



# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

## Playoffs Set To Start

SANDY'S ROYALS, Old Spain Penguins, Summerside Crystals and Cape Traverse Evinrudes are the four teams that will compete in the Island Senior Hockey League playoffs.

The league's other entrant, St. Dunstan's University, bit the dust when they bowed 4-2 to Sandy's Royals Wednesday. Saints managed five points out of a possible 16 and this gave them a higher percentage than the Evinrudes who closed with 7 out of a possible 40. However, a majority vote of the league executive and the team representatives ruled that Saints would receive no credit percentage-wise and that their only hope of making the playoffs was a complete collapse of one of the other clubs.

However, we believe hockey was done a good turn Wednesday night in these parts. The 'wise ones' knew long before hand what was going to happen at the Saints' rink and in the Crapaud ice palace. Had we listened to them we could have written the games before they were played.

Royals' team delegates, Sandy Frizzell and Bob White, had made no secret about how they cast their votes at Monday's meeting. They voted that the Saints should be credited with percentage points and had Sandy and Bobby had their way, Saints would be in the playoffs instead of the Evinrudes.

Delegates from Summerside showed a marked preference for the Evinrudes' cause at the league meeting and it's almost certain they voted accordingly. Wednesday's games could be 'the birds' according to the boys who figure they know everything.

WELL, what happens? Sandy, who wanted Saints in the playoffs, proceeded to hand them the loss that meant curtains for the Red and Whites as far as the ISHL is concerned. Crystals came down to Crapaud and not only beat the Evinrudes but didn't allow them a single goal.

We think the result of these two games did much to preserve the honesty of local hockey. What was done in the meeting room was one thing but what happened on the ice was another.

Saints need not feel bad about the way they went out. They played the league-leading Royals right to the final whistle but just couldn't make it.

The play of the Red and Whites these past couple of weeks caught the fancy of the fans and the respect of players on the other clubs. Earlier this season, Saints were considered mere pushovers but they kept plugging away until they reached the stage where they were a determined threat each time they took the ice.

## Better On Road

THE college rink certainly has not been a haven for the Malpeque Road scholars. This season their points were picked up on the road. They managed three at Civic Stadium, beating Evinrudes and tying Crystals and garnered two at The Sports Arena where they upset the Penguins 7-4.

Two years ago in ISHL play, the best they could do at home was a tie with the Summerside Aces. Last season they were unable to take a win out of the local college rink in three N.B.-P.E.I. intercollegiate games.

Certainly nobody can accuse the local students of being 'home'ers. Their record speaks for itself, and they apparently prefer competition on other ice surfaces.

As the Saints bow out of the ISHL picture, we salute their gameness and their perseverance. They worked hard to be good competitors in this league and they did achieve that goal. Constant practice made these collegians a good hockey club and the 1967-68 season should find St. Dunstan's with a mighty formidable outfit.

Good going, gentlemen.

## Those Poor Rangers

THE BIGGEST game of the season for New York Rangers and they blew it right at home to their arch rivals, Detroit Red Wings.

Detroit went two points up in their battle for the final playoff spot and the once lofty Rangers may not get into that fourth position again this season. Eight games in a row is mighty, rough going and the Rangers are showing no signs of breaking out of their slump.

They really have their troubles.

# Saturday Minor Hockey Program

Here is the schedule for Saturday's Minor Hockey activities at the Sports Arena:

- 7:00-7:30 PeeWees BHS Owls vs PSS Blackbirds
- 7:30-8:00 PeeWees Sp Pk Swallows vs PSS Spitfires
- 8:00-8:30 PeeWees PSS Hornets vs Pkdie, etc. Packers
- 8:30-9:00 PeeWees BHS Lions vs WKS Wolves
- 9:00-9:30 PeeWees Sp Pk Springers vs QSS Cranes
- 9:30-10:00 PeeWees Sherwood Cubs vs QSS Rams
- 10:00-10:30 PeeWees Sherwood Orioles vs WKS Ducks
- 10:30-11:00 PeeWees QSS Jays vs Pkdie, etc. Robins
- 11:00-11:30 Paperwts PSS Falcons vs QSS Loons
- 11:30-12:00 Paperwts WKS Redwings vs QSS Lariks
- 12:00-12:30 Paperwts Pkdie, etc. Terriers vs QSS Otters
- 12:30-1:00 Paperwts QSS Ravens vs Sherwood Canaries
- 1:00-1:30 Paperwts QSS Snipes vs Sp Pk Bluebirds
- 5:00-5:30 Paperwts Pkdie, etc. Sparrows vs QSS Budsies

## CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Friday night at the Charlottetown Club.

- 7 P.M. Ice 1-H. Dobson, K. MacLean, Ian MacLeod, Clarence MacInnes vs H.R. Carruthers, B. Veinot, A. Garrett, Pat Connolly.
- Ice 2-T. White, Dr. Roberts, W. Carr, B. MacLennan vs H. Bartlett, Dr. MacKay, H. MacLennan, B. Parke.
- Ice 3-T.W.L. Prowse, J. Regan, Rod MacKenzie, Gerald MacKenzie vs A. Bagnall, Dr. Kelly, A. Gill, F. Simpson.
- Ice 4-B. MacNeill, F. Miles, K. Kennedy, J. Rawek vs L. Turner, D. Douglas, M. MacDonald, G. Dunbar.
- Ice 5-Mel Jenkins, H. Smith, H. Hog, D. Reid vs D. Matheson, J. Brooks, Dr. Craig, F. Johnston.
- 8:30 P.M. (Legion) Ice 1-A.A. MacLeod vs Art Love.
- Ice 2-Gordon Stewart vs Herb Peters.
- Ice 3-Earl MacLeod vs Myra Bell.
- Ice 4-Lloyd Wellner vs Doug Saunders.
- Ice 5-Dan O'Rourke vs Dr. Prowse.

## Ladies Set For Bonspiel

SUMMERSIDE - The Summerside ladies bonspiel for the Gaudet's Save-Easy trophy will be played at the Summerside curling rink Saturday as part of the 8th annual Maritime mixed curling bonspiel. Here is the draw:

- 9:00 A.M. K. McIver (S) vs T. Seel (RC-AP)
- L. Tucker (RCAP) vs F. Weeks (S)
- W. Somers (S) vs E. MacDonald (C)
- 11 A.M. S. MacMillan (C) vs M. Lea (M)
- J. Hepburn (RCAP) vs S. Dye (S)
- L. Crockett (S) vs M. Smith (RCAP)
- S - Summerside, C-Charlottetown, M-Montague.

## NSSH L SCORES

Amherst 6 New Glasgow 7 Windsor 6 Halifax 1

## TASK FORCE FOR NAVY - - By Alan Mavor



## Hoop Tourney Starts Tonight

The Prince of Wales College invitational basketball tournament gets underway tonight at the college gym.

## Cornwall, Albany Tie

Cornwall and Albany battled to a 4-4 tie in a Frank Myers League, intermediate 'C' game at Crapaud rink last night.

Cornwall scorers were D. MacLean with a pair and G. MacLean and S. White each with a singleton.

Albany goalgetters were L. Wilson with three big markers and G. Murray with a lone marker.

Three penalties were handed out. Cornwall's White drew a minor and Albany's G. Murray got a major and a minor.

## Shoot Draws Large Crowd

One of the biggest turnouts this season, were on hand for the weekly rifle matches conducted earlier this week by the Charlottetown Civilian Rifle Club at the RCMP ranges.

Of the 11 marksmen competing in the match rifle class, top honors were divided between Wendell MacLean and Edgar Jones, both of Charlottetown, who each registered 96 out of a possible 100.

A real scramble for top spot developed in class one of the service rifle classes, four marksmen, Ron Clark, Bev. Breendon, Danny Clark and Eldon MacLean, each registered 96. When the smoke had cleared, R. Clark and Breendon were tied for first, both having five of their shots in the 'X' ring, and D. Clark with four placed third and MacLean, with 7, fourth.

With a 96, Ken Jay had no difficulty in walking off with the honors in class two, while Don Rogers, with 91, held down a similar position in class three. Among the five newcomers in class four, G. Vall, was declared the winner with an 88.

