SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Rough Going For Hall

PITY poor Glenn Hall.

He had the goaltending prize all wrapped up and ready to take home when his teammates decided they were going to let him really worry his way to it.

The Vezina trophy seemed a sure thing for Glen back a few weeks ago but since that time the Hawks have gone into a slump that is about the most horrible any pacesetter ever suffered.

We had to put this column to bed before we learned what happened last night in Toronto but regardless of that result, Hall has still a major problem on his hands.

The Hawks must play Canadiens Saturday night in Montreal and it could well be that Hall would lose his Vezina trophy right at the Forum.

IT'S hard to imagine the Black Hawks doing a flop like this. Home games or road games seem no different. They lost the most of them anyway. They have no more in the Windy City until the semi-finals open. Saturday of this week they are in Montreal and they close up shop Sunday night in Boston.

Of course both Plante and Bower could get their share of hurts before the final siren screams Sunday night but the pressure right now is on poor Mr. Hall.

He may indeed emerge the winner in this hotly contested race and most folks would like to see the guy get the award. The feeling among hockey fans in general is that the Hawks have let their great goaltender down badly just at a time when he appeared to have won this prize.

Perhaps they can rally behind him in these two remaining games and pull the thing out of the fire yet.

Combines Take Lead

PRINCE County Combines are now favorites to advance against New Brunswick intermediate 'A' winners for the N.B.-P.E.I. championship.

The Combines need a decision either Friday night at Civic Stadium or Saturday afternoon at The Sports Arena. They lead the best-of-seven finals 3-2 at the present time.

It was a hard-fought contest Tuesday night but this time the Combines managed to grab the one-goal edge. Last Friday night at Summerside the Royals skated off with a 6-5 overtime decision.

Home ice apparently matters little to the contestants. Combines got plenty of support from Tuesday's big house and the Royals tell us they got a great hand at The Stadium Friday when Vince Mulligan rifled home the big one in overtime.

The Parkdale boys are still confident that they'll pull the series out of the fire. Angie Carroll will be back with the club and he could give the Frizzellmen the lift they need. Eustace Reeves, out with the flu on Tuesday, is expected back for this engagement at the western capital. However, we'd have some doubts about playing coach Jim 'Buck' Whitlock who missed action in the third period Tuesday when he was nursing a knee injury.

No Pep Talk Needed

THE Royals will not need any pep talk to get them 'up' for this game. It's a must. There are no more if the Parkdale gang boots this one. Combines have the crown if they can manage a decision on Friday night.

Right now we wouldn't dare predict the outcome. There's little or nothing to choose between the squads and the one getting the best breaks will undoubtedly cop the series. Certainly had its breaks—and then some Tuesday. Dick Carroll, Jim MacLeod and Vince Mulligan had tremendous opportunities in that final session but nothing went right for them. The Royals are convinced that they'll get hot on Friday and force a sudden death clash back at The Sports Arena on Saturday afternoon.

Clinic Friday

Director of physical education, Dave Boswell, has reminded us that The Prince Edward Island Volleyball Association is holding a clinic on Friday, March 22 beginning at 4 in the afternoon. The instructor will be David Tweedley, past president of The Canadian Volleyball Association.

The site of the clinic is Civic Auditorium in Summerside.

SPORTS FORUM

Pisquid Gunner Fires Back At Hunter's Corner

Sir, — Reading my favorite column (Hunter's Corner) in The Guardian of March 1, I take notice the writer said "the recommendation from the Fish and Game Association, to have the hunting season on ducks open October 15, has drawn sparks from a Pisquid East duck hunter who claims he has been shooting for 50 years."

I may say that this did draw sparks from a lot of gunners as this way in fact all over the country. But they were just sparks — a forerunner of the fire which might take place next autumn if the hunting season on ducks opened October 15.

The writer of Hunter's Corner claims that he set eyes on Pisquid Pond before I was born. He also said that he shot his first duck at the age of 11 years but the visit to Pisquid Pond was two years before that which would leave him nine years of age. I did not know he was nine years older than I am. I was born in June 1895.

