

# Two Prairie Rinks Share Lead In Curling Finals After 5 Rounds; P.E.I. Wins Again

REGINA, (CP)—Two Prairie rinks shared the lead in the Canadian curling championship Wednesday after five rounds of play, each with five straight wins.

Manitoba fought off strong opposition from Nova Scotia to remain undefeated and Saskatchewan easily disposed of Alberta, the defending province. Manitoba won 11-9; Saskatchewan 11-5.

The fifth round saw Rudy Steski's Northern Ontario rink shoved out of unbeaten ranks when it was upset 10-8 by Reg Stone of British Columbia in the tightest match of the five rounds. The game was tied 9-9 coming home.

Northern Ontario remained in second place with four wins and the single loss. Ontario, which received the fifth-round bye, was in third spot with three wins and a loss.

Nova Scotia, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island shared fourth place with two wins and two defeats each.

Newfoundland won its third match in five years of championship play by defeating New Brunswick 11-8. In the other fifth-round match Prince Edward Island won its second 19-15 contest by defeating Quebec 12-10.

Going into the sixth round opening at 8 p.m. MST Wednesday night, Newfoundland had the one win and three losses. Quebec had one win and four defeats. Alberta and New Brunswick still were without a win.

British Columbia trailed 5-0 with three ends completed. A big three-ender, scored when Stone made a handy double takeout, cut Steski's lead on the sixth end. Steski was leading 8-4 with eight ends completed. Stone counted three on the ninth to make it 8-7 for Northern Ontario and tied the match 9-9 on the 11th with a two-ender. His winning lead on the sixth end after Northern Ontario missed with three rocks and Stone called for guards.

Roy Forsyth's Manitoba rink had plenty of trouble with Gerry Glinz of Nova Scotia, counting on only four ends. Forsyth had three three-enders and a two-ender. Saskatchewan went out in front in its match with New Brunswick and stayed there.

Newfoundland passed New Brunswick on fourth end and maintained the lead.

Up in the national hockey league, especially in the Montreal area, fans are sitting tight with the prospect that the fabulous Canadian right-winger, Maurice "The Rocket" Richard for the first time in his glory-filled, 13 year NHL career may win his first scoring championship.

With only six games to go, the Rocket has a two point edge on teammate Jean Marc Beliveau who is trailed closely by still another team-mate Bernie "Boom Boom" Geoffrion. Yes, for 13 history-making years, Maurice has piled up more individual honors than any other hockey player ever did, but among them has never appeared the scoring championship. This could be the year.

Tonight two big games are slated for Boston and Montreal with the Bruins taking on the Black Hawks and the Canadiens hosting the Maple Leafs. These games mean a great deal to three of the four teams involved, the exception being the Black Hawks who can win or lose or draw and it still wouldn't get them anywhere.

However, the points which the other teams collect this evening could have considerable effect on the way the teams face-off for the Stanley Cup semi-finals. The Canadiens hold down first place with a three point lead over the second place Red Wings. If the Canadiens win tonight it will send them into the remaining five games with a comfortable five point lead. The Wings also have five games yet to play. They play a home and home series March 17 and 20. As for Toronto, who are being presently chased to the wire by the Bruins, they will have to hustle to keep sale ownership of third place because a win

## Finals In Minor Hockey At Coliseum Here Tonight

Tonight at Rotary Rink Abegweit Paperweights, Pee Wees, Bantams and Midgets will be at home to Summerside teams in the first of home-and-home games to decide this year's Island championships.

Both Abbie and Summerside teams can always be counted on to produce good hockey, minor hockey is really catching on now in public favor and fans will be sure of a real evening's entertainment tonight at Rotary Rink.

Charlottetown boys have shown real improvement this season and while doubtless a lot of parents will be on hand it is hoped a lot of fans as well will turn out to encourage the youngsters who are carrying this city's title hopes for 1955.

for the Bruins and a loss for the Leafs will mean a deadlock for third. So, by the looks of things, tonight's NHL encounters should give fans plenty to talk about.

A pair of great goal-tenders are also staging quite a battle for the Vezeina Trophy honors in the big league as the schedule draws to a close. They are Toronto's Harry Lumley and Detroit's Terry Sawin.

