SPORTS FRONT

By NICK FILLMORE

Important Game Tonight

With only four games remaining in the Island Intermediate "A" 'double-double' round robin series, tonight's contest at the Forum between the Summerside Texaco Combines and Jonnies Flying Hawks could be the match to decide the province's representative in Maritime playdowns.

The two clubs are tied for the series lead with 3-2 records, and the RCAF Eagles are in last place with a 2-4 mark.

The Combines, slight favorites to win the series because of their retained strength from the Island senior league last season, will host the Hawks in Summerside tomorrow night and conclude their series with a game at the RCAF station Sunday against the Eagles. The Hawks and Eagles play the final game of the set, next Tuesday at the Charlottetown Forum.

If past performance means anything in the remainder of the schedule the Hawks shouldn't have too much trouble; but we doubt of this will be the case. The Hawks downed the Combines 6-5 in overtime at the Forum in their first meeting this year and took them in Summerside 4-3 in their only other encounter four days later. In both those games the Combines had held a three goal lead after two periods.

The habits of the Combines have puzzled us over the season and we don't know what to expect from them in tonight and tomorrow night's games. We think if they play to their full potential they could trounce the Hawks by at least seven goals. — They have the same players, Greg Deighan, Coke Grady, Ron MacArthur, Vance Harris, Ronnie Gallant, and others, and they have played in a league all season, while the Hawks have relied on exhibition games to keep them in condition.

If the Combines are unpredictable, the RCAF Eagles are more-so. Some games they'll get off to a good start, skating hard and passing accurate, and wind up with a win over any team on the Island. But in another game, maybe the next day, they might get bumped around a little and their attack and defence collapse. They seem to lack self-confidence and it will stick with them for the whole game.

The series isn't out of the reach of the Hawks, but they will have to win both their remaining games and see the Combines and Hawks split their games in order to end up with a three way tie for top spot.

If the Hawks and Combines both win their games with the Eagles and split the games between them, they will end up in a first place tie with records of 5-3. If this happens they will play a home-and home total goal series to decide the series champ.

Off The Cuff

STU MILLER'S two week holdout with Baltimore Orioles of the American League has ended, with the ace pitcher signing for an estimated $34,000. ...... **DENIS DECAREFUL** of SDU finished the MIHL regular schedule with 11 goals and 14 assists, fifth to Billy MacMillan and Wayne Synishin's 36 points. Gordie Whitlock had two goals and 16 assists and **VINCE MULLIGAN** two goals and nine assists. Defending scoring champion, Dick Tingley counted less than 10 points ...... Carver Clinton of Selma, Ala., and Terry Hoover of Monterey, Ind. are the only non-Pennsylvanians on **PENN STATE'S** 14 man basketball squad ...... **'TOY TOY' GALLANT** is seeing plenty of action with Halifax in their final series with the high flying Windsor Maple Leafs. Performing steadily on defence, Lloyd played about 35 minutes in the Schooners loss to Windsor Tuesday night ...... Prince Edward Island, Canada's per square mile, leading farming province, is not represented at the Canadian **FARMER'S CURLING** championships slated for Toronto this week. Seven other provinces are represented ...... **BILL SKOWRON**, a .203 hitter in the National League on being traded back to the American League: "Man am I glad to be back ...... It's not that the pitchers in the National League are any better. It's just that I'm more familiar with the pitchers in this league." ...... **CASSIUS CLAY** says that he's getting quiet and everbody in the fight business is getting bold. "Even Floyd Patterson is getting bold. He's gonna have to wait his turn, "say the Louisville Lip ...... **GORDON GALLANT** came up with the big bowling score last week, 418 at the Basilica Rec. Centre. **PHYLLIS MACDONALD** rolled 379 at the Rollaway and Vic Williams counted a 980 triple ...... **FRED PICKERING**, centre-forward of the Blackburn Rovers soccer team has been sold to Everton for $224,000, a reord for a transfer between British teams.

