

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

EVERYONE of the 700 fans seemed happy about the type of hockey game they saw Tuesday night at the Sports Arena. Undoubtedly Perfection Penguins' followers were the broader smiles but even those who backed the Royals were forced to admit it had been a really bang-up struggle.

The crowd looked great considering that this is a busy time of year for most folks. This time last season the league (pardon the expression) was hardly drawing enough folks to pay the light bill but twelve months later things are surely different. We think if the crowds are keeping up at this time of year, they should show up in even greater numbers once the holiday season is passed.

PENGUINS AND ROYALS put on an entertaining show for Tuesday night's customers. Twice the Uerfectionists had three-goal bulges but twice Angie Carroll's boys bounced back. Entering that final frame on the short end of a 6-3 score, the Royals almost put it out of the fire. They did knob the affair at 6-6 but Penguins got two back before the final siren screeched.

Last time Penguins and Royals met, Lorne Hennessey's boys blew a 5-1 lead and for a while in the third period it looked like the Birds would let another slip away. But this time they recovered just in the nick of time and they were able to square their series with the Royals at one game apiece.

WE CAN SEE a great rivalry developing between these two local clubs. Boys on both clubs are talking it up and between meetings it's not hard to hear predictions escaping from both camps. This kind of spirit is just what is needed to make this league go over with a bang. Right now there is plenty of such spirit and we look for it to grow better as the schedule moves along.

Both coaches, Lorne Hennessey and Angie Carroll, want to finish out the season as pilot of the top Charlotteville team. Each thinks he has the talent to do it and that means one is in for a disappointment.

It's a long road from here to the end of the season and these two teams from this area are certain to give the folks around these parts some exciting encounters before it's all over. They have done mighty good in these first two struggles and they promise to come up with even greater entertainment in the months ahead.

RIGHT NOW the Penguins are perched on top of the heap with Parkdale Royals a close second. The Perfection boys sport an average of .833 compared to .848 for the Parkdale gang. In third sport with a mark of .268 are Charlie Hogan's P.E.I. Aces from Summerside, a club that so far this season has been having its ups and downs.

How does Hogan feel about the goings-on? We'll be in second place by Christmas? was his prediction to this columnist yesterday. Charlie was delighted with the way his lads bounced back on Monday night at Civic Stadium. Down 4-1 starting the final period, the homesters fired three unanswered tallies to skate off even at 4-4 with Sandy Frizzell's hockeyists.

WE THOUGHT that Charlie might be a bit down in the lip about winging only one game out of the seven played. The Aces managed two ties but finished on the losing end of matters on four occasions. We expected that Hogan wouldn't be too to talk. But we were wrong.

"We've had our troubles but now we're starting to come" said the man who accepted the job as Aces' coach when nobody else would give a hand. He had airmen Leahy and Steele working on the Aces' defence and both boys gave strength to a place where strength surely was needed. Hogan believes these two men will look better each time out.

Then Ronnie MacArthur will definitely join the club after Christmas. There seemed to be some doubt if Ronnie would make it or not but Hogan told us definitely that the great rearguard will be out there early in the New Year.

However Aces' prospects of Garth Gay performing with the Hogan gang are not the brightest. At least Charlie was not showing much optimism on this matter when we chatted with him. But he is confident that with MacArthur to aid his already bolstered defence, the Aces will be tough opponents for any other league entrant.

HOGAN MAKES his second league trip to Charlotteville tonight. His Aces meet up with Perfection Penguins, the present leaders of the four-team loop.

Last week Aces came to town and gave local fans a fine night's entertainment when they battled the Parkdale Royals every inch of the way before bowing 10-3. Indeed at one stage of that tussle, the Aces led 6-3 and it looked as though the Hogans were headed for a win over the Frizzellmen.

However they just couldn't hold back the Royals in that final session and Summerside lost a squeaker only after a great fight. The Penguins naturally expect to increase their league lead tonight but they are not looking for any easy pickings in tonight's show. They saw how tough Aces acted with the Royals last Thursday and they have an idea the westerners will be trying the same tactics with them.

