



SPORTS FRONT

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Penguins vs Evinrudes

THE 'B' series opens at The Sports Arena Thursday night with Cape Traverse Evinrudes the guests of Old Spain Penguins.

The defending ISHL champions, the Penguins, finished second to Sandy's Royals in the regular schedule of the Island Senior Hockey League. The Cape boys finished fourth and a rather dismal one at that. However, all these past performances are thrown away as the two clubs begin their best-of-seven grid for the right to enter the ISHL finals.

But these past performances can't exactly be overlooked when trying to figure out how long the series will go and who will emerge the victor. After all, in 20 hockey games over the season, the Evinrudes were able to garner exactly 7 points, hardly an impressive showing. They got two wins all season long, one over the Aces in the schedule's dying moments and another over St. Dunstan's. Three ties, two with Penguins and one with Summerside, had cup the seven points.

You can't put Evinrudes as favorites when you scan such a record. It's true the Birds haven't been flying too fancy of late but they shouldn't need to flap their wings too strenuously to beat these invaders from the Cape. Individually the Evinrudes have some nice hockey players but as a team they haven't been able to jell too well. Positional hockey has been lacking and their defence hasn't been throwing too many scares into the opposition.

After reading these words, you're probably figuring there's no man in the Evinrudes even trying to beat these Penguins. Nothing couldn't be farther from the truth because in playing the Penguins, they'll be facing one of the most unpredictable outfits in the league. On certain nights, the Birds look mighty smart while other times they really look horrible. If the Evinrudes can catch them enough on their 'horrible' nights, the semi-finals could provide an upset.

Finals For The Birds

HOWEVER we don't for a minute think that the Birds can toss this series away. Honestly our opinion is that while Royals and Crystals are going at each other with a real fury, the Penguins will be breezing into the final round. Ed Cannon, Gord Cuddehe and company undoubtedly will not like reading such things but we can't see anything else after reviewing Evinrudes' play of the season.

Of course a team can get mighty hot for playoffs and out the choice of the majority. What we say or what folks think will not be the case. They will like this underdog role they have and try to make all of us look bad.

One thing is sure and that is that the Penguins are not entering these semi-finals with any foolish over-confidence. They expect to win but they are not treating the series lightly. They know well how they floundered at various times this season and they want no such happenings when playoffs arrive.

If you remember last season, Evinrudes threw a real scare into the Birds by taking the opening semi-final game at The Sports Arena 6-3. In the second game in Civic Stadium, the Evinrudes were in front by something like 7-2 before the Penguins woke up and went on to win that one and the rest of the series.

A Five Game Series?

