

Rocket's Ankle Back In Cast

MONTREAL (CP) — Maurice (Rocket) Richard's injured ankle went back in a cast Wednesday and it will remain on for two weeks, dimming the possibility of his return to hockey this season in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

CANADA FAVORED

World Hockey Tournney Gets Underway Today

PRAGUE (CP) — The plane carrying Canada's entry in the world hockey championships had to be detoured Wednesday when it was unable to land here because of poor visibility. The reinforced Belleville, Ont., team finally was set down after a long delay at Bratislava, where Canada opens the defence of her hockey crown today against Poland. The players appeared slightly tired after the flight but they were in good spirits. While the 12 competing teams scrambled through a thick fog over much of Czechoslovakia to get to the three towns where the preliminary rounds are to be played, the International Ice Hockey Association met to iron out the ruling on what happens in the event of a tie in points at the end of the preliminary and final rounds.

RECORDS TO COUNT

It decided that if two or more teams are tied at the end of a preliminary round, the winner will be decided by the best scoring-defensive record. This will be found by subtracting the number of goals scored against a team

from the number it scored. In the final round, the teams must meet in a playoff. With Canada generally accepted as a clinch to win the title again, most attention has been focussed on which teams will grab the second and third spots. Russia, although thought of a while ago as Canada's major threat, received another jolt Wednesday when three players came down with influenza. Soviet officials said some other players also are showing signs of the illness, but they added they hope that all will be in good shape for the final round. The stock of the Red team tumbled among local observers following a poorer-than-expected showing during a recent three-game tour by Czechoslovakia. The threat of weakening illnesses made the Czech experts even more hopeful that their entry

will walk off with second place. Sweden, winner of the title in 1957 when Canada did not enter a team as a protest against the crushing of the Hungarian revolution, was seen as having a good chance of beating the Red team for third place. Under the new system worked out to try to speed up the tournament, the two favored teams will get to test each other in preliminary play. Because of the number of countries entered, it was decided to break the tournament into three groups of four teams each. Canada and Czechoslovakia are in Group A, along with Switzerland and Poland. Russia, the United States, Norway and East Germany make up Group B and Sweden, Italy, West Germany and Finland are in Group C.

Maple Leafs Whip Hawks 5-2

TORONTO (CP) — Centre Bob Pulford scored a pair of goals Wednesday night as Toronto Maple Leafs came from behind to whip second place Chicago Black Hawks, 5-2, and keep their National Hockey League playoff hopes alive. The victory, only Leafs' third in 13 games against Hawks this season, lifted Toronto into a fifth place tie with Detroit Red Wings, each with 53 points, five behind fourth-place New York Rangers. Besides Pulford's two goals, his 19th and 20th, Bert Olmstead, defenceman Marc Reaume, with his first of the season, and Frank Mahovlich scored for Toronto. Earl Balfour and Pierre Pilote were the Chicago scorers. The loss was more costly to Hawks because they lost the services of left winger Ron Murphy, who suffered a hairline fracture of the fibula in his right leg after a wrestling match with Toronto's Tim Horton in the first period. The injury is expected to keep Murphy out for at least four weeks.

Game Is Called Off

An exhibition game between a Charlottetown Midget team and the Crapaud Midgets, scheduled for tonight at Crapaud, has been called off due to Charlottetown being unable to pick up a team to travel to Crapaud.

Saskatchewan Remains On Top In Brier 'Spiel

QUEBEC (CP) — Heavily favored Alberta and Saskatchewan had to battle all the way Wednesday night to pick up sixth round victories at the Canadian curling championship. The Richardson family quartet from Regina had difficulty in shaking off a determined New Brunswick rink but they were the easterners down with pinpoint accuracy in a running game to triumph 10-7. The win was the fifth for unbeaten Saskatchewan and left them alone at the top of the heap. Alberta, which had to come from behind in the final ends to down New Brunswick Wednesday afternoon, had another battle on its hands with Ontario but finally prevailed 13-8. Ted Sellers' Unionville rink opened the game with a four-ender and it wasn't until the seventh end that Herb Olson's Edmonton team was able to tie the game at 7-7. Edmonton went ahead 10-8 going into the final end and two heavy rocks by Sellers that went right through the house allowed them to add three more. British Columbia started fast with two three-enders against Newfoundland then proceeded to pile it on as they rode to a 19-5 win. Newfoundland skip Bud Fisher was forced out of the game with a sore leg in the seventh end and from that point Barry Naimark's Vancouver rink scored 12 of their 19 points. P.E.I. SURGES BACK

