SPORTS FRONT

By JIM CULLEN

Welshmen Blank Montague

The Prince of Wales Welshmen under the coaching of Earl 'Nick' Nicholson continued their winning ways yesterday afternoon as they blanked the hapless Montague High School aggregation 5-0 in a game which was played on the St. Dunstan's field under extremely unfavorable weather conditions.

The Welshmen are not eligible for the Island Interscholastic Senior 'A' gridiron championship due to the fact that they have a few players on their roster who are beyond the high school level in their academic courses. They play the same number of games as those entered in the league.

We feel that this is a kind of tragedy from the Prince of Wales point of view, because they are not a University and thus not able to produce a team capable of competing in the Atlantic Football Conference: and are not permitted to participate in the only Island league in operation. Although, there are a few players on the PWC squad who are beyond the high school level they are not necessarily older than the players on the opposing teams. The high school teams are allowed to use repeaters and so several of the top players on the high school teams are of the same age as the older Welshmen.

Before this high school league came into operation the Welshmen played against the St. Dunstan's Junior Varsity gridiron crew and in this instance it was the Welshmen who were on the short end of things; because the junior varsity aggregation had the pick of the Varsity cast-offs and several of these players were in their senior year at the Malpeque Road University.

We think that it is too bad that some kind of a compromise couldn't have been reached between the Island Interscholastic Senior 'A' football league and the Earl Nicholson coached Welshmen which would have made the PWC lads eligible for the championship; as it stands now all they have to gain and look forward to is a schedule of exhibition games.

Nicholson has been working the boys hard, though and they have responded well and obtained a perfect 4-0 record for their efforts. The Welshmen have defeated the defending champion St. Dunstan's High School team, the Summerside squad and yesterday's victory marked their second decision over the hapless Montague representatives.

Campbell garnered a field goal in yesterday's action and Annett contributed two rouges to give the PWC lads the win. The Nicholson coached crew have two games remaining in their schedule. They will take on the Saints a week from today and the following Saturday they will come up against Summerside High School. It will be quite a feat if the local students can complete the season undefeated.

Tid Bits From Here And There

The St. Dunstan's Varsity Saints under the guiding hand of Ed Hilton will come up against the perennial giants of the Atlantic Football Conference this afternoon. The Don Loney coached St. Francis Xavier University football team, one of the best in the Dominion, will invade the St. Dunstan's campus.

The St. Dunstan's team will be giving an all out effort against their powerful Nova Scotia opponents, but they are not giving much chance of coming up with a win over the St. F.X. aggregation. Saint Dunstan's teams, over the years, have made a habit of fighting hardest when the odds were greatest against them and we think that although the general feeling seems to be that the St. F.X. team will trample the Malpeque Road students into the ground; but if you make it a point to attend the game that you are liable to see the Saints pot up quite a battle.

The chilly fall weather has not affected the baseball enthusiasts in King's County. Morell and Peakes will clash Sunday afternoon at Peakes in the second game of their best of three series to decide the King's County league baseball championship. If a third game is necessary it will be played immediately following the first game which will get underway at 1.00 p.m.

St. Dunstan's High School football team will tangle with Summerside High School this morning at 10:30 a.m. on the St. Dunstan's field. The game is being played in the morning due to the Varsity tilt in the afternoon. This should be quite a battle because these are the teams that will likely be battling it out for the potato bowl championship. Both these teams have defeated Montague High School.

The New York Mets appear to be hot on the trail of Yogi Berra, who was fired as manager of the New York Yankees after leading them to the American League pennant. Berra hasn't committed himself yet and he is presently on a golfing vacation, Yogi said, "I will probably make an announcement when I return from my vacation."

The New York Rangers have called up defenceman Mike McMahon from the Baltimore Clippers of the American League Friday, as Arnie Brown of the Parent club can attend the funeral of his father in Apsley, Ontario. Brown will miss Sunday's game with the Montreal Canadiens but will rejoin the Rangers in time for Tuesday's encounter in Chicago.

Tackle Bill Frank has not succeeded in bolting an agreement between British Columbia Lions and Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League, Lions announced Friday. The Club said it has been informed that Joe Foss, commissioner of the American Football League, has refused to register Frank's new contract with San Diego Chargers of the AFL. This means Frank is still legally bound to report to Dallas under terms of a trade aggreement with the Lions of the Canadian league.