He also said about 300 ducks were going to Pisquid Pond in early September. Then, about the 22nd of that month they all left for beaver dams in Martinvale. He asked a party why they left and the answer he got was that they were 'rattled out.' Perhaps he meant they were scared by gunfire. If so, I really think he was taken in by this answer or perhaps the other party was pulling his leg.

I or anyone else living in this vicinity, that I have talked to, never heard a shot in that direction before October 1, 1962. The game warden was on duty and made regular calls to this pond.

I will say again when the season opened October 1, there were lots of ducks for good shooting going to Pisquid Pond but in a few days they come in after dark and go out before daybreak. I will take his word that 300 went to Martinvale. Then I will say 300 went north, perhaps to St. Peters, also 300 to the National Park and 300 to the sanctuary to get their breakfast served on a nice grassy lawn, which perhaps most of us are helping to pay for indirectly.

I will say that I wrote the letter (country gunner wants duck season unchanged) which was in The Guardian a short time ago.

Yes, I know that the next move is up to the department at Ottawa but before a recommendation is sent there, the proper thing to do is to publish in the daily paper right now to all gunners on Prince Edward Island to write to some responsible office in Charlottetown, stating what date they wanted the duck season to open. Of course, have a closing date for those letters to be in. Then have a gunner from the country in each county, also three from the city or towns on Prince Edward Island go in for a get-together and whatever date is on the most letters, that date be recommended to Ottawa.

We country gunners only want fair play and October 15 is not playing fair with the country boys.

I am, Sir, etc.,
Still Pisquid East Gunner for 50 years.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Thursday at the Charlottetown Curling Club. This is the start of the Seagrams Play, double knock-out. (Spares needed).

6.50 P.M. (SEAGRAM SEC. 'A')

Ice 1 K. Acorn, G. Anderson, R. Carr, B. Cook, vs H R Carruthers, H Peters, H. Douglas, C. MacInnes.

Ice 2 W. MacLaine, W. Farrell, J. MacDonald, N. MacNeill, vs. F. Curtis, C. Asprey, E. Gillespie, Dr. Jelks.

Ice 3 P O'Rourke, I. Horne, C. MacLean, J. Weldon, vs. C. Flinn, M Jenkins, G. Vessey, H. Love.

Ice 4 E. Tanton, F. MacMillan, Lou Johnston, J. Whalen, vs. A. MacDonald, L. Turner, D. Estabrooks, S. Bryenton.

Ice 4 D. Saunders, E. MacDonald, C. Campbell, B. Lepage, vs. J. Cameron, Geo. Kays, G. Wellner. A E. Piercey.

830 (MIXED CHPIONSHIP)

Ice 1 A Saunders vs. H. Dobson.

Ice 2 Dr. MacDonald, vs. D. O'Rourke.

Ice 3 A. MacDonald, vs. A. Smith

Ice 4 R. Ketch, vs. B. Acorn.

Ice 5 A Humphrey vs. D. George.

LEADS WORLD

The United States leads the world in fishery products imports—buying 717,100 tons for $361,435,000 in 1961.

LISTON HEFTS TINY MASCOT

Heavyweight champion Sonny Liston holds his training camp mascot, 11 - year - old Mike Zwerner, aloft as he arrived at Miami airport yesterday from Chicago to submit to a medical examination of his left knee.

(AP Wirephoto)

SPORT ECHOES

By Norman Macdonald
Summerside Bureau of The Guardian

Quite An Ordeal

Where you ever so het up and excited about a sporting event that two minutes seemed like fifteen? It's quite an ordeal, isn't it? But if the two minutes are actually fifteen, then the original two minutes will seem at the same rate of excitement expansion like almost two hours. That's what happened to us Tuesday evening listening to the hockey broadcast from Sports Arena. Between whistles, thrown bottles, and time adjustments, it took almost fifteen minutes to play the last two minutes of the third period. When it was all over, we tried to do a victory polka on the rug, but collapsed in a heap on the chaise lounge.

