

**SPORTS FRONT**



**Speed Skating Growing Sport**

By CHRIS ANNETT

Speed skaters where are you? Having returned to my home town of Quebec City over the holiday I learned that speed skating is one of the fifteen events on the programme of the First Canadian Winter Games which will be held in Quebec City and district from February 11 to February 19, 1967. According to advance notices speedsters from all ten provinces plus the North West Territories are expected to be in the fray for prizes but right now I can not think of any Islanders (that is out of the high school bracket) who could adequately represent the Isle.

Speed skating on a minor scale can be seen every Wed., evening in Charlottetown in the form of the Ice Sports that each of the various high schools in the city present. However, there are no really adequate training facilities on the island (unless some brave person got out and skated on the strait) for speed skating competitions are staged on an ice surface at least three times as large as a hockey rink.

Despite a shortage of facilities, this could prove to be a sport in which the Island could show well. There are not a great number of regulation rinks in Canada so most skaters are faced with the same burdens. The best of the high school skaters and interested parties could participate in a provincial meet and the winners would comprise the P.E.I. team.

Each province has the right to send eight men and five women for the two-day tournament. Men will compete in the 500 metres, 1500 metres, 5000 metres, and 10,000 metres. Races for women are 500 metres, 1500 metres and 3000 metres.

It was not until quite recently that Canadian speed skaters managed to get in line with the rest of the world as far as competitions go. Up until 1960 all races were run on a massed start system in which all contestants lined up and began in a solid pack. Since then authorities have adapted the two against the clock system with an eye to developing skaters for Olympic and international contests where this style of competition is the vogue.

**HISTORY IS INTERESTING**

The history of Canadian speedskating is not one of the glittering points in our sports annals although before the turn of the century at least one Canadian held the world championship. However, recently the North Americans have not been able to do well at all in world wide competitions. The Russians and Norwegians, both noted for their alpine climates continue to sweep international competitions but it is practice after gruelling practice. These teams are along somewhat the same lines as their country's hockey teams and so there is little doubt that they are going to win. The motto must be 'win or stay at home'. Nevertheless Canada is starting to show some signs of strength in this field and if the present surge of interest continues then there should be a Canadian mounting the winners roster at international competitions. I mentioned before that the history of Canadian speed skating was not all that inspiring but the following is a thumb nail sketch of the sport as released by the First Canadian Winter Games Committee.

It is known that speed skating was a popular pastime in Holland more than two centuries ago. In England the first skating match recorded was that in which Youngs of Nepal beat Thonson of Wimbledon in the year 1814. The first amateur championship of England was held in 1880 at Hendon and won by F. Norman.

Speed skating is popular in Canada and the Northern United States. Charles June was considered the best American skater from 1858 for many years and his residence, Newburgh, N.Y., on the Hudson river, became the headquarters of the American speed skating. This city is also the birthplace of the T. Donoghue family, and his two sons, Tim and J. F. Donoghue were each in his day the fastest skater in the world. Joseph Donoghue won every event at the international championship meeting at Amsterdam in 1891.

There is very little professional skating in America, and the only American who has appeared in important international races in recent years until the Olympiad of 1928 is C. Jewstraw, who won the 500 metres race in the Olympic skating at Chamonix in 1924.

Between the years 1893 and 1928, the Norwegians provided 13 out of 24 winners, five being held by Oscar Mathisen, of Christiania (Oslo), who from 1914-27 was also holder of four out of five world records.

A Canadian, T. McCulloch won the world championship when it was held at Montreal in 1897.

Just how much speed did they generate in the old days? T. Donoghue was clocked at Newburgh, N.Y., in 1887 at two minutes 12.8 seconds for a straight away mile favored by the wind. H. Davidson skated 100 yards in nine seconds at Red Bank, N.J. that same year.

**Saint Dunstons Pucksters Drop Juvenile All-Stars**

Paced by Billy MacKinnon's enlie All-Stars 12-4 in a fast and hot trick, Saint Dunstons High School exploded for seven goals in the first period and went on to whip the Charlottetown Juv. MacKinnon managed to pop



**RIDING HIGH**

Penn State's Carver Clinton put on the brakes under the (21) goes over the top of North Carolina State's Pete Coker during their game. Coker had Penn State won 70-60.



**THIS IS THE WAY TO DO IT**

Mike Kelly, instructor at the SDU hockey clinic shows several aspiring hockey players just how things should be done. Included in the picture are LEFT TO RIGHT Donnie MacAdam from Morell high school, Jamie Kennedy, PWC star, and Peter MacCaull of Athena. All three are forwards and they were taking in only one of the multi-stage programmes as this pic was taken.

