

SPORTS FRONT



Hockey Trade Is Big Rumor

By JIM CULLEN

There is a strong rumor being noised in National Hockey League circles this week that bouncing Eddie Shack of the Toronto Maple Leafs is about to be traded to the lowly Boston Bruins in exchange for roney Ab MacDonald.

The Leafs have an injury riddled team at this stage of the schedule and the defending Stanley Cup champions are in fourth place in the NHL standings.

MacDonald was a pretty fair type of a hockey player when he was playing with the Montreal Canadiens a few years ago and then when he was traded to Chicago he played a starring role as a member of the Hawks' "scooter" line.

We don't imagine the Toronto hockey fans will take kindly to the idea of Eddie going to the Beantown organization.

Eddie also stated that he would prefer to play with the Boston club rather than ride the bench for the Maple Leafs.

Tid Bits From Here And There

Two representatives from St. Dunstan's University, athletic director A. J. McAdam and football coach Ed Hilton leave today to attend a special meeting of the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Association which is scheduled to be held at Mount Allison University.

Harry Gillman has been named Thursday to coach the Detroit Lions of the National Football League for the 1965 season.

Frank Lane former Kansas City Athletics' general manager, settled his contract suit against owner Charles O. Finley today for \$113,000.

Pitcher Camilo Pascual is involved in another contract dispute with the Minnesota Twins.

The final results in the Tournament of Champions in Toronto were not available when this column went to press but win or draw the Doug Cameron rink turned in a great performance and gave all Islanders something to be proud of with their showing against the cream of this continent's curling teams.

Annual Mapco Bonspiel Held At Summerside

SUMMERSIDE — Once again, for the 9th year, RCAF Station Summerside will be hosting its annual curling bonspiel.

To date over 50 top rinks, both military and civilian, from all parts of the Maritimes are entered. During the four day spay facilities at the Station Curling Club, the station hockey arena and the town of Summerside Curling Club will be used to provide nine sheets of ice.

There will be four events in this year's bonspiel with rinks competing for a prize list valued at over \$1,100.

The first event is sponsored by the Maritime Asphalt Products Company who will be contributing trophies and prizes as they have done since the bonspiel's inception in 1957.

Olands and Sons of Halifax will be once again supporting the second event and the third event is supported by the RCAF Station Club, Island Provisioners will sponsor the fourth and final event.

Over the past nine years this spiel has grown from a humble beginning of twelve rinks to one of the largest and most popular bonspiels in the Maritimes.

Previously an all-RCAF event, civilian teams were invited to



THE HEC Gervais rink from Alberta receives congratulations from members of the Prince Edward Island rink after the Westerners took the Curling Tournament of Champions in Toronto Friday night. Alberta won 6-3 in the playoff. (CP Wirephoto)

CFL Certain To Turn Down Idea Of Using Fair Catch

By JACK SULLIVAN Canadian Press Sports Editor Herz Capozzi must be kidding.

The general manager of the Grey Cup champion British Columbia Lions said the other day his club would seek the use of the fair catch and unlimited blocking in Canadian football.

But the fair catch? That's as exciting as the intentional walk in baseball or freezing the puck against the boards in hockey.

The nine teams in the Canadian Football League will have a chance to consider Capozzi's suggested changes early in February and the general managers and coaches should give that fair catch thing short shrift.

ROYAL LIKES ROUGE Capozzi's comments came at a time when a couple of American coaches were talking in favor of adoption of the Canadian five-yard rule.

RUNBACKS SHORTER Why would Capozzi, a Canadian and a former lineman with Montreal Alouettes, entertain such a change? Here's his reasoning:

"Canadian players aren't returning punts any more. They're just catching them and getting hit. The average return goes down every year.

"The play has become dull—just a kick and a catch and a tackle. The only excitement comes if the guy happens to fumble."

He may be able to quote statistics to back this up and he can exercise his vocal chords until they are raw, but it shouldn't do any good when it comes time to sit down and talk rule changes in the CFL.

He coached Edmonton Eskimos in 1953 and made them a power with the split-T formation which gave Edmonton three straight Grey Cup victories over the Alouettes—and Capozzi—starting in 1954. Royal now is coach of the University of Texas.