It looked like the same story with the same sad ending as the last game played at Sports Arena. On that occasion the Combines jumped into an early lead, but were caught and passed over the long haul. Tuesday night they were leading 2-0 early in the first period, but down 3-2 at one stage of the second period. Somebody must have changed the script, however, for it was the Combines who bounced back to score the final two goals this time. The series is not over by a long shot, slap or otherwise, but the Combines are displaying a fighting spirit which is a credit to them whether they win or lose.

Another Black Mark

A Summerside lady called us up about a week ago and told us the floodlers at Sports Arena were not flooding the area in front of the home net. She had been attending the away-from-home games, and wondered at this. It happened too often to be an accident or oversight. It was obviously done so that the puck would have more friction to deal with when speeding towards the home net. Now we didn't, and don't think for a minute that the Royal management had anything to do with this. Probably an idea cooked up by the delegates themselves, but it was allowed to continue until a maintainence referee took charge, and he stopped it. Chalk up another black mark against those "best-in-the-Maritimes" referees who hail from Prince Edward Island.

The Tyne Valley Clover Farmers, who started out like whirlwinds this winter, (guess we got the "this" is just in time) and tapered off a little in midseason, did finally clean up on all Prince County opposition, and will meet the Souris Crossbones tonight at O'Leary in the first game of the Island intermediate "B" finals. That reminds us. Now that the Queens County and Prince County All-Stars have played for the "Billy Mulligan" fund, why don't we have something different at Civic Stadium? Why not have the best players in the Intermediate "B" teams in Prince County play the Eagles or Colts bines. That might draw a very large crowd from the rural parts.

Curling Event Opens Sat.

A big curling event get under way at Summerside Curling Club this weekend, the Maritime Junior bonspiel on Friday and Saturday. The Island will be represented by a rink from Charlottetown and one from Summerside. The Summerside skip is Eric Johnston who won a bonspiel in Dartmouth recently, and almost won the Junior competition in Amherst two years ago. His rink mates are Lloyd Lawless, Dan Durling, and Bill Woodside. Andy Humphrey, a Kensington native, now living in Charlottetown, is skip of the Capital City foursome. Nova Scotia will be represented by rinks from Amherst and Truro, and the New Brunswick centres of Fredericton and Campbellton will complete the six-rink competition.

Confessions Of A Curling Tyro

We close with our latest masterpiece—

"Confessions of a curling tyro."
I try my best with all my cares to cope,
I bring home to my wife my take-home pay,
Yet fellow curlers sneer and say: "That dope!
He's for the birds—he can't take out and stay."
I give to charity and pet strange cats,
I pay my taxes, yet they say: "that louse!
If you ask me, his belfry's full of bats.
Ask for draw weight-his stone goes through the house."

I help old ladies cross a busy street,
I try to cheer my friends, if full of gloom,
Yet skips and mates refer to me with heat:
"A hopeless case.! He's always off the broom!"

Souris Wins County Title

Souris Regional High School girls clinched the Kings County Interscholastic 'B' basketball championship and the right to advance to the Island finals by defeating Morell Regional High 34-27 in the first game of a doubleheader at Morell yesterday.

The second game saw Morell Regional High boys down Souris 77-22 in a regularly scheduled Kings County High School hoop contest.

In the opening game Carol Ann Power sparked the Souris attack with 17 points. Other Souris snipers were R. MacDonald 9, G. Praught, A. Gallant, S. Jennings and S. Battersby, 2 each.

Tops for the losers was M Murphy 12, E. Smith scored 8, B. O'Hanley 8 and J. Rossiter 2.

The lineups for the boys' game are as follows: — Morell: J. McCarten 3, J. Gill 9; P. Curran 3; G. McGuire 1; G. MacKenzie, E. MacDonald and K. MacDonald, 2 each.

Souris — G. Cheverie 6, R. Paquet 10, J. Cheverie, E. MacDonald and P. Fitzpatrick 2 each.

