

Sport Echoes From Prince County

The Summerside Midgets didn't win the Maritime championship but the boys deserve a lot of credit for what they did accomplish this year. They went further than any other hockey team in Prince County this spring and last New Year's wouldn't have had a plugged nickel that the team would have been able to beat an egg with a stiff yolk. They are now the proud champions of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and hockey fans in Summerside should feel proud of these Cinderella kids who went forth and cut quite a sizeable hunk of fame for themselves.

There seems little question but that the better team won at Stellarton Friday night. We have to take into account however that our boys were playing in their opponents' rink, that they were playing after having had a tiresome trip with little rest before the beginning of play. It seems probable that the score wouldn't have been so one-sided had the game been played in a neutral rink with both teams having to travel to the scene of action. On the other hand, it is only fair to say that the stellar goal-tending of Balfour MacKay helped the local kids a lot. Congratulations to young MacKay who hasn't had much experience between the pipes. He duplicated Marj Delaney's feat in Sydney when our Kingsmen boys won an unofficial Maritime championship two years ago. That Midget aggregation was probably the strongest ever organized in Summerside. We expected them to go places and they did.

The boys have the highest praise for the Lourdes hockey players and their management. They are quite enthusiastic about the fine way in which they were entertained in Stellarton.

Three of the closest basketball games ever seen at the local airport were played between the Summerside Flyers and Harmon Field on Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoon. The Americans stationed at Newfoundland airport won Friday's game, but were behind 43 to 43 with 33 seconds to go. Earl Smith was awarded a foul shot and it was thought the Flyers might waive the shot and try to freeze the ball still the closing song. The team elected for Smith to take the shot, however, and when he missed the Harmon Field flashes came back for two very fast baskets, adding yet another before the game. It is a question whether it would have been better to try to kill the 33 seconds by passing the ball around or not. 33 seconds is a long time to keep the ball

Tiger Rookie Hailed As Potential Star

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Former Big Leaguers Obtain Court Order

NEW YORK, April 4 — (AP) — Fred Martin and Max Lanier, former St. Louis Cardinal pitchers, today obtained from the United States Court of Appeals an order directing organized baseball to show cause tomorrow why the court should not hear immediately an appeal from a decision last week by Federal Judge Edward A. Conger.

Judge Conger's decision denied the players' application for a preliminary injunction restraining baseball from keeping them on the suspended list.

In appealing for today's order, John L. Flynn, lawyer for Martin and Lanier, submitted an affidavit declaring that unless the players get immediate relief they would be under sentence of "baseball death."

Lanier and Martin are seeking reinstatement until their \$2,500,000 suits against various baseball officials can be settled. They are under a five-year suspension for having jumped to the Mexican League in 1946. The damage suit is scheduled to come up April 23.

away from the opposition but on the other hand had Smith's shot been successful it would have put the Flyers only two points ahead of the visitors and as the Harmon Field boys would probably have got possession of the ball, it was probably not a good idea to take the shot. The Flyers won the second game when Bayne's field goal made it 43 to 42 with about 30 seconds to go. The third game was even closer, Edge of Harmon Field breaking a 42-42 tie by potting a beautiful basket with no more than five seconds left of the game.

Strange how much one year's crop of hockey players can differ from another year's. Last year our bantams defeated the Charlottetown bantams 11 to 3. This year the Capital City boys won 11 to 0, Lip Gaudet's Pee-Wees lost a close game to the Charlottetown entry. They lost 5 to 4, but there seems to be two future stars in that outfit in the persons of Claude Gaudet and John Whelan. They scored two goals apiece and look like coming champions. Congratulations to our Kingsmen paperweights who were the only team of youngsters to beat Charlottetown at Bedeque rink.

"900 Club" of Summerside Commercial Bowling League: President — Earle Smith, City Slickers — 288; Vice-President — Allie Harris, Curran & Briggs — 223; Sec'y-Treas — Windy Clow, MacQuarries — 218; Pinky Peters, Dodgers — 211; George Guergis, Surran & Briggs — 209; Dutch Underwood, Curran & Briggs — 208; Len Galant, Doughboys — 203; Austin Brooks, Curran & Briggs — 202; Ed Arseneault, Dodgers — 200.

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Nine Mile Creek Team Winners Of League

Sees Finish Of Goaltending Problems

EDMONTON, April 4 — (CP) — Chicago Black Hawks should have few goaltending troubles in the future, W.J. (Bill) Tobin, president of the National Hockey League club, said here today.

Hawks, who have experienced difficulty for the last two years in finding a top-calibre net custodian, have two good prospects in their farm system and also are interested in Frankie (Mr. Zero) Brimsek's announcement last night that he hoped to get a transfer from Boston Bruins to some other organization.

Brimsek said he would like to leave the Boston club as a result of Dit Clapper's decision to retire.

