

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

SUMMERIDE and Parkdale Royals surely provided local hockey fans with plenty of excitement Thursday night at the Sports Arena. Goal judges had their busiest night of the season as sharpshooters of the Royals and Aces fired a total of 18 rubbers into the two cages.

You can be sure that in a 10-8 hockey game the defence corps of either team didn't capture any awards. Forwards were taking great liberties with the rearguards and there were time you would wonder if there was such a thing as a defence. However, what was lacking in this department was more than made up for by the attacking lines of each squad. They were goal hungry all night but it was in the second and third sessions that they really found their really found their shooting eyes.

THE HIGH SCORE was no reflection on the ability of goalies Thane Mann and Butch Ward. These netminders were left unprotected time after time and only for some sensational goaltending by these custodians of the twines the score could easily have been doubled.

But let's forget about the lack of defences and spend a few moments lauding the work of the forwards who gave it everything they had to make the show a pleasing one for the cash patrons. Both teams played the type of hockey that left the folks in doubt as to the outcome until the very last minute. Angie Carroll's goal with 18 seconds of play remaining was the only decisive factor on the entire program.

PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED the game—and there were approximately 1,000—were not only for some sensational goaltending but they had witnessed. They had completely forgotten the absence of defensive play and remembered only the goals that had been scored. If these same folks could be assured they would see similar performances each and every time, they would all be back and roaring their approval.

We don't think you will see such defence laxity again but we don't hesitate to predict that action coming up will be just as exciting as what went on Thursday night at Earl Nicholson's winter playground.

THERE WAS, however, one black mark on the Thursday night show and it was caused by a fan or fans and not the players. All night long Summerside's Vance Harris was the target for some fans in the southwest corner of the rink. We suppose—and we do it most unwillingly—that fans have certain privileges after they pay their 60 cents to get into a hockey game. It's a mighty good thing for fans that we have nothing to do in establishing what privileges they have. If we were deciding on such matters, the limits wouldn't extend very far. However, we are not in authority on the matter and therefore it seems we must, along with others in attendance, continue to be bored to death by cheap expressions against players.

However, when the language becomes unsuitable for ordinary ears, there is nothing left to do but throw these persons out of the rink. We don't care what team they are supporting. As long as their language is considered unfit, heave them out and keep them out.

THE HARRIS AFFAIR reached its climax with but a few minutes of play remaining Thursday night. After Deigham and Dunn had staged a brawl that sent them to the penalty box, Harris skated over to the sin bin to find out just what had happened. No sooner had he done this than he was hit square in the mouth with an apple. Somebody, just about as brave as a chicken, considered his 60 cents entitled him to this free throw. Harris started stick swinging and on referee Ready's orders went to the dressing room a few minutes before his teammates. This seemed the only sensible thing to do and it prevented what could have been a serious outbreak.

NATURALLY we can't defend Harris for resorting to the stick. He might have injured somebody seriously and worst of all some innocent person or persons. But we must admit he was indeed grossly aggravated and his reaction was what might have been the reaction of many other players. It was Buck Whitlock's reaction Tuesday when a fan interfered with him. Buck wasn't expecting trouble from such a quarter.

The Sports Arena management and league president Ivan Docherty were most unhappy about the whole thing. They are not intending to take away lawful privileges from the fans but they do intend to see that missile-throwing parties are removed in a hurry from games here. We know the management of Summerside's Civic Stadium feels the same way.

At the present time, crowds are not so large that spectators should be strapped over the boards. There is plenty of seating for all attending and folks should be made take a seat or get out. Players are in real jeopardy as they skate along the boards as long as these type of fans are allowed to run things their way. Sure, we want that old Charlottetown-Summerside rivalry back in all its glory. Players, rink managements and fans will be happy for it but they don't want it back with this kind of irresponsible fans dominating the picture.

These hockey players are providing us with good entertainment and their shows shouldn't be allowed to be spoiled by a group who, after paying the large sum of sixty cents think they have taken over the rink for the evening.

We would like to see these "brave" fellows walk up to the players after a game and do some of the things they do while the player's back is turned. We shudder at the outcome of such a mission because usually these kind of promenade heroes couldn't beat their way out of a paper bag.

Courageous boys. Don't make us laugh.

CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS probably feel a whole lot better about heading into Montreal tonight after what Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Rangers did to the invincible Blakemen.

After 18 games without a defeat, Canadiens finally were beaten by Leafs and then were trampled on the very next night by New York Rangers. The worst of this crushing was that it came before loyal Montreal fans who had turned out to honor Doug Harvey.

