

# SPORTS

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## Gavilan 19-10 Favorite To Retain Title Tonight

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After two postponements due to hand trouble and a case of mumps, Kid Gavilan finally is ready to defend his world welterweight title against New York's Johnny Saxton tonight at Convention Hall.

The sleek Cuban remains a strong 19-to-10 favorite in the 15-round match, despite the usual rumors that he will have trouble making the 147-pound class limit.

Every time Gavilan goes to the post as a writer, you hear he may not make it. But he hasn't missed yet.

The fighters weigh in at noon today at the offices of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission. The bout starts at 10 p. m. (EST). It will be televised but the Philadelphia area will be blacked out. There will be a radio broadcast only in Philadelphia.

**EXPECT \$80,000 GATE.**

Promoter Herman Taylor talks of a gate of 11,000 and \$80,000 with an advance sale of about \$30,000. The advance sale just about matches the total paid back in refunds after the fight was postponed, July 14 and Sept. 1. More conservative estimates hint the crowd may be no more than 8,300 and the gate about \$60,000. The TV rights will bring another \$40,000.

Gavilan hasn't fought since April 2 when he failed in his bid for Bobo Olson's middleweight crown. He used his right hand sparingly in that bout and later claimed he had injured the hand in a Feb. 23 tune-up match with Johnny Cunningham at Miami.

The Saxton match was set back first in July when Gavilan, trouncing Cuba with a song-and-dance unit, reported his hand still in a cast. The September show was postponed on the eve of the fight when the doctors discovered the Keed had the mumps.

**NEVER KNOCKED OUT.**

Saxton, 24-year-old Negro Golden Gloves grad from New York, never

has been knocked out in 47 fights as a pro since 1949. He has 43-2-2 record, losing only to Gil Turner and Del Flanagan last year.

The bout presents one unique angle. Saxton, convicted of 12 traffic violations in New York as a "speeder," is booked to start serving a 15-day jail sentence the day after the fight, champ or no champ.

Gavilan gets 40 per cent and Saxton 20 per cent of the gate and TV, according to the contracts.



IN THE CORNER

With only two days of practice remaining before the regular schedule of the newly formed Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League opens in Amherst and Fredericton on Friday, the master-minds of the four participating teams are really giving their men something to think about in the limited workout sessions. Yesterday coach Hughie Campbell of the Charlotte-town Islanders put the local squad through two stiff hours of skating, stick-handling, puck passing and offensive and defensive tactics which, with the addition of former work-outs, leave most of the boys in very good individual form. The real value of their ability will not be known until they have played the three other competitors in the league.

Islanders, who remain the only team of last year's now defunct MMHL who are still in senior hockey, open their season on Friday as they visit Fredericton Capital. They play host to the Amherst Ramblers on Saturday. By the schedule, which has yet to be totally approved, the Amherst team will visit the Island capital on the coming Tuesday while the Islanders play host to Moncton on the 29th. As it now stands, this week's home game will be the only Saturday night game for the Campbell-coached men during the regular schedule of play. Quite often they will open the week's play at home on Monday and wind it up with the second home game of the week Friday night. The 64-game schedule will close on Feb. 11.

It seems as though the days of the non-play coach may be near an end in the Maritimes. This year the four teams in the ACSHL are all headed by a present day player. In Fredericton cigar-smoking Joe MacIntosh has returned from Sudbury to pilot the Caps for a second term. Lou Kiley, who played several games with Islanders two seasons ago and who last year coached his home-town St. John Beavers to the NBSL title, will this season guide the Ramblers. In the Hub City, Dugger McNeil, who coached the Halifax Atlantics as they won the Alexander Cup last season, is getting the men, who as yet have no name or colors, in shape. On the Island the master-mind is big Hughie Campbell who played with and coached the Miners for part of last season.

In the goal-tending department for the Caps is Plumber Craig who played with Moncton last year. He is reported to be very sharp between the pipes in pre-season workouts. Giles Boisvert, 22-year-old Three Rivers native, will return with this season's Ramblers. Giles was All-Star goalie in the NBSL last year. In Moncton is the always popular Nick Pidosny who performed for the Sydney Millionaires two years back. He was with several teams in the OHA last year. For the Islanders it will be newly acquired Jim Shirley.

Activity is great at the Charlottetown Forum since the ice was laid last week. The building has been completely cleaned and large throngs of both children and adults are attending the daily afternoon matinee and evening skating sessions. The ice has never been in better shape so that Saturday's ACSHL game should be fast and thrill-packed.

With the fall season, also comes the basketball season. During the past few years Charlottetown has had a very successful organized basketball league which gained a large following of fans. Already talk of the coming season has started. The league will be organized at a meeting in the P.W.C. auditorium on Friday evening.

**Former Baseball Great Dies At 88**

BOSTON (AP)—Hugh Duffy, 88, one of baseball's all-time greats whose batting average of .438 in 1894 never has been equalled, died Tuesday.