Harry has had it pretty easy all season and many times held between a five and ten goal lead on the Red Wing pride. Back in February when Terry was given a three game rest it seemed as though his hopes for the Vezeina again this year were slim. If at all. Today he is back in the thick of things and only two goals behind Lumley who no doubt will do some hoping to keep his average intact at the Montreal Forum this evening.

## Activities At Rotary Rink

Yesterday's activities at Rotary Rink were as follows:

In the forenoon there was a brisk workout for Central Royals girls. In the afternoon a good-sized crowd of kiddies and adults enjoyed a skate and juvenile Abbies held a brisk session under the watchful eye of coach Jack Ready.

In a sizzling game packed with thrills and spills Vocational School edged Vern Blanchard's Government Garage by a score of 6-5. This game was followed by a practice for the Patriot Aces and the night-cap featured York Juniors and Harrington. This game was highlighted by hard skating and accurate shooting.

## At 14 Wins Series Opener

Lot 16 last evening defeated St. Nicholas by a score of 6-1 in Mount Pleasant rink to take the first game in the best of three game series in the semi-finals for the Mount Pleasant hockey trophy.

## Gavilan Offers Letter of Apology

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., (AP)—The Miami Beach boxing commission says Kid Gavilan has offered to write a letter of apology for his remarks about the judges and the referee following his loss to Hector Constancia of Trinidad Feb. 23.

Chairman Flaman Aadae said such a letter would not be acceptable and that Gavilan must appear in person for a hearing, set for Friday.

Aadae said Gavilan and his trainer, Mundito Nedina, shouted "crooks" and "robbers" after the two judges and the referee gave Constancia a unanimous decision.

Electric: K. Elliott, T. Mitton, D. Sedgewick, J. Morris vs. R. Parker, F. Cox, G. Milligan, T. MacAdam.

Ice 3: Round Robin: F. Acorn vs. F. R. McLaine.

Ice 4: Round Robin: W. R. McNeill vs. C. MacDonald.

## Cornwall Beat Parkdale 9-7

In exhibition hockey at North River rink last evening, the Cornwall Meteors defeated the Parkdale Flyers 9-7 in a high-scoring affair.

MacPhail, Trousdale, Burke and Dowling all scored a pair of markers for the winners, with Copley collecting the other. Carver led the Flyers with a double-brace while MacLeod, Squarebriggs and Moore had singletons.

## Primroses Meet Milton Tonight

The Milton Hornets play host to the powerful Montague Primroses in the final game of a two-game total goal series for the Intermediate "B" title of Queen's and King's Counties at North River rink this evening.

A smooth-passing, fast-skating team, the Hornets face the task of overcoming a four-goal deficit which they became owner of when they were defeated 8-4 by the Primroses in the first game at Montague on Tuesday night.

It is a big assignment for the Hornets and they will face it tonight when they meet the Montague men at 8:30. The winner will play the Summerside Aces for the Island title.

## Today's Rotary Rink Program

2:30-4:00—Kiddies skate  
4:15-5:00—Bantams, Parkdale Royals vs. Parkdale Regals.  
7:00-7:45—Paperweights, Summerside vs. Abbies.  
7:45-8:30—Pee Wees, Summerside vs. Abbies.  
8:30-9:30—Bantams, Summerside vs. Abbies.  
9:30—Midgets, Summerside vs. Abbies.

All evening games 1st of home-and-home series, Island titles and Physical Fitness awards.

## Hockey Scores

American League  
Hershey 2 Pittsburgh 4  
Quebec League  
Montreal 1 Chicoutimi 6  
Quebec Junior A  
Montreal 2 Trois-Rivieres 3  
(Trois-Rivieres wins sudden death semi-final)

Ontario Senior A  
Kitchener-Waterloo 4 Windsor 1  
Northern Ontario Senior  
North Bay 0 Sault Greyhounds 6  
(Greyhounds lead best-of-seven finals 3-2)

Ontario Junior A  
Guelph 3 Toronto Marlboros 4  
(Marlboros lead best-of-five semi-final 2-0)

Ottawa District Junior A  
Brockville 1 Ottawa 3  
(Best of seven finals tied 1-1)

## Penticton Vs Win From Army 14-1

SOEST, Germany (AP)—The Penticton Vs, world champion Canadian hockey team, defeated a selected Canadian army team here Wednesday night 14-1 before 2,500 spectators.

after in a Boston ring and the beating he took from Big Jim he never quite got over. It meant curtains for his career.

