

Saints' Cagers Making Bid For Maritime Junior Crown

St. Dunstan's University hoop squad begin the last lap in their quest for the Maritime Junior Basketball Championship Thursday night when they meet Moncton CY-HI Juniors at the S.D.U. gym in the first of a two game total-point series. The second game of the series what will decide the four-province champion will be played in Moncton next Thursday. The Saints earned a berth in the Maritime finals by eliminating St. Joseph's University Juniors 167-85 in a two game total point series. Moncton defeated St. John Y.M.C.A. by a 168-85 total score in the other semi-final round.

On the basis of past performances this season the Saints will probably be slight favorites to capture the Maritime crown. Besides their two overwhelming victories over St. Joseph's they boast a 76-59 win over the Moncton team they are now meeting for the title. However, Moncton's convincing triumph over St. John and the fact that their two tallest men did not play in the exhibition contest against S.D.U. rate them as a threat to upset the Saints' title hopes.

RATED STRONGER
Last year the S.D.U. junior team advanced to the Maritime finals but lost out in a two game series to Woodstock Juniors. This year's edition of the red and white hoopsters are rated at least 25 per cent stronger both defensively and offensively over last year's team.

If the Saints do get by Moncton and win the Maritime championship it will mark two firsts in Charlottetown basketball history. It will be the first time a Charlottetown team has won the junior championship and it will be the first time that the Eastern Canadian Junior finals were ever played in Charlottetown. The winner of the Moncton S.D.U. final is slated to meet the Quebec Ontario champion in the Canadian semi-finals on the home court of the Maritime winner in a best two-out of three series March 18, 19, and 20.

MOUNT A SATURDAY
On Saturday of this week the same S.D.U. junior squad will be out to strengthen its hold on first place in the N.B.-P.E.I. intercollegiate league when the Saints take on Mount Allison on the S.D.U. floor Saturday night. St. Dunstan's has already beaten the Mounties this year in regular play and win Saturday night will give them at least a tie for the two-province intercollegiate title. Basketball fans may not be aware of the fact the S.D.U. junior team and the intercollegiate quintet are one and the same. In other words, all members of St. Dunstan's varsity this year are of junior age. This fact alone stamps the junior squad as a team to be reckoned with in any competition. If only because of the experience it has gained from playing such top-notch college teams as the University of New Brunswick Red Raiders and the runaway leaders of the Nova Scotia intercollegiate league, St. Dunstan's is a team to watch.

Scotia intercollegiate league, St. Francis Xavier.

Here follows a brief sketch of this S.D.U. team that is at present keeping the red and white colors very much in the running for two Maritime basketball championships.

JOHN (HONDO) KELLY — 6'1" — centre star from Bear River, P.E.I. Kelly for the past three seasons has been the sparkplug of the Saints and again this year is the team's high scorer. He does everything well but specializes in the drive-in lay-up shot.

ALFRED (CHICK) MORRISON — 5'11" — right forward from Pleasant Grove, P.E.I. Perhaps the ablest ball-handler on the team, "Chick," while not a high scorer, reaps more assists than anyone on the team.

BRIAN NOONAN — 6'1 1/2" — left forward from Regina, Sask. Brian learned his basketball fundamentals at Camplon College in Regina, and in his first year with the Saints is proving a strong addition to the squad.

LORNE MACGUGAN — 6'3" — left forward. Lorne developed his basketball talent while playing in the Charlottetown city league, and in his first year in a red and white uniform is turning into one of the team's highest scorers. Against UNB two weeks ago Lorne netted 21 points for his best effort of the season.

ROBERT FEARON — 6'1 1/2" — right guard and team captain from Minto, N.B. Taking both his defensive and offensive capabilities into consideration, Bob is certainly one of the outstanding guards in S.D.U. basketball history. This is his second year with the team.

PETER MCGONNELL — 6'1 1/2" — left guard from Charlottetown. Pete is one of the hardest working men on the team. A rugged boy when it comes to fighting for rebounds, Pete is a good shot and gets his share of points consistently.

GERALD TINGLEY — 6'4 1/2" — left guard is the tallest man on the S.D.U. roster. Gerry hales from settle in Charlottetown someday. He has come up from the intramural ranks to earn a spot on this year's first team.

EUGENE LAKE — 6'3" — centre is a Newfoundland boy who picked up his basketball skill at St. Bonaventure's College in St. John's, Gene, a rugged boy on the basketball court with a fine one-hand shot, is playing his second season with the Saints.

MIKE SWIFT 5'10", right guard from Minto, N.B. Mike is one of the two third year men on the team and while short as basketball players go, what he lacks in height he makes up in deft ball-handling and clear thinking.

DAVE BETZ 5'10" at right forward is an American addition who gained his early hoop schooling in Michigan. Dave is the shortest forward on the team, but is a better than average ball handler and an expert when it comes to sinking foul shots, having swished through 32 consecutive tosses in practice for an S.D.U. record.

