

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

WHEN WE SENT this column to press the result of last night's Island Senior Hockey League game between Sandy's Royals and Perfection Penguins was unknown to us. Therefore our remarks on the prospects for the season's success are based on what we saw at Summerside Monday night when Lorne Hennessey's Penguins edged P.E.I. Aces 6-4 in the league opener.

FROM A SUMMERSIDE point of view it would have made the evening more successful had the Aces emerged as conquerors. However, despite the loss by the home club, folks in attendance were loud in their praise of the brand of hockey they had seen dished out. They had seen the players on both squads skate at a merry clip all evening and particularly in that sizzling first period.

Probably the Summerside promoters expected a bigger turnout of fans but we thought the crowd (about 800) was fairly good for a start. Indeed if the players and rinks could be assured of a continuance of this kind of fan support, all hands would be happy.

WE HAVE A FEELING that fans will continue to patronize the league as long as the players serve up the brand of hockey they did in that opener. We don't know when we enjoyed a local game so much. There were thrills galore and body checking was something to behold.

Of course what made the game so tense was the dramatic comeback of the Aces. Charlie Hogan's boys skated on the ice for that third period down three big goals. It looked like a hopeless task to catch up but the Aces didn't figure it that way. They kept hammering away and finally squared matter at 4-4 with a little less than seven minutes of play remaining.

Summerside fans sensed a victory—something that was farthest from their minds when that final session started. They roared and howled the Aces every move but Merrill Pineau brought nothing but means when he put the Penguins in front a little more than a minute after Coke Grady had established the stalemate.

HOWER that didn't stop the Aces from keeping up their attack. They stormed all around goalie Thane Doyle and the Charlottetown netminder had to be great to hold them at bay. Just after the 19 minute mark was reached Benny Grady had the equalizer on his stick, fooled Thane but hit the goal post. Benny doesn't miss too many of that variety but the breaks were against him Monday on that one. Had the rubber missed the post and gone into the net, it would have been a 5-5 battle and the Penguins would never had got a chance at a 5-5 battle and the Penguins were forced to go with six attackers and that necessary move gave the Penguins the icing on the cake.

AND SO THINGS are away to a fine start. There seems to be spirit galore among the players. The Penguins and the Aces are sure to draw in their next meeting in Summerside. Folks who saw Monday's action will surely spread the good word to the doubting Thomases. Here in Charlottetown the Royals and the Perfection team will have a feud all their own as they battle it out for the supremacy of the city. You need not have any worries about the Royals and Aces working up something between them. Royals are still smarting from last year's elimination and they are out to settle the score with the westerners. Saint Dunstan's will have their following and you can be sure the Red and White will live up to the loop. College teams always have plenty of spirit and Father Ledwell's outfit will certainly be no exception.

IF YOU HAVEN'T jumped on the bandwagon yet, by all means do so at once. There's every indication there will be fun in real abundance and you should not miss a single bit of it. There's only one way you can have local hockey and that's by supporting it. For years folks have been clamoring to give the homebrews a chance. This is your opportunity to show that you want hockey served up by local talent. The way to show it is by your attendance.

WE HAVE BEEN so busy dealing with the Island Senior Hockey League these past few days that we never got around to extend our sympathies to that young Irishman by the name of Flynn who pens the column 'Sports Beat' in The Evening Patriot. He had a miserable Saturday afternoon as he watched his Ottawa Rough Riders lose to Hamilton Tiger-Cats and forfeit their chance to battle Winnipeg Blue Bombers for the historic Grey Cup.

This columnist not only predicted that Rough Riders would preserve some of that 12-point lead but he brazenly boasted that the Chairman would win that second game by one or two touchdowns. We must admit he hit both games right the previous Saturday but that surely is no good reason to sell short a great team like Hamilton.

We are sorry he found the 'crow' tough and we most willingly pass him the salt. Chances are he will get an opportunity to pass it our way real soon.

HOWEVER we must commend him for his defence of Dave Thelen who played such a terrific part in Ottawa's great bid this season. Our Evening Patriot friend really pulled a Frank Clair over the coals for his utterance that Thelen's fumble was the key play. We endorse his utterances and we are amazed that Clair would allow himself to be quoted in such a statement.