SPORT IN KING'S
First Year Of Girls' Ball League Very Successful

King's County had it's first Girls Softball League operating during the past summer, and early fall. Four teams, Morell, Peakes, Vernon River and Fanningbrook made up the league, which played every Sunday evening, often outdrawing the King's County Baseball League which played every Sunday evening. During the playoffs, they also played on Wednesday.

Peakes and Morell won the semi-final rounds and met in the finals, with the Bombereites from Peakes coming out on top with the league championship. So, the girls from Peakes follow in the tradition of the baseball team in coming out on top. It was too late in the season to compete in Island playoffs, but, next year the league plans to register for the provincial playoffs. To the Bomberettes, congratulations.

Morell Beavers and Peakes Bombers are meeting for the King's County Baseball League championship. The first game was to have been played last Sunday in Peakes, but, we have no results of that game. How Morell advanced to the league finals we don't know, as there have no releases from league headquarters. The only thing we can think of is that Morell and Georgetown reached some agreement whereby George-town advanced to the provincial playoffs, while Morell went into the league finals.

Peakes had a bit of trouble advancing to the finals. They first eliminated Vernon River and went into the semi-finals against Mt. Stewart. The first game was played in Mt. Stewart with the Bombers winning two to one. Fred Handrahan pitched another masterpiece in going the route for the winners. He gave up twelve hits, keeping them well spaced, did not walk a man and struck out three. The MacAulay boys from St. Peters, Jim and Alec each got a hit and scored a run.

Big Art Coffin toiled for the Huskies, allowing only four hits, walking two and striking out nine. Both runs that came off Art were unearned, and he did his best at the plate to win his own game going three for four. Mt. Stewart won the second game, but apparently has lodged a protest. The third game came to an abrupt end, when the Mt. Stewart team left the field with Peakes leading one to nothing. The game was then awarded to Peakes. Both games were thrown out and ordered replayed.

The first replay was scheduled for Peakes last Sunday (so maybe that report we had about Morell and Peakes playing was false) but the Mt. Stewart team failed to appear and the game was awarded to the Bombers, thus advancing them to the league finals. It is unfortunate that the series had to end in this manner, but those things do happen. But, since they do happen, it might be advisable for league headquarters to release decisions whenever they do. All centers are interested, not just the centers involved.

Many people contend that games in any branch of sport are as good as the athletes playing. The better the athlete, the better the game. This is pretty near true. Each year we can see much improvement in the calibre of play in nearly all branches of sport. However, we do not agree that the athletes necessarily are the reasons for some of the poorer games we see. In many instances, poor officiating can ruin a game.

When this occurs in an exhibition game, it's bad enough but it should not occur in playoff games. Especially in the younger sports. Coaches many of them, try and impress upon their players, the quality of sportsmanship. This quality is hard to acheive by the youngsters when the officials, usually adults call games poorly or favor one team over the other. In these cases, it is very hard for the youngster to control his emotions.

It is time that definite steps are taken to overcome this problem. The passing of a couple of rules might help. First, East all officials must pass a test given by the proper authorities to assure their knowledge of the rules. Secondly, no official may be involved in a game in which his or her community, or school, is playing. This may not be a solution, but it would be a step in the right direction.

MEDALS AND MEDALISTS

Bill Crothers (left) of Toronto and Harry Jerome of Vancouver, two of Canada's track and field medalists at the recent Olympic games in Tokyo, arrived in Vancouver from Japan Thursday night. Crothers earned a silver medal for his second-place finish in the 800 metre run and Jerome won his bronze for placing third in the 100-metres.

Ottawa Brass Denies That Clair's Job In Jeopardy

By JERRY GLADMAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Midway through the season, Frank Clair's job as head coach of the Ottawa Rough Riders' was never more secure.

Recently, however, rumor has it that after three straight losses, which saw the Riders relinquish first place to Hamilton Tiger - Cats, Clair's club will have to make a good showing in the EFC finals to save him from the chopping block.

But Ottawa club officials denied reports that Clair's job is in jeopardy.

"Is the most ridiculous thing I have heard in my two years with the Ottawa club," general manager Red O'Quinn said Friday.

"In all my time here Frank Clair's future has never been questioned or ever mentioned," he said. "I am in touch constantly with the club directors and the matter has never entered any conversation."

"There has been no discussion about Clair at all," agreed club president Barry O'Brien.

"We are not the kind of employers to hold a gun to a man's head and say 'win or else'. The whole idea is nonsense."

O'Brien said that as far as he is concerned Clair will have "no trouble obtaining a contract renewal when the time comes."