SPORT ECHOES

By Norman Macdonald
Summerside Bureau of The Guardian

Important Victory

You never can tell about those Junior Legionaires. They had a tough time defeating the North River team in Summerside last Friday night. It took a sudden reversal of form in overtime to do the trick. The North River management added strength for the game in Charlottetown, they had their home rink which is usually considered a help, but the "Whiz Kids" trounced North River 7-3, being ahead 7-0 at the end of the second period. To bet that that would happen would be as foolhardy as to bet that Cassius Clay would win in seven.

The Summerside Combines won a very important game at the RCAF station rink last Sunday when they edged the Eagles 3-2 in a very close contest. The first home and home exchange between Combines and Johnny's Hawks ended in a double defeat for the Texaco team, and a lot of their fans figured they had received the coup de something or other—oh, yes, grace. But the Eagles proceeded to claw the Hawks twice at home, and so Combines' victory Sunday changed the picture entirely. Now they're back on even terms with the Charlottetown entry.

Why Balme The Ref?

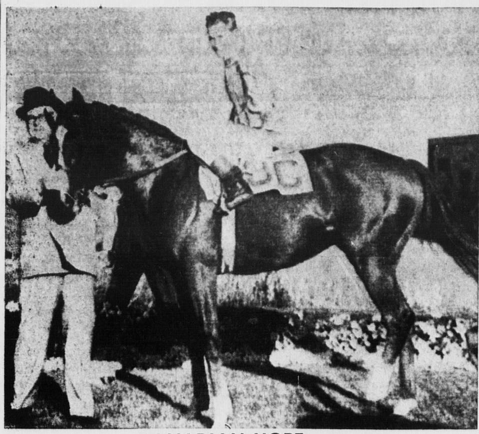
The game at the RCAF rink was r-r-r-rough — a bit rougher than most of the fans appreciated, and the Combines were — let's admit it — a little bit rougher than their opponents, though the penalties were pretty evenly divided. The consensus at the rink seemed to be that not enough penalties were called, and that the Combines got away with too much high-sticking, etc, etc. Don't throw that, Vance, we're just giving you the consensus. If this is so, however, why, in the name of common sense, can't a referee be secured who will call all those "missed" penalties? Do you realize that referees who hail from Summerside are as extinct as the dodo? Not one to be found anywhere. Then why should referees from other parts be continually accused of giving the Combines the better of it? Is it because outside referees have fallen in love with those beautiful beards the boys are wearing?

B.C. Is Cocky

We, favoring the underdog as always, were glad the British Columbia foursome beat the Richardsons, but after reading Dagg's column, we're beginning to wonder. When a game cock knocks out an opposing bird, we can forgive his roostership getting a little cocky and going into his "cock-a-doodle-doo" routine, because roosters are built that way. But we think curlers should be a little more modest.

Interesting Basketball

We visited Athena and Vocational high schools last Saturday and saw some interesting basketball games. If they lacked the precision of the Celtics and Seventy-sixers we had seen the weekend before, they made up for it in dash, enthusiasm, and the sheer joy of winning. We saw parts of five games, and securing scoring statistics for eight contests. Unfortunately we couldn't be around for the two final matches, and though we tried, we couldn't get the results of those two all-important games. Now nobody writes a novel and leaves out the climax where the hero knocks the villain over a couple of tables, so we were forced to omit the story altogether. We'd like to mention a few highlights, such as Rosalind Shaw's 34 points out of 46 scored by her team (Athena). Also Paul Mullin's 27 points, while Athena boys were beating O'Leary 48-22. V. Hogan's and G. Cheverie's 20 and 28 points and B. Beanner's 19 as Sum-Hi Jrs. beat Tignish.



