SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Olmstead As Coach?

DOUG Harvey has decided to call it quits as coach of the New York Rangers and at the time of writing the New Yorkers were minus a pilot.

However, the recent acquistion at the draft meeting of veteran Bert Olmstead has led to much speculation that the former Toronto Maple Leaf will do the masterminding for the Blue Shirts.

It would seem most logical that Olmstead succees. Rangers grabbed him quickly when Maple Leafs didn't protect him and the fact that Muzz Patrick wanted the 35-year-old veteran seems to indicate that it would be for coaching chores.

Olmstead had previously announced his retirement when with the Leafs but he reconsidered and donned the blades again. However his playing days must be really numbered and Rangers' interests in him must be from a coaching standpoint.

WE would like to see Bert get a crack at directing traffic for the Rangers.

He has often indicated that he would like to try his hand at coaching and this Ranger post would be an excellent spot to begin.

Olmstead has loads of hockey technique and undoubtedly would be a fiery leader for the aroused Rangers. Hockey really came back in a big way under Harvey and a fellow like Olmstead would be just the kind to continue from where Doug left off.

It would indeed be nice to see a veteran of Olmstead's calibre get a chance in New York. He was always a fierce competitor and gave everything he had as a player for both Canadiens and Leafs. Many believe Olmstead's influence on the Leafs was a great help to the popular George 'Punch' Imlach.

The Rangers became a very popular outfit under Harvey and we're sure that popularity would continue if a fellow like Olmstead gets in charge.

We hope he gets the post.

Redlegs Fade

CINCINNATI Redlegs staggered and faltered in their bid to gain ground on the San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers.

THE Redlegs, when we last looked, were seven and one-half lengths back of the leaders and they were after dropping a pair of games to the fifth place St. Louis Cardinals. The Cardinals when they tangled with the defending champs had lost something like ten of their twelve last games. In their first contest with Cincinnati, the Red Birds trailed 9-1 but bounced back and won in extra innings, thanks to an eleventh inning homer by Stan 'The Man' Musial.

Meanwhile the Dodgers crept close again on the San Francisco Giants. In 19 outings, the Alstonites lost only two games, a pair to the rather lowly Phillies. This is a mighty high percentage to be performing at and makes the Dodgers a red-hot contender for National League honors this season.

It's No Wonder

IT'S no wonder the Giants are in such a lofty position.

Just take a look at those major league leaders and see for yourself. Three of the league's first six hitters are members of Alvin Dark's club. F. Alou is hitting .345, Cepeda .336 and Davenport .333. Willie Mays has the most runs scored. 54, Cepeda has the most hits, 77, Mays has the most home runs, 19, and Billy Pierce leads the pitchers with an 8-0 record.

The second-place Dodgers weren't doing too badly. Tommy Davis was the league's fourth best hitter at .333, and had batted in the most runs, 60.

Maury Willis was in a class by himself in stolen bases, 29, and Sandy Koufax was the strikeout king in the National with 125.

That doesn't leave too much for the others and by the look of the league standings, the race is entirely a two-team affair. Perhaps, the tide will change and some other outfits will come on to challenge the Giants and the Dodgers.

But right now it doesn't look as if they will.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to Jack Kane and Father Clarence Roche on a most successful Birchwood-Queen Square athletic night.

Both Jack and Father Roche did a tremendous amount of work throughout the year with these young athletes and their work was crowned with much success.

HUNTERS' CORNER

This Kind Of Weather Is Tough On Young Ducks

This weeks' weather has been bad for young ducks. The smaller species, such as teal, Ring-necked ducks, Baldpate, etc., are not such early nesters as are the Black ducks. The black hatch is at its peak at the moment and continued cold rains with wind cause casualties among the downy broods. Quite a few broods of blacks have been noted to date and several were of good size. . .just emerging from the down stage. The blue-wing teal are still in the courting process. I watched a pair in a dam one evening this week. Methinks the coy lady had about made up her mind. One drake was trying to coax her away but she was only mildly interested. Like some males in the human family he'd fly off in a huff but would hang around at a respectful distance where he could keep his eye on the courting procedure. In about five minutes he'd be back again trying his luck and it would be no better-worse if anything. His rival was taking things quite cool so I guess he figured he had the situation under control.