Table with 2 columns: Team, P W L. Lists results for P.E.I., Quebec, Manitoba, N. Ontario, B.C., Ontario, Alberta, Quebec, Nova Scotia, N.B., and Ontario.

Ontario rink but Prince Edward Island faded in the two final ends. Bud Fisher's Newfoundland rink started fast and led 8-1 going into the eighth end. Art Forbes' Nova Scotia team finished fast but bowed 11-8. Canadian curling championship standing after six rounds:

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Other members of the Ewing rink are Louis Johnston, Brighton MacDougall, Mac Kennedy. Members of the Nicholson rink are Ron Pettitt, George Worth and Ken MacKenzie.

RESULTS First Round: Nicholson (M) 011 000 110 110-6, Ede (RCAF) 100 100 001 020-5, Ewing (C) 102 003 111 000-10, Johnston (S) 010 210 000 113 0-9. Second Round: Ede (RCAF) 030 051 012 000-13, Ewing (C) 201 020 300 121 0-12, Nicholson (M) 051 000 104 020 1-14, Johnston (S) 200 112 020 104 0-13. Third Round: Johnston (S) 120 110 012 000 1-9, Ede (RCAF) 002 001 200 111 0-8, Ewing (C) 020 330 020 100-11, Nicholson (M) 001 001 202 010-7. Playoff: G. Nicholson (M) 201 104 10-9, R. Ewing (C) 010 010 00-2.

CURLING DRAW 7 P. M. Ice 2: J. Burden, Wes Storey, L. Burnett, J. Beaton, vs. E. Tait, Don Dave Walker, Doug George, F. Cameron. Ice 3: Finley McLeod, W. Rodd, F. McInnis, A. Anderson, R. Spillet. Ice 4: F. Hansen, H. Spillet, M. Hagen, Don Shaw, C. McLean, F. Cox, L. Doyle. Ice 5: T.W.L. Prowse, A. McLeod, Wm. Hayward, D. Langille, vs. R. Jones, Randolph Manning, L. MacKay, C. Cudmore. 8:30 P. M. Old Spain Competition: Ice 2: M. Beck, J.W. Johnston, F. Bradley, A. Chalmley, vs. G. Burge, P. Bascombe, J. Brown, Cecil Costello. Ice 3: B. Cox, A. Ballem, Elgar Campbell, Pud Whitlock, vs. C. Cudmore, L.V. Windsor, J.W. Carr, W.H. Crockett. Ice 4: R. Ketch, I. Dowling, Dr. John Craig, Cecil Dowling, vs. A. Llewellyn, A. Morrison, Bernard Daley, A. Garrett. Ice 5: R. Manning, E.E. Douglas, Dr. Drysdale, R. Giffey, vs. Roach MacGregor, M. Pursey, Dr. Jos. Higgins, H. Hassard.

Tiger-Cats Sign Tom Dublinski HAMILTON (CP) — Hamilton Tiger-Cats announced Wednesday the signing of 27-year-old quarterback Tom Dublinski, former Toronto Argonaut and Detroit Lions player who has seen only limited action during the last few seasons. Dublinski played for Argos of the Big Four Football Union in 1955. He missed the entire 1956 season with the Toronto club because of knee injuries and was released at the end of the 1957 season. The 200-pound Dublinski, who understudied for regular quarterback Bobby Layne of the National Football League Lions in 1954, played briefly last year with New York Giants. Dublinski will join Ticats regular quarterback Bernie Faloney in the battle for the pivot spot.