Clair is anxious to get started on a recovery program and, while today's match in Toronto against the last - place Argonauts is meaningless in the standings, an impressive win could be just the medicine Clair and the Riders need to silence the critics.

Hamilton and Montreal Alouettes wind up the regular schedule in Montreal Sunday in a game which likewise will have no effect on the standings. Hamilton has first place locked up, with Ottawa second, Montreal third and Argos last.

The sudden - death eastern semi-final playoff opens in Ottawa Nov. 7 with Montreal visiting. If Ottawa wins the first of a two-game, total-point final between the Rough Riders and Hamilton will be played at Ottawa Nov. 14. If the Alouettes win, the first game will be played at Montreal Nov. 14 or 15, depending on the outcome next week of an intercollegiate game.

Clair has refused to the rumors bother him.

"I think we'll do all right when we meet Montreal in the semi-final," he said. "Our biggest problem is getting our offence working again. We have to get quarterback Russ Jackson passing like he is capable of doing and get Wilt Tucker back in the lineup."

HAS BACK TROUBLE

Tucker, one of the country's outstanding pass receivers, has been out of action with back trouble. Clair has been working him out the last couple of weeks, but will most likely save him for the Montreal clash.

The Riders placed on waivers rookie quarterback Junior Edge from the University of North Carolina. The move was made necessary by the signing earlier this week of halfback Bo Scott from Ohio State.

Today's game will be broadcast on the CBC national television network starting at 2 p.m.

Argos have nothing at stake in today's outing and will take the opportunity to look over some of their youngsters. Karl Sweetan will start at quarterback, with regular pivot Jackie Parker holding down a halfback spot.

Murray Patrick Resigns Friday

NEW YORK (AP) — Murray Muzz Patrick resigned Friday as vice president and general manager of the New York Rangers of the National Hockey League to become vice president of the new Madison Square Garden centre now under construction.

Emile Francis, a former NHL goalie and the assistant general manager of the Rangers since 1962, replaces Patrick.

Patrick, a former Ranger player and coach who has been in the New York organization since 1934, will continue as a director of the Rangers.

The new Madison Square Garden centre is scheduled for completion in September, 1967, and Patrick will concentrate initially on programming and booking the wide variety of sports and non-sports activities and presentations to take place in the various facilities of the centre.

These facilities include the new 22,000-seat Madison Square Garden, a small 5,000 - seat arena called the forum, the centre cinema seating 500, a 48-lane bowling centre and convention and exhibition space.

"We believe that Muzz Patrick is uniquely qualified to perform his new duties with our great and exciting new centre," said Irving M. Felt, chairman and president of Madison Square Garden Corporation.

Patrick has served as Ranger general manager since 1955 and as coach in 1954-55 and in 1962.

"It was obviously difficult to terminate my active participation in a spot with which I have been so closely associated for more than 30 years," Patrick said. "However, the opportunity afforded by my new post was too appealing to turn down."

BC And Saskatchewan Play Bottom Clubs

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

British Columbia Lions and Saskatchewan Roughriders both assured of playoff berths, this weekend were expected to run into tough contests against Western Conference clubs who have nothing to lose, and only new contracts to gain.

Lions need only a tie with last-place Winnipeg Blue Bombers to win the conference championship and the bye into the western final.

Besides a victory, Roughriders are looking for a season's attendance mark of 130,000 fans when they meet Edmonton Eskimos there today.

Dave Skrien's powerful Lions are not particularly healthy for the league's last game, and the head coach says they'll try to inject as much import strength into the offence as possible.

This will mean replacing Canadian halfback Bill Lassetter, who started in Wednesday's game which Lions lost 26-14 to Calgary, with import rookie Lou Holland and putting Tom Hinton back in at tackle.

TAYLOR OUT

Hinton, out for one game with an ankle injury, was replaced in Calgary with Willie Taylor, but Taylor has since been declared ineligible.

But B.C. will be without punter Neal Beaumont and defensive back Steve Shafer. Skrien says Mack Burton will replace Beaumont and Ron Morris will replace Shafer and handle punting duties.

"It's a matter of Winnipeg's shape," said Skrien. "They haven't played for two weeks, and men playing despite injuries probably are in full health."

Bomber head coach Bud Grant murmured there wasn't much to chatter about. His team is on a 12-game losing streak and Grant says "we're just providing the opposition."