The Canadian rule on punt returns, he said after Texas upset Alabama 21-17 in the Orange Bowl, "would be better than our fair catch."

Not only that, but Royal said he likes and has often advocated adoption of Canadian football's single point for the U.S. game. "It is one of the best and fairest rules and great for spectators but our end zone (10 yards) isn't deep enough."

The rouge requires the receiver in the end zone to run a punt out or the attacking team counts a single point. In the U.S. a defender can ground the ball behind his goal line with his team getting possession on its 20-yard line.

John Morris "Peerless Pee Wees" were edged 5 to 3 last night by Mike Campbell's Bantam Panthers in the first game of a best of seven exhibition series being staged at the forum during the Thursday evening "Peerless Hour."

Over 150 interested spectators were buzzing over the impressive combination and positional play of the two clubs.

The younger Pee Wees, jumped into a two goal lead early in the first period as Bobby MacMillan blinked the light twice before Peter Williams knocked the count with two hard drives from just inside the blue-line.

Dave Roberts put the Bantams ahead late in the second session and Gary Campbell added their fourth goal minutes later.

The teams split goals in the final session. Billy Doherty registered for the "Peerless" squad and Darrell Scott for the Panthers.

The next game in the series will be played during the regular "Peerless Hour", commencing at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Playing coach Greg Deighan scored a pair of markers for the Combines and Dave Martin added the other.

Souris Curling The following is the mixed curling draw at Souris for Saturday, January 9th.

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Cameron Loses To Alberta To Finish In Second Place

By IAN MACLAIN TORONTO (CP)—Pressure is an unheard-of word to Hec Gervais, the Edmonton chicken farmer who Friday night captured first place and \$5,000 in merchandise in the second annual Tournament of Champions bonspiel with a 6-3 win over Doug Cameron's foursome from Charlottetown.

Shortly before the game Gervais said he was too worried about the game to think of pressure. But with his rink led by Wally Ursuliak, second Bob Eadale and third Ron Anton hitting and drawing to near perfection, there didn't appear to be much doubt of the outcome after half of the scheduled 12-end final had been completed.

The Cameron rink, sentimental favorites with 3,473 curling enthusiasts cheering them on, was unable to get control of the game until Gervais had built up a commanding 5-2 lead by the ninth end.

By then the east-going Gervais was willing to concede the island ink a single count, which he did in the 11th after blanking the 10th and Gervais' rink last rock in the 12th.

However, he didn't find it necessary to use that final stone, lying shot rock with the island shooting completed.

RICHARDSON BEAT LERNER In the consolation round, to decide third place, Ernie Richardson's Regina rink drubbed the Hersh Lerner quartet from Winnipeg, 12-2.

I'll have to admit that this was my biggest thrill in curling outside winning the Canadian championship," said Gervais, who won both the Canadian and World titles in 1962.

Gervais, who finished second in the first Tournament of Champions event here last year, Cameron, with lead Alan Smith and brothers George and Bob Dillon handling second and lead, drubbed Lerner 12-4 in the afternoon semi-final round while Gervais went 13 ends to nine.

Richardson 5-4 in the best game of the tournament that saw the rinks blank seven ends.

TORONTO (CP)—Hec Gervais' final stone in the first extra end of play removed

Saskatchewan's shot rock to give his rink a 5-4 win in the tournament of Champions bonspiel semi-final Friday.

The victory sent the 1962 world and Canadian curling champions from Edmonton into the evening's final with Doug Cameron's foursome from Charlottetown, P.E.I., easy 12-4 winners over Hersh Lerner's Winnipeg rink in their semi-final play before 1,423 fans.

Lerner conceded the game after 10 ends when Cameron had built up what appeared an insurmountable lead.

Gervais took control of the game in the 10th end when he deliberately blanked the 10th and 11th ends and remained last rock in the 12th and final scheduled frame.

Saskatchewan's Ernie Richardson drew his last rock to left front of the 12-foot circle and Gervais was unable to stay in the house after removing the Regina skip's rock.

The same situation existed in the 13th when Richardson dropped his final rock at the front of the 12-foot circle in an otherwise empty house.

