SPORT ECHOES

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Loss Was Heartbreaker

The game which the RCAF Eagles lost to the Parkdale Royals in the dying minutes of the final period last Sunday was a heartbreaker, no doubt about it. — But there was cause for encouragement in the way the airforce boys held Sandy's dandies to even terms for almost the entire game. Forecasters of final league standings had already placed Royals at the top and Eagles at the bottom, and when a cellar dweller can hold its own in that fashion with the boys on the roof, it's good news for any league.

It must be taken into account too that the RCAF squad was minus such capable defencemen as Doug Tucker, Bob Main, and Bob Bruce. Into the breach they threw inter - section boys Reynolds and McCarty, both of whom gave good accounts of themselves. Reynolds let Allie Carver filch the puck from him for the Royals second goal, but he more than made up for this lapse with some surprisingly effective rearguard action. McCarty has something to learn about clearing the puck to uncovered mates, but he rode invading Royals into the boards with more assurance than some of the regular defencemen. All those two boys seem to need is a little more experience.

Award To Top Scorer

Hockey assists being what they are — some good, some fair, and some smelling to high heaven, we think a special award should be given to the player who scores the most goals in a season. We'll grant that this might cause a few players to develop a selfish attitude and forget about team play, and this is perhaps the reason that generally no award is given for this feat.

Perhaps a stipulation could be worked in that the top scorer must have at least half as many assists as goals. Then, if he fulfilled this condition, he could be presented with a pennant bearing the inscription: "Mr. Lamplighter of 1962-63." Sometimes, of course, a play is so executed that the boys who garner assists deserve as much credit as, and occasionally more than the trigger man, but more often, we think, at least one of the assists is manna from heaven and reflects not much goal-setting up ability on the part of the recipient.

No Sentimental Favorites

The sixty-four dollar question for us: "Who to root for in Saturday's Grey Cup football fandango?" Last year because of our dislike for coach Trimble, the Ti-Cats' me-ow, we cheered for the west and cashed in on one of our more or less rare victory thrills. This year we were for Calgary, and what happened to them in that final few seconds shouldn't happen to a dog-tired bunch of gallant battlers who were beginning to taste the fruits of their first victory in a long while. So we've decided to have no sentimental favorites and who knows we may get thrills from good plays executed by both teams. Our betting favorites, however, will have to be the Ti-Cats this time, simply because they are not hurting as badly as the Winnipeg crew.

Kidd Enters Marathon; Swimmers Break Marks

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PERTH, Australia (CP) — Mary Stewart of Vancouver, the muscular Australian men and the pink-cheeked English lassies continued their onslaught on swimming records at the British Empire Games Wednesday while the big news behind the scenes at the athletes village was that Bruce Kidd of Toronto will pass up the mile and run in his first marathon today.

"Boy, this is great," a jubilant Kidd declared when coach Fred Foot of Toronto agreed to let him run in the gruelling 26-mile, 385-yard race.

Miss Stewart, the world 110-yard butterfly swim record holder, set a Games mark while winning her heat in her specialty and seemed a cinch to grab the gold medal; Canadian men won a second-place silver and a third-place bronze in the swimming relays with strong help from anchor man Dick Pound of Montreal, and a Canadian weightlifter took the silver in the middleweight division.

Canada now has one gold, four silver and six bronze in swimming and diving—its best showing of the postwar Games.

Australia and England have dominated the swimming and diving here. Australia won four of six gold medals in the two sports decided Wednesday and England took the other two. Australia now has 14 of the 20 swimming golds decided to date while England has five. The nine remaining golds will be decided Friday in the swimming windup.

10 WORLD MARKS SET

On the way to collecting these golds, the Australian and English swimmers have made 10 world records, three of them Wednesday.

Wednesday, Australians captured gold medals in the men's 440-yard freestyle and the 440-yard medley relay races, the men's 220-yard butterfly and women's springboard diving while England took the women's 110-yard breaststroke and the men's highdiving.

Kidd, glamor boy of this sports festival with a gold-medal first in the six-mile run and a third-place bronze in the three miles, has captured the imagination of the public and press.

The leading question all week here has been whether the amazing 19 - year - old distance star would run in the marathon or shoot the bundle in an effort to become Canada's first four-minute miler. He had done 4:01.4 in a mile at Toronto July 22. The mile qualifying heats also are scheduled today. Obviously, Kidd had to choose one or the other.

Kidd, who suffered blistered feet in the six-mile race, was examined Wednesday morning along with the other marathon entries and declared fit.

COULD BE TOUGH

Weather experts predict temperatures will be in the low 80s for the race but since the marathon course has no shade, casualties among the 27 competitors may be heavy.

The Commonwealth Games medical committee suggested a 6 p.m. start if the heat is oppressive.

The marathon is the highlight of the third day of track and field when eight gold medals will be decided. The mile final is the big race when the Games wind up Saturday.

Miss Stewart apppeared certain of being a gold medallist Friday after the preliminary heats Wednesday in the butterfly. The 16-year-old Canadian girl set a Games record in winning her heat in 1:09.1. Her world figure is 1:07.3.