Undoubtedly Thelen felt plenty tough about that fumble. The big fullback is among the greatest of competitors and he surely wanted a chance against those Blue Bombers. All his great feats of 1959 must have been forgotten by him when that fumble came about but surely he didn't expect Frank Clair to forget them too.

It's too bad Clair ever attempted to give a cause for his defeat. In our book there was only one cause and that was the Hamilton club. The Tiger-Cats were snarling and clawing Saturday and all the tricks that Mr. Clair shows couldn't stop them. Let's be graceful in defeat. It reads so much nicer, doesn't it?

Sword Dancer Voted Horse Of The Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Sword Dancer, the spunky chestnut colt from Mrs. Dodge Sloane's Brookmeade Stable, was the unanimous choice Tuesday as horse of the year in the 44th annual poll of the Morning Telegraph and Daily Racing Form.

Not only did the son of Sun-glow-Highland Fling get the top award, but the 26 editors, columnists and correspondents gave Sword Dancer a unanimous vote for the three-year-old champion-ship, and also the handicap title by a big margin over Hillsdale and Round Table.

Sword Dancer finished second to Tony Lee in the Kentucky Derby, and second behind Royal Orbit in the Preakness, then won the Belmont Stakes in the three-year-old scramble. He took on and defeated older horses in the Metropolitan and Monmouth Park handicaps, as well as the Woodward Stakes and the Jockey Club Gold Cup. Sword Dancer won eight of 18 starts, and was the top money winner of 1959 with \$537,004.

FIRST SINCE 1948 The Brookmeade colt, trained by Elliott Burch, is the first horse since the Calumet Farm's Citation in 1948 to gain unanimous recognition as horse of the year. Sword Dancer is also the first three-year-old to be designated handicap champion since Citation. The clincher was a victory over Hillsdale and Round Table in the Woodward at Aqueduct Sept. 26. In other divisions the voting was: Best two-year-old colt or gelding—the Bellehurst Stable's Warfare, unanimous. Best two-year-old filly — Mrs. Frances A. Genter's My Dear Girl.



STOPPED COLD

Halfback Ernie Foshay (85) was one of the key figures in St. Francis Xavier University's 26-14 Atlantic Bowl play. John Henry (75) moves in to help his two teammates while Mary Rheault (50) looks on disappointedly. The game was the first of an annual series of games between the winners of the Nova Scotia Football League and the Ontario Intercollegiate Conference. (CP Wirephoto)

Ingo May Have To Wait Long Time For \$152,000

NEW YORK (AP) — Heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson may have to wait for his \$152,000 after all. It could be a long time, too, maybe six or seven months more.

And Cus D'Amato, whose licenses as manager and second were revoked by the New York State Athletic Commission Monday, isn't out of the picture, either. The 50-year-old crew-cut manager of ex-champ Floyd Patterson said he's going to the courts in an effort to upset the commission's action. Gen. Melvin Krulewicz, chairman of the three-man commission, released the sad news for Ingemar Tuesday. In a statement, he contradicted one made Monday by Julius Helfand, former chairman and now a plain member.

Canadian Skiers Get New Coach

MONTREAL (CP)—Fran Tritscher, new ski coach for Canada's slalom and downhill racers at the forthcoming Olympic games in Squaw Valley, arrived Monday from Austria.

In an interview 24-year-old Tritscher said he had been Canada's top skiers in action while in Europe. Lucie Wheeler of St. Jovite, Que., was sensational and "I think Anne Heggveit of Ottawa will be doing fine at Squaw Valley." But the German, Austrian and Italian girls "are good, very good, and you have the Americans to consider seriously," he said.

Tritscher was recommended for the Canadian coaching job by Pepi Salvenmoser, the Austrian coach who helped Miss Wheeler win the women's world championship event two seasons ago.

NO CURFEW Will he place a curfew on Canadian skiers at the valley? "I do not think this will be necessary," he said. "They will be working so hard on the mountains they will be too tired to stay up late."

In 1952 he was second in the Austrian junior championships behind triple Olympic champion Toni Sailer. The next year he again placed. While still a junior he was placed No. 2 on the Austrian national team.

From 1954 to 1959 he was champion of the Austrian province of Styria. He entered world class in 1957 and was placed 6th in the blue ribbon event, the Arberg Kandahar at Chamonix, France.

