

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

PRINCE OF WALES and Saint Dunstan's Seconds jumped into a first place tie with Junior Basileia Youth Club Tuesday night by virtue of their triumphs over YMCA and Lepage's Trotters in City Basketball League competition.

Each of the three squads has won two games but Welshmen and BYC have played one less game than the Red and White, so on a percentage basis they would have an advantage over the boys from out the road.

This Saturday night at the 'Y' gym Trotters will face the 'Y' boys and Welshmen will tangle with the Junior BYC. After these contests all five teams will have played four games and league competition, we understand, will cease until after the Christmas holidays. Both college teams couldn't compete any more this year because their players get down to mid-term examinations next week.

SAINTS, Junior BYC and Welshmen have four points each right now. Saints are idle Saturday night so they can't improve on their point situation. Therefore it remains for the other four league entrants to change the point situation.

Either BYC or the Welshmen will be leading the loop as the schedule takes a breather. These top runners meet Saturday and the victor will be alone in first place with half a dozen points. The loser will be deadlocked with Saint Dunstan's for second with four points and the winner of the Lepage's Trotters 'Y' tussle will have the identical summary of these two runners up. It can't help ending up Saturday night with a three-way tie for second with either BYC or PWC leading the trio in second place by a mere two points.

THIS GIVES us an idea of the great competition the City Basketball League is providing this season. From all appearances this kind of a race seems certain to continue all through the schedule and forecasting who would miss out on the playoffs surely would be a dangerous practice to commence.

Right now there seems to be little or nothing to choose among the five teams. Anyone has the license to whip any other one on any given night. That's the kind of a battle these league entrants are waging this season.

It's really too bad that these great games don't draw more spectators. The players are serving up a brand of basketball that is deserving of much greater fan support. We haven't heard a beef from any of the players because the folks are not showing up in greater numbers but you can be sure the boys would feel a whole lot better playing to larger crowds.

So folks, if you're looking for sports entertainment, this City Basketball League has plenty of it. The boys are playing a good brand of ball and balance is the keynote of the loop.

Let's see more show-up at these games.

THE HERO of the 1951 National League pennant race, Bobby Thomson, is on the move once again.

The man that caused Ralph Branca that terrific headache in that playoff battle between Giants and Dodgers eight years ago is going out of the National League and is taking up residence at Boston's Fenway Park. It's quite a change for the Flying Scot who still has plenty of power left in his booming bat.

Bobby has travelled extensively since those great days of 1951. He was traded to Milwaukee Braves after that, then sent back to the Giants and later was dealt off to the Chicago Cubs. It is from this club that he goes to Billy Jurges and company.

THE CUBS did more business with the Fenway Park residents. Pitcher Dave Hillman and first baseman Jim Marshall went to Boston and Dick Genert, a first sacker, will play his 1960 baseball wearing a Chicago Cubs' uniform.

Undoubtedly both clubs feel they got the better of the exchanges but we are of the opinion that Boston should benefit more by the player deals.

We still like to think that Thomson will get his share of home runs in the coming season. Then you must not forget that Hillman gave some pretty fair pitching performances last year for the men of Bob Scheffing. Genert's power should help the Cubs but then did they need power as much as they needed pitching.

Of course, anybody's guess is as good as the other fellow's once you start predicting what these players will do in the coming baseball season.

Only time will show who made the best guesses.

SAN FRANCISCO Giants' pilot, Bill Rigney, isn't hiding his enthusiasm over his acquiring Billy O'Dell and Billy Loes from the Baltimore Orioles. Rigney thinks he has a pitching staff now that should be able to hold its own with the best in the senior circuit. In O'Dell he has another starter and in Loes he certainly should have another top relief artist. Both these hurriers have proved they have what it takes and they may be able to take these Giants all the way in 1959.

That's exactly what Bill Rigney has in mind.

IT'S TOUGH to have a good race horse go lame on you. It's tougher still if that good horse gets into an accident in a race that puts him out of racing for good. However, these are the gambles of a race owner and they learn to accept them.

