

SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

The best we could do was a ringside seat by the radio for Charlottetown's Wednesday night hockey match, but we understand from those who saw it that it will go down in Island sports annals as a memorable one. "The battle of goal-tenders" one fan called it, and Frankie Roper and Thane Mann are receiving a lot of bouquets for their work in the marathon encounter.

No matter which team wins this series, all fair minded fans will have to admit that the competing clubs are the most evenly matched for years. Considering this, it is probably that the breaks will decide the issue. Since today is Friday, the 13th, it might be well for all players to wear necklaces of rabbit's feet for the occasion. Horse-shoes would probably be barred by the referees.

Our Aces will deserve a lot of credit for their showing whether they win, lose or draw. Assessing the value of the two teams on paper, a favorite pastime of the experts, gave Windy's warriors little chance to trip the star-studded outfit from the Capital city.

Last spring in the final series we won none, tied one, and lost five. This season we substituted three green kids, Gaudet, Deighton, and Ronan, for three highly rated Charlottetown boys, Hennessy, Hughes, and Sheppard. To make matters worse, (or yes, that is) Orin Carver was added to the Charlottetown squad.

Anyone who can do "hockey" arithmetic could get only one answer for that problem. Fortunately hockey games are played with sticks and a puck, not pencils and paper, so the macs confounded all the experts. What we all forgot to do was ask Windy Steele to the Ace side of the ledger.

Barring really bad weather, Civic Stadium will look like a very large tin of sardines tonight. Late comers will be taking their chances, but the management will do their level best to accommodate all cash customers. They may not have too much room to do any celebrating manoeuvres when

their favorite team scores a goal, but they'll be in there watching what should be a great struggle for supremacy with the Island championship going to the winner. And please check your water pistols with the ticket takers. The Aces found the water pistol brigade pretty annoying at the Sports Arena.

Our hat is off to Angie Carroll, a real hustling hockey player, and an exceptionally clean one, according to the boys. His one and only desire seems to be to hit opposite team in the net, where it probably hurts the most. As a matter of fact, both teams are sticking strictly to legitimate hockey of late, partly no doubt to the "nip and tuck" caliber of the play. Most penalties are being picked up strictly in the line of duty.

The Aces have missed Ron MacArthur in those last two games. Ron has had one of his best seasons. His forced retirement, however, has proved one thing, that there are three very stalwart gentlemen left out there behind the blue-line in the persons of Eustace Reeves, Doug Williams and Grant Gray. This trio have been doing a tremendous job out there since MacArthur's injury.

Royals And Aces To Decide Titlist Tonight At S'side

Hockey fans are reminded that an advance sale of tickets, for the final game in the Royal-Ace series tonight is being held at Roy Boates drug store and at Civic Stadium. Buying your tickets in advance will prevent long lines at the Stadium tonight where there is expected to be a long line-up for this game. All attendance records are expected to go by the boards when the Aces and Royals battle for the Island championship in what amounts to a sudden death game.

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

BEFORE WE GET talking about tonight's crucial game at Summerside's Civic Stadium we want to spend a few moments singing the praises of that gallant band of juniors who invaded Campbellton Gardens Wednesday night in search of the Prince Edward Island-New Brunswick junior title.

Down two goals after that 5-3 loss on Sports Arena ice Monday night, the Garrison lads weren't given much of a chance of pulling any upset in the Northern New Brunswick town. In fact, a lot of folks were predicting a rather lopsided victory for the New Brunswickers. They were figuring that the Tigers hadn't tried too hard here on Monday night.

WELL, THAT LINE of reasoning took an awful beating Wednesday night as the Garrison outfit, with capable Jack 'Spy' Ready at the helm, threw the greatest score at the Campbellton gang they have had all season. Down two goals entering the game, Spy's boys had things even after two periods of play. The Island juniors led 2-0 entering the third period and that meant the round was all tied at 5-5. In that third session each team managed a tally and away the two squads went into overtime with Campbellton firing home two markers to grab the round 8-6.