Tritscher has won such ski classics as the Grand Prix de Morocco and Grand Prix de Spain when he beat Stig Sollander of Sweden and Rene Collet both top rankers.

He has coached the Styrian team for four years and has a first-class coaching certificate from the University of Innsbruck.

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Fred Burke Paces Royals To 7-6 Win Over Penguins

Freddie Burke paced Sandy's Royals to a 7-6 victory over Lorne Hennessey's Perfection Penguins last night in what turned out to be a real thriller. This was the first game of the season played at the Charlottetown Sports Arena.

Burke, a product of last year's Garrison Juniors, got his two goals within the last two minutes of the game. His first, tying the score at 6-6, came at the 18:06 mark of the final period and his game-winning goal came 46 seconds later.

Thane Doyle got his mitt on what turned out to be the winning goal but it slipped out and rolled slowly behind him into the net.

Other goals for the winners were by Angie Carroll, Ralph 'Farmer' Josey, Buck Whitlock, Bob Bowness and Kip Ready.

Going into the third frame the Penguins were leading Angie Carroll's crew 4-1 and at the 7-second mark of this frame added another marker, but the Royals, determined as ever, closed the gap slowly, but it seemed as if the Penguins had it in the bag when Burke came through with these two all-important markers.

The two teams travelled at a terrific pace for the first two periods but they seemed to slow up for a few minutes in the final frame, but the tempo increased as the period wore on.

DOYLE OUTSTANDING Thane Doyle, goaltender for the Penguins made some terrific saves in the first two frames, and the Royals seemed to be more accurate around the net than their opponents. At the seven-minute mark of the final game is 8.30.

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Races had to be called off at Aqueduct track, New York, last week, because the track was covered with ice and was unsafe for horses and riders. Overnight, the temperature had dropped to 12 degrees from a high of 37 the evening before, and as the starting time approached it had only moved up to 16 degrees.

Ordinarily, weather causes very few interruptions, as thousands of dollars worth of equipment is available to work on the track and put it in shape. The grandstand is also enclosed in glass at Aqueduct and is heated. But nothing could overcome the iced condition of the track to make racing possible.

The new million dollar Aqueduct plant plays host to the thoroughbreds, only, and the races are all conducted in the afternoon.

At Roosevelt Raceway later that evening, the racing program went on as scheduled, where the spectators are also protected by a glassed-in grandstand which is heated. The management took the trouble to install extra equipment and waiters, who went around with hot bouillon between dashes to keep the patrons in good humor. The crowd of 13,480 consumed some 578 gallons of the hot soup.

The fastest mile that night was in the fifth race, for trotters, which was won by Heathcliffe, trained by Clyde Spencer, time 2:04 3/5. The ninth race, a \$1,900 Pace, was won by Ruth Ann Rodney in 2:05 4/5, driven by Joe MacDonald, Sydney, N.S.

JAMIN'S RETURN Erwin Grossman, writing in the New York Herald-Tribune column "The Trotter and Pacer," comments on the return of Jamin, the great French trotting star, to his homeland. He says: "Jamin went winging back home yesterday to Madame Olry Rodere's ranch. That star he pinned upon himself after he won the first International Trot back on August 1st at Roosevelt Raceway, dimmed somewhat after he lost two heats on the Inglewood, California, track to Senator Frost and Charming Barbara."

"Nevertheless, Jamin was one of a half-dozen standbreds that really made harness racing worthwhile at Roosevelt this season. Now the question arises as to whether or not he will return next August for the second renewal of the International. Before he departed for the West Coast, it was a 50-50 chance Jamin would reappear at Roosevelt. There was every indication that he would be sent to stand in the stud after his European engagements were completed this winter, but if the timing was right, he would be back.

"Now there is some talk that Madame Rodere is going to put a new name on the market and name it 'Jamin.' If that be the case, the trotting champion would make an exhibition tour to promote the booze.

"Roosevelt Raceway isn't halting plans for the big race (The International)—one moment—January, J. Alfred Valentine, general manager of the track; Nick Grande, and Lou Barach, of publicity; Alden Gray, director of racing; and Ray Platnick, the raceway's photographer, will be off on a four-to-six weeks' tour to Europe to round up horses for next year. There has been a change over last year's promotion. Then, they had some difficulty in selling the first race to the Europeans, but the opposite is now in effect. The raceway has been deluged with cables and telephone calls from France, Italy, Japan, and even from Russia.