Huskies, Sailors Both Invade NB

By The Canadian Press

St. Mary's University Huskies and Stadacona Sailors, tied for first place in the Atlantic Football Conference standings both invade New Brunswick today.

The Huskies visit Fredericton to take on the University of New Brunswick Red Bombers, while the Sailors go against Mount Allison University Mounties at Sackville. The mounties are undefeated at home so far this season, with a record of two wins and a tie in three starts.

Defending champion St. Francis Xavier X-Men of Antigonish, N.S., who trail the league-leaders by two points, meet St. Dunstan's University at Charlottetown.

In the other game, Dalhousie University Tigers and Acadia University Axemen meet at Wolfville, N.S. The two teams battled to 7-7 tie in their only clash to date.

The other team in the circuit, Shearwater Flyers, is idle this weekend.

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Leafs At Top, Bruins Last But Share Same Problems

By JERRY GLADMAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Toronto Maple Leafs have a piece of first place and Boston Bruins are last in the National Hockey League race, but Leafs appear to have almost as many problems as the tail-end Bruins.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Leafs, who play host to Chicago Black Hawks in Saturday night action, are currently undergoing treatment for sloppy defence, erratic shooting and ineffective penalty killing.

The Bruins, who will be in Montreal against the Canadiens Saturday, are bogged down with similar ailments—too few goal scorers and seven losses and one tie in eight games.

Toronto, tied with Detroit Red Wings and Montreal for first place, will travel to Detroit Sunday while the Bruins are at home to Chicago. Montreal will toil in New York against the Rangers.

LEAFS ARE FORTUNATE

Despite their weaknesses to date, however, Leafs have been a sight more fortunate than Boston. Coach Punch Imlach's charges share first place with Montreal and Detroit and have lost only once in seven starts (three ties).

The Leafs' difficulties really came to light Wednesday when they dropped a 5-2 verdict to Montreal after shading Chicago 3-2 the previous night.

Imlach summed up his problems in three sentences:

"My defence wasn't moving the way it should. You can't beat a guy (goalie) if you can't hit the net. A lot of things have gone wrong with our penalty killing."

The downfall in the penalty killing department has hampered Leafs most. In 70 games last season, the quartet of Dave Keon, Ron Stewart, George Armstrong and Bob Pulford had the best record in the league — allowing rival power plays fewer than 30 goals.

This year it's an entirely different story. Toronto has been scored on 18 times, 10 of which were with a man disadvantage. It adds up to the worst record of penalty killing in the league.

Tie word is that Imlach might break up forward pairings of Keon-Armstrong and Pulford-Stewart and use defenceman Kent Douglas or wingers Don McKenney and Jim Pappin.

"It isn't all the forwards' fault," he said, "but I can't do much with the defence combinations. Defencemen get the majority of penalties so your pairings are predetermined."

NOT STRIVING ENOUGH

Dave Keon, the whispy little centre who in the past has been a tower of strength while his team was a man short, figures they "are just not working hard enough at it. Not bearing down when we should."

In an attempt to combat his other difficulties, Imlach had his crew go through a 75-minute workout Thursday. He had his defencemen spend 30 minutes skating backwards from centre ice, turning on a whistle signal and sprinting to the corner boards, then back to centre.

The players also spent an hour skating in on the wings and firing on an empty net. Imlach hopes this will sharpen up their shooting eyes.

The Bruins' last-place position shouldn't really surprise anyone—they haven't been out of the cellar for the last few years However, the experts did pick this as the year the Bruins would start to move upwards.

Their main problem seems to be a major collapse among the veteran forwards. The club has only eight goals to its credit and four have been scored by newcomers.

The Boston marksmen have their share of shots on the net—averaging more than 26 a game—but they can't seem to put the puck in.

Murray Oliver, a 24 - goal scorer last season, Dean Prentice, 23 goals, and Johnny Bucyk, 18 goals, each have collected fewer than three points in their eight games.

Jerry Steelsmith Leads Almaden

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) Jerry Steelsmith, 28 - year - old pro from Glendale, Calif., shot a five-under-par 67 Friday to take the first-round lead in the $25,000 Almaden Open golf tournament.

Steelsmith, who never has won a tournament on the PGA tour, held a one-stroke lead over Billy Casper of Apple Valley, Calif.

Tied at 69 were Sam Carmichael of Martinsville, Ind., and Fred Marti, 23-year-old rookie from Dayton, Tex.

British Open champion Tony Lema of San Leandro, Calif., shot a two-under-par 70.