CANADIAN HOPE

Northern Dancer, grandson of Native Dancer, will carry Canadian hopes in this year's Kentucky Derby to be run May 2. Native Dancer lost out on the coveted triple crown of racing in 1953 when he was beaten at the derby in a photo finish by Dark Star. Northern Dancer is shown with jockey Ron Turcotte of Grand Falls, N.B., and owner E.P. Taylor after winning the $46,000 Coronation Futurity at Woodbine in Toronto last October.

Royals Shade Millionaires In Exciting Opening Tilt

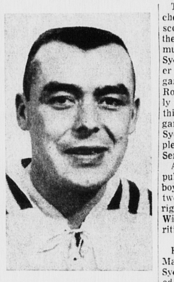
Sandy's Royals with Angus Carrol at the helm eked out a 5-4 victory over Sydney Millionaires in a thriller played before approximately 2,000 cheering fans at the Charlottetown Forum last night.

The game wasn't two minutes old when Royal's free wheeling forward, Bill MacMillan, stole the puck while playing a man short, and busted in to out manuvere the Sydney goaltender and give the Royals a 1-0 lead at the 1.30 mark of the opening period. Sydney got that one back halfway through the period when Batherson scored unassisted and less than two minutes later Bob Bowness dented the twines to close out the scoring in the first period.

A determined band of Islanders came over the boards in the second period and speedy winger Jim MacLeod connected for two before the five minute mark to give the Royals a 3-2 edge in the scoring department.

MacMillan notched his second marker of the night at the 6.39 mark when he shook of two Sydney defencemen as he bulled his way to the front of the net to blink the red light and give the Royals a 4-2 bulge on a brilliant solo effort.

Sydney were far from conceding anything to the Carrol coached crew though and they pulled within one goal with Edgar Hillman doing the scoring honors this time. Alfred "Apps" Arsenault got the Royals back in the drivers seat when he finished of a Carrol, MacMillan passing spree.



ANGIE CAROL

Sydney closed out the scoring at the fifteen minute mark when Long scored unassisted, leaving the Royals a slim one goal bulge going into the third period, against a club that has been touted as a third period club.

The hard skating and close checking kept both teams off the score board in the third, as neither team allowed the other much room to get rolling. The Sydney team pulled their goaler in the dying minutes of the game but to no avail as the Royals were fighting desperately to come out with a victory in this first and all important game. The teams now travel to Sydney this weekend to complete the best of three, Maritime Senior semi-final series.

All Royal's supporters will be pulling for "Angie" and his boys to come up with one of the two games and thus obtain the right to advance against the Windsor Maple Leafs in the Maritime Senior finals.

SUMMARY

First Period — 1. Royals — MacMillan (unassisted) 1.30; 2. Sydney, — Batherson unassisted) 10.29; 3. Sydney — Bowness Penalties — Reeves, McIntyre.

Second Period — 4. Royals — McLeod (Peardon, Mulligan) 2.17; 5. Royals — McLeod (MacMillan) 3.16; 6. Royals — MacMillan (unassisted) 6.39; 7. Sydney — Hillman (Mills, Long) 8.36; 8. Royals — Arsenault (Carrol, MacMillan) 9.43; 9. Sydney — Long (unassisted) 15.54. Penalties — Reeves, Bowness, MacLeod.

Third period — No scoring. Penalties — Tubbutt, Mills, McLeod.

Evening Patriot Bonspiel Goes At Belvedere Club

The ladies Guardian-Evening Patriot bonspiel will get underway this morning at the Belvedere Curling club with play between eight ladies teams from several Island centers.

The first draw gets underway at 10 a.m. with the Anne Spicer rink of the RCAF station in Summerside playing Wanda Hunter rink from The Summerside Curling Club. Two Charlottetown Curling Club rinks play when Elizabeth MacDonald meets Marion MacDonald. Willa Summers from Summerside versus Isabel Clarke of Alberton and the Jean Grant Rink from Belvedere meets a rink from Montague, in the other two games.

