SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

S'side Midgets Are Champs

WE will not attempt any detailed sport review of the past year but we will merely endeavor to sum up what we consider the highlights of the island sports scene in 1962.

Summerside midgets stole the hockey spotlight on Prince Edward Island when they went right through for the Maritime crown. The western youngsters beat Campbellton for the N.B.-P.E.I. crown and then copped Maritime honors with a dramatic sudden-death victory over the Nova Scotia champions from Donkin.

Sandy's Parkdale Royals were the ISHL champions and they ousted Saint John Oilers and advanced against Amherst Ramblers for the Maritime crown. The Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League champions took the three-province championship in two straight games.

And So Are Abbies

IN baseball circles, once again it was a midget outfit that played the most prominent role.

The Abbies, coached by Charlie Ryan, grabbed another Maritime crown and they did it in rather spectacular fashion. The Abbies beat St. Stephen Firemen for the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island title and then disposed of Halifax Orioles in a sudden death fixture at Springhill in Mid-October. The great pitching feats of Billy Weatherbie were the highlights of the Maritime playdowns.

Retain Crown

MACKENZIE'S House of Fashion copped the Prince County Softball League crown, beat Canadian Tire (Charlottetown champions) for the Island crown and then emerged the top team in senior 'B' competition in the Maritimes.

It was a great win for the Summerside boys who the year before had upset the softball apple cart by bringing Maritime honors to the western town.

Saints Impress

ST. Dunstan's Varsity football team managed only two wins and one tie in seven starts in The Atlantic Football Conference but the showing was mighty good considering it was Saints first try at the AFC.

The locals gave trimmings to Dalhousie and Acadia and fought Fredericton scholars to a 7-7 tie. Conquerors of the Red and White were St. Mary's, Stadacona, Sherwater and Mount Allison. Saints lost 2-0 to the Mounties and played terrific football in their 9-0 loss to Stad.

Saints' Jayvees won the provincial intermediate crown by beating Prince of Wales Welshmen in two straight battles.

Groom And MacKenzie

SUMMERSIDE'S Alf Groom won himself a trip to the British Empire Games at Perth, Australia when he topped all competitors in the pole vault at the trials held in August in Toronto. On that occasion Alf broke the Canadian record to bring distinction to himself and his province. However, he ran into bad luck at Perth and finished in a seventh place tie.

Track and field competition were great on the Island this past summer. Records took a bad lacing at every meet. The school meets were the most successful ever and the Lobster Carnival show and the Maritime meet held at Charlottetown in late August were decided successes.

IN golf, Art MacKenzie of Charlottetown was in a class by himself.

The quiet, genial redhead won about everything there was to be won. His victories included the N.B.-P.E.I. sectional, Island amateur, Island Open, Green Gables Open, Lobster Carnival Championship, Belvedere Club championship and Bois Hole-in-one National championship.

You couldn't imagine a golfer having a much better summer than that. However, MacKenzie's consistent play has always made him a favorite in every tournament in which he competes and golf enthusiasts were delighted at the success he enjoyed in 1962.

Happy New Year

AT this time Sports Front wishes to thank all in the various sports fields for their co-operation throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to be associated with such persons.

To all of them and to you, our readers, a Happy New Year.

Sullivan Named Coach Of New York Rangers

By JOHN CHANDLER

NEW YORK (AP) — George (Red) Sullivan, firebrand centre of the New York Rangers for five years, returned to the National Hockey League club Friday as head coach with a get-tough policy for his players.

Sullivan, 33, moves up from the Baltimore Clippers of the American League, where he has served this season as player-coach. He will be bench coach for the Rangers, with whom he played five of his nine seasons in the NHL.

He succeeds Murray (Muzz) Patrick, Ranger vice president and general manager who became coach on an interim basis at the start of the season.

"I plan no immediate changes as far as personnel goes," Sullivan said at a press conference, adding with emphasis:

"What I want is for them to play a little rougher — play a tougher checking game.

"I want to keep these guys in the right frame of mind," said the fiery redhead, who left no doubt about what he was thinking about.

RED SULLIVAN

NEAR CELLAR

Rangers are in fifth place in the six-team league, with 26 points. They are 10 points behind the fourth-place Montreal Canadiens, and eight ahead of the last-place Boston Bruins.

"We're not that far back to make the Stanley Cup playoffs," Sullivan said. "We have 37 games left."

Sullivan had the Rangers out for practice 30 minutes after he was announced as coach, then left for Baltimore for his first appearance with the Clippers Friday night. Baltimore, a Ranger farm club, is in fifth and last place in the American League's eastern division.