MacKenzies Win Bye

SUMMERSIDE — MacKenzies volleyball team won a bye into the finals for the championship of the Island League at Civic Auditorium last night, beating the Triangles two games to one.

The Triangles, a Summerside entry will play Micmacs, from Charlottetown, and the winners will take on MacKenzies, also of Summerside, for the Island crown.

Alberta Rink Grabs Control In Legion Spiel

PORT ARTHUR (CP) — Alberta's Pete Husar rink from Edmonton took control in the Royal Canadian Legion curling championships Wednesday afternoon with an 8-7 win over Walt Laycock's Shellbrook squad from Saskatchewan.

The win left Alberta unbeaten in five starts and all alone at the top of the standings. Saskatchewan's loss was the first for them and they dropped into second place.

Two other rinks which had been beaten only once entering play in the fifth round sustained losses. John Kilburn's Fredericton crew gave up two on the final end to drop an 8-7 decision to Joe McKinnon's B.C. representatives from Kamloops.

And, Nova Scotia also fell, losing to Ontario 5-3 in an extra end match. The squads blanked seven ends and Ontario's Steve Stratford rink from Virginiatown led only 3-1 coming home, a double by Wally Knock's Lunenburg four brought on the extra end in which Stratford bounced back to count a double of his own.

DEFEATS QUEBEC

Manitoba - Northwestern Ontario whipped Sam Butt's Valleyfield curlers from Quebec 11-2 as Bill Hodgson's Fort William rink came up with its best game to date.

In the other game Carm Rockwell's Newfoundland entry from St. John's won its first game, 9-5 over Doug McGowan's Montague, P.E.I., quartet.

FIFTH ROUND

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Quebec	100 000 100 000 - 2
B.C.	101 001 021 002 - 8
N.B.	010 120 100 110 - 7
Nfld.	001 002 100 320 - 9
P.E.I.	100 010 011 001 - 5
Alberta	001 002 130 100 - 8
Sask.	110 100 001 021 - 7

Saints, Pirates Meet In Finals

Pirates and Junior Saints will meet in the City Basketball League finals getting underway early next week.

This was decided at Saint Dunstan's last night when Junior Saints eliminated PWC Welshmen by virtue of a 62-31 victory and Pirates took their scheduled game with BYC by default when the Youth Clubbers failed to floor a team.

The Mosquee Road students dominated the play all the way in their game with Welshmen. By halftime they had built up a 33-13 lead and in the final 30 minutes of action they outscored the City collegians 29-18.

Len Sirois paced the winners with 16 points. Phil Mullally garnered 13 and Harry Callaghan 10. Tops for the Welshmen was Ladner with 14 points.

Officials for the game were George McGuigan and Scott Stewart.

Here are the lineups:—

Saints: — Sirois 16, Corcoran, 8, Mullally 13, Perry 2, Callaghan 10, Buotte 6, Chinery, Maddock 2, Turgeon 3, Grant 2. Total 62.

Welshmen : — Stannish 3, MacPherson 8, Dagg 3, Ladner 14, Weale 3, Huggan, King. Total 31.

Today's Minor Hockey Schedule

5.00 — 6.00 — Paperweights—St. Jean Snipers va St. Jean Larks. (Sudden death after 45 minutes).

8.30 — 10.00 — Interscholastic Queen Charlotte High vs Birchwood High (Opener of best-of-five series for city title).

OFFICIALS

5.00 — 6.00 — Grant Crockett, Les Barnes.

Hawks Down Combines 5-3

MONCTON (CP) — Sparked by a defencemen picked up from the last-place team in their own league Moncton Hawks defeated Prescott - Kemptville Combines 5-3 here Wednesday night to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-five Allan Cup quarter-finals.

Hoop Tourney Slated Sat.

O'LEARY — Eight teams from five regional high schools will compete at O'Leary Saturday in the provincial senior B Basketball championship tournament, it has been learned here. The games will be played in the high school auditorium.

Tignish, Montague, Souris and O'Leary will have boys teams competing in the day long competition.