The second round of the single knockout competition takes place at 2.30 with the winners of the morning games meeting and the losers dropping into a consolation bracket. The morning games are eight ends and the afternoon games six. The evening draw will see the final winners playing off for The Guardian-Evening Patriot trophy and the consolation winners playing off for the cosolation prize, both eight end games.

The games are being played under the governorship of the Prince Edward Island Ladies Curling Association and will be played under the rules of the Dominion Curling Association.

At the end of the one day bonspiel the members of the teams will be guests of the Belvedere Curling Club at a buffet supper from 6-8 p.m. Present also will be members of the club and guests and following the supper The Guadian-Patriot trophy will be presented by Woody Farrell. There will also be prizes presented by The Patriot for the runner up team. Prizes will also be given to the consolation winning team.

It is to be noted that several of the skips and members of the teams were competitors in the Silver "D" ladies Provincial curling Championship at Summerside the games should have some very good caliber curling.

Hockey Tilts At O'Leary

O'LEARY — Mount Royal Farmers swamped Knutsford Maroons 2-0 Tuesday night in O'Leary Community Rink to take their best of five series in three straight for the Matthews and Ozon trophy.

They now advance from the semi-finals against the winners of the Cape Wolfe-Bloomfield semi final series.

Former O'Leary Maroons goalie Perley MacNeill received his first shut out for Mount Royal when he turned back many strong drives. Charles Bagiole opened the scoring in the first period when Bobby Silliker set him up on a pass from the corner. Wayne Livingstone picked up the puck from his own blue line, outskated two opposing players and beat goalie Gordon Rodgerson to end the scoring in the first period.

Knutsford pressed the attack in the remaining two periods but were unable to score. The game was closely played and fast on an excellent sheet of ice.

In the second game of the evening Cape Wolfe Fishermen downed Bloomfield 5-1 in their third game of a best of five semi final which Cape Wolfe leads two game to one.

Scoring for Cape Wolfe, Blair Stewart, Clair Dalton, Kenneth MacWilliams, Elwood Cooke and Ralph Cooke. Bloomfield lone marker was chalked up by Gene Gallant. Referees were Allison Ellis and Blair Bernard and James Bagiole.

Tonight an all star team from the O'Leary Community League takes on O'Leary Maroons in an exhibition game.

Legion Spiel At Calgary

CALGARY (CP) — Ontario and Alberta, showing tremendous control over their competitors, remained undefeated Wednesday after three rounds of the round-robin Royal Canadian Legion national curling final.

Ontario defeated Prince Edward Island 13-8, Alberta beat Manitoba 11-7, British Columbia disposed of New Brunswick 9-6, Saskatchewan won 11-7 over Nova Scotia and Newfoundland posted an 11-7 victory over Quebec.

Rudy Steski of North Bay, Ont., and Danny O'Rourke of Charlottetown played a close game in the first six ends. Steski, who had a 5-4 lead at the half way mark, broke loose for three points in the seventh end and added two more in the eighth to take a commanding lead.

Dunc Grant of Calgary had little trouble in maintaining a good lead over Homer Thompson of Pine Falls, Man.

HIGH SCORING ENDS

Brock Stackhouse of Otterburn Park, Que., and John Pike of Grand Falls, Nfld., attracted attention with their high scoring ends. Pike scored three points in both the fifth and eighth ends. Stackhouse came back with three in the ninth but Pike ran away with four points in the 11th end.

Gordon Noble of Kindersley, Sask., had an easy time as he kept well ahead of his opponent, Frank Hoar of Truro, N.S.

Howard Christopherson of Vancouver had no trouble as he posted the 9-6 victory over Dr. Ralph Deware of Moncton, N.B.

Wednesday night's fourth draw: Manitoba vs. Ontario, Saskaatchewn vs. British Columbia, Newfoundland vs. Nova Scotia, Quebec vs. Alberta, Prince Edward Island vs. New Brunswick.

