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Large Number Of Clubs To Take Part In First Confederation Bonspiel

Seven trophies, a shield and individual prizes for members of championship and runner-up rinks have been donated for the first Confederation Bonspiel to be held in Charlottetown February 10 to 14, it was announced by local curling officials yesterday.

By far the most ambitious program ever planned for these parts by Island curling enthusiasts, the bonspiel has already attracted entries from as far as Wisconsin, Minnesota, U.S.A.

Between 40 and 50 rinks have signified their intention of competing and many more clubs, particularly in the Maritimes, have yet to be heard from. Entries to date reveal that the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the Island itself will be well represented.

The day event will be run off at the Charlottetown Curling Club and the Forum, Charlottetown's ice palace.

The trophies will be up for competition annually with the club whose rink wins the coveted piece of silverware retaining possession for that year and each individual member receiving a suitable prize as a memento of victory.

The trophies, all handsome pieces of silverware, suitably bedecked with curling figures, insignias, etc., have been generously donated by a number of business houses.

A list of trophies and prizes donated follows:

P. E. I. Provincial Championship British Consoles Trophy.

Trophy and eight individual prizes for winning and runner-up rinks, donated by MacDonald Tobacco Co. Ltd.

Elimination Championship, R. T. Holman Ltd. Trophy.

Eight individual prizes for winning and runner-up rinks, donated by M. F. Schurman Co. Ltd.

Imperial Oil Trophy, trophy and eight individual prizes for winning and runner-up rinks, donated by Imperial Oil Ltd.

British-American Oil Trophy, trophy and eight individual prizes for winning and runner-up rinks, donated by British-American Oil Company Ltd.

Prowse Brothers Trophy, trophy donated by Prowse Bros. Ltd.

Four individual prizes donated by A. Pickard & Co. Ltd.

Four individual prizes donated by H. M. Simpson.

Wholesale Grocers' Trophy, Road Builders Shield, shield and individual prizes donated by Island Construction Company.

Confederation Championship—Maritime Central playdowns—Trophy presented by Maritime Central Amateurs Ltd.

Four individual prizes presented by Morrison & McRae Ltd.

Hockey Case Is Postponed

OTTAWA, Dec. 23—(CP)—County Court Judge John P. Maden today granted postponement to Jan. 8 of a hearing on an interim injunction against the Buffalo Bisons hockey club of the American Hockey League and their scout Hap Emms.

Deferment was granted because notice of the injunction had not reached Emms, believed to be at Barrie, Ont. A second injunction, against the Houston, Texas Clippers, Bisons' farm club, expires Jan. 8 and will be heard at that time.

They were obtained by the Ottawa Forum Company, operators of the auditorium, homeground of the Ottawa Senators of the Quebec Senior Hockey League. The company charges Emms with raiding and enticing two Ottawa players to break their contracts. The players—Les Hickey and Jimmy McFadden—left for Buffalo a week ago, but were detained at Fort Erie by United States immigration officials.

Connie Mack Is 84 Today

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23—(AP)—Cornelius McCillcuddy, dean of baseball managers with 83 managing seasons to his credit, was 84 yesterday—but he will celebrate his birthday today.

It was years after he won fame as leader of Philadelphia Athletics that Connie Mack discovered he was born on the 22nd, not the 23rd, of December, but had too long struck for Connie Mack, and he stuck to his accustomed celebration date.

Newspaper sports departments became a trifle excited when it was announced Gordon Richards was to ride over the 'stikes'—the novice tracks. When Britain's premier jockey was questioned at Newmarket he said his only lumping would be over the Swiss Alps.

The other Gordon Richards is a 15-year-old boy who is no relation to this season's 200-race winner, by Curran and Briggs Ltd.

In addition there will be a "Conso-Plan Event", for which four individual prizes are donated by Morrison & McRae Ltd.



That the Confederation Bonspiel to be staged at the Charlottetown Curling Club and Forum February 10-14 will prove to be highly successful can now be taken for granted when it was made known yesterday by local officials that already 50 rinks will be represented, with many more yet to hear from.

It will be a gala five days event for not only active participants in the game but also followers of it. For the past number of years competition has been limited mostly to Island players but come next February fans will have the opportunity of witnessing some of the top-notch players in action.

And the different rinks will be fighting for seven beautiful trophies that have been donated. Curling-minded concerns have gone solidly behind the program and donation of the trophies has added mightily to the coming competition.

Staging of such a program has placed a lot of burden on the shoulders of Island curling officials but they have gone about their tasks in a business-like manner and today with the actual competition still nearly two months away they find themselves in the enviable position of having all details looked after and that is something they should be highly commended for.

Currently there is a movement afoot to bring about the elimination of the games in the National Hockey League by the restoration of overtime play.