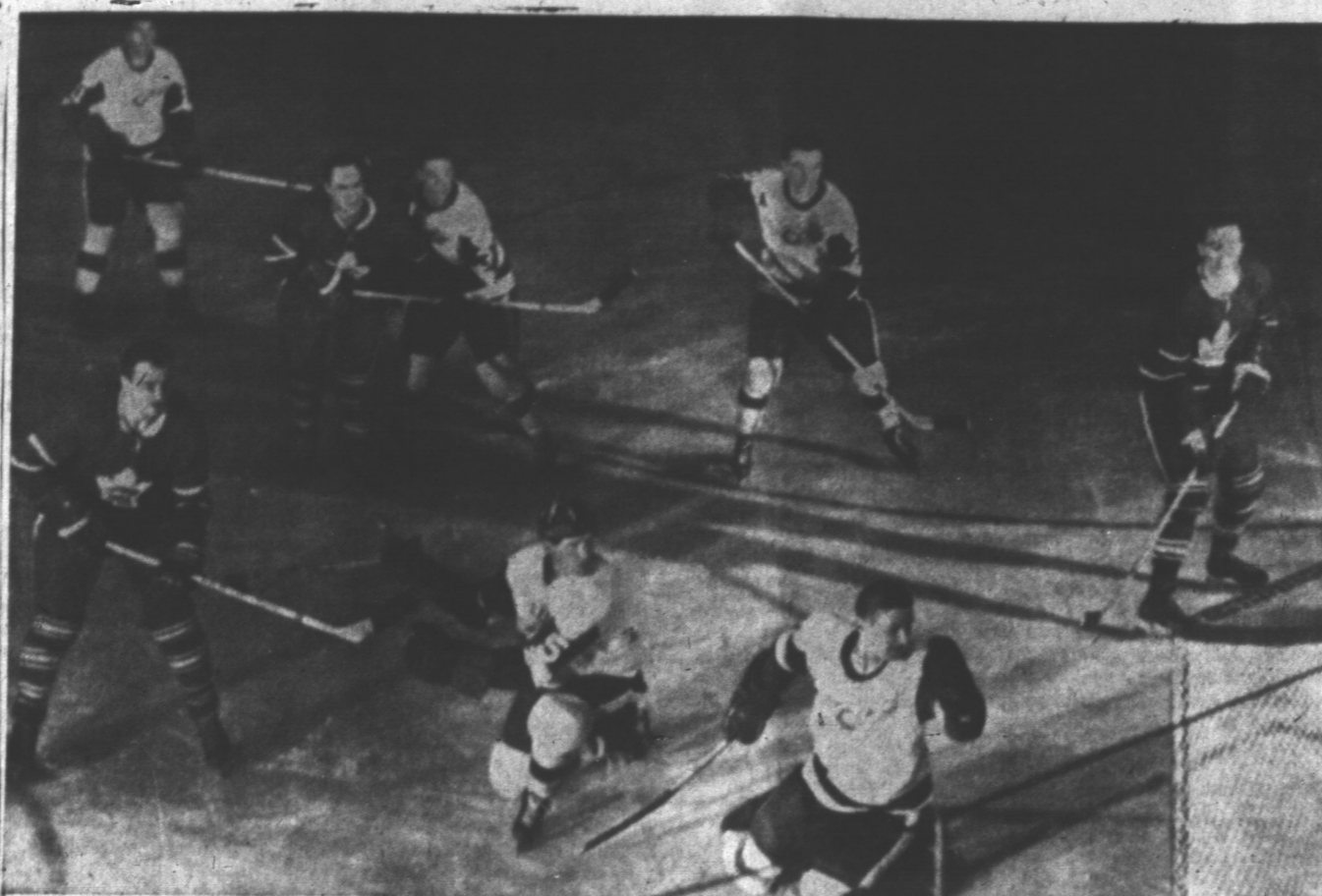
ARE WE calling the Evinrudes to go out in four straight? No, we believe the Cape lads will be able to take the measure of the Old Spaniards once before this series concludes. However, you could see some rugged hockey in every encounter and The Sports Arena and Civic Stadium should house some large crowds in this semi-final series.

The entertainment could be worthwhile and folks could easily witness some startling upset before a winner emerges for the championship round.

So get set for the best-of-seven battle and take in all the contests in both series 'A' and 'B'. Crystals and Royals will be waging their fends on alternate nights and nobody need tell you how exciting this set should be. Here's one that we expect to go right to the wire before declaring a winner. Here we think it will be a "home" series with Royals having the edge in that extra game.

Hockey fans should come to life in this next month and furious action will be provided by the ISHL before a champion emerges to meet the best senior squad New Brunswick has to offer.

And the ISHL winner should again sideline our mainland op-



WINNING GOAL

Goalie Terry Sawchuk and defenceman Warren Godfrey of Detroit Red Wings watch from a kneeling position as a shot by Toronto Maple Leafs' Frank Mahovlich (left) goes into the net for the winning goal in Saturday night's NHL game in Toronto. It was the first of two third-period goals for Mahovlich, giving Leafs a 4-2 win. Others are: Vic Stasiuk (11); Marcel Pronovost (3); and Norm Ullman (7) of Detroit and Leafs' Red Kelly and Bob Nevin. (CP Wirephoto)

Whitlock Emerges Hero As Royals Nip Crystals 4-3

Ageless Buck Whitlock continues to have his moments of glory and last night the 'old lamplighter' did it again when he scored the winning goal with 40 seconds remaining in the first game of a best of seven semi-final ISHL series, to defeat visiting Summerside Crystals 4-3.

