

# N.B. JUNIOR HOOP TEAM SHOWS DESIRE TO PLAY

HAMILTON (CP)—After 1,000 miles of misadventures, the St. Stephen, N.B., Mohawks struggled into the national junior basketball tournament in an overseas taxi Sunday night.

After hearing their tale of perseverance mingled with woe, officials here had to admit they must have wanted anything else in the world.

St. Stephen is a town of about 3,500, situated on the U.S. border separating New Brunswick from Maine. This season for the first time in junior basketball team.

The Mohawks played only 11 games all year but they were good and the boys had hopes of entering the national finals here.

Their coach through the season was a Roman Catholic priest who admittedly did more guiding than actual instructing. When left rolled along he had to give up even those chores and the team was stuck without a coach to take it to the tournament.

**LAWYER TAKES OVER**

The team talked Fred Nicholson, a local lawyer and former basketball player, into assuming command.

They needed money to get to the finals. The entry fee alone was \$400. To raise the funds the boys canvassed merchants, service clubs and even the town council. Needing hard cash immediately they signed a note for \$500 with the local bank.

Economical transportation was a necessity so the team hired a 1100 s.u.s. and a driver from the local cab company. On Saturday the nine players, the coach and the driver headed for Hamilton. But their worries weren't over.

Driving through Maine they broke a torsion bar on the vehicle. On the New York Turnpike they blew a tire. Later a generator wire broke. Finally, 22 hours after leaving New Brunswick, the St. Stephen team arrived in Hamilton.

Because of their inexperienced, odd method of travel and all, the Mohawks have been labelled definite underdogs in the eight-team tournament which was to start Monday.

"The boys don't believe that stuff," coach Nicholson said. "They think they're going to win. That's why they went to all the trouble to get here."

# \$75,000 Bid Unacceptable

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A \$75,000 offer for heavyweight boxer Floyd Patterson to fight a British opponent in London next June can't be accepted, Al Bolan of Championship Sports, promoters of the Patterson-Sonny Liston title bout, said Monday.

Harry Levene, British boxing promoter, called the offer to Patterson Sunday after the scheduled April 10 championship bout at Miami Beach was postponed indefinitely because champion Liston said his knee was injured.

"We have the contract for Liston's next fight and Patterson's next fight," said Bolan. "Their next fight will be against each other."

Levene wanted Patterson to meet the winner of the March 26 British title fight between champion Henry Cooper and Dick Richardson of Wales.

# SECTION HIGHLIGHT



Chicago Black Hawks' Murray Ballour (8) sweeps behind Detroit Red Wings netting to set up shot by passing teammate Bobby Hull (7) in first period game at Detroit Sunday.

# TRYING TO SET UP GOAL



Detroit goals Terry Sawchuk looks around the corner as defenseman Bill Gadsby comes in to guard Hull. Detroit won 4-2.

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# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

## Great Day Spoiled

A GREAT day was spoiled by two hockey players Saturday at The Sports Arena.

Billy Mulligan Deigan, having a tremendous success with all the fans and players doing their bit to put the show over with a bang. Prince County's Bill Smith and Charlottetown's Ralph Carrall, Josey provided a bit of horsplay that had the youngsters roaring, Bill and the Farmer staged a "fake" fight with Smith punching away at Josey's stomach. Both boys seemed to enjoy the fun so much as the spectators. That's the kind of an attraction it was.

But it remained for Andre Deigan and Greg Deigan to get into a real stick swinging duel that horrified the packed Arena. Both went at each other with sticks flying and Deigan received a cut over the eye. It apparently was a carryover from a game in Civic Stadium when Carroll was cut open above the eye.

At any rate, the two hockey players surely cannot feel proud of their contribution to Billy Mulligan Day. Here was a game for a young hockeyist who had just lost an eye and here were two thoughtless players leaving the groundwork for another such horrible casualty.

FOLKS were absolutely disgusted. It's bad enough anytime but in a game such as this one, it was downright awful. Referee Don Whelan chased both with match penalties and that indeed was the right call. Since it was not a league game, Dr. Clark and his executive didn't deal with the situation.

However, his column as a result of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, has power to act. A match penalty means the players are out until their case is reviewed by the president. If Billy Mulligan Day were to show the book both of them but we slept on the thing over the St. Patrick's weekend.

Finally we got in touch with both Carrall and Deigan and told them how we want and all others in the rink "appreciated" their conduct to Billy Mulligan Day. We want to see that if they show any trace of a carryover in their future meetings, they'll be out for the rest of this season and part of the next.

We did take into consideration that both players had started the game in great faith for a great cause and don't think they used the Billy Mulligan Day game as a chance to get at each other.

Perhaps we should not have tempered justice with mercy but we did and are satisfied we did right. We asked the opinion of more experienced MHA officials than ourselves and they assured us that this course seemed a sensible one to follow.

## They Had Their Warning

The teams met tonight (Combiners and Royals) at The Sports Arena but Angus and Greg will get no chance to swing sticks at each other. Carrall still has to give the fans the suspension handed down by league president Dr. Clark. However, Prince County's Bill Smith will clash and they will have to be careful not to get into a real stick swinging duel.