It will be recalled that overtime play was eliminated as a wartime measure. Those favoring its return point out that there have been a total of 12 tie games played in the N.H.L. already this season, with the Boston Bruins figuring in no less than seven of them, while the Detroit Red Wings have been stalemated on five occasions.

There is no doubt that a tie game is inclined to leave one dissatisfied. There used to be a time when the teams played until a winner was decided. Prior to the war, however, only one ten-minute overtime period was played except in playoff games which, of course, were played to a finish.

President Clarence Campbell hasn't as yet voiced a public opinion on whether or not he is in favor of seeing overtime play re-

Sinclair's S'side Bowling Team



Reading from left to right, seated, front: Frank DesRoches, "Windy" Clow; standing: Ralph Edwards, Keith Champion, Ralph Caseley.

Crescents Give Truro 'Cats 9-6 Trimming

Hockey Practice

Knotty Niners Midgets will practice this morning at 10:30 at the Forum.

All members of P. J.'s Rovers juvenile hockey team are asked to be on hand for a practice session at the Forum Thursday morning at 10:30.

The regular workout for Queen Square boys which was to have been held at 3 o'clock this afternoon will be held Thursday at 1:00 p. m.

It is doubtful if any action will be taken this season, as it would be unfair to the teams who have figured in several of them to date. However, it is a certainty that some official action will be taken before another season rolls around.

Baz O'Meara of the Montreal Star, always one to turn a lobe against Toronto's Leafs, tells of how the fast-moving Leo Gravelle got away from the Queen City club. It seems that Toronto dropped Gravelle from the Leafs' list in order to take another player, highly-recommended by a scout who did most of his hunting among the bright lights.

When Canadiens heard Gravelle was off the Toronto list, they snared him in a hurry.

The Leafs, continues O'Meara, once had Elmer Lech in their camp, but let him get away, but then "Teeter" Kennedy got away from Canadiens, so that evens up.

However, it's not common knowledge that the Leafs also had "Tom" Blake when the former Hamilton star first turned pro, but their crystal ball had a flaw in it at the time and the dynamic Hector was permitted to wind up in Montreal.

Christmas will be come and then when this column next appears and we take this opportunity of extending to its readers heartiest of wishes for a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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Confirm Musial Batting Champ In National League

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Stanley Frank Musial, whose general all-around work in the outfield and at first base for St. Louis was the biggest single factor in the Cardinals in 1946, today was officially recognized as the batting champion of the National League with a percentage of .368.

In winning his second batting crown in four full major league seasons the 26-year-old Donora, Pa., clutter also led the loop with 124 runs, 230 hits, 366 total bases, 142 singles, 50 doubles and 20 triples.

That, together with his successful mid-season transformation from an outfielder to a fine defensive first baseman, when rookie Dick Sisler was found wanting at the initial sack, was responsible for his selection as the circuit's most valuable player by a committee of Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Musial's return to the No. 1 spot among the hitters was all the more remarkable as he was out of action all of 1945 while serving in the United States Navy.

Johnny Mize, another former sailor back at first base for New York Giants, was runner-up to Musial with .337.

Ralph Kiner, freshman outfielder of Pittsburgh Pirates smashed 23 home runs to become the second national League outfielder since 1900 to lead the circuit in home runs in his first year in the majors.

Harold (Pete) Reiser of Brooklyn Dodgers stole the most bases, 24, including seven successful thefts of home in nine attempts. His teammate, Ed Stanky, laid down the most sacrifice hits, 20.

Musial, who went to bat the most times, 635, and Ben Slaughter were the only players to take part in all of their team's games. "Manager Mel Ott of the Giants, in the twilight of his career, increased a half-dozen of his lifetime league marks. Besides playing his 21st consecutive year with one club he now has scored 1,859 runs, collected 5,041 total bases, 1,071 base hits, 2,195 extra bases and swatted 511 home runs.

To no one's surprise, the Redbirds, with three among the first 10 hitters, led the league in team batting with a .295, one point better than the Braves'. The Cards also went to bat the most times, 5,772; scored the most runs, 712; collected the most hits, 11,425; the most doubles, 265, and compiled the most total bases, 2,016.

Brooklyn, defeated by the Cards in their unprecedented playoff for the National League flag, clouted the most triples, 61, and paced by Reiser, stole the most bases, 100.

The Giants led in home runs with 121, while the Cardinals they have led the league in that department and the 15th year in which they hit 100 or more, both league records.

The Dodgers led the longest winning streak, eight; and the Giants suffered the longest losing streak, 10. The Dodgers and Reds engaged in the longest scoring history when they played a 19-inning, 0-0 tie Sept. 11 at Brooklyn.