Whitlock, playing coach of the Royals, stole some of the spotlight from one of his players, young Alfie Flanagan, who counted the three other markers.

The Frizzelmen had a scare thrown into them before clinching this important victory. With less than five minutes remaining and the score reading 3-1 in their favor, the locals relaxed for a few moments and before they knew it the score was knotted at 3-3, the Crystals striking for two quick markers in a period of 41 seconds.

From the time the score was deadlocked at 3-3 till the moment Buck triggered his tie-breaker both teams set a torrid pace but the visitors made the fatal mistake of leaving Whitlock uncovered in front of the net. Teammate Angie Carroll dug the puck out of the corner and fed a goalmouth pass to Whitlock and the old-timer just flicked it behind Alfie Flanagan put the Royals on the score sheet at the 13:30 mark of the sandwich session after a scoreless first period, when he flipped in Whitlock's rebound.

DEADLOCKS GAME
Defenceman Vance Harris deadlocked the game at 1-1 forty seconds later with a back-hander from about twenty feet out that found its way back to goalie Frankie Roper. Before the period ended Flanagan put the Royals ahead again when he flicked in a Stu McLure relay. At the time the Crystals were shorthanded with Garth Harris doing a stint in the sin bin.

Flanagan rounded out his 'hat trick' shortly past the half-way mark of the third frame and everything appeared 'rosy' for the Royals but four minutes later the Crystals edged to within one goal when one of the players lobbed a soft one at Roper. The Royal cager had no difficulty in making the stop but he was a shade slow in clearing and before he knew it Summerside's Greg Deighan was on top of him and flipping the puck in.

At the 16:16 mark captain Benny Grady sent Ronnie Gallant in all alone on Roper and the Crystal puckster made no mistake in denting the twines and tying it up at 3-3.

Former coach Vance Harris drew a 10-minute misconduct just after Flanagan scored his third goal of the night midway through the final stanza, when he heaved his stick.

Action resumes in this series tonight at Summerside's Civic Stadium.

Souris Juniors Grab Hoop Win

Souris Juniors walloped the Vocational School of Charlottetown 75-36 in an exhibition basketball game in Souris last night. Gerry Gallant of the Vocational School led all scorers with 23 points.

Scoring for Souris were Aora 5, G. Clinton 14, J. Paquet 17, W. Paquet 7, E. Walsh 6, MacDonald 16, Gallant 2, Peters 2 and M. Walsh 6.

Vocational School scorers were Piercey 3, Gallant 23, MacDonald 6, Corrigan 2, Long 2, Earl Walsh of Souris was the only player put out of the game for fouls.

The game was refereed by Edward Clinton.

Curling Draw For Montague

Here is the Montague curling schedule for today (Wednesday):

7 P.M.
Ice 1—F. Vuozzo, Lillian MacDonald, Sandy MacDonald, Doris O'Connor vs. H. MacGregor, Doris Jones, Wm. Naddy, Fernie Horton.

Ice 2—A. Sullivan, L. Sinclair, G. Brookins, Lyle Brehaut vs. Pete Sinclair, H. Clair, Jim Whalen, Veda Duvor.

9 P.M.
Ice 1—Leon Johnston, Mary Nicholson, E. J. Poole, Charlotte Gordon vs. Claude Nicholson, Mary Lea, Bert Haneveld, Barbara Mabon.

Ice 2—A. A. Fraser, E. MacKenzie, Crilly Lea, Annie Johnston vs. Ellery Shaw, Catherine Stewart, H. Fraser, Helen Coffin.

Minor Hockey Results Tues.

Last evening at the Sports Arena, three regular City Bantam League games were run off with the following results:

Tigers 4 vs. Bears 1
Bombers 6 vs. Beavers 1
Panthers 4 vs. Battlers 3

CRYSTALS HOST ROYALS

These two Crystals, Greg Deighan, left, and Claude Gaudet, will be gunning for goals tonight when Royals invade Summerside Civic Stadium for a game with Crystals in the ISHL semi-finals. Both Deighan and Gaudet are good goal producers and they'll want to beat the Royals' goalie in the worst way tonight. Both teams play a good brand of hockey and a bumper crowd is expected to watch the proceedings which start at 8:15 sharp.