Former Champ Is Assaulted LOS ANGELES (AP) — "I was standing on a street corner and the next thing I know I'm in the hospital." That's all Jimmy Carter, former world lightweight champion, cared to say through split and puffed lips. Neighbors found him crumpled and moaning in front of a girl friend's house early Wednesday. Police said it appears the former fighter was beaten and then dumped to make the slugging look like a hit-run traffic accident. Carter, 35, only boxer to hold the lightweight crown three times, apparently was dragged by the shoulders after he was beaten, police said. His shoe laces were so bruised that one pant leg had worn through. Hospital attendants said he will be released today. Carter, a Negro, won the title when he knocked out Ike Williams in 14 rounds in 1951. He lost the crown and then won it back from Lauro Salas in 1952 and Paddy DeMarco in 1954. But Smith lifted Carter's crown for good on a split decision in 1955.

Saints Defeat Welshmen 40-31 Last evening at Saint Dunstan's gym second Saints overcame PWC 40-31 in a regular Island Senior hoop fixture. The Saints were never seriously threatened at any time by the Welshmen and at half time were leading 22-12. Top snipers of the game were Keenan Marr of the Saints and Seller of PWC, each swishing the basket for 13 points. Lavers of the Saints picked up 10 points. Ray MacLean, ace sharpshooter for the Welshmen, was held down to one basket last night. The game was handled by GH Collins and Brian Noonan. Welshmen picked up four technical fouls when coach George Scantlebury repeatedly kept abusing referee GH Collins.

Comets Crush All-Stars 12-5 Dunstaffnage Comets crushed Parkdale All Stars 12-5 in an exhibition game at Saint Dunstan's rink last night. Thompson scored six for the winners. Dover 3, MacAusland 2 and Anderson 1. Parkdale snipers were McGee 2, Jones 2 and Gregory 1.

Island 'A' Playoff Dates Are Changed By agreement between Summerside Aces and Charlottetown Royals and with the consent of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, playoff dates for the fifth, sixth and seventh games in the Provincial Intermediate competition are as follows: Fifth game — Charlottetown at Summerside, Tuesday, Mar. 10. Sixth game — Summerside at Charlottetown, Wednesday, Mar. 11. Seventh game — Charlottetown at Summerside, Friday, Mar. 13.



THIS MONTAGUE quartet shipped by George Nicholson will be one of two teams to represent the Island in the Maritime Junior Bonselpiel at Moncton Friday and Saturday. The Montague four tied for the top with Russ Ewing of Charlottetown.



RUSS EWING'S city foursome emerged tied for the top in the provincial curling bonselpiel at the Charlottetown Club yesterday. Ewing held a 2-1 mark, in a bonselpiel that produced some of the most exciting games seen at the city club this year.

Left to right are, Ken MacKenzie, George Worth, Ron Pettitt and skip Nicholson. Right to left, Louis Johnston, Brighton MacDougall, Mac Kennedy and skip Ewing.

Montague Quartet Cops Junior Curling Crown

A Montague rink skipped by George Nicholson last evening captured the Island Junior Curling Championship and the Physical Fitness Trophy, emblematic of the "spell" by defeating Russ Ewing's Charlottetown foursome 9-2. The Ewing-skipped rink, trailing through the game, conceded the defeat to the Montague foursome in the eighth end. The first three rounds of the one-day bonselpiel produced what was probably the most closely contested matches seen at the Charlottetown club this year in any competition. Four of the six games needed extra ends before winners could be decided. A fifth game ended 6-5 and the other was the only one that could be termed an "easy" victory when Russ Ewing defeated Nicholson 11-7. The morning rounds set the pattern for the day when Eric Johnston of Summerside came up with a three in the 12th end to send the game into overtime. But Ewing scored one in the 19th to end it. In the other game Nicholson scored singles in the second, third, seventh, eighth, 10th and 14th ends to win over

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN WELL, THE 900 FANS who made their way to the Sports Arena Tuesday night were certainly rewarded with a really bang-up hockey game which saw Charlottetown Royals knot their best-of-seven intermediate series with Summerside Aces at one game each. Royals grabbed Tuesday's encounter 6-4 and Aces captured the opener at Civic Stadium last Friday night 2-1. It was indeed good to see so many folks in the Arena, and we'd bet our last dollar that another five hundred would have made it if the travelling was better. After all, it stormed all day and there were probably some folks who even thought that the game would have to be postponed.