FOLKS HERE would have been delighted with a Garrison triumph. However, as far as this columnist is concerned, we think the showing of the locals was one of the games by an Island team for quite some time. Charlie Ryan phoned us early on Thursday morning and Charlie was just as proud of his charges as if they had captured the Maritime championship. The folks in Campbellton got a real surprise at the showing of the Charlottetown boys. They had never expected to see a visiting team display such fight. They really saw one in action on Wednesday — one that just about knocked their Tigers right out of the playoff picture.

Garrison officials have every right to be mighty proud of their team. These lads surely gave it everything they had and nobody would ask for more than that. To those battling Juniors, this column extends its congratulations on a really outstanding job.

IT'S FRIDAY THE 13TH. Lucky or unlucky? After tonight's hockey game, one team will say lucky, the other will howl unlucky. What will Royals be saying? How will the Aces sound?

Yes, this is it tonight. The best-of-seven series for the Intermediate crown has come down to a sudden death affair with Civic Stadium in Summerside the site of the battle. If things followed the pattern of the other six games, Summerside Aces would emerge as the new champions. Each team has yet to taste defeat on home ice, so Aces will have that on their side. But Royals, who were less than six minutes away from elimination Wednesday night, are certain that jinx that Civic Stadium has held for them will be broken tonight. They're confident this is their turn despite the cold, hard fact that the game goes on before Civic Stadium fans.

ACES ARE JUST as adamant that this time tomorrow they'll be making arrangements to play with the New Brunswick winner. They almost closed out the affair in Charlottetown Wednesday night, but victory just managed to slip out of their grasp. Windy Steele and everyone of his boys are confident tonight is their night to howl. If it turns out that way, you can bet Aces will have plenty of support in their howling. Should Aces get home in front tonight, the western capital will go wild with joy.

HOWEVER, such a celebration depends on Parkdale Royals. They could be real sociable and go along with Summerside plans. Western fans would love them if they did. On the other hand, they could be real old meanies and throw a monkey wrench into Summerside's victory celebration. Every member of the Royals sincerely hopes they'll be as mean as possible. They want that Island title tonight and they don't mind a bit taking it right out of Summerside's rink. It's a big chore. Probably some think it's too big a task, but Royals are not numbered among those who have such opinions. Aces believe they'll halt Whitlock, Roper, Frizzell and company tonight. They know a jam-packed Stadium will be watching. They don't aim to disappoint. They don't think they can. What do you think?

Final Game Island Hockey Playoffs

S'Side Civic Stadium Tonight 9:15

Parkdale Royals vs. S'Side Aces

Admission Adults 60c; Students 35c

Advance ticket sale at Boates Pharmacy and Civic Stadium in Summerside and Rendezvous Restaurant in Charlottetown

Canada Whips Sweden 5-0 Saturday's Minor Hockey Program

For Top Spot In Tourney

PWC Hoopsters To Summerside

TV Prince of Wales basketball team will be playing teams of Summerside High at the Civic Auditorium in Summerside tonight. The P. W. C. second team Summerside High boys, and must win to stay in the best of three series as the Summerside team won the first game at Civic Auditorium a week ago. If the visitors win the third game will be played in Charlottetown Saturday night.

The girls' teams of both centres will play the first game starting at 6:45. This is a total point home and home affair, and the second game will be played in Charlottetown on Saturday evening. It is expected that both games will be over in plenty of time for onlookers to take in the big hockey match at Civic Stadium.

HUNTERS CORNER

Sawdust Said Definitely Harmful In Trout Streams

Sawdust received a long delayed airing in the Provincial Legislature on Friday March 6th. "The longest debate ever held in my experience concerning one word" was the opinion expressed by the Premier after a 2 1/2 hour heated discussion regarding the validity of dumping "sawdust" in Island fishing streams. The debate was sparked when Harvey Douglas (L-2nd Kings) moved an amendment, seconded by Frank Myers (PC-1st Queens), asking that the word "sawdust" be stricken from the section of the act. A host of ardent trout fishermen breathed easier after the vote was announced...the amendment lost 14-6.

