

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

ABOUT 1500 PERSONS have witnessed the first two games of the Island Senior Hockey League and we heard nothing but commendation on what went on Monday and Tuesday nights at Summerside's Civic Stadium and Charlottetown's Sports Arena.

Yesterday we took time out to pass comment on the opening game at Summerside. We thought it was just about as good hockey entertainment as we had witnessed in a long while. Today we spend a few moments discussing that thriller between Royals and Penguins which Royals finally grabbed by a 7-6 score.

THE FIRST PERIOD of this hockey tussle was a bitter 20 minutes with Lorne Hennessey's youth movement skating off with a 1-0 bulge. However it was Thane Doyle in the Penguins' net that was solely responsible for keeping the Carroll men off the score sheet. Doyle gave an exhibition of goaltending the like of which has not been surpassed in the Arena for years. He broke the hearts of those Royal attackers and they must have been muttering to themselves as they went to their dressing room.

FOR THE FIRST 19 minutes of the second frame the two teams battled on even terms. Jack Kane had put the Perfectionists ahead 2-0 early in the period but former Big Four performer Bob Downes got that one back just past the 14-minute mark. It seemed the one-goal margin would stand up until the third stanza. However Jimmy Duffy and Apps Arsenault had other ideas as they beat Butch Ward in the final minute of play.

There it was a 4-1 deficit facing the Royals as they skated out for the final period. The cause looked rather hopeless.

BUT THOSE 600 FANS who were present Tuesday night won't soon forget that last ditch stand of Sandy Frizzell's Royals. Before they had time to know what was going on Kane scored his second goal of the contest and the difference was four big tallies.

But that apparently was the jolt the Royals needed to arouse them. They soon closed the margin to two goals but Apps Arsenault seemed to ruin their comeback hopes by slipping Penguins' sixth goal by Butch Ward.

But more than that was needed to stop these rampaging Royals. Ralph "Farmer" Josey started things anew and a short time later playing coach Carroll made it a 6-5 hockey game. That set the stage for young Freddie Burke who potted the equalizer and the winner within a space of 46 seconds.

IN FAIRNESS to the Penguins, they had played a tough game the night before at Summerside and their legs just wouldn't stand up for them in the third period Tuesday. This is not intended to detract any glory from the Royals' comeback. These Parkdalers deserved their win. Any team that could come off the floor in such fashion has the right to win any hockey game. Perhaps they would have skated Penguins into the ice anyway in that closing chapter. We don't know for sure but we are inclined to think that the game Monday night took its toll on Lorne Hennessey's boys.

TONIGHT the Penguins take on Saint Dunstan's Varsity. The Saints are light on work and ice making at the college ring is not yet completed. Penguins should grab this one.

However it will be interesting to see what Father Ledwell has to offer. A quick look would indicate that he has a real solid defence but whether his attackers can measure up in the question that time alone will answer.

We are not looking for the Red and White to cause many upsets so early in the season but teams shouldn't get the idea that they can toy with them every time out. Once the collegians get working out daily on their own ice surface, it won't be long before they will be a real power with which to reckon.

SANDY TAKES his Royals to Summerside Friday night and rumor has it that Eustace Reeves will appear on the Parkdale lineup. If this rumor proves correct, you can bet that Summerside folks will be out to see how he fares against his teammates of last year.

We understand that Garth Gay and Frank Steele will soon be wearing the colors of the Aces. Steele who did some refereeing last season is stationed at Summerside airport and Gay (so we are told) is to be posted to the same station. Both these young gentlemen will give Charlie Hogan's gang a great boost.

THERE HAVING their own time keeping senior hockey alive in New Brunswick.

There was a four-team loop organized there with Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton and the University of New Brunswick participating. But right now things are all snarled up due to the withdrawal of the Moncton entry.

Saint John Beavers' coach Sonny MacDonald has suggested that Camp Gagetown officials be approached to see if the army could't ice a squad. There certainly should be plenty of talent in the camp and a team from there would save the league.