**Red Wings Down Bruins; Crozier Records 2nd Blank**

BOSTON (AP)—Detroit goalie Roger Crozier posted his second consecutive shutout and fourth of the National Hockey League season—with a brief assist from Hank Bassen—as the Red Wings edged Boston Bruins 1-0 Tuesday night on Paul Henderson's second-period goal.

Crozier, shaken up in the first period, sat out the final eight minutes but returned to action at the outset of the second period.

Bassen had only two saves while Henderson scored only eight goals last season, gave the third-place Wings all they needed with his ninth tally of the season. He took a pass from Jimmy Peters and caught the far upper corner with a quick shot at 4:47 of the middle period.

**SET UP BY ROOKIE**  
The decisive goal was set up by Pete Mahovich, younger brother of Toronto star Frank Mahovich.

Crozier kicked out 22 shots while Boston goalie Ed Johnston turned in a spectacular performance in holding the score down. Johnston finished with 38 saves.

Crozier, who blanked Montreal 1-0 in Detroit Sunday night, was shaken up in a collision with Boston's Tom Williams after 12 minutes of play. The slender goalie was stretched out on the ice for several minutes but skated off and let Bassen finish out the period.

Crozier returned and kicked out 10 shots in the second period and then had an easy time in the finale as the last-place Bruins managed only three shots, including two while Norm Ullman was serving a major penalty for slashing Al Langlois.

**First Period** — No scoring. Penalties — Marshall 2:55, Barkley 5:01, Awrey 9:05.

**Second Period** — I. Detroit, Henderson 9 Peters, Mahovich 4:47. Penalties Howe 8:00 Green 15:41.

**Third Period** — No scoring. Penalties — Green 5:1, Barkley 4:53, Ullman major 7:33.

Shots on goal by:  
Detroit 12 11 15-30  
Boston 11 10 3-24  
Attendance — 13,367.

**SDU Hockey School Called Big Success**

Over 80 high school students and coaches participated in the first and highly successful hockey clinic held yesterday at St. Dunstan's University. Despite the poor road conditions and the hazardous travelling, participants from all over the Island from Tignish to Souris were able to attend the one day affair. Almost all Island high schools were represented.

The clinic started early in the morning with registration and opening remarks by University President, Monsigneur G. A. Macdonald. These were followed by class sessions and instruction drills in the rink which covered every aspect of hockey, including skating, shooting, passing and checking.

Clinic Director Jack Kane hailed the venture as "an outstanding success," and spoke optimistically of expanding the clinic next year to two full days. "We were fortunate in having such good coaches available for the students, and since so many high schools wanted to send more participants, next year we

may go for two days. The response from the various high school coaches was indeed gratifying; despite the bad weather, we had almost a full turnout."

The clinic concluded with a dinner sponsored by the University. Speakers included Dave Boswell, Wes "Bucko" Trainer, Rev. Frank Cameron, Bill Ledwell, and Jack Kane. Prizes for proficiency awarded at the banquet included two COM helmets donated by the Bike Shop, three sticks autographed by members of the Montreal Canadiens, and three C.C.M. "Pro" hockey sticks, donated by the St. Dunstan's Variety Sains.

Instructors for the clinic were Dave Boswell, Rev. Frank Ledwell, Jack Kane, Vince Mulligan, Jack Ready, Vince Mulligan, Mike Kelly, Carl McQuaid and Glen Hughes. Other members of the Clinic Committee were Charley McMillan, publicity and coordination; and Joe Reveil, planning and Faculty Advisor.

SDU, MacKinnon (MacIntyre, MacDonald) 16:55.  
Penalties: Weatherbie 3:24; McQuaid 9:14; MacDougall 9:14; Flood 15:22; Ballum 19:07.

Third period: 18. SDU, Weatherbie (Cudmore, Affleck) 2:30; 14. SDU, MacDonald (LeClair, Peterson) 4:20; 15. A. Stars, Turner (McQuaid, Doherty) 5:00; 16. SDU, Flood (Weatherbie) 12:20.

Penalties: MacIntyre 4:49; MacDougall 5:30; Whitlock 8:35; MacKinnon, 14:19; Cudmore, 17:05; Whitlock 18:35; McQuaid; MacDougall 19:42.

**Hockey Practice**

There will be hockey practices for both Rogers Rangers and PWC today at the Charlottetown Forum. PWC practices from 10-11 a.m. and Rogers from 5-6 p.m.

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**Maple Leafs Eddie Shack Is Players' 'Wanted Man'**

By GERRY GLADMAN

Is there a price on Eddie Shack's head? Who will be the first to collect?

These are a couple of questions which might pop up as the Toronto Maple Leafs night winger continues to enjoy the most productive season of his nine-year National Hockey League career.

It's no secret that Shack has made some enemies with his rough-and-tumble style of play during his tenure with New York Rangers—1958-1961—and since joining Toronto five years ago.