Sawdust is definitely harmful, and proven so, to the propagation of trout. It deposits a layer of filth and slime over the gravel beds where trout deposit their eggs and the trout move to other streams where conditions are suitable for the propagation of their kind. Sawdust is not thought of as interfering with trout in Island streams, at least there is no evidence that they are killed by it, but they most certainly do not appreciate any contamination of the water they inhabit. Take the Morell River for instance, 25 years ago it was rated one of the top trout streams in the province. Today I venture to say it does not hold one trout for every 20 it held in the mid-thirties.

When I commenced patrolling the Morell in the late twenties there were occasions when I couldn't see the bottom under the Indian Bridge because a school of big trout were resting there. Today one is lucky to see a half dozen, eight or nine inchers darting for cover. In those days I waded the stream from Indian Bridge to Mooney's and the white wake of big tackle busters speeding over the riffles warned the cockles of my heart. Today ridges of foul smelling sawdust cover the gravel bars and even the 'riffles' are becoming clogged. GOOSE PIMPLES

It's a far cry to the days when I waded the stream. I have seen four and five pounders lying in the shade of the hemlocks under Harry Tidmarsh's cabin that gave me goose pimples even without a fishing rod. I remember once wading close to the bank with water within six inches of the top of my hip waders. There was an under-cut I didn't know about and the rush of big trout almost swept my feet from under me. One big one went between my legs. An Irishman I met at Mooney's Bridge grinned when I told about the trout. "Man" he replied with a grin "you're taking a chance wading this stream". Where are those trout now? Mettinks a lot of them have moved to the head of the Midgell. With two sawmills letting tons of sawdust go into the water at the headwaters of the Morell I don't blame them taking up their abode somewhere else. This winter a trout fisherman who has angled for trout in the Morell for over 50 years remarked to me: "In another 10 years, at its present rate of decline, I might

Canada at the top of the round-robin final series. The Canadian win over the injury-riddled Swedish team was a dull affair that had both coaches apologizing for their teams' performances. Besides, coming less than 24 hours after Canada's vital

Birchwood High, Queen Charlotte Clash Tonight

This evening at Sports Arena, the first game in a best-of-three series for the Island Boys' School Hockey title takes place when Birchwood High crosses sticks with Queen Charlotte High.

This series should be an interesting, action-packed one because school teams can always be counted on to give everything they have to bring home the honours for their respective schools.

In order to qualify for interscholastic hockey, students must be under 17 years of age, September 1st, 1958, be in regular attendance and not be beyond Grade X in their school work.

Tonight's game will get underway at 7:45 p.m. and will be followed by a rock 'n' roll skate for all. Usual popular prices will prevail and a big crowd is expected to be on hand to support the young hockeyists.

5-1 win over Russia Wednesday, the game was looked on by the fans as little more than an exhibition. But the Russian-Czech game offered the enthusiastic Czech spectators more than enough action and excitement. The Reds took a quick 2-0 lead before the Czechs battled back to make it 3-2 to the delight of the packed stadium. But the Russians had too much for their opponents in the third period and scored twice for the win when the Czech

Two All-Star Racing Cards Are Lined Up For Causeway

The Victoria Driving Club has gone all out in arranging two top-notch all-star ice racing cards, slated for today and Saturday afternoon at North River Causeway.

Weather permitting the meet will be run off and ice will be cleared for racing. Highlighting this afternoon's program will be a free-for-all trot, in which nine entries will vie for honors. Saturday's meet will be featured by a free-for-all pace in

Ch'town Minors Open Playoffs

Today at the Sports Arena the four opening games of City Minor Hockey League playoffs get underway at 5 o'clock as the Paperweight "B" division opens its series of home and home games in its first round eliminations.