Girls teams are coming from Tignish, Morell, Souris and O'Leary to compete in their tournament for the provincial title.

The tournament gets underway at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Hampshire Takes Game

Hampshire eliminated Kinnston from the league semi - finals Tuesday night at North River rink, blanking them 4-0.

B. Campbell scored a pair and other goalgetters were R. Matheson and G. Barrett.

Juvenile Abbies Take Opener

SUMMERSIDE — The Charlottetown Abbie Juveniles beat the S'side Juveniles by the score of 4-1 at Civic Stadium last night in the first game of a home and home, goals to count, series for the Island championship.

The game was a rough one and 18 minors, 4 majors, two 10 minute misconducts, and a game misconduct were handed out by referees Brian McCormack and Coke Grady.

SUMMARY

First Period: — 1. Abbies—H. Steele (G. Kane, McKinnon).

Second Period — 2. Abbies—H. Steele (McKinnon) 3. Abbies Flood (K. Smith); 4. Abbies—Burns (Flood, Fleming).

Third Period — 5. Summerside — G. Smith (B. Perry, W. Trainor).

PLAYOFF HOCKEY
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SUMMERSIDE STADIUM
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Leafs Tie Canadiens 3-3 To Capture NHL Ch'ship

By BILL MacDOUGALL

TORONTO (CP)—Dave Keon scored his second goal of the game with eight seconds to go Wednesday night to give Toronto Maple Leafs a 3-3 tie with Montreal Canadiens and their first National Hockey League championship in 15 years.

With Toronto goaltender Don Simmons out of the net in the last minute of play, and some fans on their way out of the rink, the pint-sized centre beat Montreal netminder Jacques Plante from a scramble.

Only seconds before Canadiens' Dickie Moore had missed scoring by inches, his shot hitting the side of the vacant goal.

The tie boosted Montreal to a second-place tie with Chicago Black Hawks with only two games left in the schedule.

Bob Pulford had the other Toronto goal. Ralph Backstrom scored twice and Moore once for Montreal.

Although either Chicago or Montreal could tie Toronto on points—the Leafs have 82 and the other two clubs 78 each—Leafs automatically would take the championship because of more victories.

Second place could well be decided in a Chicago-Canadiens game in Montreal Saturday.

The Leafs went ahead 2-0 with two goals in the second period, but Montreal tied it with a minute and a half left in that period and added two more goals both by Backstrom — by 12:44 of the final period.

HITS FROM TOUGH ANGLE

Keon got the first goal after only 22 seconds of the second period on a 30-foot shot from a difficult angle. Pulford added another at 9:59.

Simmons stopped a shot from the point by Jacques Laperriere with his shoulder, then lost sight of the puck. It fell by the corner and Moore was right there to push it in at 19:50.

SUMMARY

First period: No scoring.
Penalties—Armstrong 1:20, Pulford and Backstrom 14:08, Backstrom 19:05.

Second period: 1. Toronto, Keon 27 (Kelly) 0:22; 2. Toronto, Pulford 19 (MacMillan, Kelly) 9:59; 3. Montreal, Moore 24 (Laperriere, Richard) 18:30. **Penalties**—Harper 8:18, Stanley 17:27, Talbot 19:09.

Third period: 4. Montreal, Bockstrom 22 (Hicke, Marshall) 5:13; 5. Montreal, Backstrom 23 (Marshall) 12:44; 6. Toronto, Keon 28 (Duff, Nevin) 19:52. **Penalties** — Backstrom 8:41, Douglas 9:32.

Saves:			
Plante	5	8	8—21
Simmons	12	10	7—29

Rangers Crush Boston Bruins

NEW YORK (AP)—Vic Hadfield, who had managed just two goals in 34 games this season, exploded for a three goals Wednesday night as New York Rangers defeated Boston Bruins 5-1 in a National Hockey League game.

Hadfield beat Bruins' goalie Ed Johnston on a quick dash in the openning period after intercepting a Boston pass at centre ice. He added goals in the second and third periods as the Rangers snapped a three-game losing streak.