Patrick, who signed Sullivan, did not disclose the length of the contract or salary terms, but said the move had been planned this way.

FELT NEED

Said Patrick, who took over the added duties as coach last summer after Doug Harvey resigned: "We've felt a serious need for a full-time Ranger coach, one who could give all of his working hours to the job, since Doug Harvey gave up the post.

"I accepted the added responsibility to tide over a difficult situation. Neither I nor the club's board had planned on my staying with it indefinitely. Now that Sullivan is here, we'll have the same man running the Rangers in the workouts as from the bench."

Sullivan started out in the Boston Bruins organization, and with Hershey in the American League in 1953-54 he set a season scoring record of 119 points. He was sold to the Chicago Black Hawks, where he played two years.

Patrick traded Wally Hergesheimer, a right winger, for Sullivan in a straight swap in the summer of 1956. Sullivan was player-coach of the Kitchener-Waterloo Beavers of the Eastern Professional League during the 1961-62 season, and the team finished third. He is married, has three children and lives in Peterborough, Ont.

Baltimore reported that Terry Reardon, Clippers general manager, will take over as coach, assisted by Aldo Guidolin. Guidolin will be groomed to take over as player-coach next season.

KIDD LEADS POLL

Bruce Kidd, Toronto middle distance runner, is Canada's outstanding male athlete of 1962 in the annual Canadian press year-end poll of sports editors and broadcasters. He won a gold medal in the six-mile race and a bronze in the three mile at the British Empire Games in Australia. Bobby Hull, (top right) Chicago Black Hawk star who equalled the National Hockey League record of 50 goals in a season, placed second in the poll. Don Jackson (lower right) of Oshawa, Ont., who won the world figure skating championship and then turned professional, was third. (CP Photo)

Parker MacDonald Seen Detroit Scoring Surprise

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A year ago any self-respecting National Hockey League fan would have sniffed at the mention of Parker MacDonald as a star.

Today, MacDonald has reason to sniff at his critics. With 17 goals in 31 games, he's second only to Toronto Maple Leafs' Frank Mahovlich in goal - scoring, five behind the leaf left winger.

It was only last season that the Detroit Red Wing left winter, a native of Sydney, N.S., aws suspended when the Wings tried to ship him to Sudbury Wolves of the Eastern Professional Hockey League and he balked.

The fans aren't the only ones who have lifted their eyebrows at the 29 - year - old winger's comeback. Detroit coach Sid Abel says:

"I had Parker picked from the start — for Pittsburgh. Things are working out just about as I predicted — except that Parker is with the wrong club. He wasn't supposed to be with the Red Wings."

Earl Balfour didn't produce in four exhibition matches before this season opened and Abel called up MacDonald, who in his best NHL season, 1960 - 61 with Detroit, had potted only 14 goals in 70 games, plos one in nine playoff matches.

Abel recalls the MacDonald-for-Balfour switch:

"My idea was that Balfour should do the checking while Gordie Howe and Alex Delvecchio got the goals. After about four games of our exhibition tour, I decided Balfour wasn't going to get the job done.

"I did some shuffling and tossed in Parker on our third line. He scored a couple of goals that night. By the time the trip had ended, he had more goals than any other man on the club!"

PARKER MacDONALD

"It won't surprise me if he's the leading goal - getter in the regular season, too," Abel says. "The guy always could put the puck in the net—even if you can't prove it by what he has done in the past."

The reason for MacDonald's sudden success? There are two of them, says MacDonald.

"When you're with Alex and the big fellow, you spend an awful lot of time in the other team's end of the rink. It's much easier to score goals there than it is from the end of the bench."

One of the things that had kept him on the bench—and out of the goal-scoring limelight—in previous NHL stints was an 1½-inch piece of sharp metal.

FAVORED SHOULDER

During one of many dips into the minors, MacDonald had suffered a shoulder separation, underwent surgery, but continued to feel pain when given even a slight bump. To favor that shoulder, he developed the habit of leading with his good shoulder and this gave him a curious skating style.

While with Buffalo, American Hockey League farm club of New York Rangers, in 1958-59, the Bisons investigated MacDonald's strange posture and found the end of a drill that had broken off during the shoulder operation.

MacDonald came out skating head-on after that.

Tonight, he and the third-place Wings visit fourth-place Montreal Canadiens, while Chicago and Toronto, tied in first, meet in Toronto.

Montreal is at New York and Boston visits Chicago Sunday.