Following is today's schedule of games: 5:00 - 5:30 - PSS Ravens vs. QSS Loons. 5:30 - 6:00 - PSS Falcons vs. QSS Finches. 6:00 - 6:30 - QSS Lariks vs. WKS Hawks. 6:30 - 7:00 - Royalty Canaries vs. QSS Otters.

All teams are reminded there will be no substitutions allowed from other squads. Games must be played with registered players of team involved and coaches and players are asked to be on hand on time to get equipment, sweaters, etc., so there will be no delays.

SDU Juveniles Cop Crown

Saint Dunstan's Juveniles last evening copped the City Juvenile crown by virtue of their 9-5 victory over PWC Juveniles in the second game of a best-of-three series for the City title.

The Father Ledwell-coached crew won the first game of this series by a 9-7 score. Wayne MacDonald, who also starred in the first contest, last evening paced the Saints with a four goal effort. Dick Tringley picked up a pair for the winners, Noonan, MacIntyre, and O'Brien each counting once. J. Hynes, scored the hat trick for the Welshmen with Birt and Sammy Johnson getting the others. The Saints now meet Summerside for the Island Juvenile crown. Referees for this fixture were Billy Mulligan and Angie Carroll.

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Saturday's Minor Hockey Program

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Springpark Bluebirds vs. QSS Setters. 5:00 - 5:30 - Paperweights, PSS Ravens vs. QSS Loons. 5:30 - 6:00 - Paperweights, PSS Falcons vs. QSS Finches. 6:00 - 6:30 - Paperweights, QSS Lariks vs. WKS Hawks. 6:30 - 7:00 - Paperweights, Royalty Canaries vs. QSS Otters. 7:00 - 7:35 - Bantams, QSS Tigers vs. QCHS Beavers. 7:35 - 8:10 - Bantams, QSS Eagles vs. QCHS Crows. 8:10 - 8:45 - Bantams, QCHS Lions vs. QSS Bears. 8:45 - 9:15 - Midgets - Abbies vs. Ramblers. 9:15 - 9:45 - Midgets, Vics vs. Darts. 10:15 - 11:00 - Midgets, Royals.

OFFICIALS: 7:00 - 8:45 - Bob Crockett, Mike MacKinnon. 8:45 - 10:45 - Leroy Barnett, Bill MacMillan. 10:45 - 12:45 - John Davis (Jr), Dave Lawlor. 12:45 - 1:45 - Bill Boyles, Don Frizzell. 5:00 - 7:00 - John Davis (Sr), Gordon Wellner. 7:00 - 8:45 - Dave Lawlor, Leroy Barnett. 8:00 - 11:00 - Vince and Bill Mulligan.

FLOUR FOR REFUGEES: OTTAWA (CP) - Canada will contribute \$1,500,000 worth of flour this year to relief of Palestine refugees. External Affairs Minister Smith announced in the Commons Wednesday.

Trotters Tip PWC 55-48

Trotters last evening at Birchwood High School, defeated PWC Welshmen 55-48 in the first game of a best of five semi-final series for the Island Senior "C" hoop title.

The Trotters, paced by Mark Ladner, who was highest scorer in the game with 23 points, were leading 26-19 at half time. Welshmen, although working hard to overcome their opponents were unable to close the gap and at game's end the Trotters still carried a 7-point bulge.

Ray MacLean was ace sniper for the collegians, picking up 19 points, with Sellar following close behind with 15. Roy MacConnell and Freddie Driscoll handled the whistles for this fixture.

LINEUPS: Trotters - Ladner 23, MacLean 13, Roche 11, Howatt 2, Tooke 6, MacKinnon, Flynn. R. MacLean, 19, MacKenzie 1, Sellar 15, H. MacLean 5, Russell 6, Scanliff 2, MacLeod.

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