Following are the results by classes:

- MATCH RIFLE CLASS.**
  - W. MacLean 96
  - E. Jones 96
  - Al Mutch 97
  - H.T. Vesey 97
  - R.E. Jenkins 93
  - Ian Auld 93
  - W. Dennis 93
  - D. Durber 91
  - E. Coles 87
- CLASS ONE**
  - Ron Clark 96-5
  - B. Breendon 96-5
  - D.O. Clark 96-4
  - E. MacLean 96-2
  - P.J. Landrigan 93
  - Bob Hamblly 92
  - P. Taylor 90
- CLASS TWO**
  - Ken Jay 96
  - L. MacDonald 95
  - L. Dowling 92
  - Edna Kelly 91
  - C. Taylor 90
- CLASS THREE**
  - Don Rogers 91
  - D. Johnston 88
- CLASS FOUR**
  - G. Vall 88
  - G. Hogg 87
  - R. O'Rourke 86
  - D. Thompson 85
  - A. MacRae 80

## Montague Plans Sports

MONTAGUE - Students from the Montague schools and outlying districts will converge tonight on the Montague rink where the school ice meet will take place.

Keen racing is always evident at these meets and an added attraction will be the first interscholastic hockey game played this year by the local regional high squad. Although they are short in experience and practice they are expected to prove their mettle against the Summerside team. No doubt the Summerside high is a team to be reckoned with and tonight game should prove to be a crowd pleaser.

**DIFFERENT TYPE** Real hares have longer hind legs and longer ears than rabbits, and are born with eyes open.

## Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey

Saturday, January 27

MT. ALLISON UNIVERSITY

vs.

ST. DUNSTAN'S UNIVERSITY

S.D.U. RINK - AT 3 P.M.

Admission 25c and 50c

## HUNTERS' CORNER

### Letter Brings To Memory Opening Shoot 17 Yrs. Ago

It's passing strange how some shoots are remembered in detail and never forgotten while others some that are really memorable pass into the limbo of oblivion and are remembered no more unless some forcible reminder is unwittingly brought to bear on some specific hunt. To one who has had thousands of hunts in his day, including the good, bad and indifferent, some are bound to slip beyond ones ken.

This week my hunting partner brought me a letter dated September 16th, 1945. I wrote to him while he was in the Army. He had come across it in some old papers just this week. It was a detailed account of my opening days duck shoot on the 15th. I shot 10 - 7 blacks, 2 Ring-necked ducks and 2 Green-winged teal - and retrieved 8. Both ducks lost were blacks and thereby hangs a story. I had a dog named Nick that I bought from Tam Gillies. He was about a year old when Tam sold him to me cheap. Tam admitted the dog was beyond him. He had the greenest eyes I ever saw in a dog or anything else. He was temperamental to boot but had brains to spare backed by unlimited stamina and speed and a nose that would shame even the best blood hound. But, as I said, he was temperamental and then some. I have met dames in my time plentifully endowed with that commodity but they were in the first grade when compared to Nick.

**ON PATROL** I left on patrol after that. I didn't win Nick over until lunch time. A few sandwiches softened him up but not quite enough. It was the wife's ginger snaps that he just loved - they were thin, crisp and tangy - that really won him over. I had to short change myself to do it, and it was tough for I liked them as well as Nick. There were about two dozen in the bag and my share was about six. Anyway seeing we were 'going steady' once more I went back for the evening shoot. I had four chances at single ducks - two blacks and two Ring-necks - they took just one shot each. I didn't have to pick my shots. In the flags or open water were all the same to Nick - he brought them right to outside. He worked so well I suggested him looking for the two blacks I shot in the morning that fell in the flags. He gave me a look as much as to say: "Miser lets leave those ducks alone" and I did just that. I had learned a lesson the hard way. Nick and I had our fallings out but he remained my dog to the end. I have owned a lot of hunting dogs in my day but never a dog like Nick. He was different in more ways than one and the one dog I have some regrets over. I guess I was to blame for some of our clashes. Perhaps we were too much alike - a little short in temper. They say the course of true love never runs smooth - so what?

**ASKED FOR IT-SULKED** I really asked for what I got seeing I knew him so well. It was quite a push through the flags to the blind so when Nick started to get in the boat I ordered him out and told him to swim for it. I thought he was going to remain on the shore but put in an appearance a few minutes before shooting time. I guess it was the sound of early arriving ducks fluttering into the flags that prompted the move. I had to coax pretty hard to get him to come up to the boat at all and then he was the stern and glowered at me. That didn't worry me in the least for I figured when the shoot started he'd thaw out pronto. That's what I thought.