The Nova Scotia league consisting of Halifax, New Glasgow and Amherst will have its share of troubles. Latest word is that they are taking Saint Francis Xavier University into the fold on a part time basis. The travelling problem in this loop will be the greatest one. If the boys in the Island league think the trip to Summerside or Charlottetown is something, let them consider those jaunts that the boys will make in that Nova Scotia league. With all their players employed at full time jobs, we can't for the life of us see how such an arrangement will work out.

We wish them all the success in the world but we are afraid that operators in this league are in for a great amount of headaches.

Right now we look to be in a much better position than most leagues. If the teams here on the Island continue the pleasing brand of hockey they served up so far, we may indeed become the envy of the Maritimes.

## Penguins Tackle Saints Tonight

Perfection Penguins have a chance to gain the top spot in the Island Senior Hockey League tonight when they play hosts to Saint Dunstan's Varsity at the Sports Arena.

The Red and White squad will be the underdog going into this one tonight mainly because they have had little ice time this season. Ice making at the new rink at the university was delayed till this week and Saints only made it to the Sports Arena on three occasions. Penguins, on the other hand, have been in league competition twice already this week and should be in top form for tonight's tussle with the collegians.

Coach Father Ledwell isn't predicting any great things for his boys just yet but he assures all they will give this affair tonight all they can muster. He realizes he's up against a mighty foe in Lorne Hennessey's gang but he believes his club will make the Perfectionists extend themselves.

Hennessey expects to have Merrill Pineau and Billy Mulligan back in the lineup tonight. Mulligan missed both games this week when the flu laid him low. Pineau hurt his hand in Summerside Monday night but coach Hennessey believes Merrill will dress for tonight's encounter.

Saint Dunstan's will likely line up as follows: Goal, Earl Shepherd or Al MacIsaac; defence, Ray Haché, John Whelan, George Trainor and Denny Clough; forwards, Reg Ryan, Bob Marshall, Russ Browne, Jean-Guy LaBrie, Tony Demers, Bob Des Champs.

LEAPS INTO FURNACE GARFIELD, Utah (AP)—Smelter worker Clarence Roberts, 61, leaped into a furnace of molten copper Tuesday night at the Kennecott Corporation plant here, officials said. The body was consumed. Police said the death apparently was a suicide.

## Bombers Draw Curtains On Cup Practice Sessions

TORONTO (CP)—No one was cheering the Winnipeg Blue Bombers here Wednesday, but only because the western football champs have drawn the curtain on their pre-Grey Cup practice sessions.

Bombers began secret training Wednesday at Varsity Stadium after two days of open workouts on the University of Toronto's practice field. The team flew here from Winnipeg Monday.

Despite the loss of quarterback Jim Van Pelt through injuries and despite the Hamilton Tiger-Cats' comeback win over Ottawa, Winnipeg is going into the Grey Cup Saturday as the favorite over Hamilton. Kickoff time is 2 p.m. AST.

It marks the first time in 32 years of East-West football championships that the western club has had the upper hand in early betting.

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## Bruins, Rangers Battle To Tie

NEW YORK (AP)—Vic Stasiuk's goal with less than three minutes to play gave Boston Bruins a 3-3 tie with New York Rangers Wednesday night in a raggedly-played National Hockey League game. It was the fifth Rangers tie of the season and left them eight points behind the fourth-place Bruins.

The Rangers had gone ahead midway through the third period when rookie Ken Schinkel scored on a difficult play. But Boston turned on the power and Stasiuk drilled a 10-foot shot past goalie Marcel Paille, who was playing his first game for the Rangers after being brought up from Springfield.

Schinkel appeared to have sewed up the game at 11:33 of the last period when he got through the Bruin defence after apparently having been tied up. He beat goalie Harry Lumley with a low backhand shot.