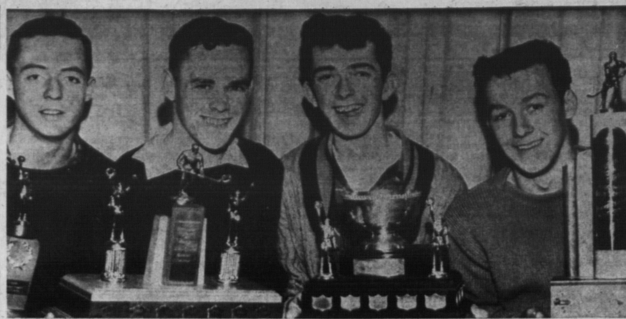
Blue-wing drakes are lovely looking birds in full spring plumage and are not the drab looking creatures one sees on the opening morning. They do not absorb much punishment from guns and a few days after the season opens they are a scarce commodity. Black ducks are in the same caiss out do not pull out of the country entirely. . .just to salt water. They like the wide open spaces when the hunting pressure is on. Many waterfowlers contend that black ducks are smarter than geese when it comes to outwitting hunters. Wild geese are smart but are inclined to be[illegible] too trusting for their own [illegible] when hunting pressure [illegible] off.

N[illegible]ABLE COMEBACK

Our robins have made a noticeable come-back since last summer. I note they are more common in the back swamps and deep woods than formerly. They like homesteading close to human habitation and used to feed a lot around vegetable gardens, etc. Maybe they have learned the hard way that insecticides are deadly and, in some way or another, have established the connection between the two. One seldom sees Juncoes now except in the deep woods and swamps. They are the drab, grey looking little creatures with white feathers on each side of their tail. Before the advent of sprays and insecticides Juncoes' lived in garden patches and kept them clean of all harmful insect life. Robins looked after the cutworms that came to the surface in the dawning. They are the pests that cut off beans and cabbage plants at ground level.

Nature has her own way of getting around cases that interfere with her general plan of things. I never saw so many robins back in the deep woods as I have this season. When its a case of taking to the tall timbers, or dying in hundreds and thousands, its better to get by on slim rations than not getting by at all. Robins are home bodies at heart and easy to get acquainted with. In the days when I lived on a farm, after the war that is, I had a 22 cal. B.S.A. target rifle with a peep sight. I could hit a ten cent piece at 50 yards and English sparrows, Bronzed grackles, Crows, House cats got short shrift when they came on the premises.

One spring I counted 15 robin nests in our orchard, surrounding hedges, garage and other buildings. One built her nest in our wood house that was attached to our kitchen. They, the robins, are the greatest little tattle-tales in the world. If a house cat came upon the premises, or a bronzed grackle, crow or such like, there would be one in the Red Astrachan apple tree at the kitchen door telling me all about it. I think she was the one, the day we went visiting and left the kitchen door ajar, who started building a nest on the mantle shelf over the stove. We finally discouraged her but the following summer when we moved to the City, after I had been taken on the R.C.M. Police, she did build her nest on the same shelf in the kitchen. She reared two broods in this nest. I made it a point to leave an opening in the door through which she could get in and out where a cat couldn't. The wealth of bird life that frequented our premises soon disappeared after the 22 cal. rifle was not there to speak a word on their behalf. The way things are shaping up at present we'll soon have the earth all to ourselves. Will it be worth living on after this happens?



HERE are four happy athletes who received trophies at last night's annual athletic night at Birchwood gym. Left to right, Ed Lawlor (co-captain Birchwood High School boys basketball team), Carl McQuaid, (captain winning team in intramural hockey), Bobby LeClair (member of the championship interscholastic basketball team) and Rex McCarville (player amassing most points in intramural hockey — his third such victory in three years).

Mammoth Athletic Night Held For School Athletes

The annual Birchwood-Queen Square athletic night was staged last night at Birchwood gym with more than 300 young athletes in attendance.

Ed Hilton, head football and basketball coach at St. Dunstan's University, was guest speaker for the occasion. Presiding was Birchwood's principal, Lt. Col. Leo F. MacDonald.

Warm tribute was paid Rev. Clarence Roche of the Basilica staff and John Kane, Birchwood's physical educator, for their great work in sports promotion throughout the school year.

A large number of invited guests were present, many of them representing organizations which had contributed toward the purchase of the many trophies.

A delicious supper was served by a committee headed by the home economics department heads at Birchwood, Rev. Sister St. Claire and Mrs. Mary Coady.

The thanks of the young athletes was extended to all helping to make their program possible. Presentations were made to Sister St. Claire by Carl McQuaid, to Father Roche by Ed Lawlor and to Mrs. Coady by Paul Connolly.

The following is the list of prize winners:

The Physical Fitness Trophy for the Prince Edward Island Junior A Interscholastic Boys Basketball Championship won by Birchwood High School—Carl McQuaid and Eddie Lawlor (co-captains).

The Physical Fitness Trophy for the high point scorer in the championship tournament won by Eddie Lawlow — Birchwood High School.