I opened the Ball on a pair of blacks that swung to my left, my swing as I shoot from the left shoulder and I made a clean double. Both were killed stone dead for they willed like dish rags. One landed on the open water and threw a gyser ten feet in the air. The other hit about 20 yards in the flag bed with an impact like a pistol shot. Nick took his own good time getting out of the boat and I called 'attnaby'. I was due for a shock. He didn't return to the boat but kept right on swimming and deposited the duck up in the woods. When he got back in the boat I tried my best to get him to bring the duck out of the flags. He just looked me in the eye with a 'nuts to you' expression on his pam. I cracked wide open at this point and a d heaved him over the side. For the remainder of the morning shoot he sat on a muskrat hummock ten feet away and glared at me with his green eyes shining emeralds.

I knew then I had to pick my shots and drop the ducks in the open water. I let birds pass and only took the ones that came just right. I was really on the beam this morning. Two single blacks and a lone green wing teal just took a shot each and landed within a 30 foot circle on open water. A 20 minute wait

and a pair of blacks came in from behind and started to flutter down within ten yards of the boat. I stood up in the boat and they kicked off the wrong way. I dropped one in the flags and had to write her off. I had quite a hunt to locate the duck left in the woods but had to leave two nice blacks in the flags although I hunted hard.

**MacDonald Takes Spiel** SUMMERSIDE - It took an extra end to decide the winners of the M.F. Schurman trophy in the Maritime mixed bonspiel held at the Summerside curling club yesterday.

The Philp MacDonald and Cliff Ramsay rinks were tied at six all three ends of play and the MacDonald rink emerged the winner, placing 20 stones in the final end and winning by the score of 8-6. Others members of the winning rink were Willa Somers, mate; Bruce MacWilliams, second stone; Amelia Larkin, lead. The runners-up were: Cliff Ramsay, skip; Reta Silliphant, mate; Albert Silliphant, second stone; Norma MacFarlane, lead.

The first consolation prizes were won by the Frank Bryan rink of Alberton. Second consolation by A.E. MacLennan rink, and a third consolation by the Eric Johnston foursome.

## Curling Draw For Montague

Montague curling schedule for today: 7 P.M. Ice 1-L. Johnston, E. Shaw, Ken Sullivan, Wm. Brehaut vs Ben Koke, A. Jones, G. Worth, E.F. MacDonald.

Ice 2-F. Vuozzo, G. Kennedy, Dan Herring, Hugh Campbell vs Duke MacDonald, Dave Clarkson, Bob Ferguson, Bert Brydon, 9 P.M.

Ice 1-A. Sullivan, H. Moar, D. Coffin, Ralph Annear vs Carl Stewart, A.E. Ings, Eric Duvar, Jim Whalen.

Ice 2-Stan Gay, A. Robertson, W. MacIntyre, Glen Murphy vs Ken MacKenzie, Errol MacLure, John MacPherson, Ken MacDonald.

## Ice Racing Is Saturday

Ice racing, the first of the season, is set for North River causeway, Saturday afternoon. First dash will be called at 2 o'clock.

Staging the meet is the Victoria Driving Club. Here are the entries:

**Class A pace** Gingerbread Man, Mighty Lee, Chief Ozaukee.

**Class B trot and pace** Spencer Will, Bitty Silver, Jolly's Pride, My Hero, Winston's Wish, High Acres, Victory Gallon, Brown Lee B.

**Class C pace** Sabre Direct, Billy C Dudds, Miss Ellis, Bob Budlong, Pericles, Scott's Pride, Esso, Millie C. Lee.

**Class D trot and pace** Hairless Abbe, Honest Bruce, Miss Goldie Bale, Tom Collins, Queen's Irving, Ann's Clegg.

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# Crystals Wallop Royals In Final League Battle

A league meeting Saturday night in Summerside will decide the starting dates and also determine the length of the series.