U.S. Open champion Ken Venturi had trouble on the back nine and finished with an even par 72 over the 7,070 - yard course.

Sullivan Leads Australian Open

SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters)—Jack Sullivan, 30-year-old Adelaide professional, leads after two rounds of the Australian open golf championship.

Sullivan Friday added a one-over-par 73 to his first-round 70 for a 143 total which gave him a lead of one stroke over fellow-Australian Len Thomas.

Burly American Jack Nicklaus took four putts from 15 feet at the 18th but recovered to finish with 71 for 146.

Britain's Guy Wolstenholme returned his second 73 for 146. He sank 15-foot putts at the 13th and 16th, but three-putted the 16th hole.

Only five strokes separate the leading 19 players in one of the most wide open Australian championships in years.

Among those who failed to qualify for today's final 36 holes was young South African Cobie Legrange, winner of last week's Masters tournament in Melbourne. He took 78 for 154, two strokes over than the qualifying mark.

Saints Prepare For X Invasion

The behemoths of the Atlantic football Conference, Don Loney's powerful St. Francis Xavier X-men, meet Ed Hilton's St. Dunstan's University Saints here Saturday. The high flying X-Men are currently in 3rd place with 3 wins and 1 loss for 6 points, while the Saints have one win, two losses, and a tie for three points, good for seventh place in the standings.

Interest here is at a feverish pitch for Saturday's game, because the rivalry between these two universities is as old as the institutions themselves. It shapes up to be a clash between seasoned imports for St. F.X. and young and inexperienced rookies for St. Dunstan's. SDU coach Ed Hilton has 17 Islanders in his lineup this year, ten of them are first year men. On the other hand, St. F.X. has all imports from outside the Maritimes. Thus SDU is the sentimental favourite here and the Saints feel they can give the classy Loneymen a real battle.

Hilton will have Vince Fisher, a 190 pound tackle from Charlottetown, back in the lineup against the X-Men. A two way man for the Saints, Fisher received a groin injury two weeks ago at Wolfville against the Acadia Axemen. The Saints will be without the services of speedy Ed Lawlor, who broke his arm Saturday against the Axemen. Lawlor is in his first year with Saints and has shown great promise at end. He will be out for

DAVE O'BRIEN

the remainder of the season.

Coach Hilton says that he plans on no special strategy against X. "We use mostly a running attack. We showed this last week against Acadia. Our backfield is averaging over three hundred points a game, with Cyril MacDonald and Mike MacPhee showing a marked improvement. MacPhee, who was our best back last year, has over 500 yards this year. Dave O'Brien and Jim Griffith are also running very well."

Other games on tap today in the AFC show UNB at St. Mary's, Dalhousie is at Acadia, and Stadacona is at Mount Allison.

Souris Plays At Kinkora

The first game in the Island Senior 'B' football semi-finals will be held at Kinkora today at 2:00 p.m. in which Souris Regional will take on Kinkora Regional High School.

This is the first game in the best of three total points series. Next game will be next Wednesday at Souris.

Racing Action Is Set For Today

Another event in the Charlottetown Driving Park's fall racing program is set to get underway tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. sharp.

Diplomate Royal and Gay Druien look like the pre-race favourites in the curtain raiser. Vernon River Gal could be the horse to pull the upset.

In dashes two and six Jolly Bob or Shadydale Merit would be a good buy for a ticket on the nose.

Princess Mark would be the most likely to reach the wire first in dashes three and seven and Sunny Key should be right there with her.

In the feature event in dashes four and eight, the win should be a toss-up between Jolly Dick and Helen's Dream.

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4—VERNON RIVER GAL
5—BARBARA'S PRICE
6—FRANKIE'S CHIEF
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8—ROLL O MATIC
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RACE 2—6

1—CYCLONE KELLY
2—APRIL RUDLONG
3—CLAYHAVEN SNOOZER
4—WAY MON
5—CAPTAIN WAY
6—BILLY G. COMMAND
7—SHADYDALE MERIT
8—JOLLY ABB

RACES 3—7

1—MISS JO JO
2—SIR SMART
3—PRINCESS MARK
4—HETTIE'S BOY
5—SUNNY KEY
6—THE SHEIK
7—MARY LEAH

RACE 4—8

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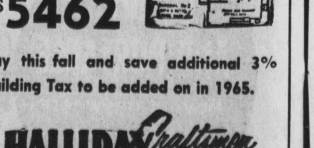

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