Crests awarded by the Department of Physical Fitness to the individual members of the winning team: Eddie Lawlor (C), Carl McQuaid (C), Bobby LeClair, Paul Connolly, Kenny Hubley, Andrew Arsenault, Billy Weatherbie, Kevin White, Peter Mullally, John Bordage, St. Clair Ellsworth.

The Physical Fitness Trophy for the Prince Edward Island Junior A Interscholastic Boys Championship won by Birchwood High School —Leslie Affleck (C).

Crests awarded by the Department of Physical Fitness to the individual members of the winning team: of both P.E.I. Junior A and City Interscholastic: Leslie Affleck (C), Shane Hennessey, Frank Robison, Peter McIntyre, Peter Mullally, Kevin Smith, Rex McCarville, Glen Bevan, Billy Weatherbie, Carl McQuaid, Allan Flood, Cyril MacDonald, Jack MacEachern, Lloyd Blanchard, Dave Mitchell.

The Physical Fitness Trophy for the Prince Edward Island Junior A Interscholastic Girls Basketball Championship won by Birchwood High School — Carol Ann Gallant and Sheila Gallant (co-captains).

Crests awarded by the Department of Physical Fitness to the individual members of the winning team: Carol Ann Gallant (C), Sheila Gallant (C), Mary MacLeod, Marjorie St. John, Edna Botts, Joyce Connolly, Anne Ling, Barb Woolridge, Shirley Pound, Yvonne Daley.

Crests awarded by the Department of Physical Fitness to the individual members of the winners of the Prince Edward Island Elementary Interscholastic Basketball Championship: Norman Murnaghan (C), Leonard Morrissey, Billy McKinnon, Leo Steele, Jimmy McQuaid, Jimmy Dorsey, Dave MacAulay, Rickey Gallant, Allan Flood, Andy Cullen, Herman McQuaid, John White, Robin McGuigan.

The Taylor's Jeweller's Trophy for the City Interscholastic Track and Field Championship — won by Birchwood High Schol — Parnell Kelly and Shirley Pound (co-captains).

The Charlottetown Clinic Trophy for high point getter among the boys in this meet — won by Jack MacEachern.

The Charlottetown Clinic Trophy for high point getter among the girls in this meet — won by Mary MacLeod.

The Canadian Legion Trophy for high point getter among the boys in the School Track and Field Meet — won by Cyril MacDonald.

The Canadian Legion Trophy for the high point getter among the girls in the School Track and Field Meet — won by Edna Botts.

HOCKEY LEAGUE

Trophy donated by the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Irish Society for the winning team— won by the BRUINS — Carl McQuaid (C).

Trophies awarded to the individual members of the winning team: Carl McQuaid (C), Jack MacEachern, Billy Weatherbie, Dennis Affleck, Andrew Arsenault, David Rowe, Wayne Flynn, Donnie Josey.

The Student's Council Trophy awarded to the player amassing the most points won by Rex McCarville.

The trophy donated by Father Roche for the player collecting the most assists won by Eugene Doyle.

The Dr. J. A. MacMillan Trophy donated by Dr. J.A. MacMillan for the goalie with the best goals against average won by Carl McQuaid.

The MacDonald - Brown Trophy donated by Frank MacDonald and Bill Brown for player judged most valuable to his team won by Leslie Affleck.

The Duffy - MacGillivray Trophy donated by Dr. L. I. Duffy and Roy MacGillivray for the player who best combines hockey ability and gentlemanly conduct won by Frank Robison.

Birchwood High School Boys Senior Basketball League:

The P.R. McCormac Trophy donated by the late Picton R. McCormac for the winning team— won by Team No. 14 — Bobby LeClair (C).

Trophies awarded to the individual members of the winning team: Bobby LeClair (C), Kenny Hubley, John Bordage, Andrew Arsenault, St. Clair Ellsworth, Mike Murphy, Frank Gaudet, Robin McGuigan.

Birchwood High School Girls Senior Basketball League:

The C.Y.O. Trophy donated by the Holy Redeemer C.Y.O. for the winning team— won by Team L — Sheila Gallant (C).

Trophies awarded to the individual members of the winning team: Sheila Gallant (C), Mary MacLeod, Carol Ann Gallant, Linda Egan, Imelda Murnaghan, Yvonne Daley, Marilyn Doyle, Brenda Campbell, Judy Dillon, Nancy MacDonald.

Birchwood High School Intermediate Boys Basketball League:

The Junior B.Y.C. Trophy donated by the Junior B.Y.C. for the winning team won by Team No. 9 — Billy LeClair (C).

Trophies awarded to the individual members of the winning team: Billy LeClair (C), Ian MacDonald, Leo Rooney, Dave Shepherd, Kenny Molyneaux, Andy Cullen, Melvin Murray, Harvey Cormier, Jerry Mahar, Paul Stanley.