But a gentleman in Brantford lost a couple of horses valued at close to \$10,000 each the other day and his loss didn't occur on the track. He found the two animals dead in their stalls, victims of poisoning. The horses, Billy and Gerry MacGregor, racked up 33 firsts this season at county and fall fairs and at Old Woodbine in Toronto. There were 15 other horses in the same stable but they escaped unharmed.

No trace of poison was found in the feed but a check of the carcasses showed plenty of poisoning, more than sufficient to cause death.

The incident has the provincial police investigating.

TRAINER WORRIED

Brookmeade Stable Leaves For Florida

NEW YORK (AP) — Champion Sword Dancer and 13 other horses from the Brookmeade Stable departed for Florida Wednesday in two horse Pullman trucks to a fast passenger train, but trainer Elliott Burch is just beginning to worry.

"I won't relax until the champ and the other are safely put away in their stalls at Hialeah," said the young trainer who supervised the loading at a Belfont Park siding.

Shipping horses is a routine matter, but expensive, and with a horse of Sword Dancer's value every precaution must be taken.

Sword Dancer, top horse of the year and champion three-year-old, earned \$537,004 in 1959, more than any other horse. His future as a racer, and in the stud, could be estimated as several million dollars.

Mrs. Isabel Dodge Sloane, owner of the Brookmeade Stable, has insured Sword Dancer for an unannounced sum. The best guess is around \$1,000,000. The others, of course, also are insured.

A BIG FEAR One of the big fears of moving large stables on an extended trip is "shipping fever." This begins as a common cold, rapidly turns into pneumonia from which many thoroughbreds don't recover.

"We've got top men, experienced groomers who will watch the champ and the others like a hawk," said Burch, who will fly to Miami and meet the horses on arrival Thursday. The trip takes about 24 hours.

The railroad is told ahead of time how to arrange the stalls. Sword Dancer is travelling like the big shot he is—taking up one large space which customarily would accommodate four horses. It costs \$1,350 for one car to Miami but regulations permit the six groomers and John Henry Cal-

Curling Draw

The following is the curling draw for Thursday night, 7 P.M.

Ice 1: J. S. MacDonald, A. Bagnall, J. Squarebriggs, C. Dowling vs Dr. MacDonald, A. Anderson, L. Windsor, Dr. Craig.

Ice 2: J. Burden, C. Filmer, R. Ketch, A. Garrett vs Dr. Gallant, F. MacMillan, B. Main, N. Kelly.

Ice 3: C. MacDonald, R. Boyne, B. Acorn, W. Carr vs D. Cameron, N. Nicholson, A. Zakem, J. MacDonald.

Ice 4: B. MacNeill, H. Dobson, T. White, I. MacLeod vs Dr. Giddings, H. MacLean, D. Fraser, B. Scott.

Ice 5: F. Hansen, Dr. McEachern, B. MacGregor, N. McKay vs M. Bell, D. George, G. Weller, Norman MacLeod.

Ice 1: Open.

Ice 2: F. Curtis, P. O'Rourke, C. Cudmore, J. Ravek vs Al Saunders, R. Ketch, A. Ballam, B. Moore.

Ice 3: D. Saunders, G. Green-seg, L. R. Manning, Dr. Higgins vs J. Squarebriggs, G. Kays, Dr. Dwydale, B. Phillips.

Ice 4: D. O. Rourke, A. Humphrey, G. Wright, D. Douglas vs D. Hill, K. Ready, J. McKenna, D. Saunders.

Ice 5: Open.

TUBERCULOSIS COST OTTAWA (CP) — The care of tuberculosis patients in all Canadian hospitals in 1958 cost an estimated \$40,000,000, the bureau of statistics reported. Salaries and wages accounted for about 59 per cent of expenditures and food for 15 per cent. Government agencies accounted for 92 per cent of revenues.



WHO, ME?