CALGARY (CP)—Standings in the Royal Canadian Legion national curling finals after three draws:

	P	W	L
Ontario	3	3	0
Alberta	3	3	0
Manitoba	3	2	1
Saskatchewan	3	2	1
B.C.	3	2	1
New Brunswick	3	1	2
Newfoundland	3	1	2
Prince Edward Island	3	1	2
Quebec	3	0	3
Nova Scotia	3	0	3

Leafs Blank Canadiens; Bruins Top Rangers 5-3

By DAVE BETTS

TORONTO (CP)—Frank Mahovlich scored Toronto Maple Leafs first goal against Montreal Canadiens in four games and it held up here Wednesday night to give Toronto a 1-0 National Hockey League win.

Mahovlich tipped in a blueline shot from defenceman Tim Horton early in the first period and from then on the night belonged to the goalies—Johnny Bower in the Toronto net and Charlie Hodge for Montreal.

The win moved the Leafs four points ahead of idle Detroit Red Wings in their race for a third-place finish. Both teams have five games left to play.

Montreal missed an opportunity to close the gap on league-leading Chicago Black Hawks, who also had the night off. The Hawks, two points in front, have only four games to play, the Canadiens five.

It was Montreal's fourth straight winless game.

Hodge, who came up from Quebec Aces last fall to replace injured Gump Worsley, was the best man on the ice for the Canadiens, stopping Jim Pappin, Dave Keon and Andy Bathgate on breakaways.

Bower chalked up his fifth shutout of the season and kept his Vezina Trophy hopes alive. Hodge and Chicago's Glenn Hall both have had 157 goals charged against them, Bower 162.

The Leafs were without the services of captain George Armstrong who suffered a bruised shoulder in practice last week.

SUMMARY

First period—1. Toronto, Mahovlich 23 (Horton, Hillman) 8:46. **Penalties** — Horton 4:49, Brewer and Hicke 6:43, Ferguson 9:24, 16:49 and 19:54, Pulford 19:54.

Second period — no scoring. **Penalties** — Horton 1:44, Bellveau 6:02, Pappin 9:39, Bathgate 13:36.

Third period — No scoring. **Penalties** — Laperriere 14:23, Horton 16:29.

Saves:				
Hodge	9	9	7	—25
Bower	10	9	7	—26

BOSTON 5 NEW YORK 3

NEW YORK (AP)—The last-place Boston Bruins mathematically eliminated New York Rangers from the National Hockey League playoffs Wednesday night with a 5-3 victory before 8,158 fans, the smallest NHL crowd of the season at Madison Square Garden.

Guy Gendron, with only three goals previously this season, sparked the Bruins with two goals. The other Bruin scorers were Murray Oliver, Johnny Bucyk and Forbes Kennedy.

SUMMARY

First period—1. Boston, Kennedy 8 (Kurtenbach) 11:08; 2. New York, Gilbert 23 (Neilson, Goyette) 18:07. **Penalties** — Mohns and Ingarfield 3:55, Duff 6:33, Green 16:33, Ratelle 19:14.

Second period — 3. Boston, Gendron 4 (Kennedy, Kurtenbach) 8:26; 4. Boston, Oliver 23 (Hebenton) 13:57; 5. Boston, Gendron 5 (Kurtenbach, Kennedy) 16:07. **Penalty** — Mohns 11:11.

Third period—6. Boston, Bucyk 17 (Oliver, Rivers) 10:46; 7. New York, Henry 28 (Goyette, Gilbert) 14:22; 8. New York, Gilbert 24 (Goyette, Henry) 18:36. **Penalties**—Neilson 3:54, Bucyk 19:09.

Saves				
Plante	11	10	8	—29
Johnston	13	10	13	—36

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Thursday at the Charlottetown Club.

7 p.m. (third round Old Spain)

Ice 1 — C. MacDonald (Team practise.)

Ice 2 — B. Parke, T. Walker, B. McGill, F. MacLean vs. N. Horne, G. Rodd.