Combines Down Birds 8-4 In Action At Civic Stadium

SUMMERSIDE — The Prince County Combines scored two quick goals around the middle of the first period and went on to defeat the Junior Penguins by a score of 8-4 at Civic Stadium last night before a small crowd.

Fifteen penalties were handed out to referees Don Whelan and Joy Coyle, nine of them to the Combines.

Ulric Gallant gave the home team the lead at the 10.01 mark of the first period and just thirteen seconds later, linemate Benny Grady potted another with assists going to Gallant and Vance Harris. Toy Toy Gallant, Penguins rearguard scored the Birds' first tally on a pass from Dave Martin. Ev White collected the first of a brace of markers nearing the end of the frame as he beat Donnie Frizzell from close in. The Juniors missed two grand opportunities through shooting wild after getting in on goalie Thane Mann.

Shortly after the second period Willie Gallant made a spectacular dash the length of the rink and scored unassisted on a neat backhander to the top left hand corner. Alger Cutcliff, who also got a pair of goals for the Combines, scored his first after a pileup in front of the net and shortly after Willie Gallant went right in on Mann again but slid the puck by the corner of the net.

Also scoring in the middle stanza were Vance Harris for the Combines and Cullen for the Penguins with the period ending 5-3 in favor of the home squad.

Frizzell, who was the busier goaltender all evening, kicking out 26 shots to 19 for Thane Mann, saw the pressure turned on him in the final twenty minutes when the Combines rapped in three goals, with Ev White, Alger Cutcliff and Garth Harris winding up the scoring for the Combines.

Dave Martin, who was flying all night and picked up two assists, shot the Birds' final counter on assists from Willie Gallant and Smith.

First period:— 1. Combines— Ulric Gallant (B. Grady, Hook Walsh) 10.01; 2. Combines— B. Grady (U. Gallant, V. Harris) 10.14; 3. Penguins— Toy Toy Gallant (D. Martin, Gallant) 12.02; 4. Combines— E. White (Andrews, Noonan) 16.24. Penalties: Combines— Deighan, :45 Penguins— Smith 2.19; Combines— Clow, 19.54.

Second period: 5. Penguins— W. Gallant (unassisted) 1.41; 6. Combines— Cutcliffe (Deighan, G. Harris) 5.32; 7. Combines— V. Harris (B. Grady, U. Gallant) 16.19; 8. Penguins— Cullen (D. Martin, W. Gallant) 17.59. Penalties — Combines— Walsh 6.30; Ulric Gallant and Martin 8.25; MacArthur 9.10; Davis 16.01.

Third period: 9. Combines— White (Andrews, Noonan) 2.05; 10. Penguins— Martin 7W. Gallant, Smith) 11.41; 11. Combines —Cutcliff (G. Harris) 17.25; 12. Combines— G. Harris (V. Harris). Penalties —Deighan and Kelly .26; Walsh 3.05; MacArthur 7.26; Martin 9.04; Clow and Martin 13.54.

N.Y. Giants Are Fresher; Green Bay Packers Loose

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Giants are fresher physically and mentally than last year and Green Bay Packers are loose in the words of the rival coaches in Sunday's National Football League title rematch at Yankee Stadium.

Allie Sherman, former Winnipeg Blue Bomber mentor and now coach of the Giants, pointed out that his club was drained emotionally and mentally by its tough final five games in 1961. Sherman, carefully explaining he was not trying to alibi the 37-0 beating of last New Year's Day, assessed his 1962 squad after Friday's workout at Yankee Stadium.

"We are a stronger club for many reasons," said Sherman.

"Y. A. Tittle has had a second year of exposure to our personnel.

The other new men we got last year have improved. Allan Webb has done a better job at safety than anybody did for us last year at that position. Bill Winter has firmed up our linebacking trio. Greg Larson is much better suited to his new position at guard than he was at tackle.

BACKFIELD FIRMER

And our backfield has firmed up. I don't think we started the same backs two games in a row last year."

Joel Wells, one-time Montreal Alouette who started at left half for the Giants against Green Bay last year, has retired. So has flanker Kyle Rote, now the offensive coach. Only Tittle and another ex-Alouette, fullback Alex Webster remain among the starting backs. Phil King moved into left half and Frank Gifford came out of retirement to handle the flanker job.

Sherman said he was sure Tittle was in good condition, recovered from the back bruise he suffered Dec. 16. He also said Ralph Guglielmi, Alttle's stand-in, was ready for duty. Just in case, Sherman has had Gifford running some plays from a modified short punt formation, a version of the shotgun offence.