The game was played in spurts as both teams used revamped lineups. Some of the liveliest action came when Dick Meissner, a big Boston rookie, and John Hanna began trading punches after they had become entangled in a fall on the ice. Both drew major penalties.

Andy Bathgate scored the first two Ranger goals, each one assisted by Dean Prentice. They gave him a total of five in his last three games. Bronco Horvath tied the score at 1-1 for the Bruins and Doug Mohs sent Boston ahead early in the second period only to have Bathgate tie it 3-3 seconds later.

SUMMARY First period: 1. New York, Bathgate (Prentice) 3:34; 2. Boston, Horvath (Mackell, Toppazzini) 14:54. Penalties: Stasiuk, Pontinato 4:39, Hanna 14:45, Mohs 16:19.

Second period: 3. Boston, Mohs (Labine, McKenney) 1:46; 4. New York, Bathgate (Prentice) 2:20. Penalties: Horvath, Shack 2:46, Meissner major, Hanna major 15:08.

Third period: 5. New York, Schinkel (Shack, Ingardfield) 11:33; 6. Boston, Stasiuk (Horvath, Gendron) 17:03. Penalty: Ward 8:13.

Stops: Lumley ..... 14 4 10-28 Paille ..... 4 7 5-16

CHARGE NEGLIGENCE KINGSTON (CP)—Frank Baker, 33, whose three small children were burned to death in their home Friday night, was charged Wednesday with criminal negligence. He and his wife were both admitted to hospital after the fire. The bodies of the children were found huddled together on the floor of the one-storey frame dwelling.

## Summerside Minor Hockey

Thursday, November 26th 10:00-11:00 a.m. No. 1 Paper-weight Minor 2:30-3:30 p.m. No. 2 Paper-weight Minor 3:30-4:30 p.m. No. 4 Paper-weight Major vs. No. 3 Paper-weight Major 5:30-6:30 p.m. No. 1 Pee Wee vs. No. 3 Pee Wee 6:30-7:30 p.m. No. 2 Pee Wee vs. No. 4 Pee Wee.

## Curling Draw

The following is the curling draw for Thursday in the chicken bonspiel: 7 P.M. Ice 1—Open. Ice 2—J. Jenkins, A. Wellner, R. Vessey, B. Dillon, vs. H. MacLennan, D. Langille, R. Chambers, P. Shama. Ice 3—E. MacLeod, G. Anderson, Clive Cudmore, F. MacDonald, vs. P. O'Rourke, A. Llewellyn, K. Cantwell, W. J. Hancock. Ice 4—H. C. Trainor, M. MacMillan, I. Dowling, H. Hogg, vs. B. Leclair, R. Carr, Dr. O'Hanley, J. Caron. Ice 5—G. Stewart, P. Simmonds, Dr. Beck, T. Walker, vs. W. McLaine, F. Cox, H. Thomson, A. Weatherbie. 8:30 P.M. Ice 1—Open. Ice 2—D. Wonnacott, E. Gillespie, M. Pursey, S. Eagles, vs. G. Bennett, R. Ewing, D. Shaw, P. Devlin. Ice 3—A. Love, T. Whitlock, J. Zakem, D. Jardine, vs. H. C. Atkinson, L. Blakeney, L. Phillips, J. Morris, Sr. Ice 4—H. Peters, Al Saunders, G. Whitlock, R. Shaw, vs. A. Likely, D. Goodspeed, B. Rogerson, S. Moore. Ice 5—J. Cameron, H. L. Sear, L. Johnston, D. Crosby, vs. G. Dillon, W. Rodd, B. Soper, C. Costello. The curling draw originally scheduled for Wednesday will be run off on Friday.

## Canadian Legion Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Charlottetown Branch of Canadian Legion will be held in the branch home TONIGHT 8:00 P.M. Agenda: General business.

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## GREY CUP-SPORT OR ORGY?

That's what people are asking. Don't miss the provocative discussion on Canada's national sports event in this week's Star Weekly.

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