In the freestyle relay the Australians broke their own world record by 1.2 seconds with a time of 3:43.9 while Canada was second in 3:48.3.

And in the medley relay, the Aussie men chopppped 2.1 seconds off the world record with a clocking of 4:12.1, but there is a pending mark of 4:09.3 set by the United States last summer.

Pound, a McGill University graduate student who won the gold medal in the men's 110-yard freestyle Saturday, swam a great 55.7 for the final 110 yards of the medley that just failed to put Canada into second place ahead of England. The Englishmen won by bare inches.

Kevin Berry of Australia set a games record of 2:10.7 in winning the men's 220 butterfly and Anita Lonsborough of England scored the first women's swimming double, adding the 110-yard breaststroke to her 220 breaststroke gold.

English diver Brian Phelps won the men's highdiving and Susan Kight of Australia the women's springboard, giving each of them a unique double in both diving events at the Games.

Tom Dinsley of Vancouver finished sixth in the men's highdiving while Ernie Meissner of Kitchener, Ont., was seventh.

S'side Lady Cagers Open Season Tonight

SUMMERSIDE — The Summerside ladies basketball team, sponsored by Boates Pharmacy will start of their season with a bang tonight as the "girls in red" play their first game against the Senior "Y" ladies team of Charlottetown. Game time is set for 8.15 at Civic Auditorium.

The Summerside ladies have been practising for the last month and have twelve experienced players, most of them having quite a background in basketball.

The Boates Pharmacy team is being coached by F-O Ken Woodman, in his third year of working with ladies' teams.

Playing on the forward line will be Marg Phillips, an experienced player from the SHS team, in her second year with the town team, Sally Spears, a former PWC player and she has experience also with SHS, Mary Ann Lidstone, one of the taller girls, who should help in getting rebounds. Barb Schurman, small but agile, has had experience in her home town of Sussex and she has been a key figure in the team in her capacity as captain.

Joey Schurmann, another N.B. gal, who played with Acadia intermediate team. Nancy Knowles, playing manager of the forward line, played in her home town of Yarmouth, and also for the Auburn Aces in the Annapolis Valley League.

The team is also well fortified with guards. Carol Fitzgerald, in her second year with the team, played with SHS. Deans Reid played with Yarmouth High.

As well as provincial normal school in Truro, Jean Brander was captain of SHS last year. Betty Simmons a second year player, and Jean Gaudet, a small girl with quick reaction.

Last but not least, Gloria Champion, playing for the first time with the local team, has had much experience with high school teams.

Tonight's game should prove to be a real good match and it is hoped that a large number of fans will turn out to support this town team.

3 Tilts Played At SDU Rink

Sunny Isle Farm League action saw three games played at Saint Dunstan's rink last night.

West Royalty Bombers defeated Pownal 6-2, Glasgow Road blanked Brackley 5-0 and Southport clobbered Tracadie 11-2.

Lloyd Doiron and L. Kelly paced the Bombers in their victory with a pair of goals each, W. Doiron and I. Brown scoring singletons. Sheidow and Duffy scored for Pownal.

V. White bagged a hat trick in pacing Glasgow Road to the shut out win. Singletons went to D. Godfreys and A. Dover.

B. Pippey blasted four and D. Wood three for Southport while A. Cantello, E. Smith, M. MacDonald and T. Rice banged singles.

Tracadie goals were by J. McNally and MacDonald.

Ont. Wrestler Is Eliminated But Gets Medal

PERTH (CP)—Kurt Boese of Kitchener, Ont., had the unusual experience of winning a bronze medal at the British Empire Games after first being eliminated in the lightweight wrestling division.

The situation arose Wednesday when Games officials found they would not have a third place finisher in the event unless they reinstated two wrestlers already eliminated under the scoring system.

To make the bronze medal award they called for a match between Boese, a 33-year-old plumber, and England's Peter Amey. Both had been listed as eliminated.

Boese took the decision over Amey and collected the bronze.

HOCKEY SCORES

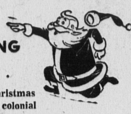
Amherst 1, Windsor 4.
Moncton 7, New Glasgow 5.

Splitters Head Bowling Loop

SUMMERSIDE —The Splitters top the Kensington Lions bowling league with 24 points. Winnilee Dunning and Alan Champion copped both high singles and triples this week. 217 and 486 for Winnilee, and 228 and 571 for Alan.

The Beavers have a 14-point lead in mixed league standing (division B) Gladys Wallam swept honore with 289 and 564. Arnold Madson had high single (251) and Jim Flick high triple (701).

In the "A" division Downtowners are on top with 44 points. Ken Bremmar's high single 275 was only two ahead of the ladies high, scored by Doris Arsenault (273) Scotty Glendenning had the high triple with 664, and Pat Bendell led the men with 716.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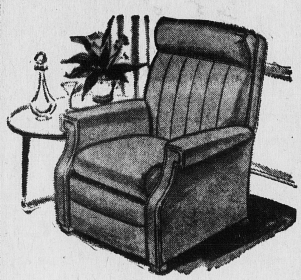
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