HOWEVER, if the weatherman gives his co-operation to-night, you can expect about 1500 persons to sit in on the proceedings which are again scheduled for the Sports Arena. This is a big game for both teams with the winner jumping into a 2-1 lead in games. It's a bit bigger for the Royals than the Aces because this is their home game and they can't afford to drop any of them. Aces have four home games in this best-of-seven set and if they can win those home ones, the championship is theirs. However, Royals are confident that they can take the measure of the westerners three times in Charlottetown and they maintain they're not too worried about getting a win out of Civic Stadium.

ON PAPER, Royals should be able to do the things they predict they will do but so far there's been very little to choose between these Aces and Royals. Both games were as close as you could get. Royals could easily have been victors at Summerside and Aces might well have been winners here on Tuesday. That's how close this series has been to date. Tonight Charlottetown fans will be figuring on a Royals' victory but we'd advise those whose money is not too plentiful to be careful with your bets. These Aces felt downright disappointed about losing Tuesday's game and they are determined not to have the same thing happen tonight. They had 2-0 and 3-1 leads the other night and blew them. They figure that shouldn't have happened. Give them the same opportunity tonight and they state the Royals just won't be able to catch them.

BUT ROYALS have no ideas about giving these Aces any handicap tonight. They're tough enough to beat from scratch, let alone have them working with a two-goal cushion. They are coming back to Charlottetown tonight with the idea that they will have taken the series lead before they head west again. Nobody dare scoff at any such talk. After watching both games thus far in the playoffs, how could anyone start contradicting anybody else.

WE THINK that the present series is going to go a long way in getting hockey back on its feet here in Prince Edward Island. Folks right now are starting to show an interest and that interest is most definitely liable to be contagious. A few performances like Friday and Tuesday's and the fans will be back in large numbers at the Sports Arena and Civic Stadium. You couldn't get a better 60 cents worth than the entertainment provided by Earl Nicholson and Charlie Hogan. On all sides, the comment has been good and fans who attended are passing the good word around to their neighbors. Those neighbors are almost certain to become spectators before the curtain drops on this series. If the playoffs go the limit, you can look for packed rinks for those final games.

WE'D LIKE to give Aces a real pat on the back for their splendid co-operation in getting to Charlottetown early on Tuesday night. Road conditions were anything but good and we were just a wee bit doubtful when we phoned Aces around 5:30 Tuesday, telling them the game would go ahead as scheduled. The boys said they'd leave around six which they did and the game got underway in good time. There were many persons around the rink who were very doubtful if the game would get away before ten o'clock. Those folks got a pleasant surprise when Aces reached the Arena early. And it's so much nicer for everyone when you have this kind of co-operation.

Midget Vics Blast Darts 9-3

Harry Sentner's Midget Vics added another win to their long list of victories last evening by romping to a 9-3 victory over Ivan Docherty's Darts.

Billy MacMillan paced the winners with the hot trick. Billy Prowse and F. Dow each picked up a pair and G. Whitlock and Wayne Ward singles. Best snipers were M. Elsworth, G. Connick and E. McQuaid.

Birchwood High Meets QCHS

Birchwood High School meets Queen Charlotte's High this afternoon at 4:15 at the Sports Arena in a full scale game lasting six o'clock.

Fairview Tips Milton 3-1

Fairview tripped Milton 3-1 at North River rink last evening in the 3rd game of a best of five series for the R.R. Bell trophy. Fairview now leads the series two games to one. G. MacEachern scored all three goals for the winners. Lone marker for the losers was fired by Joey.

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New Annapolis Kensington 4-3 To Win Series

New Annapolis edged Kensington Bombers 4-3 at Kensington last evening to win a best of three intermediate C playoff series two games to one. The win gives them the right to advance into the semi-finals against Eganville Rockets. Goals for New Annapolis were scored by N. Kennedy, C. Mills, W. Mills, E. Wall, Kensington marksmen were G. Reeves, J. Kennedy and L. Mann.

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