But this time Gervais drew lighter, removed the Saskatchewan rock and remained to take the win.

Richardson and Lerner meet in the consolation round to determine third and fourth places.

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Man 010 002 000 1-4 P.E.I. 301 201 221 0-12 (Manitoba conceded after 10 ends)

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CONSOLATION FINAL MANITOBA 001 000 100 00-2 SASK. 210 011 012 12-12

Bantam Practice The following bantam hockey players are asked to be present at the Forum tonight at 8.35 for practice, in full uniform.

Austin Keenan, Jiggs MacDonald, Bobby MacKenna, Glen Claybourne, Allison MacLean, Robert Stewart, Jimmy Kilorn, Harrison Robbins, Ross Matheson, Soupey Campbell, Kenny Constable, Peter Williams and Ernie Dunsford.

Paul Trainer, Gerard Paquet, Wilbur Birt, Allison Ellis, Winston Weatherbie, Louis Docherty, Lloyd Munroe, Mike Hutchinson, Ed Stirling, Derrill Scott, Angus Beck, Allan Pickard, John White, Keir Jackson, Jimmy Jackson, Wayne Newson, David Brown, Paul MacDougall, David Clay, Brian Sobey, Shaun Murphy, David Murnaghan, David Dohrn, Frank MacIntyre, Carl Myers, Paul Carmichael.

Some 30 of the above 39 players will be selected to form two bantam all-star teams to perform at the Forum later this month on Mionr Hockey Night.

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Curling Draw At Montague

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Ice 2 — G. Warner, A. McGregor, J.K. MacDonald, O. Hennigar vs. D. Sorrey, K. Hughes, H. Matheson, Leah MacDonald.

Ice 1 — H. Moor, L. Sinclair, C. Sollos, P. Warner vs. G. Kennedy, H. Clair, J. MacNeil, B. Mabon.

Ice 2 — Dr. P. MacIntyre, C. Stewart, R. Stead, A. Bears vs. E. Shaw, D. Nicholson, L. Stewart, L. Nelson.

Nationals Nip Combines 5-3 SUMMERSIDE — Borden Nationals spotted Enman Drug Combines an early 3-0 lead then fought back to win 5-3 in a Prince County Hockey League Game here last night.

The Nats shook off the pesky Combine forechecking and backchecking the first two periods, then in the final period, through constant digging and hard skating, hustled home four of the unanswered goals.

Borden in that final period contained their opponents impressively.

The win puts the Nationals two points back of league-leading RCAF Eagles.

Don MacWilliams scored two goals and picked up an assist in leading the Borden attack. Linemate and playing coach Jim MacLeod scored once and picked up two assists. Willard Leard and Gerard Roberts tallied the other Borden Goals.

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Ice 2 — G. Gallant, B. Gallant, C. MacDonald, P. MacDonald vs. J. Young, H. Young, B. Mahar, R. Campbell.

Ice 1 — Dr. Kassner, I. Kassner, D. Townsend, B. Townsend vs. J. R. MacDonald, H. M. MacDonald, W. Dingwell, J. Dingwell.

Ice 2 — W. Marold, L. Marold, E. Clinton, A. Griffin vs. S. Boertien, J. McIntosh, C. Gallant, L. Gallant.

Practice Called There will be a hockey practice for Rogers' Rangers Sunday evening from 6-8 p.m. All players are required to turn out.

ISLAND VISITOR DIES C. J. Gallant, Howland, received a wire advising of the sudden death of Gordon E. Shirley, sales manager for the Baldwin Organ Co. Death was due to a highway accident. Mr. Shirley made several trips to the Island during the summer.

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HUNTER'S CORNER Sudden Snowfall Catches Many Trappers Off Guard

Winter dropped its mantle of ice and snow this season with startling suddenness and with no advance warning. It caught many trappers off guard. One trapper of my acquaintance, who specializes on muskrats, has an approximate fifty steel traps frozen in and they'll be there until the spring break-up.

A few small flocks of wildgeese remained until after Christmas. A flock of twenty rode out the week of real winter weather in the open channel of the river off Falconwood. They fed in a stubble field bordering the river. During the mild spell between Christmas and New Year's a party of hunters rigged out in this field and the geese were met with a volley of gunshots when they dropped in for breakfast.

