

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

TODAY AND TOMORROW are the last times that we can chat with our readers in 1959. With this in mind we thought a hurried look at the sports scene for the past twelve months would be in order. We will divide our efforts into two columns, today and Thursday, and at that we will only be able to scratch the surface.

IN BASEBALL it was King's County that stole the entire show. This sports-minded section of Prince Edward Island ran away with top honors in baseball circles. Morell-Peakes bantams made history by winning the Maritime championship, sidelining Moncton and Halifax teams on their way to the three-province crown.

Morell-Peakes Juniors captured the Island junior crown and made a most respectable showing before falling to Moncton. The King's County boys beat Charlottetown Legionnaires in the provincial final. The Legion nine had advanced to the Island final by disposing of Abbie Juniors.

Summerside boys tried their best to keep intermediate ball alive and they almost captured the Maritime crown. They pushed Black's Harbour to three games before giving the New Brunswickers the Maritime title.

In Charlottetown and Summerside minor leaguers and little leaguers had another great season with Jack Ready and Johnny Carroll. The young players took full advantage of the opportunities afforded them and as a result some promising prospects showed up.

Mount Stewart finished on top in the King's County baseball league and beat the Prince County winner, Tignish Aces for the right to advance against the New Brunswick winner. The Mount Stewart boys fought Maclean to three games before losing out.

Although Mount Stewart finished on top in the County league, it was Georgetown Eagles that sprung the great surprise by ousting the crown after a great series with Peakes Bombers. The Eagles kept going and grabbed the Island rural championship by ousting Tignish Aces.

SOFTBALL came into its own in the 1959 season. In Charlottetown, the City Softball League, under the capable guidance of Charles P. MacKenzie, provided fans with some great thrills during the summer months.

Barry's Lions, Rollaway Aces, Junior Basilia Youth Club, BIS Shamrocks and Dodgers participated. Dodgers missed the playoffs which were eventually won by Rollaway Aces. Aces played Minto in the N.B.-P.E.I. playdowns and were eliminated in straight games.

THE NAMES OF Cecil (Bobby) Dowling, Don MacDonald, Gail Mustard and Blanche Hogg figured prominently in Island golfing during 1959.

Bobby, professional at the Belvedere Golf Club, won his usual haul of trophies but probably his biggest feat was his brilliant showing in the Canadian Professional Golf Association tournament at Hull, Quebec. Dowling fired a hot 68 on the opening day to trail Stan Leonard by only one stroke. He finished sixth battling the best pros in Canada.

Dowling won the Green Gables and P.E.I. Open tournaments here on the Island and the MPGA tournament at Moncton. He finished second in the Nova Scotia Open and the Saint John Exhibition tournament.

Don MacDonald was the Island's top amateur winning the Island closed and the amateur division of the P.E.I. Open and the Charlottetown club championship. Art MacKenzie was top man in the N.B.-P.E.I. sectional tourney. Harry Simmonds was top amateur in the Green Gables Open.

Gail Mustard wrote a little history by winning the Charlottetown club's junior and senior titles. It was her first time a junior golfer had accomplished this feat. Miss Mustard also won the Maritime junior champion during the Maritime Ladies Championships held in Charlottetown in July. The senior crown was grabbed by Lunenburg's Rita Lohmes.

Blanche Hogg of Summerside won the Island amateur ladies crown.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND hockeyists brought two Maritime championships to the province in 1959.

Summerside Aces, conquerors of Charlottetown Royals in a thrilling seven-game series for the provincial crown, blasted Sackville and Windsor in Maritime intermediate playdowns and romped home with the three-province crown.

Harry Sentner's Midget Abbies duplicated the feat of their senior brothers from Prince County. The Red and Black youngsters easily disposed of Island competitors, then edged Bathurst in a sudden death fixture in the New Brunswick paper town and wrapped up the season with a resounding triumph over Halifax Midgets, champions of Nova Scotia.

GARRISON JUNIORS ALMOST made it three for the Island province. The provincial representatives in junior playdowns, the Garrison boys made a gallant bid before bowing to the Campbellton Tigers in the N.B.-P.E.I. playoffs. The Garrison lost its opening game of a two-game total goal set here by a 5-3 score. They were trailing 5-0 in the third period but a spirited drive cut the margin to two. A few days later in Campbellton, the Garrison outfit beat the Tigers 3-1 in the regular game but lost in overtime which was necessary to break the 8-8 tie. Campbellton later won the championship of the three provinces by easily disposing of the Nova Scotia champions from Antigonish.