Greenberg Led American League In Runs-batted-in

CHICAGO, Dec. 22—(AP)—Detroit's Hank Greenberg captured the American League's runs-batted-in championship for the fourth time in his career last season. Official statistics showed today that he had 127 RBIs, 16 more than Nick Etten did for New York Yankees in 1946 but his total was far below the figure he compiled in 1937 when he marked up 183 runs batted in. Greenberg also led the league in this department in 1935 with 170 and in 1940 with 150. The all-time Major League record of 190 runs batted in was set up by Hack Wilson of Chicago Cubs in 1930.

The Tiger veteran closely synchronized his runs-batted-in titles with his home run crowns. He led the league in four-baggers with 44 last season, duplicating similar feats in 1935, 1938 and 1940. The championship Boston club topped the league for team batting with a total of 736 in the R.B.I. column, with Detroit finishing third behind New York.

American League clubs and players entered a total of 29 broken or tied records in the books during the 1946 season.

Warren Rosar, Philadelphia backstop, was credited with four records, with the highest fielding percentage by a catcher during a season, most consecutive chances without an error by a catcher for a season and for the league.

Bob Feller, Cleveland fireballer, chalked up 348 strikeouts for the season and ran up his one-hit games to date to eight for records. He also marked up his second no-hit no-run game to the two other records.

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Saint John Defeats Moncton Hawks 8-4

(By The Canadian Press)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 23—Moncton's high-flying Hawks absorbed an 8-4 lacing from Saint John Beavers tonight but the Hub birds remained perched on top of the Maritime senior hockey league while Beavers still held down third place in the Big Four loop.

After a hustling first period Saint John led 4-2. Beavers shot a brace each during the next two frames while holding Moncton scoreless in the second but letting Hawks have the satisfaction of ending the count with two in the last session.

Speedy Nick Federonick was the scoring star. He tallied off each session after nice passing plays and made the red light blink three times in the first period.

Nick shot five Saint John goals. Kyle, LeBlanc and Butler accounted for the others, all with help. Bastarache and Trainer did the scoring for Moncton in the first period, and Doug Leadbetter scored the last two Hawk tallies.

Hawks felt the absence of veteran Sammy McManus, runner-up for highest scoring honors in the league.

Summary:

First Period	Second Period	Third Period
1—Saint John, Kyle (Butler) 2:00	7—Saint John, Federonick (Mykety) 7:00	9—Saint John, Federonick (Kyle) 2:00
2—Moncton, Bastarache 3:04	8—Saint John, Butler (Price, Whalen) 17:07	10—Saint John, LeBlanc (Price, Mykety) 9:44
3—Saint John, Federonick (Lynch, Price) 10:19	11—Moncton, Leadbetter (Fraser) 11:40	12—Moncton, Leadbetter (Demchuk, Agnew) 16:50
4—Moncton, Trainer (Whitlock, Fraser) 14:57	Penalties: Steele, Federonick	Penalties: Bastarache (2), Mykety, Lynch, Trainer
5—Saint John, Federonick (Price, Whalen) 17:07		
6—Saint John, Federonick (Lynch, Whalen) 18:40		

Joe Krol Is Named 1st Canadian Athlete

TORONTO, Dec. 23—(CP)—The passing Pole who developed the aerial attack in Canadian football almost into an act of magic—Joe (King) Krol—great backfielder of the champion Toronto Argonauts, was Canada's outstanding athlete of 1946.

Sports writers across Canada named "Mr. Football" over Edmonton's golfing constable, Henry Martel, recalling Krol's brilliant season play and the way he passed, kicked and ran Argos to victory when they successfully defended the Dominion senior title last month against the western challenge of Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

The 27-year-old former University of Western Ontario star gained 59 of a possible 75 votes cast by 25 scribes in a poll conducted by The Canadian Press, with Martel well back with 15. Totals were three times as high as in 1945, when Krol's points for a first-place vote, two for a second and one for third, and Big Joe was placed in the first bracket by 14 writers.

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Little Fritz Hanson of Winnipeg Blue Bombers was the Dominion's no. 1 athlete in 1935, the following year football bowed to marathon running when the selectors named Gerard Cote of St. Hyacinthe, Que. The French-Canadian runner was almost forgotten this year, polling only five votes.

Martel's triumph in the Canadian amateur golf championship put him three points up on Bill Durman, goalie of Montreal Canadiens, world professional hockey champions. Bill failed to obtain a single choice but nine writers gave him a total of 12 points.

Twenty-four athletes were named and behind Durman came two fellow Canadians—Maurice (Rocket) Richard and Hector (Doc) Blake—with eight points each. Montreal also provided the next contestant, Jackie Robinson, negro infielder with the Royals and leading hitter of the International Baseball League.

Krol's starry running-mate Royal Copeland, received four votes as did Gayo Stewart, forward with Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League.

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