Duffy set his record while playing with the Boston National League team. He was a member of baseball's Hall of Fame. In recent years he had been a Red Sox coach.

## Mays, Minofo Crowned Slugging Kings Of 1954

NEW YORK (AP) — Outfielder Willie Mays of New York Giants and Orestes (Minnie) Minofo of Chicago White Sox, both right-handed batters, Tuesday were crowned the major league slugging kings for 1954.

Mays topped the National League with .667 slugging average. Minofo, in his fourth season in the majors, was the American League leader with .535.

Statistics compiled by The Associated Press revealed that Mays accumulated 377 total bases in 565 at-bats. Slugging averages are computed by dividing a player's

number of times at bat into his total bases.

Mays, who also led his league in batting, delivered 195 hits, including 33 doubles, 13 triples, most in the league, and 4 home runs.

Minofo, runner-up Cleveland's Bobby Avila in the American League batting race, produced 304 total bases in 568 trips. He collected 29 doubles, 18 triples, most in the league and 19 homers among 182 hits.

## Jockey Rides Five Winners In One Day

CLEVELAND (AP)—Jockey Eddie Plesa rode five winners Tuesday in the first seven races at Cranwood Park, setting a track record.

Plesa, top jockey at Cranwood with 50 winners for the current meet, scored aboard King Auman, Ladies Day, Una, Nanchang and Boss Bennie. In two other races, he rode second and third.

## Will Suspend Players Jumping To Nfld. League

AMHERST, N.S. (CP)—President Jack MacDougall of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association said Monday players who jump an MAHA-registered club to join the Newfoundland Hockey League will be suspended automatically for two years.

MacDougall's statement followed representations by the six-team Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Hockey League which complained of alleged player raids by the Newfoundland circuit which is not affiliated with the MAHA.

The president said a suspension invoked by the MAHA would hold good in any organized hockey league. He also said any MAHA club, even in an exhibition contest, also will be suspended.

The Newfoundland league was approved for membership in the MAHA last year but did not apply.

## Sport Echoes From Prince County

The wrestling show put on by the RCAF sports department last Saturday night helped to put the grunt and groan game back on its feet in Summerside after the 1948 had given it a black eye by their indifferent efforts at the curling rink some time ago. Greer, Allard and the Babineau brothers were good enough to justify a return match, and we hope it can be arranged sometime.

Funny how such things turn out. The Kalmikoffs were big names, and both the promoters and the sporting public had every reason to feel that a bang-up show would be assured. The general feeling was that these wrestling luminaries hadn't turned on their full candlepower.

## Bowling Results

Here are the results of this week's play in Smallman's bowling league, run off at the Capital Alleys in Summerside. Women's high single and high three: Pearl DesRoche, 244 and 545. Men's high single and high three: Walter Sonier Sr., 284 and 628.

Summary—  
Prizes defeated Brazilnut 2538 to 2323.  
Walnuts bested Butternuts 2825 to 2733.  
Grapenuts edged out Cocoonuts 2593 to 2587.  
Chestnuts won over Hazelnuts 2696 to 2490.

November 10th (check it on your calendar, folks) should produce a crowd-thrilling exhibition of fighting if Jerry Sheen and his helpers bring together the boys they have in mind. A Gaston Roy-Tiger Steele match and a Leroy Jones-Bud Ramsay go, both on the same card, is getting your cake with frosting on the frosting. This quartet should pack the customers into Raceway Stadium even if they match a couple Caspar Milquetoasts with a pair of Weak-Eyed Willies in the preliminaries. Roy and Steele have met twice already, the Oct. 10th issue of The Guardian I learned there was a meeting of the Queen's County Fish and Game Association held recently before the above date and that a great many gunners who were present asked the question, "Why was there so much poaching and pre-season shooting going on?" Even the writer of Hunter's Corner said it was worse this year than it had been in the last twenty five years. I don't think it is very hard to answer this question and here is the answer. It is the game laws we have today that is making so much poaching.

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Jonquiere 1 Montreal 3  
OHA Sr (exhibition), All Stars 7 Owen Sound 4

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## FORUM Program

OCT. 18 to 23

WEDNESDAY —  
HOCKEY—Garnet & Gold 8-10

THURSDAY—  
Skating ..... 8 to 10

FRIDAY—  
Children's Skating ..... 4 to 5:30  
Night Skating ..... 8 to 10

SATURDAY—  
Skating ..... 3 to 5

HOCKEY — 9 P.M.  
AMHERST VS. ISLANDERS

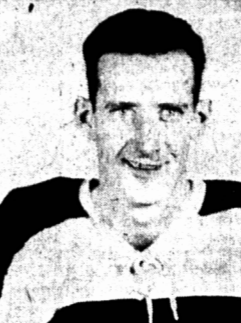
## USHERS WANTED

For coming season at Forum. Those interested report to Forum at 6.30 this evening.

## LITTLE SPORT



## Local Goalie



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