As for the weather, Sherman said: "As long as it is dry, no sleet or rain, I don't care."

Coach Vince Lombardi sent his Packers through a short drill in Green Bay before they left amidst cheers of 200 fans by chartered plane for New York. He said he agreed with Sherman's appraisal about the Giants and added, "They are now a much better team than the one we beat last year."

PLAYERS LOOSE

As for the Packers, Lombardi said, "Our players are loose, I think, so I expect a good game from them."

Lombardi is not expected to made a definite decision on whether Paul Hornung or Tom Moore will start at left half until game time. Hornung suffered a knee injury early in the season and missed about half of the games. He has been used only sparingly since his return but reportedly has been running hard and even practicing place kicks and field goals during the week. Hornung was the big man last year with a record 19 points in the rout of the Giants.

The Packers' main stock in trade is a powerful ground game built around fullback Jim Taylor and either Hornung or Moore with timely assistance from Bart Starr's accurate passes.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Saturday at the Charlottetown Club.

1.45 P.M. (Rotation-Tumblers)

Ice 1 — J. Squarebriggs, Dr. Kelly, S. Bryenton, I. MacKinnon, D. George, Dr. Higgins, J. Wheatley, H. Whelan.

Ice 2 — Junior Game(Final).

Ice 3 — H.R. Carruthers, M. McGuigan, E. Tanton, R. Spillett vs. S. Beaton, F. MacMillan, H. Spillett, L. Wellner.

Ice 4 — Dr. Gallant, A. Bagnall, E. Matheson, T. W. L. Prowse vs. J.S. MacDonald, N. Nicholson, A. Leaman, H. Douglas.

Ice 5 — Dr. Hooper, R. Ketch, A. MacDonald, D. Hill vs. B. Taylor, W. Beer, D. Douglas, M. Jenkins.

3.15 All Ices Open

7 P.M. Mixed Curling

Ice 1 — B. Dillon, I. MacDonald, I. Duffy, E. MacInnes vs. A. Llewellyn, M. Doyle, S. Flemming, K. Duffy.

Ice 2 — E. Taylor, E. Taylor, L. Blakeney, M. Blakeney vs. B. LeClair, D. LeClair, D. Douglas, K. Douglas.

Ice 3 — Dr. MacDonald, Liz MacDonald, D. Wood, L. Jardine vs. W.R. MacNeill, M. MacNeill, B. LePage, B. LePage.

Ice 4 — J.S. MacDonald, D. MacDonald, B. Parke, T. Roper vs. G. Storey, S. Storey, K. Kennedy, E. Ranahan.

Ice 5 — D. Matheson, E. Goss, Rus Jones, Jean Jones vs. M. Jenkins, G. MacKay, S. Bryanton, L. Jenkins.

8.30 P.M.

Ice 1 — A. Love, H. Love, N. MacNeill, M. MacNeill vs. A. MacDonald, A. Wood, I. MacKinnon, A. MacKinnon.

Ice 2 — D. O'Rourke, C. O'Rourke, D. Estabrooks, G. MacKinnon vs. G. Anderson, A. Trainor, H. Edwards, C. MacKenzie.

Ice 3 — G. Kays, M. Garrett, A. Garrett, G. Kays vs. Dr Higgins, J. Higgins, A. Zakem, K. MacLeod.

Ice 4 — T. Whitlock, F. Whitlock, J. Squarebriggs, B. Squarebriggs vs. R. Carr, S. Carr, B. Peters, F. Vessey.

Ice 5 — C. Flemming, E. Wood, L. Bagnall, E. Bagnall vs. L. Turner, J. Coady, J. Wilson, R. Wilson.

S'side Minor Hockey Schedule

Here is the Summerside Minor Hockey League schedule for today (Saturday).

BANTAMS

8.30 - 9.30 Montreal and Chicago.

9.30 - 10.30 Larks and Maple Leafs.

10.30 - 11.30 Stars and Thunderbirds.

PAPERWEIGHTS

11.30 - 12.30 Raiders and Trappers.

12.30 - 1.30 Sparrows and Falcons.

MIDGETS

4.30 - 5.30 Bombers and Bladees.

5.30 - 6.30 Barons and Indians.

6.30 - 7.30 2 juvenile teams.

York Club Has Shoot

Scores for York Rifle Shoot held December 19, 1962.