The Kenny boys of St. Theresa's all made good in the ring. There were five of them fighting in and around New York at the same time. They must have set a record. One night in New York, all five of them appeared on the same card. Bert is the most famous of them all. He fought the great Jack Dempsey three times and all Dempsey could get on him was a close decision and a draw.

I am, Sir, etc.  
WILFRED McCLUSKEY.

## Saints Tounce Royal 8-2 In City League Action Here

The powerful Saint Dunstan's Varsity hockey squad last night tounded the short-handed Charlottetown Royals 8-2 in a fast City League game at the Forum. The sharp shooting Saints, who were playing several new men

had to be content with a single goal in the first period. Bobby Dillon in the Royals nets pulled off some sensational saves and kept the Royals in the game for that period at least. Two boys who were making their first appearance with the Saints combined for the first marker. John Whalen carried the puck from end to end and as he went into the corner in Royal territory, slipped the rubber to Ed MacDonald in front and Dillon was left defenseless.

## Marciano To Fight On May 16

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Rocky Marciano will defend his heavy-weight boxing championship against Don Cockell of England at San Francisco's Kezar stadium the night of May 16, promoter Jimmy Murray announced Wednesday.

The teams opened up for six goals in the wide-open finale with the Saints out-counting the Royals 4-2. The Saints opened the scoring first with Jack MacDonaid connecting on a pass from Rod Rod dented the Gillis twines for the first time less than ten seconds later on a play with Kip Ready, Gaudet, Whalen and McInnis followed in succession for the Saints before Dave MacLeod finalized the scoring as he beat Gillis with a back-hand drive on a short break-way with only one shot remaining in the final 15 minutes period.

Referees: Brian MacCallum and Joe Revell.

Lineups  
Saints: goal, Gillis; defence, Mullins, L. MacDonald, McInnis, J. Whalen; forward, E. MacDonald, J. MacDonaid, Burns, Davies, Gaudet, Roy, Gionet, Lemay.  
Royals: goal, Dillon; defence, Ledwell, Purcell, Josey; forwards, MacLeod, Pineau, Bradley, C. MacDonald, Dowling, Ready.

Summary  
First period: 1. Saints, E. MacDonaid (Whalen) 7:31; penalties none.  
Second period: Saints, Mullins (unassisted) 9:32; 3. Saints, Roy (unassisted) 10:28; 4. Saints, Gionet (L. MacDonald, Lemay) 10:58; Penalties, Whalen 4:04, Josey 10:48, MacDonald 12:00.  
Third period: 5. Saints, J. MacDonaid (McInnis) 1:44; 6. Royals, C. MacDonald (Ready) 1:51; 7. Saints, Gaudet (Burns) 7:58; 8. Saints, Whalen (J. MacDonald) 10:13; 9. Saints, McInnis (J. MacDonald, E. MacDonaid) 11:12; 10. Royals, MacLeod (unassisted) 14:46. Penalties, Whalen 3:58.

## Vs Goalie On Canadiens' List

MONTREAL, (CP)—Ivan McClelland, goalie for Penticton Vs, has been placed on the negotiation list of Montreal Canadiens, the National Hockey League club said Wednesday.

McClelland, 24-year-old native of Timmins, Ont., was listed along with Bill Cleary, American-born centre with the Harvard University hockey team.

McClelland had four shutouts in the eight games the Vs played in the world tournament in Germany and a goals-against average of less than one a game.

## Too Late To Classify

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## Mexican Wins World Bantam Championship

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Raul Macias, of Mexico, won the world bantamweight championship Wednesday night with a 11th-round technical knockout of Chamrern Songkritrat of Thailand. The time was 2:38.

The referee, Fred Apostoli, himself a former world middleweight champion, stopped the bout after Chamrern had gone down for the fourth time, each for an 8 count. Macias dropped the Thailander twice in the sixth round and twice more in the 11th.