Birchwood High School Intermediate Girls Basketball League:

The J and T Morris Trophy donated by J. and T Morris Ltd.

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Seven Definite Starters In Triple Crown Finale

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven three-year-olds remained as definite starters Thursday for the 94th Belmont Stakes, four of them so evenly matched that old timers can't recall a more wide open battle for the triple crown finale.

The big four are Preakness winner Greek Money, Kentucky Derby victor Decidedly, Jersey Derby winner Jaipur and the 1961 champion two-year - old, Crimson Satan.

Two minor characters in the glamorous cast mentioned for the $125,000 - added duel Saturday at Belmont Park were officially withdrawn — Mrs. Ada L. Rice's Daddy R., and Gustave Ring's Stinson Beach.

Another possible starter, T. A. Grissom's Roman Line, remained at Monmouth Park in New Jersey and was being counted out lacking official word from trainer Tennessee Wright. Roman Line was a surprise second in the Kentucky Derby, and third in the Preakness.

Entries will be made today on payment of $250, and owners must part with another $1,000 Saturday to start in the 1½ mile tussle, longest of the triple series. The derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville May 5 was 1¼ miles, and the horses ran 1 3-16 miles May 19 at Pimlico in Baltimore.

This is the first time since 1956 that a Derby and Preakness winner will clash in the Belmont, but strangely enough, neither is rated the favorite at the moment.

Crimson Satan, owned by Peter W. Salmen, Sr., of Detroit, remains a lukewarm 5-to-2 choice off his surprising reversal of form in the Jersey Derby. Crimson Satan, a staggering sixth in Kentucky and seventh in the Preakness, finished first at Garden State Park but was disqualified for interference.

In addition to the big four, the field lines up with Admiral's Voyage, Frank E. Power's Vimy Ridge, and Harbor View Farm's David K.

Thoroughbreds Have To Hussle

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Sports Editor

The thoroughbreds will have to hustle to keep up the social set in Toronto next week. The grey topper and mink crowd have arranged a formidable lineup of official parties, dinners, breakfasts and so on to coincide with what they like to call the "royal week of racing" in Canada.

The Queen's Plate classic, always a colorful affair and a good excuse for partying, doesn't go until a week Saturday but the clubhouse and Turf Club regulars at the $15,000,000 Woodbine plant in the northwest suburbs are starting early. Unofficially, the celebrating could go on all week.

Monday afternoon horsemen will show off their plate eligibles in the trials. Fifty - six horses still are eligible for the 1¼-mile gallop, but probably only 12 will prance into the starter's gate on June 16.

The horsemen and others can conduct the post-mortem at a big party Monday night.

HONOR HORSE OF YEAR

Tuesday night the Jockey Club will be host to another party at a downtown hotel. The next night Bill Beasley of Toronto will be guest of honor at another big gathering at the annual "horse of the year" dinner. Beasley's five-year - old Hidden Treasure has won more than $150,000 in his racing career and in 1961 won national honors as the horse of the year.

The dressed - up guests will just have to get home for a few hours' sleep before going to the track for the Queen's Plate breakfast. Horsemen from many parts of Canada and the United States will be on hand when the draw for post positions in the plate is made by a dozen fashion models.

Then, on Friday night, the Queen's Plate ball will be held at the Turf Club, a plush spot in the Woodbine clubhouse. They can dance all night and still make the Plate.

QUEEN MOTHER PRESENT

Post time for the $75,000 stakes is 6:04 p.m. EDT. Grey toppers and mink will again be the order of the day for the club house patrons who will get a good chance for a closeup view of the Queen Mother who will present the winning owner with the Queen's gift of 50 guineas and the $5,000 gold cup.

This will be the second time the Queen Mother has been on hand to present the guineas. She was at Old Woodbine in Toronto in 1939 when the 80th running of North America's oldest continuously run stakes race was won by Archworth, owned by the late C. George McCullagh.

Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by Prince Philip, attended the 100th running of the plate in 1959 when New Providence, owned by Jockey Club chairman E. P. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, romped home an easy winner.

First Races So Saturday

Track conditions caused by two days heavy rain forced another postponement of the 1962 harness racing program at Charlottetown Driving Park.

First scheduled for Wednesday night, the eight-dash card was re-shceduled for Thursday night when the rains first came down. But the downpour continued through most of Thursday and the first race meet is now scheduled for this Saturday night.

This opening program is being sponsored by the Retarded children's Association and a large turnout of spectators is anticipated. Saturday's scheduled card will now be pushed back to Monday June 11 when no race program was listed for Charlottetown Driving Park.

First dash is Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

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