To celebrate Harvey night, Canadiens' defence fell apart and the lowly Rangers pumped seven big goals behind Jacques Plante. Now the Hawks may feel they can do the same thing to the Canucks and if they can the league will be a whole lot better off.

We'll see tonight.

## League Will Ignore Frick's Suggestion

By JOE REICHLER  
MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The American League will ignore commissioner Ford Frick's suggestion to take a definite stand on expansion, it was learned Friday.

Instead, the AL will merely announce that, upon the recommendation of its three-man fact-finding committee, it plans to "explore further" the possibility of expansion in the future.

This announcement, expected to be made Monday when the major leagues open their three-day convention, undoubtedly will draw fire from Branch Rickey's Commission on Expansion, which will convene here Tuesday. The National League is expected to announce that it has no plans to expand.

ANONYMOUS THREAT  
"If the American League does make such an inconclusive announcement," said a Continental League franchise holder who asked not to be identified, "it will prove once and for all that the major leagues are determined to sabotage our efforts to become a third big league."

"They merely are trying to keep us hanging on the ropes, and confusing us, unfortunately, they are succeeding."

"The commissioner has ordered the American and National Leagues to put up or shut up on the subject of expansion. They'd better listen to him or they'll be in for a lot of trouble."

Joe Cronin, president of the American League, did not appear alarmed by the threat.

"I don't see how anyone can tell us to give a definite 'yes' or 'no' on expansion right now," he said.

"They don't seem to realize all the problems involved and the numerous necessary steps which have to be taken first. This takes time—lots of it."

Frank Lane, general manager of the Cleveland Indians and former chairman of the re-alignment committee which explored the possibility of major league expansion as far back as 10 years ago, was more outspoken.

"I don't know why the Continental League, which is just coming into being, should tell an established league like ours what to do," said Lane.

## MERRILL PINEAU GETS HAT TRICK

# Perfection Penguins Top Hogan's P.E.I. Aces 8-5

The Charlottetown Perfection Penguins defeated the P.E.I. Aces at Civic Stadium last night in a free wheeling game by the score of 8-5. The Aces, tired from a hard game with the Royals the previous night, were fairly widely outplayed for most of the time. They were lucky to get an even split in the first period which ended 2-2, as the visitors hit the goal post on three occasions, and outshot the Aces 17-14.

The Penguins scored two unanswered tallies in the second period, having a wide margin in play during the first half, and when the Aces began to come on in the later stages of the session, Thane Doyle made some brilliant stops to hold them at bay. Doyle had 15 stops in this frame compared to 9 for Mann. The third period saw seven

goals scored, the Penguins getting four and the Aces three. Merrill Pineau, whose shooting was particularly accurate scored the "hat trick", Benny Grady got the final two goals for the Aces.

**TWO FISTIC DISPLAYS**  
The game featured two fistic displays, Coyle and Gord Grady getting two minutes each for a brief flurry of pugilism, in the first period, and Leroy Clow and Billy Mulligan being tagged with five minutes each for a more prolonged exchange of punches in the second period. Junior MacLeod and Coke Grady were given ten minutes misconducts for protesting the referees' decisions too vigorously in the middle session. Brian Lewis tipped in Duffy's long shot for the prettiest goal

of the night with two minutes to go in the first period.

**SOFT GOAL**  
The Penguins final goal looked to be a soft one, Grant Grady appearing to sweep the puck in an attempt at clearing. There were however, two assists on the scoring play. The visitors were leading 8-3 with a minute and a half to go in the game but Benny Grady made the score closer, his second goal coming a second remaining.

**LINE-UPS**  
Perfection - Penguins - Goal, Thane Doyle, defence - Junior MacLeod, Jim Duffy, Merle Longaphie, Joe Coyle. Forwards - Merrill Pineau, Jack Kane, Apps Arsenault, Billy Hughes, Brian Lewis, Smelt Gillis, Billy Mulligan, Vince Mulligan, Wayne MacDonald.

**ACEES - GOAL** - Thane Mann, defence - Grant Grady, Gord Grady, Don Leahy, Spud Doyle. Forwards - Coke Grady, Benny Grady, Leroy Clow, Ulric Gallant, Greg Deighan, Claude Gaudet, Garth Harris, Ronnie Gallant, Vance Harris.