1.	Tom Vessey	99
2.	Lorna Vessey	98
3.	Raymond Vessey	98
4.	Howard Watts	93
5.	Earnest Prowse	93
6.	Gordon Vessey	92
7.	Lloyd Vessey	91
8.	Harry Welton	90
9.	Cecil Watts	89
10.	Lynn Ernst	88
11.	Willard Murray	88
12.	Leigh Vessey	87
13.	Angus Cluney	83
14.	Barry Gallant	82
15.	Larry Welton	80
16.	Carol Watts	80
17.	Raymond Chappell	80

Meteors Top Eagles 8-2

Morell Meteors, led by the two-goal performance of Kevin McGuire, downed Mt. Stewart Eagles 5-2 in a fast, crowd-pleasing hockey game at Morell.

Keefe, McAuley and T. Barry added singles for the winners while Crane and MacLennnan tallied for the Eagles.

Joe MacDonald was a standout in the Morell cage as time and again he thwarted Mount Stewart attacks.

Curling Draw For Montague

The Montague curling schedule for today (Saturday) is as follows:

7 P.M.

Ice 1 — D. McGowan, E. Clay, K. Sullivan, E. Murphy vs. E. Shaw, D. O'Connor, G. Warner, C. Inge.

Ice 2 — G. Worth, K. Hughes, E. MacDonald, B. Gallant vs. At MacDonald, M. Nicholson, MacDonald, P. Warner.

9 P.M.

Ice 1 — D. Coffin, B. Smith, B. Vanderstine, L. Annear vs. J. Fraser, C. Stewart, K. MacDonald, B. Mahon.

Ice 2 — Dr. MacIntyre, D. Nicholson, J. MacNeil, C. Gordon vs. Doc Johnston, E. Waterworth, L. Stewart, A. Johnston.

Eagles Host Combines

RCAF Eagles entertain Prince County Combines Sunday afternoon in a regular Island Senior Hockey League fixture.

The Eagles are occupying the league cellar but in their last meeting with the Combines they managed a 4-3 verdict. That one came at Civic Stadium and was the league's greatest surprise to date. However, the Eagles feel they can show it was no fluke by beating the visitors Sunday afternoon at the air base.

Combines need the two points in the worst way if they intend getting closer to the first place Royals who now own a seven - point cushion. If the race for top spot is to remain in doubt for any length of time, the Combines must start closing in on the men of Sandy Frizzell's.

Game time Sunday afternoon is 3 o'clock.

NORSTAD TO VISIT

OTTAWA (CP) —Gen. Lauris Norstad, retiring Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, will make a farewell visit to Ottawa Jan. 3, the defence department announced Friday.

Doubleheader Played At SDU

Fort Augustus edged Tracadie 5-4 and Corran Ban downed Vernon River 6-2 in CYO Hockey League action at Saint Dunstan's rink last night.

Scoring for Fort Augustus in the second game were J. MacDougall 3, Donnie McKinnon and Michael Beagan.

For Tracadie it was James McNally 2, Vince Fisher and M. Kelly.

Terry Sawchuck In Nets Tonight

DETROIT (CP) — Manager - coach Sid Abel of Detroit Red Wings announced Friday that Terry Sawchuk will be in goal for the Red Wings tonight at Montreal.

The veteran National Hockey League netminder was flown to Detroit from Ottawa Thursday when he complained of extreme abdominal pains. He was admitted to Detroit osteopathic hospital where further examination was made. The intestinal order was cleared up and he flew from Detroit Friday night to rejoin the team.

The Wings played an exhibition game in Ottawa Thursday night.

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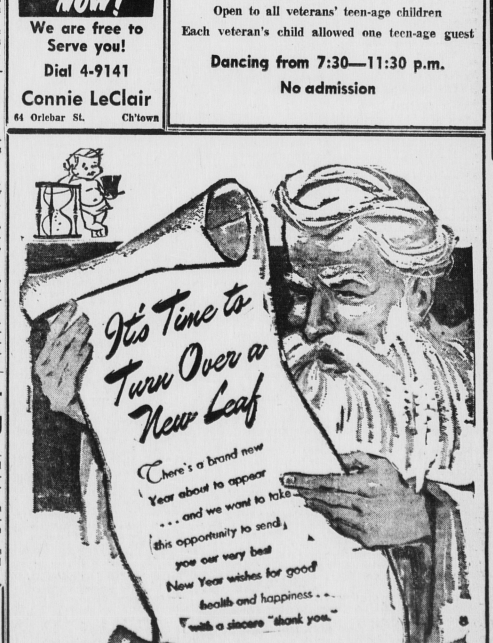

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