Hockey fans should see another good league struggle with the outcome in doubt the entire distance.

TOMMY SCANTLEBURY is mighty enthusiastic about his Prince of Wales College basketball team. Right now the Welshmen are showing their heels to the rest of the City League entries as the teams take time out for the Christmas holidays.

Scantlebury is delighted his boys are leading the parade but he has more to say about last Saturday's game against Junior Basileia Youth Club Trotters than any other game. Tommy insists this was the best game by far the city collegians had played this season.

We couldn't get Tommy to come out and say that his boys would emerge league champions but you could pretty well tell that he was thinking along these lines if they kept up the kind of game they showed last Saturday night.

The Welshmen will be tough, make no mistake about that. But it's a long road to the end of the line and many great hoop battles should be viewed from now until then. Anyone of the five clubs has a license to come out with the top prize.

WALLY SHEPHERD will play no more hockey in the Island League until he signs a playing card.

This is the word from president Ivan Doherty who described himself as plenty annoyed because Wally had not signed on the dotted line. Perhaps by the time you read this column, Shepherd will have put his 'John Henry' on a card with one of the clubs.

Wally played a few games with Parkdale Royals this season but was then reported going to Perfection Penguins. He didn't play with the Hennessey crew Tuesday night and rumor had it that he would possibly perform with the P.E.I. Aces.

Of course, all players must be registered by December 15 but Shepherd signs at once if he wants any hockey before that date.

REFEREE-IN-CHIEF Jack 'SPY' Ready is in hospital with a neck injury and during his absence, president Doherty will handle the assignment of officials for games at the Sports Arena and Civic Stadium.

Penguins Tackle P.E.I. Aces Here

Perfection Penguins will be out to increase their lead in the Island Senior Hockey League tonight when they entertain Charlie Hogan's Summerside P.E.I. Aces.

Penguins grabbed the top spot in the standings Tuesday night when they topped the Parkdale Royals 9-6 in a real honey of a battle. But that achievement on Tuesday doesn't mean the Birds can take things for granted tonight.

The Aces staged a really sensational comeback Monday night at Civic Stadium firing three unanswered goals in the last period to gain a 4-4 tie with Angie Carroll's crew.

Summerside is taking a full complement to the capital tonight and Lorne Hennessey's boys had better be on their guard if they want to nab the verdict.

The Island League will have as their guests at tonight's battle members of the local Kinsmen club and their wives. Club members appreciate the thought of the league executive and are promising to be out in full force tonight.

Game time is 8.30.



CHARLES HOGAN

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OTHER CLUBS WANTED TOO MUCH

Stengel Tells Why Yanks Failed To Make Trades

By JOE REICHLER

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The major league meetings were over. Casey Stengel had invited the New York writers to his hotel suite to explain why the Yankees failed to make at least one trade.

The famous double talking manager acted out of character. He spoke seriously, frankly and explicitly.

He didn't wait for questions or cues and needed no prompting. He did all the talking.

"We didn't make a deal," Casey began. "But we certainly tried. We talked with every club in the two leagues. We made some pretty good offers but you should have seen the players the other clubs wanted to give us in return."

POOR RETURN OFFER

"Milwaukee wanted our second baseman (Gil McDougald) but they offered us a pitcher who wasn't even in their first four."

"Maybe we could have made two trades but I didn't want to make them and give up the players they wanted. Some of them can't play regular there so how can they play regular for me? My players ought to feel insulted

at what the other team offered for them:

"I made one mistake, though. I let a fellow get away from me. I almost had him but Cincinnati got him. (Chicago Cubs' Bill Henry.) I needed a lefthanded pitcher as well as a lefthand hitting outfielder. And this pitcher would have helped me. I guess I didn't offer enough for him. But the Cubs should have come back for a second offer."

"Three clubs want my second baseman. They also want my catchers. I got three of them and I'm going to keep them all. Those Milwaukee fellows better do something about a second baseman."