**SUMMARY** First period - 1. Royals, A. Carroll (Flanagan) 6:10. Penalties: None. Second period - 2. Crystals, B. Gallant (B. Grady) 5:06; 3. Crystals, Deigan (G. Harris, Tucker) 11:08; 4. Crystals, B. Grady (R. Gallant, Deigan) 14:09; 5. Crystals, R. Gallant (D. Martin, B. Grady) 18:54; 6. Crystals, Tucker (Martin, Gallant) 19:14; 7. Royals, A. Duna (Howatt, Jossey) 19:31. Penalties: Whitlock 12:20. Third period - 8. Crystals, V. Harris 3:00; 9. Crystals, R. Gallant (Tucker, Martin) 7:15. Penalties: Howatt 4:52; Smith 8:15; Howatt (major) 8:15; Junior MacLeod 8:43; D. Carroll 15:00.

The triumph put the Summerside crew into a second place tie with Old Spain Penguins. However since both the Birds and Crystals had identical won and lost records, the second spot went to the Old Spainers who had scored five more goals during the schedule than had the westerners.

Royals held a 1-0 margin after the first 20 minutes but it was only great goaltending by young Donnie Frizzell that kept the Crystals off the score sheet. Angie Carroll picked up the lone tally at 6:10 with linemate Alf Flanagan grabbing the assist. However, it was all Crystals rest of the distance as the Vance Harris coached lads completely dominated things the remaining 40 minutes.

Ronnie Gallant got his first of three at 5:06 when the rubber went in off a Royal player. Greg Deigan, Benny Grady, Ronnie Gallant again and Doug Tucker took turns at beating Frizzell before Willie Dunn closed out the second stanza scoring.

Royals' backers sensed a comeback by their favorite in the final frame but once again Crystals were the masters. They potted the only two goals of the session. Vance Harris and Ronnie Gallant being the sharpshooters.

The Crystals backchecked fiercely all night and never gave the potent Royals an opportunity to get things into high gear. As it was the Royals' attack bogged down early in the contest.

Referees Jack Ready and Don Whelan called six penalties and the Royals led in this department 5-1. One of the five was a major to Bonnie Howatt in the middle period.

Following the game the draw for play-offs was made with Royals going against the Crystals and Evinrudes battling the Old Spain Penguins.

## Sandy Stephens Acquired By Als

By MARVEN MOSS MONTREAL (CP) - Montreal Alouettes, a football club beleaguered by quarterback problems since the departure of Sam Etcheberry in 1960, Thursday night announced the signing of Sandy Stephens, the eye-catching Rose Bowl quarterback of Minnesota Gophers.

No terms were disclosed - the club's regular policy. But it was understood the agreement is a three-year no-cut package calling for \$30,000 a season and a bonus.

The 21-year-old negro from Uniontown, Pa., named to all-American teams, selected Montreal over two pro clubs in the United States that also held negotiation rights to him.

They were the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League and the New York Titans of the American League.

The Als obtained the Canadian rights in a deal with Edmonton Eskimos of the Western Football Conference. Involved was an undisclosed amount of cash and an option to pick a Canadian player cut by Montreal next season.

**CLEVELAND SORRY** In Cleveland, Arthur B. Modell, the board chairman of the Browns, said the club regretted losing the six-foot-one 212-pounder. But it was not unexpected.

The boy demanded a no-trade clause in his contract and we refused to be encumbered with any agreement that could work to the detriment of the team as a whole. There was no problem of money.

Cleveland was reported to have offered Stephens a three-year contract calling for more than \$30,000 a year plus a bonus of \$20,000 for signing.

However, the Browns have a top-line quarterback in Mill Plum and there was speculation the club planned to deal Stephens off to Detroit Lions if they got him, a move Stephens was reported to be decidedly against.

In announcing the signing, the Als arranged a special telephone hookup with Minneapolis, where Stephens was in a hotel room with Montreal's head coach and general manager Perry Moss and his chief scout J.I. Albrecht.

Reporters were given about 10 minutes to fire questions directly at Sandy and he acquitted himself well in the verbal fencing, particularly where contract terms were concerned.

Stephens said he turned down the Titans offer because he "didn't want to play in their league," the fledgling AFL.

Since the Alouettes dealt off Sam (The Rifle) Etcheberry, the coaching staff has processed 13 quarterback candidates in a fruitless bid to find an adequate replacement for the all-time gridiron great.

Last year Moss molded perhaps the best defence in the country but with the big gap in offensive leadership the club finished last in the Eastern Conference.



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