**SUMMARY**  
First period: 1. Aces - Deighan, (R. Gallant) 8:01; 2. Penguins Pineau (Arsenault) 8:59; 3. Aces U. Gallant, (V. Harris, C. Grady) 10:56; 4. Penguins - Lewis (Duffy) 18:36. Penalties - Coyle, Gord Grady, Arsenault.  
Second period: 5. Penguins - Pineau (Kane, Arsenault) 4:39; 6. Penguins - Pineau (Kane, Arsenault) 2:25; Penalties - Mann (served by R. Gallant) MacLeod (10 min. misconduct) C. Grady (10 min. misconduct); L. Clow (major) B. Mulligan (major) G. Harris.  
Third period: 7. Penguins - B. Mulligan (MacLeod, MacDonald) 1:31; 8. Penguins - Pineau (Kane Arsenault) 2:25; 9. Aces - Gord Grady 4:57; 10. Penguins - MacDonald (V. Mulligan, B. Mulligan) 15:36; 11. Penguins - Kane (Arsenault, Pineau) 16:35; 12. Aces - B. Grady (Gaudet) 18:39; 13. Aces - B. Grady (C. Grady, Gaudet) 19:59. Penalties none.

Referees - Elmer Phillips and Gerard Bernard.

## Fullmer Decisions Webb To Retain Boxing Crown

LOGAN, Utah (AP)—Champion Gene Fullmer pounded challenger Spider Webb with a devastating body attack Friday night as the Mormon Sunday school teacher retained his NBA middleweight crown on a unanimous decision after 15 gruelling rounds.

A full-house throng of 7,100 in Utah State University fieldhouse and a national television audience saw the 158½-pound Fullmer from West Jordan, Utah, successfully defend the title he won from Carmen Basilio in San Francisco last Aug. 28.

The 157½-pound Webb, from Chicago and a former student at Idaho State College, made the champion appear awkward at times. But the equalizer for that

came with the solid right-hand bell to the body. Fullmer also managed to block many of the challenger's best shots.

**WIDE MARGIN**  
The three officials, all from Utah, scored under the 10-point must system and all had Fullmer far ahead.

Referee Ken Shulsen, from the champion's home town, scored it 147-114. Judge Boyd Mattison from Provo, Utah, had it 150-132 with Fullmer not losing a round, while Judge Del Markham of Salt Lake City scored 148-136. The Associated Press card showed 146-142.

Despite the battering through 15 rounds, neither fighter appeared badly marked at the end

of the bout and not until the final stanza did the Negro challenger appear to tire. By that time, Fullmer's smashes to both body and head were taking their toll.

Neither was knocked down although there were several slips during the bout. Webb went down in the first, Fullmer in the fourth and eighth and Webb in the tenth.

**Giants Favored Over Browns**  
NEW YORK (AP)—A comparison of injury lists Friday boosted odds favoring New York Giants to whip Cleveland in Sunday's big game here and thus clinch the eastern division title of the National Football League.

The Giants say they're so healthy they could bust a button. They're at near peak strength—certainly in the best shape of the season—with only George Shaw, one of the quarterbacks, not ready to answer the call.

**Alberton, City Lady Curlers Have Games**  
ALBERTON — Two ladies' curling teams from Alberton motored to Charlottetown on Thursday for friendly games. They were Margaret Perry, skip; Fern Rochford, mate; Eva Noonan, second stone; Kay Collings, first stone; and Isabelle Clarke, skip. Ruth Millman, mate; Isabelle McKinnon, second stone; Ruby Hutt, first stone.

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## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

On the cover of the latest issue of "The Harness Horse" is a picture of the finish of the \$75,000 American Trotting Classic at Hollywood Park, Inglewood, Cal. It shows Senator Frost reaching the wire at the end of the mile, time 1:57 3-5, which was the fastest mile trotted over U.S.T.A. tracks this season.

Another track similar to Vernon Downs - Monticello - handed over \$1,166,424 to the State.

We would guess that the figures for Roosevelt and Yonkers would run over \$10 million for each track.

James A. Farley, who, a few years ago was one of the most prominent figures in New York State, is now a member of the New York Harness Racing Commission. In a recent issue of a New York paper we noticed that he will recommend to governor Nelson Rockefeller that the tracks be penalized in cases involving the "doping" of horses.

According to the story in the N.Y. press, the Commissioner stated that at the very least, tracks should be assessed the total amount bet on the race in which the horse was doped. He also recommended that the bettors receive a refund on the losing pari-mutuel tickets.

Farley ended with: "The law provides penalties for owners, trainers and drivers of horses which have been doped, but the track escapes punishment."

We are of the opinion that Mr. Farley's recommendation is very unfair to the tracks, which are using every legitimate measure to prevent doping, and which apply the rules of the U.S.T.A.

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