One goose remained behind. They are not in the "Sharpshooter" class by stretch of the imagination. I was asked if I would like a Migratory Birds case to handle but did not accept. I decided to await the result of the Appeal from three Migratory Bird cases dismissed recently. The charges had to do with the alleged use of live birds as decoys.

Fox hunters with hounds are having a real field day with the black stockinged speedsters. One was shot recently across the river that sported a leather dog collar around its neck. Apparently this fox had been kept as a pet by someone and had left security for the dubious life in the wild. Just two B.B. pellets from three shots found their mark but they were in a vital spot. I imagine behind the shoulder. Maybe? This fox had the motto "... Give me liberty or give me death" and ... got the latter.

I have been informed the Teepee type Incinerator in the Falconwood area is giving the gulls a tough time this winter. Deprived of their Banquet Table at the old dump site they are sitting out on the ice in a state of semi-starvation. Apparently they have lost the initiative to "scrounge" for themselves and this applies to the human element also.

Hungarian partridge coverts are common sights this winter. In fact they are the only type of game birds that are sighted with any degree of regularity. Late this fall a farmer who lives an approximate four miles from the city took a stroll to the rear of his farm to check on how the coverts of Hungarian partridge on his farm was faring. Along the edge of his stubble field that borders a woodlot he came across two clusters of Hungarian partridge feathers about a hundred yards apart. There was no sign of the remainder of the coverts. He immediately jumped to the conclusion that a hunter had been on the rounds. He could be right at that for feathers sometimes give the hunter away in a close season. Then again a Gosawk could have been the culprit. A Gosawk can pluck a partridge ... either Hun or Native ... as neatly as a woman. I once watched a Gosawk knock a hun out of the air with no trouble at all. The hawk spotted the hawk coming and took off with the throttle wide open. The hawk overtook the fleeing birds in a matter of seconds. He hit one hard in mid-air and as it bounced on the snow in a dazed state the hawk was on it in a split second. He stood on its back and drove his talons, with a rocking motion, deep into the body of the luckless hun. Its death was quick. It was all over in a matter of seconds.

He then carried his prize to the edge of a wood a few hundred yards distant and commenced the plucking process. I figured he would have a meal there and then return the next morning to finish off a good breakfast. I went home and got a steel trap. It was a wasted effort. All I found was a neat circle of feathers. A hawk stands on a grouse or hun when he does the plucking and the result resembles a large, fluffy doughnut. Mr. Hawk had other ideas and had his meal in the woodland quiet.

I should have known better for I have found where a hawk had plucked a ruffed grouse in the woods. There was the neat circle of feathers on the snow and no sign of blood as there would have been if the bird had been eaten on the spot. From what I gathered from the farmer it was a human poacher that shot the hun as the feathers were strewn on the ground in a haphazard manner. I was told about a coverts of hun that were reduced to three members from 16. Calcium chloride is suspected as the cause of decimation as a coverts was seen pecking on the icy spot where the highway truck had shoveled off a quantity of this ice remover. It can remove more than ice as eyewitnesses have testified. As one Old Timer remarked: "We didn't mind the ice in the old days ... we drove according to road conditions". If anybody has doubts that salt will kill hunns there is a very simple way to find out. Just mix up some coarse salt in a mash and feed it to a few ducks and see how long it will be before they're lying on their backs with their feet waving feebly in the air. I read a report a year ago where one of our Biologists stated that there was no evidence that Calcium Chloride was the cause of death of any Hungarian partridge ... or that it would kill them. A simple experiment was made. He didn't want to find out. It sometimes happens with Government officials. And sometimes it could be better if they didn't.

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MEET FLYING HAWKS

Dennis DeCarusel (left) and Andre Gellias (right) will join the rest of the St. Dunstan's Saints in an exhibition game at the Charlottetown Forum this Monday, January 11, against Johnny's Flying Hawks. Game time is slated for 8.30. Both DeCarusel and Gellias have been important reasons why the Saints team is rated by many as one of the best in the Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey League. The Saints resume their regular schedule with a game against Moncton University on January 18.

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