Andy Bathgate, runnerup to Detroit's Gordie Howe in the scoring race, picked up three assists and ran his seasons point total to 78, four back of the Red Wings star.

Forbes Kennedy of Charlottetown, ruined Gump Worsley's chance for a shutout when he converted pretty passes from John Bucyk and Tom Williams for Boston's only goal at 9:02 of the third period.

SUMMARY

First period: 1. New York, Hadfield 3 6:19. **Penalties**—McKenzy 2:44, Green 12:41, Langlois 18:19.

Second period: 2. New York, Hadfield 4 (McKenney, Bathgate) 12:41. **Penalty**—Spencer 16:14.

Third period: 3. Boston, Kennedy 12 (Bucyk, Williams) 9:02; 4. New York, Hadfield 5 (Bathgate, McKenney) 19:06; 5. New York, Hebenton 15 (Schinkel) 16:39; 6. New York, Henry 34 (Bathgate, Langlois) 18:29. **Penalties**—Kennedy 3:23, Neilson 12:17, Harvey 14:16, Hadfield 19:55.

Saves:			
Johnston	12	9	—30
Worsley	10	8	8—26

Curling Draw For Montague

Here is the curling draw for Montague tonight:—

7 P.M.

Ice 1—Henriette Clair vs. Margaret Sullivan.

9 P.M.

Ice 2— Lillian MacDonald vs Blanche Smith.

On ice 1 at 9 p.m. G. Kennedy, K. Sullivan, Stillman MacKinnon and Colin MacDonald will play E. Shaw, H. Moar, L. Stewart and G. Brookins in the first game of a best of three seres in T.M. Llewellyn Farmers competition. If tied after 2 games teams will play at 9 p.m. on ice 1 March 26th.

Interscholastic Series Opens

This evening at 8.30 p.m. sharp will see the opening of this year's City Interscholastic playdowns between Birchwood High and Queen Charlotte High at Sports Arena.

These two teams always play a fast, pleasing type of hockey and this year's series which will be a best - of - five affair should give hockey fans of the city plenty of real entertainment.

At the time of writing no one would pick a winner in this series. As one fan put it—"the way those boys play, anyone could win."

One thing is sure, both teams will give all they have in an effort to win and fans can rest assured that these teams handled by Jack Kane and Jack Ready, will show plenty of hustle and hockey savvy.

Game time again is 8.30 p.m.

PRACTICE

will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sports Arena for the Old Spain Junior Penguins. All players are urged to be there.

SPORTS FORUM

Souris Branch President Answers 'Corner' Writer

Sir, — We recalled the story of "Iagoo, The Great Boaster," and his "yakkin" as we read "Hunter's Corner" of March 8, and, with due appreciation of facts which obviously the author is unaware of, or, his complete ignorance has finally surfaced, we hereby wish to inform the public, of whom we have every respect, as to the facts of the Harmony Dam project sponsored by the Souris Branch of the Prince Edward Island Fish and Game Association.

This Branch did not "experiment with public funds," and the columnist of "Hunter's Corner" owes the Souris Branch an apology for such mis-statement. This Branch has a paid up membership for 1962 of one hundred and eighty members, and the amount voted (to be spent out of our personal collection of Membership Fund) for the Harmony Dam is yet in our coffers.

This branch did not bill the Department for $300.00 - the reverse is the fact - the Department billed this Branch for thirty-four hours of work, when the operator of the unsatisfactory working machine with which he was supplied only worked the machine on this job for seven hours (the operator's statement), and with the job unfinished because of improperly, operating, equipment, together with the rainy season forced the abandonment of completing the job.

We will state, though we were not silly and childish enough to take colored pictures of our effort, that the water level was raised and flowed as planned by way of the bypass.

Now our certainty is this: As soon as we receive a legitimate bill for actual service rendered from the department, not only will we pick up the "tab," but will pay it from our (not public) funds.

I am, Sir, etc.,
JOSEPH HENNESSEY,
President.
The Souris Branch P. E. I. Fish and Game Association.

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