Stanhope Takes Pair

Stanhope Braves added another pair of wins to their credit over the past weekend, trouncing Cornwall 4-0 and Nine Mile Creek 9-0.

It was the fourth straight triumph for the North Shore players who saw their goalie, Ronnie Johnston, rack-up two straight shutouts.

In the first game Allan McLaughlan potted two for the winners with Calvin Chappell and Don Higgins each garnering one.

Donald Higgins led the Braves to their big decision over Nine Mile Creek. Don scored three times. Don Ellis had two and singles went to Calvin Chappell, Gordon Ellis, Wayne Hughes and the diminutive Allan McLaughlan.

Today's Minor Hockey Schedule

Only one game is scheduled for City Minor hockeyists at the Sports Arena this evening. Darts meet Vics in a regular Midget League tussle which is slated to get underway at 8 o'clock sharp.

Referee Denny Flanagan will be calling the fouls and linesmen Ron Carmichael and Grant Crockett will be on hand to call off-sides and icings.

Dave Charnley Gains Victory

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) Dave Charnley, British and European light weight boxing champion, gained a hard-fought decision over Jose Stable of Cuba in a 10-round bout Tuesday night.

The elusive Cuban bobbed and ducked out of the way of Charnley's punches. He opened up a cut over the Briton's eye in the sixth round.

The crowd boomed when Charnley's hand was raised at the end. Stable went to his corner and wept.

The fight was a warm-up for Charnley, who expects to defend his European crown against Giordano Campari of Italy early in March.

Charnley weighed 137½ pounds and Stable 137¼ pounds.

Peakes Scores Hockey Victory

Peakes hockey team defeated Georgetown 5-2 in a Southern Kings Hockey League game on Monday night at Montague.

Goals for Peakes were: G. Leslie, D. McInnis, M. Louise, S. Handrigan, J. Murray and for Georgetown both goals were scored by R. Gallant.

Bulldogs Play At M. Harbor

Hampshire Bulldogs travel to Murray Harbor tonight to do battle with the Harbor Bruins in an exhibition hockey game. The Hampshire players will leave Spring Park service station at 6:30 sharp.

To Hear More Of Peter Snell

VANCOUVER (CP) — S. R. Brown, a physical education authority from New Zealand, says "without a doubt, we shall hear much more of Peter Snell."

Dr. Brown, who joined University of British Columbia's School of Physical Education from New Zealand last October writes in The Sun Tuesday of Peter Snell's world-record mile run last Saturday.

Dr. Brown worked last year on a series of physical fitness tests with New Zealand coach Arthur Lydiard, who pushed Snell to his record.

IF EAST BERLIN KEPT OUT

Countries May Boycott World Hockey Ch'ships

BERLIN (CP)—The world ice hockey championships scheduled to be held at Colorado Springs March 7-8 struck further trouble Tuesday as Sweden, The Netherlands, Russia and Czechoslovakia suggested they would boycott the tournament if East Germany's team cannot compete.

A Swedish Ice Hockey Federation spokesman said that "we probably won't take part in the world meet if it is just a show-off or pleasure tournament."

Galt Terriers are to represent Canada at the tournament. At the same time, doubt was expressed that the world ski championships to be held at Chamoni, France, starting Feb. 10 would get under way.

In Norway, too, there was trouble but the organizers of the European speed skating championship scheduled for Oslo this weekend, said the meet would go on with or without East German participation. Four East Germans had been entered provisionally but the Jan. 29 entry deadline already has passed.

NO CHANGE FOR VISAS
Authoritative Allied sources said here there is no chance whatever of East German sports teams getting the necessary travel permits and visas to compete at Colorado Springs and Chamoni. The obstacle is a general NATO ban, proclaimed last September, on travel by East Germans as a reprisal for the Communist wall erected across Berlin.

The ice hockey championships will go on at Colorado Springs even if a number of teams decide to stay at home was the word from Robert LeBel of Montreal, president of the International Ice Hockey Federation. LeBel said he will meet with the United States' organization committee for the tournament at Colorado Springs next Monday and Tuesday. Eighteen countries have entered the championships, divided into class A, B and C divisions.

