyle and Don Whalen, the wondering sports population in charge are hoping to put the once popular hoop game back on a solid footing during the coming months.

And for the first time in a good many years much attention is going to be paid to the juniors. Realizing that if the game is to be kept going the youngsters must be broken in it is the officials' intention to have a junior league played in conjunction with the intermediate and in this way it is hoped to develop future players for senior squads.

Players who have been keeping the game alive for the past several seasons are actually few in number and in a good many cases have only a few more years of competition ahead of them. If juniors are not brought along in the meantime it can mean only one thing—the game will certainly slip back into obscurity and this is something that is to be avoided.

And at the end of the season it is likely that for the first time in a great many years an Island team will be challenging for a crack at the Maritime intermediate basketball title. In this writer's memory at least we have no recollection of a title coming to this Province.

Last year the Navy team which captured the City Basketball League made efforts to play off with the New Brunswick champions but met with little success, after they had dropped a close decision in an exhibition game played at Moncton. However at that time there were several matters that hindered the local team's chances. This year it is expected things will be different and the local squad bearing the colors of the Abegweils will be afforded a chance to bring a hoop title to the Province.

Legionnaires held their first workout of the season at the Forum last night when about 25 hockeyists turned out included in the number being a half dozen of last year's championship team, a team that not only won the City championship but also retained their Maritime intermediate crown.

Coach Gordon Drillon who last night reiterated his previous announcement of retiring from a playing role will confine his activities to the coaching end. Last night he had little comment on the players under his charge as he let them go through their pre-workout exercises with no scrimmages taking place.

Perry, Strain, Cudmore and McIntyre were the only members of last year's squad McDonald and Pulte Pond last year's stalwart defence duo are expected out shortly and with these Drillon should have a strong nucleus to build his squad around.

Here is how Baz O'Meara views Conny Smythe's ascendancy to the presidency of Maple Leaf Gardens:

"It doesn't seem so long ago that Connie Smythe was scrambling around seeking financing for his dream building the Maple Leaf Gardens. Now he is president of the enterprise whose stock has an actual value of somewhere around eighty-six dollars a share. It started out at ten, once sagged they say as low as a dollar, but within a few years shot from fifteen dollars where he bought a big block, to its present value.

"We give the financial background to emphasize the way the man came up, one step at a time till now they say his holdings are worth a half a million dollars.

ing many years ago that he would sink or swim with the enterprise.

"Well do we remember him say, which was largely of his own creation. At that time he was quite a racing man and he had good runners too, was a betting man who had his ups and downs, but who abandoned the business when he buckled on his armor again to take a second slash at the Hun.

"Connie never lost faith in hockey. What is in store for him he never lost faith in himself. He knew where he was going at all times and he drove towards his goal in fierce, relentless fashion.

"He is a different man today than he was when he used to set crowds in an uproar with his antics in Montreal, Boston and New York rinks. He has mellowed, with the years and is still quite a fellow, but somehow we liked him

Sport Echoes from Prince County

Allie Harris, Trinity United bowler, has consolidated his position as leader of the Summerside Community Bowling League No. 1, drawing 7 points ahead of three-runners-up who are all knotted up with averages of 222 points each.

Coach Jack West, who preceded the players' party to scout Toronto Argonauts Saturday in the eastern final, fired the earlier salvo when he remarked that the Dominion champions showed little more than Joe Krol and Royal Coppeland in the 22-1 victory over Ottawa Trojans. But this decision to defy the elements was just as startling.

"Out west when it snows we just sit snow," decided West, ordering his squad of 25 onto the muddy field a few hours after their 11 A.M. arrival by train. "We might as well make the best of it here and have some of these travel kinks out."

The weather kept all but a few of the incurably curious away from the Hamilton playground, where the western champions will hold daily afternoon workouts for the east-west classic in Toronto Saturday. Those who did turn out saw a team that looked both bigger and faster than either of the squads which lost to Argos, 35-0 and 28-6, in the last two finals.

The "Big Ten" of the High School League are as follows: 1. Geo. McKinnon, Hot Leads 182, 2. Enright Doucette, Hawks 176, 2. Billy Sherry, Strikers 176, 4. Leonard Gallant, Crystals 205, 4. Geo. Oldcamp, Knights of Columbus No. 1 205.

Many of Summerside's hockey fans will be glad to hear that the Crystal Rink will be in operation again this year despite rumors and grave fears that the rink would be closed. The rink will be under the management of Art Clow, and extensive repairs are planned. The sides will have practically complete new boarding, the floors will be repaired and the dressing rooms and player's lockers will be painted, as well as other necessary repairs.