Anna Finlayson (second from left) expresses amazement and joy as she hears the announcement she has won the

Miss Grey Cup title. The 18-year-old school-girl won over 11 other contestants. With her on stage is Caroline Erickson,

20, Miss Calgary Stampder (left); Ann Schnell, 20, Miss Saskatchewan Roughrider who placed third, and Jane Cooper,

Miss Hamilton Tiger-Cat, second (right). (CP Wirephoto)

Leafs Shut Out Habs 1-0; Black Hawks Tie Bruins

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Maple Leafs, playing as though their lives depended on it, Wednesday night outchecked and outbumped Montreal Canadiens to take a 1-0 victory and bring a halt to the Montrealers' undefeated National Hockey League streak at 18 games. It was big Frank Mahovlich, in the doghouse lately because of his lack of finishing off scoring plays, who scored the goal.

Besides ending Canadiens' undefeated streak, Leafs, particularly goaltender Johnny Bower, halted Jean Beliveau's scoring string at seven straight games.

It was Bower's second shutout of the season and the first time Canadiens had been shut out since last Dec. 31 when Leafs blanked them 2-0 here.

Bower and Jacques Plante, the Montreal netminder, were by far the two best players on the ice. Time and again both goalies performed some fantastic acrobatics to keep the puck out of their nets.

Bower made 28 stops, including at least three really big ones. Plante had 29 saves and was in no way responsible for the lone shot which beat him near the midway mark of the first period.

Mahovlich, standing just beside the Montreal net, flicked the puck over Plante's body after the netminder had fallen to stop defenceman Marc Reaume's long drive from the blueline. The goal, at 8:23, was the fourth for Mahovlich this season and his second game-winning counter.

First period: 1. Toronto, Mahovlich (Reaume, Ehman) 8:23. Penalties: Provost major 2:24, Pulford 4:02, Regan 11:42.

Second period: No scoring. Penalties: None.

Third period: No scoring. Penalties: None.

Stops: Plante 6 12 11-29 Bower 6 12 10-28

CHICAGO (AP) — Ron Murphy's late goal enabled Chicago Black Hawks to tie the Boston Bruins 2-2 in a penalty- and fight-filled National Hockey League battle Wednesday night.

Shortly before Murphy's tying tally, the Bruins had taken a 2-1 lead on goals by Bronco Horvath and Doug Mohns, which came less than a minute apart.

Chicago's first goal, Bobby Hull's 11th of the season, had broken a wild scoreless tie at the

6:07 mark of the last period.

The tie moved Chicago into undisputed possession of fifth place. The Hawks had been tied for the spot with idle New York.

Eric Nesterenko of the Hawks and Boston's big Vic Stasiuk engaged in the wildest battle of the angry contest. Late in the first period they came up from a tangle behind the Chicago cage and began punching.

The battle continued for several seconds before officials broke it up. Nesterenko getting a five-minute fighting penalty and Stasiuk getting a total of 20 minutes in assessments. He was given five for fighting, five more for drawing Nesterenko's blood with a high stick and a 10-minute misconduct. Six stitches were required to close a cut on Nesterenko's scalp.

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Penguins Top Saints 4-2; MacDonald Scores Twice

Lorne Hennessey's Penguins made it two straight over the Saints last night defeating father Ledwell's crew 4-2 in a rough penalty-ridden game at Saint Dunstan's.

Both teams seemed to have difficulty with the puck during the game as the ice was very rough making the puck hard to carry. The goalies for this reason also had a tough time of it. What would seem like an easy stop would turn out to be an extremely difficult one.

At the 15:37 mark of the final period Doug Williams of Penguins and Trainer of the Saints were assessed with minors for tripping and during this exchange Williams suffered a leg injury and had to be carried off the ice. However the injury was not thought serious.

This was the last game for the Saints till January 11th due to examinations.

LINE-UPS Saints: Goal: MacIsaac; Defence: Whalen, Hache, Trainor, Clough; Forwards: Ryan, Driscoll, Gillis, Demers, Labrie.

SCORING CHANCES Both teams had good scoring opportunities in the sandwich session but time after the goalies came up with exceptional stops. MacIsaac, the Saints goalie, on two occasions foiled Penguin players on breakaways. However Alan 'Smelt' Gillis fired what proved to be the winning goal in the final seconds of this period.

Apps Arsenault added a clincher at the 5:45 mark of the third period on a pass from Kane. This ended the scoring for the night but the game did not by any means slow down. Both teams played just as hard and rugged in the third period as they had in the opener.

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