



**SPORT OF KINGS**

**Two Big Changes Slated For Kings County League**

By EDWARD CLINTON  
The King's County Baseball League this year will be a seven team league. The only team not back from last season is Iona. The rumored St. Peters-Cardigan combination did not come about, and both teams will be back for the coming season. The other five entries are from: Souris, Morell, Mt. Stewart, Georgetown and Peakes. The league has two new officers this year, with the new presby being Rev. Donald MacLennan of Mt. Stewart, and the new vice-presby Charlie Campbell of Morell.

There will be two big changes in the schedule this year. First of all, the length of the schedule will be doubled. Formerly each team played one game at home and one away with each of the other teams, while this year, there will be two games at home and two away with each team. The other schedule change is

that each team will play twice a week, once on Sunday, and once on Wednesday.

We understand that there is a chance that Peakes will not be able to go along with the proposed schedule changes. We've been told that it would be quite hard, if not impossible for the Bombers to field a team on Wednesday. If this turns out to be the case, the proposed solution is that all Peakes' games will be, in effect, two games in one. Since the league uses the point system, two points for a win, the Peakes games would be worth four points. As we wrote this column, we had not heard what the final decision from Peakes would be.

**ANNUAL WILD STAB**  
For the past three years we've taken wild swings at guessing the final standings of the league. And by wild, we mean, like real wild, man. The only part of our guesses that's come a little where being nearly correct was the four teams that made the playoffs. Anyway, since we've got a bold streak, here goes with our annual wild stab in the dark: Morell, Georgetown, Mt. Stewart, Souris, Peakes, Cardigan and St. Peter's.

Reason? Sure, we have reasons. Logic? Heck no. But here they are. Morell for first. Just about the same team that won first place last year and also the league championship. Georgetown should be strong again this year, and if they play to their full capability, they'll only be a step behind Morell. Mt. Stewart had quite just started to pay dividends towards the end of the season and should make them a power to be reckoned with this year.

Souris is going with a combination of youth and pitching this year, that we think will put them into the playoffs for the first time in a number of years. Picking Peakes for fifth place is probably quite a surprise, especially to Peakes. However, unless they are a lot stronger than last year, we doubt if they can finish any higher. Sixth place should be a battle between Cardigan and St. Peter's and we're giving the edge to the former.

After we see each team in action we'll try and pass on a fair picture of their possibilities, strength, weaknesses, etc. We know who's going to play with Souris, but we'll wait until we see them in action before giving out with a description. But, we will fill you in on the big change. With the exception of four players, Souris will have a Junior team this season. Last season, when many of the Intermediate players showed little interest in finishing the schedule, the team was forced to call up players from Midget ranks in order to finish.

The Midget re-enforced team won two of three games and their one loss was by one run. This showing decided the promoters in Souris, if baseball was to be the ones to make the effort. That's the idea of a Junior squad, and once the decision was reached, action took place. For the King's County League, the team will be strengthened by four intermediates, but at the end of the schedule and playoffs, these four players will step out of the picture, and we understand, the team will enter the Island Junior playoffs.

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**Piersall Sold To Mets; Happy To Play For Casey**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington Senators sold outfielder Jim Piersall to New York Mets Thursday for cash and a player to be named later. The deal apparently was tied in with the Mets releasing Gil Hodges, veteran first baseman, to take over as Washington manager.

Thus, a few hours before Hodge took charge of the last-place Senators for the first time in a night game at Baltimore, the veteran slugger lost the services of a top outfielder.

The Piersall deal left Washington with 23 players, two below the American League limit.

General Manager George Selkirk said he plans other moves within 24 hours to bring the roster to full strength. Club officials indicated this probably would involve bringing up Peakes from Columbus of the International League to replace Piersall and signed pitcher Pete Burnside as a free agent. He also optioned pitcher Art Quirk

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