Chamrern was wobbly and was taking a two-lifted attack when Apostoli stepped in and stopped it.

The National Portrait Gallery in London, England, has about 4,000 items.

## FORUM DATES

MARCH 8 TO 12  
WEDNESDAY—  
Skating 8-9 P.M.  
THURSDAY—  
Skating 8-9 P.M.  
FRIDAY—  
Children's Skating 4-5 P.M.  
ICE FOLLIES — 8 P.M.  
SATURDAY—  
Skating 3-4 P.M.  
Rural-Urban Skating 8-10 P.M.

## Islanders Players Have Case Adjourned One Week

MONCTON (CP)—Six Charlottetown Islanders hockey players were released on a total of \$1,745 bail when they appeared in court here Wednesday. The cases were adjourned until March 16.

The six playing coach Steve Brklacich, Danny O'Connor, Orin Carver, Wally Kullman, Bob Gray, and Vernon (Wimpy) Jones, are facing a total of 13 charges arising out of a wild brawl between the players and fans at an Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League final here Saturday night.

Four witnesses were heard Wednesday as the trial of forward Bob Gray opened. He faces charges of assault on two counts and creating a disturbance in a public place. His was the only case started and he was adjourned until March 16.

Bail of \$500 each was required for Carver, Brklacich and Kullman. O'Connor and Jones, charged with common assault, and creating a disturbance in a public place, were released on \$75 bail and Gray on bail of \$95.

Saturday the Charlottetown team went into the stands to assist O'Connor, who took exception to a remark of a fan.

In the riot that followed, 15-year-old Patricia Berry was injured and taken to hospital but she has since been released.

The four witnesses called by the crown against Gray were Harold James, manager in the Moncton Stadium, Sgt. Harold Fitzsimmons of the city police; Robert Chandler, secretary of the ACSHL and inspector F. P. Murphy of the city police.

In his testimony Mr. James said hockey fans sometimes get rabid and that he has seen cases where a player's mates had to go to his assistance when involved with fans.

Sgt. Fitzsimmons said he did not see Gray with his stick in the air but he saw him in the stands. He said he saw fans pushing the players but he didn't get their names or recognize them.

Inspector Murphy testified he had been struck on the side of the jaw but he didn't think Gray threw the puck.

He said he tried to quiet down some of the fans and that Gray pushed him but when he identified himself the Charlottetown player backed off.

## Walls Still Champion Despite Error At Fight

QUEBEC (CP)—Earl Walls of Toronto still is Canadian heavyweight champion and the Canadian Boxing Federation won't dethrone him because of a ring announcer's mistake.

National commissioner Gene Letourneau said Wednesday the decision of the judges and referee calling Tuesday's bout between Walls and James Parker of Barrie, Ont., a draw stands. He said the federation "can't take away a fighter's title because an announcer gives it away."

Letourneau was commenting on reports that Parker's handlers plan to appeal the confusing fight verdict of the CBF. Announcer Tommy McClure told a Toronto fight crowd of 5,500 Parker won the fight by half a point—163½ to 163.

## Annual Sportsmen's Show Opens Friday At Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—Fishing reels spun, outboard motors sputtered and hammers thumped at the Coliseum in Toronto's Canadian National Exhibition grounds Wednesday as preparations rumbled forward for the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show.

The eighth annual exhibition opens officially Friday night when R. Douglas Stuart, United States ambassador and the 48th Highlanders pipe band will be on hand. The grounds will be open to the public Friday morning.

Proceeds from the show, sponsored by Toronto Anglers' and Hunters' Association, are used for an extensive conservation program. Officials said about 250,000 persons are expected during the eight-day exhibition.

Major events include a large boat and marine show, an international motor show, cottage and travel shows, a midway operated by squirrels and three dog shows. DISPLAY SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Bowling competitions, a fashion show, cribbage championships, a stage and water revue round out the program.

The RCAF and Royal Canadian Navy will each have displays in the show with more than 250 manufacturers, dealers and retailers sporting the latest equipment

## Fast Change For Boxer As Error Corrected

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boxing commissioner Merv MacKenzie entered the ring and called the fight a draw.



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