An East Berlin report saying the Russian and Czech teams would not play if East Germany is barred from travelling was attributed to Col. Joachim Gruenwald, general secretary of the East German Ice Hockey Federation.

REITERATES STAND
"It's his privilege to speak if he wants to," said LeBel of the Gruenwald statement. "But I still stand by my earlier statements that the games will be played in the United States."

In London, John F. (Bunny) Ahearne, who heads the Euro-

Wings Can't Use Park MacDonald Against Hawks

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Red Wings, crippled by numerous injuries, won't be able to use Parker MacDonald as a reinforcement tonight against Chicago Black Hawks.

The National Hockey League Wings recalled MacDonald Monday from their American Hockey League farm club at Hershey. But according to an AHL rule, MacDonald won't be able to join the Wings until Saturday.

He played one game with Detroit Jan. 18 and was returned to Hershey. The AHL rule stipulates the player cannot go back to his parent club within two weeks of his return to the minor league.

The Wings, with Vic Stasiuk and Howie Glover shelved by knee injuries, do not plan to bring up another player as a temporary replacement for MacDonald.

Orlando Cepeda Rejects Pact

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Orlando Cepeda, who led the National League last season in home runs and runs batted in, has turned down a contract offer by San Francisco Giants calling for a one-third boost in pay. The Giants' office confirmed Tuesday.

The slugging infielder - outfielder is reported to have been paid \$27,500 last year. He's reported to want \$50,000.

Cepeda batted .311, hit 46 homers and batted in 142 runs.

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Crystals, Royals Tangle Tonight

SUMMERSIDE — Tonight is the big hockey night for Civic Stadium as the Parkdale Royals and Summerside Crystals battle each other in the second game of their best of seven final.

Crystals have added some strength to their lineup. Ron MacArthur and Urie Gallant will be back to play with them.

They realize that they have a hard road ahead to knock the league leaders out of contention.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw at the Charlottetown club 7 P.M.

Ice 1—T. White, Dr. Roberts, W. Carr, B. MacLellan vs. A. Bagnall, Dr. Kelly, A. Gill, F. Sampson.

Ice 2—Dr. Drysdale, M. Pursey, F. Zakem, J. McCarron vs. G. Wellner, K. Cantwell, D. Ted, M. Bell vs. Dr. MacDonald (Rendezvous).

Ice 4—Cam MacLean, C. Costello, L. Vessey, I. Webster vs. Dr. Beck, Abe Zakem, J. Caron, E. Ford.

Ice 5—Dr. Giddings, D. Jardine, I. Dowling, G. Williams vs. L. Turner, D. Douglas, M. MacDonald, G. Dunbar.

Spares—F. Church, V. Milton, G. Arnold, W. J. Hancock, M. Reeves, J. Zakem, S. Eagles, and Ralph MacInnes.)

Beavers Nip Hope River

New Annapolis Beavers edged Hope River 7-5 in Farmers League competition at Kensington rink last night.

With the score at 6-1 and less than two minutes remaining in the game David Schurman put the game on ice for the Beavers.

Other New Annapolis winners were D. Thompson 2, F. Moak, C. Mill, D. Walker, and E. Wall.

Scoring for Hope River O. Houtson 2, G. Gallant, A. Doucette, J. Pineau and R. Larkin 1 each.

Referee Joe Bernard had an easy night of it, calling only two minors.

The next game is slated for Thursday night with Kensington and Hunter River being the opponents.

Ice Races Go Today

The Victoria Driving Club stages its second ice racing card of the season today at the North River causeway with the first dash slated for 2:30 sharp.

Here are the entries:—A Trot and pace:—Jollity's Pride, Polawaise, Captain Chief, Bob Clegg, Sarah J.

Class B Trot and Pace:—Barbara Ann Queen, My Jeannie, Pericles, Honest Bruce, Billy C. Dadds, Miss Ellis.

Class C Trot and Pace:—Garth's Best, Rowdy Dow, Payroll, Myrna T., Mitty Mac Kitty, Harless Abbe.