If you want to see the results of vandalism carried to the Nth degree, go into the rink and inspect the wanton destruction perpetrated apparently by youngsters of the town during the off-season. We venture to predict that hundreds of dollars worth of damage has been done, and the worst feature of it is that the guilty ones are to get away with it; at least we haven't heard of any attempt being made to round them up. This is bad, anyway you look at it. Children who get away with such breaches of the law may be encouraged to further acts of destruction.

We've been checking in the dictionary for the meaning of "vandalism." Our dictionary says, and we quote: "the destruction of anything beautiful, especially a work of art." Hmm... maybe we didn't use the right word in the last paragraph after all. The Crystal Rink is hardly a work of art, but that is no reason why vandals, or whatever they are should be permitted to wreak destruction on it with impunity.

The Kinsmen are going ahead rapidly with the preparation of the rink. The space for the rink has been levelled and the posts for the

Bearcats Regain Top Spot In League By 6-5 Win Over Halifax

TRURO, N. S., Nov. 24 (CP)—Truro Bearcats moved back into top spot in the Maritime Senior Hockey League tonight when they edged out Halifax Crescents 6-5 in a fast-skating game.

It snapped Crescents' two-game winning streak and with Saint John Beavers' victory over Moncton Hawks at Saint John left Halifax only a point ahead of the cellar-place Beavers.

Bearcats won the game in the first period when they used a fast-breaking game to post a 4-1 lead. This came after Crescents had held a single goal margin.

From the opening whistle until the final gong for the goal that would have given them a tie, Goalie Sonny MacDonald came up with a smart game for the Truro club, but it was no more effective than that turned in by pucky Lorne Evans in Crescents' citadel.

Truro's Bert Steele had to leave the ice in the second period for medical attention. Breaking from his zone with the puck, Bert was hit under the chin by a stick. He was skating with the tongue out at the time and when the teeth snapped the result was a nasty gash that required stitches.

Lineups:— Truro: Goal, Evans; defence, Metcalfe, Gaudet; centre, Sullivan; wings, Charlton, Redmond; subs, McGee, Gray, Thompson, Hannon, Larable, Powell, Croucher.

Referee: Bert Sleep; linesmen, Topphee and Hepburn.

First Period
1-Halifax, Hannon (Larable) 3:27.
2-Truro, Roach (Medynski) 4:44.
3-Truro, McIntyre (Robertson, Barrell) 9:27.
4-Halifax, Charlton (Sullivan) 9:56.
5-Truro, Medynski (Roach) 13:00.

Second Period
6-Truro, Roach (Steele) 4:10.
7-Halifax, Sullivan (Charlton) 9:27.
8-Halifax, Hannon (Larable, Barrell) 12:00.
9-Truro, Barkwell (Keatts, Robertson) 15:30.
10-Halifax, Charlton (Sullivan) 17:53.

Third Period
11-Halifax, Sullivan (Redmond, Charlton) 4:03.
Penalties—Barkwell, Roach, Metcalfe, Croucher, Medynski.

Mayer To Sell Remainder Of Racing Interests

PERRIS, Calif., Nov. 24 (AP)—Disposal of the remainder of Louis B. Mayer's \$7,000,000 racing interests loomed certain today, with Henry Knight, prominent Lexington, Ky. turfman, as central figure in the purchasing end of the deal.

Myron Fox, representing the movie magnate, asserted that Knight was coming here to arrange details for an auction disposing of Mayer's ultra-modern breeding farm here, once valued at \$5,000,000. He denied that there was going to be an outright sale.

Other sources close to the Mayer Stable which gave up active racing this year, said they understood "everything was going to be sold," including 40 crack yearlings, 40 prize brood mares, and several stallions.

Mayer's racing stable was auctioned off for more than \$1,500,000 last February at Santa Anita.

Millionaires Win

SYDNEY, N. S., Nov. 24 (CP)—A last-minute tally by dynamic little Jerry Gagnon gave Sydney Millionaires a 4-3 win over luckless North Sydney Victorias to work of art. Hmm... maybe we didn't use the right word in the last paragraph after all. The Crystal Rink is hardly a work of art, but that is no reason why vandals, or whatever they are should be permitted to wreak destruction on it with impunity.

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B. Cudmore	171	130	230
W. Crockett	173	145	188
J. Simmonds	175	245	184
A. Callbeck	215	144	221
Total—2503	261	212	163
G. Stewart	102	130	141
B. Shama	153	180	132
A. Found	225	215	257
C. Acorn	172	219	249
Total—2701	144	182	164
B. Giggie	139	140	193
N. McInnis	186	172	121
B. Cameron	218	190	203
B. Stevenson	176	177	86
B. McDonald	238	168	163
Total—3311	130	197	206
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H. Stewart	204	193	131
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