Nobody's getting tough but this kind of action is stupid. Sometimes some hockey players understand only tough talk and if Carrall and Deigan want that kind of language, they can be counted on to give it.

We don't think either of them do. We are sure they are just as disgusted with themselves as the fans were with them. It would be difficult to believe players not being thoroughly ashamed with the cheap show they displayed.

We sincerely hope they have learned their lesson.

## Islanders Lose Close Decision In Spinel Opener

PORT ARTHUR, Ont. (CP)—The Wall Laycock's Spinelbook rink defeated the Royal Canadian Legion national curling championship in a 7-7 tie Monday opened with a 7-4 victory over Sam Butts' Valleyfield, Que. foursomes.

Laycock survived a shaky start for the victory, missing on chances for a 7-0 lead in the first period.

The Pete Husar rink from Edmontion played with machine precision in hand-out 14-4 beating to three-time champion Joe McKinnon of Kamloops, B.C. while John Kilburn of Fredericton, N.B., ran up a 13-3 score over Wallace Knock of Lunenburg, N.S.

It took a last rock takeout and stay by skip Steve Stratford of Virginian, Ont., to break a 7-7 tie coming home against Doug McGowan of Montague, Ont.

Back at The Sports Arena Saturday afternoon for a seventh game, if necessary.

Both clubs will go with their strongest lineups tonight. However, the Royals are still without Andre Deigan who is under suspension from the league. Angus will complete his three-game sentence tonight and will be in action Friday at Civic Stadium. Game time is 8:15.

## Braves To Stay In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP)—Coach Guy Hoke of St. Louis Braves of the Eastern Professional Hockey League said Monday the team will remain in St. Louis next year.

The Braves, a farm club of Chicago Black Hawks, moved from Syracuse, N.Y., at mid-season this year.

"We have received the fan response which is looking for and the management is well pleased with the attendance," Hoke said. "We were drawing around 900 fans a game in Syracuse. Our average in St. Louis will exceed 3,000."

Kyle said the SPHL is around next year. He said Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs have expressed a desire to place teams in the league. Kyle said at least two more teams would be added to make a total of six.

## CATCHES HALF

Japan catches just under half scoring of the week for tuna, bonito and mackerel. In 1961 Japan took 1,036,700 tons.

## Mar. Electric Picks Up Win

Maritime Electric defeated Buster's Flyers 14-1 in a Commercial Hockey League sudden-death semi-final game at the Sports Arena last night.

Jack Kane paced the winners with a 6-goal performance. Willie Dunn triggered three and Mike MacKinnon two.

Charles Keenan, Steeven Cheverie, Keenan, Steeven and Kippy Morgan.

## St. Patrick's Play "DAFFY FLYNN"

Will be presented Wednesday night Mar. 20 at 8:15

## BIRCHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Monday nights schedule was postponed because of the storm. Tickets are on sale at Hughes Drug Store, Stead's Pharmacy, Parkdale Pharmacy, Medical Pharmacy.

# Hawks Need Boom, Bust To Get Back In First Place

By BILL MACDOUGALL

TORONTO (CP)—It will take a boom and a bust to get Chicago Black Hawks back into first place by the end of the National Hockey League season.

The boom will have to come from the Hawks, who have won only one of their last eight games. It will be up to Toronto Maple Leafs to provide the bust and the Leafs have seven wins and two ties in their last nine games.

The respective slump and surge have dropped the Hawks from the eight-point lead they had in first place three weeks ago to second place. The Leafs, who three weeks ago were third, a point behind Montreal Canadiens, are first with 81 points.

And, with three games left for all teams before the Stanley Cup playoffs start, Toronto's three-point lead is beginning to look mountainous. It means that Leafs have only to get three

more points or Chicago loss three points or a combination of Wings tonight and visit the last-place Boston Bruins Sunday night, New York and Boston, both out of the playoffs, meet in a home-and-home series Wednesday and Thursday nights.

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# Liston May Get Order To Return To Miami

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Heavyweight boxing champion Sonny Liston probably will be ordered to return to Miami Beach from Chicago to face a physical examination by a doctor appointed by the Miami Beach Boxing Commission, Fred Aaronson, commission chairman, said Monday.

Aaronson said that under the contract the commission has the right to examine Liston, who claims he injured his knee three weeks ago winning a golf club. The injury set off talk of a possible postponement of the title fight with Floyd Patterson and doubts were raised whether the fight would be in Miami Beach.

Liston left for Chicago Sunday and said he would undergo an examination there.

Patterson made plans to continue training in Miami, he said. "Under the terms of the contract, I have the right to examine the fight site. I've said it would be Miami Beach and I am prepared to wait for Liston here."

Dr. Patrick Barry, who treated Liston in Miami Beach, said it probably would be 12 weeks before Liston could return to training if surgery was needed.

Aaronson said the commission has 90 days from the title fight to set up a new fight with Patterson and the title commission doctors exam-



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# Battle Looms At Arena Tonight

It will be packed to the rafters tonight.

We are referring to The Sports Arena where Sunday's Portkale Royals beat Prince County Combiners in the fifth game of the best-of-seven Island Intermediate "A" Hockey League finals.

The teams are deadlocked 2-2 entering this crucial one tonight and of course the victor will be favorite to cop the crown and advance against New Brunswick in Maritime playdowns.

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