Shack plays a rough brand of hockey and has had his share of battles on the ice. Numbered among his regular fistfight opponents are Gordie Howe of Detroit Red Wings, Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita of Chicago Black Hawks and Reg Fleming of Boston Bruins.

And the 28-year-old Shack has had a couple of run-ins with centre Henri Richard of Montreal Canadiens, who visit Leafs in Toronto tonight.

The only other scheduled game tonight has Chicago at New York.

**THREATEN REVENGE**  
Ever since Shack started knocking down, elbowing and cross-checking opposing players there have been threats of revenge. However, no one has risen to the occasion to date.

Shack isn't the greatest fighter in the league—sometimes he even stoops to kicking to beat an opponent—but the bullish, awkward-slating winger fears no man.

There aren't too many players in the circuit who favor sparring with Detroit's Gordie Howe. But when the Leafs and Wings meet, Shack is usually assigned the task of covering

Howe and, more often than not, can be found antagonizing the Detroit right winger.

The most recent talk of revenge came from Billy Reay, coach of the Black Hawks, following an incident in a game last week in which Mikita claimed he was speared by Shack.

**Eagles Drop Jrs.**

**SUMMERSIDE** — The RCAF Eagles clobbered the short-handed Summerside Junior Legionaires 8-0 in a regularly-scheduled Prince County Hockey League game at the RCAF station rink last night. After a scoreless first period the almost took command and completely outplayed the Juniors, firing a total of 65 shots at Gary Somers in the Junior cage. Somers did extremely well to stop 57, 28 in the second period alone. By contrast, Eagle goaltender Moffett had 30 saves.

Jean-Paul Guy led the Eagle attack with a hat trick and one assist. Martin had two goals for the Eagles.

The game was marred by seventeen penalties, eight of them in the final period when the game became a rout. The Eagles simply outclassed the Legionnaires and appeared to relax and coast a bit during the final ten minutes, with the issue already settled.

**First Period** — No scoring. Penalties: McCarthy, 2:03; MacIntyre, 14:02; Smith, 15:40; Foley, 17:48.

**Second Period** — 1. RCAF — Guy (Clark, McArty) 5:04; 2. RCAF — Boone (MacDonald) 6:16; 3. RCAF — McArty (Boone, MacDonald) 8:35. Penalties — McArty, 2:54; Smith, 3:02; Somers, 4:43; Hogan, 18:40.

**Third Period** — 4. RCAF — Martin (Boone) 3:51; 5. RCAF — Martin (MacDonald, Hughes) 6:56; 6. RCAF — Guy, 10:35; 7. RCAF — MacIntyre (Clark, MacDonald) 11:38; 8. RCAF — Guy (Boone), 16:35. Penalties — MacIntyre, 3:53; Campbell, 4:33; Foley, 5:04; Wedge, 9:40; D. Arsenault, 10:16; Hughes, 10:54; Foley, 12:55; D. Arsenault, 14:56.

**TODAY'S CURLING DRAWS**

This is today's draw at the Charlottetown Curling Club: 7.00

Ice 1 — Open for Seniors.  
Ice 2 — Open for 45er's.  
Ice 3 — Open for beginners.  
Ice 4 — D. Cameron vs R. Ewing (Ladder Spiel).  
Ice 5 — Open for women.

All ices open for the last time in January, Storey Electric Trophy play begins next Monday for all those members not in the Rendezvous.

**AT SOURIS**  
Souris mixed curling draw for Wednesday night:

Ice 1, 7 to 9 p.m. — Cyril and Florence Boerstem vs. Elmer Doucette, Eva Peters, Elmer Macdonald, Judy Fogarty.  
Ice 2, 7 to 10 p.m. — L. Pierce, Bernadette Mahr, David Marrow, Myrtle Dixon vs. John MacDonald, Florence MacPhee, David Townshend, Shirley Dixon.  
Ice 1, 9 to 11 p.m. — Henry and Judy Larter, Doug MacLeod, Rena Boyland, vs. Art Peters, Louis Solem, Clarence MacDonald, Julia Gelland.  
Ice 2, 9 to 11 p.m. — Rolfe and Nora Jenkins, Colin Craig, Laura MacDonald vs. Paul Gallant, R. Battarvey, Carl Peters- Ernie Smallwood.

**NHL STANDINGS**

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Montreal	16	7	4	95	66 36
Chicago	16	9	3	106	72 35
Detroit	15	11	4	101	81 34
Toronto	13	10	5	78	79 31
New York	7	16	7	86	109 21
Boston	6	20	3	65	125 15

**MEETING**

A meeting of the North River Minor Hockey Association has been called for tonight to discuss plans for the season. It will be held at the residence of Bev Simpson, York. John Gass is the league president.

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