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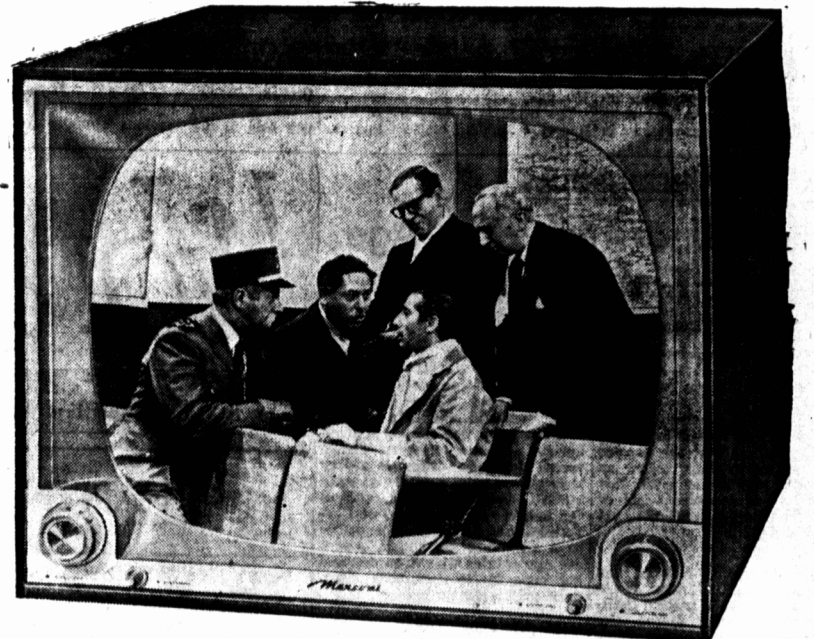
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Walsh Rink To Be Missing When Dominion Play Begins

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP) — Veterans of title play and the son of a former champion will compete in the Canadian curling championships here March 4-8 with rinks from every province competing in the 11-round tournament.

Missing will be the Winnipeg rink skipped by Billy Walsh, 1956 champion with a dramatic extra-end playoff victory over a Toronto rink skipped by one-time Olympic diver Alfie Phillips.

The Manitoba representative this year is a rink skipped by Howard Wood Jr. of Winnipeg. His father won the Canadian title in 1930 and repeated 10 years later.

Most of the 1957 provincial champions have been cleared. The Ontario and Northern Ontario representatives will be decided late this week.

Sentimental favorites this year probably will be the Campbells of Avonlea, Sask., runners-up in the 1954 final at Edmonton and champions in 1955—the only time a Saskatchewan rink has won the title.

Talent Hunting For Players Of NHL Caliber Tough Job

By DAVE DILES
DETROIT (AP)—Consider that there are more than 16,000,000 people in Canada. Then consider that only about 110 of them are good enough hockey players to make the "big league."

The comparison — since there are many females, older men and youngsters who cannot be counted — is hardly fair. Still it points up the great talent hunt that goes on in the provinces—and to some degree in the United States for promising young hockey players.

A chat with Johnny Mitchell, chief scout for the Detroit Red Wings uncovered some interesting facts about hockey its up-and-coming stars and the broad program undertaken by the six National Hockey League teams to find these youngsters.

AT DISADVANTAGE
"The Detroit club is definitely at a disadvantage when it comes to picking up young players," Mitchell said emphatically. "Most Canadian youngsters, of course, become attached to the Montreal and Toronto teams. And those guys each have twice as many sponsored teams as Detroit."

Mitchell — who has done just about everything in hockey except play in the big leagues—also mentioned that juvenile hockey in the U.S. has just established a beachhead.

"We're just getting a good start down here," he said. "In Canada, 'kid hockey' has been a big thing for years. The young boys up

there feel about hockey as most American kids do about baseball. It's something they dream about."

Like all NHL teams, the Wings are doing more searching in the States than ever before. Currently there are an estimated 2,500 young boys in Michigan alone taking part in organized youth hockey. In Canada, the number exceeds 60,000.

What do scouts look for in a hockey player?
SPEED AND SIZE
"First," said Mitchell, "a scout looks for speed and skating ability. Then you look for size, and whether a youngster plays his position well. Speed and the ability to skate are like a good fastball pitcher."

"The baseball scouts believe a fast ball is almost a necessity. They figure that if a kid has that, he can be taught other things, but without the speed, he's had it."

"But I suppose even bigger than any of these is heart or courage, or whatever you want to call it. A kid has to have a real desire to play. There are a lot of setbacks and disappointments—a lot of ups and downs—in hockey today. It takes a good man to have the patience to wait, sometimes for several years. It takes an even better man to get to the top."

SENIOR REGIMENT
The British army's senior regiment is the Grenadier Guards, formed as a body guard for Charles II in 1650.