"The committee will stop over at Milan, Italy, then to Hamburg, Germany, and on to the East and West Berlin tracks. After that they will go to the Scandinavian countries, where two Russian trotters will be in competition. Ray Platnick, the photographer, will have the toughest job, by far. He will take nine cameras with him, including a new type that will take summer pictures in the winter time, the idea being that any shots taken in Europe will be for release to newspapers and magazines in America sometime prior to the August race."

Our good friend, Vern Oatway, (Continued on Page 9)

GREY CUP—SPORT OR ORGY?

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In Summerside on Monday evening this line scored all six goals. Despite the dirty weather over 600 fans were in attendance and they weren't disappointed. It was an action-packed fixture.

Referee-in-chief Jack 'Spy' Ready and Art Perry handled the whistles and although tempers were on edge several occasions they had the game under control all the way. They meted out nine minor penalties, five of them going to Josey.

SUMMARY First Period: 1. Penguins-W. MacDonald (V. Mulligan) 6:50. Penalties: Josey, Kane, Ready, Flanagan.

Second Period: 2. Penguins-Kane (Arsenault, Williams) 5:31; 3. Royals-Bowness (Dunn, Shepherd) 14:32; 4. Penguins-Duffy (unassisted) 19:09; 5. Penguins-Arsenault (Kane, Hughes) 19:38. Penalties-Josey (3), V. Mulligan.

Third Period: 6. Penguins-Kane (Hughes) :07; 7. Royals-Whitlock (Burke, A. Carroll) 35 secs; 8. K. Ready (Shepherd, Bowness) 3:46; 9. Penguins-Arsenault (Hughes) 10:34; Royals-A. Carroll (Whitlock, Josey) 11:16; 12. Royals-F. Burke (A. Carroll) 18:06; 13. Royals-F. Burke (Josey) 18:52. Penalties-Josey.

GREAT BIRDS Whooping cranes, of which there are less than 40 left, mate for life.

HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Here is the Island Senior Hockey League schedule for the first two weeks: November 23rd. — Penguins vs. Aces. Tuesday 24th. — Royals vs. Penguins. Thursday 26th. — St. Dunstons vs. Penguins. Friday 27th. — Royals vs. Aces. Saturday 28th. — Aces vs. St. Dunstons. November 30th. — Royals vs. Aces. December 1st. — St. Dunstons vs. Royals. Wednesday — 2nd Penguins vs. St. Dunstons. Thursday — 3rd Aces vs. Royals. Friday — 4th Penguins vs. Aces.

Curling Draw

The following is the curling draw for Wednesday in the chicken bonspiel: 7 P. M. Ice 1 — Open. Ice 2 — T. W. L. Prowse, L. Johnston, E. MacLeod, H. Hofer, vs. R. W. Manning, M. Reeves, J. S. Taylor, R. Smith. Ice 3 — A. MacDonald, C. Whitnack, M. Pursey, Bud McDonald, vs. R. Jones, E. McDonald, L. Donald, S. Moore.

Ice 4 — K. Acorn, D. Matheson, W. Farrell, B. Dillon, vs. G. Storey, R. Newton, L. McPhail, T. Walker. Ice 5 — D. Walker, R. Manning, F. Stephens, J. Morris, Jr., vs. W. Mellish, S. Beaton, A. Baillem, J. Burgess.

Ice 1 — Open. Ice 2 — H. R. Carruthers, J. Gorrill, B. Cox, Dr. Higgins, vs. A. A. MacLeod, T. Mitton, J. Johnston, T. Goodyear. Ice 3 — L. Turner, J.L. Burnett, F. Bradley, R. Shaw, vs. K. MacDonald, O.K. Presby, H. Douglas, E. Callaghan.

Ice 4 — E. Tanton, A. Burke, Dr. Kelly, Dr. Roberts, vs. W. R. Burnett, F. Johnston, L. Doyle, G. Wilson. Ice 5 — E. MacNutt, C. Asprey, C. Boudreau, C. Bartlett, vs. L. Wellner, L. Campbell, D. Forsythe, J. Ravek.

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