Ice 3 — J. Whalen, B. Crockett, S. Willis, H. Coffin vs. C. White, B. Martin, A. MacFadyen, E. Redmond.

Ice 4 — Dr. Willis, C. Downe, A. MacEwen, H. Douglas vs. I. MacKinnon, J. MacKinnon, T. Burke, G. Lord.

Ice 5 — D. Wood, Dr. Cameron, Jim Wilson, P. Whelan vs. G. Lidstone, J. Simpson, M. White, B. Patterson.

8.30 p.m. ices to be prepared for Confederation Spiel.

STANDINGS

National League

	W	L	T	F	A	Pt
Chicago	34	20	12	204	157	80
Montreal	33	20	12	195	157	78
Toronto	29	25	11	171	162	69
Detroit	27	27	11	171	183	65
New York	22	33	10	178	217	54
Boston	17	37	12	162	200	46

Texaco Combines Meet The Hawks

The Island Intermediate "A" 'double-double' round robin championship series resumes at the Charlottetown Forum tonight as the two clubs tied for top spot, Johnnies Flying Hawks and the Summerside Texaco Combines, meet in a 8:15 encounter.

The Hawks, underdogs at the opening of the series, have defeated Summerside in both their previous meetings, but only by one goal margins. The two clubs meet again in Summerside tomorrow night.

Series standings:

	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Combines	3	2	31	19	6
Hawks	3	2	27	25	6
Eagles	2	4	26	40	4

Remaining games: Mar. 12—Combines at Hawks; Mar. 13—Hawks at Combines; Mar. 15—Combines at Eagles; Mar. 17—Eagles at Hawks.

S'side Junior Legion Wins Island Ch'ship

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

Left-winger Willie Gallant scored four goals as the Summerside Junior Legionnaires defeated the North River Juniors at Civic Stadium last night, the final score 6-3. The Summerside team thus won the Prince Edward Island Junior Championship in three straight games. Paul MacWilliams and Alan Gaudet fired the other Summerside markers. Mike MacKinnon, Dave Lawlor, and F. MacKenzie scored the three North River goals.

The game produced some good hockey, but there was considerable scrambly play. Joe Sonier in the Summerside net saved his team by brilliant saves on a number of occasions, and John Reid was steady in the North River cage. The Legion boys had trouble getting the puck out of their zone until in the final period they had a better share of the territorial play.

Summerside scored the first two goals, at 5.31 and 13.12, and seventeen seconds later the visitors got on the score sheet, the period ending 2-1.

North River tied it up after 1½ minutes of play in the middle session and then went ahead for the only time in the game just past the half way mark. Their lead was short-lived, as Willie Gallant scored two goals in 12 seconds, **putting his team** ahead to stay.

The Legion fired two unanswered goals in the final period, the last one coming from the stick of Alan Gaudet with only 24 seconds left in the game.

Referee Red Gravelle handed out only six minor penalties, the home team collecting four. Bob Sloan and Glen Matthews were the linesmen.

The Summerside Juniors will now play the winners of the Moncton-Chatham series for the N.B. - P.E.I championship.

SUMMARY

First Period: 1. Summerside—W. Gallant (D. Gaudet) 5.31 2. Summerside — P. MacWilliams (A. Gaudet, W. Grady) 13.12 3. North River — M. MacKinnon (J. MacPhail) 13.29.

Penalties — G. Smith D. Lawlor, D. Gaudet.

Second Period: 4. North River—D. Lawlor (G. Vessey) 1.35 5. North River — F. MacKenzie (J. MacPhail, St. Arnaud) 11.04 6. Summerside — W. Gallant (D. Gaudet, D. Martin) 11.54 7. Summerside — W. Gallant (W. Grady) 12.06

Penalties — G. Smith, W. Grady.

Third Period 8. Summerside—W. Gallant (D. Martin, W. Grady) 11.36 9. A. Gaudet (D. Campbell) 19.36

Penalty — F. MacKenzie.

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