Tobin said Hawks also were "very pleased" with the showing of Al Rollins, goalie from Kansas City Pla-mors in the United States Hockey League this season.

"We consider him pretty near ready to make the jump to the big league next season but it may take another year," he said.

The Black Hawk president also said his organization was keeping a sharp eye on Bev Bentley, brilliant young netminder with Regina Capitals.

Tobin flew here from Chicago during the week-end for a brief visit to take in the Western Canada Junior semi-final between Calgary Buffaloes and Moose Jaw Canucks at Calgary last Saturday. Both clubs are in the Hawks' farm system.

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Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs walked away with the B. C. Wood trophy Saturday night when they won a decisive 3-1 victory over the Albany St. Pats in the fourth game of a best-of-five series played at Victoria rink.

The newly crowned Bulldogs were a happy lot when the final bell sounded as they became the South Queen's Hockey League champions in place of the St. Pats, who won the cup last year.

Albany took the first game of the series but the Creek came back game to take the next three. The second win for the Creek was rather an oddity as it came after a game that was played and won by Albany, but was protested and ruled to be played again. The result was that Albany didn't arrive and the game was won by default.

Line-ups: Nine Mile Creek: Goal, W. Taylor; defence, A. MacDonald, C. MacDougall; centre, L. Taylor; wings, H. MacEachern, A. Campbell; subs, M. MacEachern, D. MacEachern, L. Smith, F. Taylor, A. MacDougall.

Albany: Goal, E. Noonan; defence, W. Cameron, R. Greene; centre, Barney Noonan; wings, E. Dougan, N. Van Ember; subs, John Dougan, A. Dougan, L. Cameron, D. MacLeod, Joe Dougan.

Officials: Jackie Kane, Art Perry.

First Period

1—Albany, A. Dougan (Van Ember) 7:00.
Penalties: None.

Second Period

2—N. M. Creek, C. MacDougall, 11:00.
Penalties: None.

Third Period

3—N. M. Creek, Campbell, 5:00.
4—N. M. Creek, Taylor, 12:00.
Penalties: None.

Sport Shorts

By MICHAEL O'MARA
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, April 4 — (CP) — The Marylebone Cricket Club, supreme arbiter of the game in Britain, is to enquire into the "future welfare of English cricket" with special emphasis on the welfare of younger players.

The county clubs, a bit perturbed by the fact young players aren't coming along as thick and fast as they did before the war, having asked the M.C.C. to look into causes and effects.

The M.C.C. has agreed, but that body can't be rushed into things. It has appointed a committee "to make recommendations regarding the machinery for a subsequent and detailed enquiry."

When these recommendations are received, the M.C.C. will proceed with the enquiry proper. And, in a couple of seasons, there may be a report issued.

Veteran jockey Tommy Weston, off the turf much of last season through injury, had to cancel mounts for the early weeks of this season's flat racing. Hard-luck Tommy broke two ribs in an automobile collision.

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Yarosz and Janiro Are Fight Winners

LONDON, April 4 — (AP) — Tommy Yarosz, light heavyweight contender from Monaca, Pa., and Tony Janiro, hard-hitting Youngstown, O., welterweight, scored impressive victories before a sellout crowd of 10,600 in Harringay arena tonight.

Yarosz, a clever boxer with a fast left hand, outpointed Dave Sands, the Australian middle, light heavy and heavyweight champion in the feature 10-rounder.

Janiro, the baby-face belter who lost a close decision here last February, made up for that loss by stopping Gwyn Williams of Wales in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-round bout on the same card. Williams was floored four times before the referee halted the bout.

The fans paid from 10s (42) to 25s. for a gross gate of around £15,000 to see the double American triumph.

Yarosz, who outweighed his rival, 165 to 160, thrilled the fans with his fast left hand jabs and clever counter-punching.

Ray Arce, manager of Yarosz, immediately after the fight, challenged light heavyweight champion Freddie Mills of Britain, to meet the Pennsylvania for the title.

Q. When is a blue not a blue?
A. When he's in the pink.
Maybe that sounds like gibberish, but it's perfectly reasonable to Christopher Davidge, stroke of Oxford's rowing eight.

Davidge, 19, used to hunt with the Pychley and Grafton hounds. But he discarded his pink coat while training for the annual race against Cambridge. Hunting might have involved him in a spill that would have cost him a chance of winning a blue.



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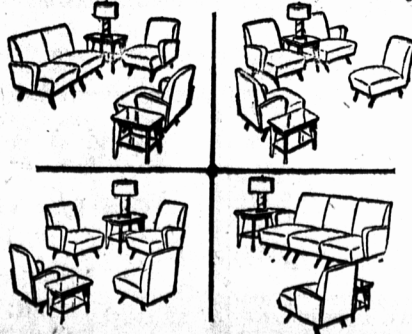
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