They're letting the other two clubs (Los Angeles and San Francisco) pull away from them. One of them (the Giants) made themselves a pretty good deal and they're tough to beat. If those Milwaukee fellows lay around too long, they may have to offer me more later on.

WHITE SOX DID WELL

"I think Chicago (White Sox) helped themselves with those two deals. They improved themselves at third base and in the outfield. That's where they were weakest.

They added a lot of hitting without giving up much.

"Those two fellows (Minnie Minoso and Gene Freese) hit 44 homers and drove in over 160 runs between them. I still don't understand how Philadelphia let that Freese fellow go. Who they tell me is another Babe Ruth. They never let on that they were going to trade him."

(Manager Frank Lane of Cleveland Indians was more upset than Stengel over the Freese deal.

"John Quinn (Phillies general manager) told me he wouldn't trade him. Now they've got one helluva ball club."

AGE NOT TOO IMPORTANT

"They added some age in the outfield (37-year-old Minoso). But you overlook age when you're striving for a pennant. Yep, they did very good. I give them credit."

"My team will get better. My first baseman (Bill Skowron) and my third baseman (Andy Carey) were out of the lineup most of last year. I'll admit the spirit was bad last year but I'm not mad at my players. I like some of them. I like them better than they think I do. That's why I didn't let them be traded. Besides, I wasn't offered much for them."

Chisox, Phillies Make Deal On Final Day Of Meetings

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The Chicago White Sox-Philadelphia trade made on the closing day of the major league meetings—which sent outfielder John Callison to the Phillies for third baseman Gene Freese—was the seventh deal consummated between the rival circuits since the new inter-league trading period went into effect last Nov. 21.

Four other deals were between teams of the same league. The inter-league period continues until Dec. 15.

The biggest names figuring in the trades were outfielders Minnie Minoso, Bobby Thomson, Frank Thomas and Jackie Brandt and pitcher Billy O'Dell.

Inter-League Trades

1. San Francisco sent pitcher Tom Sturdivant to Boston for catcher Pete Daley.

2. St. Louis sent catcher-outfielder Gene Green to Baltimore; for outfielder Bob Nieman.

3. Philadelphia sent shortstop Chico Fernandez and pitcher Ray Semproch to Detroit for infielder Ted Lepcio, outfielder Ken Walters and infielder Alex Cosmidas.

4. Cincinnati sent pitcher Tom Acker to Kansas City for catcher Frank House.

5. Boston sent pitcher Al Schroll to Chicago Cubs for Thomson.

6. Boston sent first baseman Dick Gernert to the Cubs for pitcher Dave Hillman and first baseman Jim Marshall.

7. The White Sox sent Callison to the Phillies for Freese.

Intra-League Trades

1. Cleveland sent Minoso, pitcher Jake Striker, catcher Dick Brown and pitcher Don Ferrarese to the White Sox for third baseman Bubba Phillips, catcher John Romano and first baseman Norm Cash.

2. Kansas City sent pitcher Tom Sturdivant to Boston for catcher Pete Daley.

3. St. Louis sent outfielder Bobby Gene Smith and an unnamed minor league player to the Phillies for catcher Carl Sawatski.

4. Cincinnati sent Thomas to the Cubs for pitcher Bill Henry, and outfielders Lee Walls and Lou Jackson.

Possible future deals? The Cards may trade second

baseball Don Blasingame to Milwaukee for pitcher Bob Buhl and second baseman Chuck Cottier.

Another possibility is Blasingame and outfielder Curt Flood to the Giants for infielder Daryl Spencer and outfielder Leon Wagner.

The New York Yankees may trade infielder Gil McDougald to the Braves for pitcher Juan Pizarro.

CLC INSTITUTE

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—About 40 delegates from across the province will attend a weekend Canadian Labor Congress institute on political education starting here Friday.

Kansas City may trade catcher-infielder Hal Smith to Pittsburgh for a pitcher.

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