In Juvenile competition Saint Dunstan's University captured the Island's top honors. The Saints came out best in a three-team competition with Prince of Wales, Walsingham and Abbies the other members of the trio. Saints lost to Moncton in the Maritime semi-final round and Moncton went on to win the top award for the Maritimes.

IN INTERMEDIATE C competition, the largest number of teams ever entered battled for the coveted title. Murray Harbour Bruins finally copped the silverware beating New Annan Beavers in two straight games. Intermediate 'B' play found Cape Traverse Rovers emerging the victors over Annandale Combines three games to one.

Minor Hockey received its usual efficient attention, especially in Charlottetown and Summerside where over 1200 youngsters went through their paces. Champions were declared in all divisions and the young fry were pretty well agreed that they had the most successful season ever.

Queen Charlotte High School captured the interscholastic crown by disposing of Birchwood High. The Queen Charlotte boys, under coach Jack 'Sp' Ready led a formidable, one of the best school squads in years.

Through the province, country rinks enjoyed a fairly successful season with Jack Frost lending a most co-operative hand. Various trophies were up for competition and teams in these different centres battled as though the Stanley Cup were at stake.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN and District Hockey League tried its best to operate but the teams met one trouble after another and there never was a champion declared. The league never had the support of the public and it died a slow but sure death.

During the year hockey lost through death three comparatively young men. They were Jack Kane, Angus MacDonald and Mark Delaney. Each of these gentlemen had made a generous contribution to the hockey history of Prince Edward Island and their passing was deeply mourned.

All in all it was probably one of the most successful seasons the province has had for quite a number of years. More people participated in the sport than ever before and prospects for an even better 1959-60 are bright.

Natural ice rinks are eagerly awaiting a stretch of cold weather and once that comes the season will really be in full swing.

Coaches Credited With Colts' Drive

BALTIMORE (AP)—Two good reasons for the second-half fireworks of the Baltimore Colts in their drive to a second straight National Football League championship sat in the press box through all their games.

The reasons: Assistant coaches Charley Winner and Herman Ball, the "eyes" of head coach Weeb Ewbank during business hours.

The Colts scored 405 points this year in 13 games, including Sunday's 31-16 title victory over New York Giants. Sixty per cent of the points were racked up in the second half, with 41 per cent—or 166

points—in the fourth quarter alone. Including their 24-point outburst in Sunday's final period, they exploded for at least 21 points in either the third or fourth period of four games. "Charley and Herman do a wonderful job in the press box," said Ewbank, explaining a major factor in these late pyrotechnics. Winner and Ball analyze the game's early play, relay their observations to the bench by telephone and suggest formation adjustments at halftime.



CAN ROYALS STOP THEM?

Penguins entertain Parkdale Royals tonight at the Sports Arena in an Island Senior Hockey League tussle. Coach Lorne Hennessey is determined to put a stop to the winning ways of the Royals and he's

figuring this trio above will do something about it. Jack Kane, left, Apps Arsenault, centre, and Merrill Pineau, right are the Penguins' big pointgetters so far this season and they're hoping tonight will be their best

performance. Royals are confident they can take the measure of the Perfectionists. It should be one of the best battles of the season with action slated to start at 8.30 sharp.

Canada's Hope In Olympics Is Making Great Progress

By DON ATTFIELD
OTTAWA (CP)—Anne Heggtveit says in a letter to her parents that she's skiing better than ever.

Canada's top woman athlete of 1959 and main ski hope in this winter's Olympics is preparing in Austria for the biggest event of her sports career. Her father, Halvor L. Heggtveit, said in an interview she sounded very happy in a letter received Tuesday.

"She said she's skiing better than she ever has before at this time of year."

Father is more worried than daughter. "I'm afraid to be hopeful," he said.

MISSED OLYMPICS

Halvor Heggtveit was Canadian cross-country ski champion in 1934. He had to turn down his own chance to compete in the 1932 Olympics for lack of money.

"There are so many uncertainties," he said. "Most people don't realize all the factors involved. You have to be feeling just right the day of the race and your wax and equipment have to be just right."

There were a dozen other good skiers who could win.

But Heggtveit said his 21-year-old daughter has felt well from the start of this year's skiing. Her legs didn't hurt at all after her first time on the slopes. She worked only afternoons during the summer so she could golf

mornings and play tennis evenings to keep in condition.

BROKE LEG

Anne, who has been skiing since the age of two, fared poorly in the 1956 Olympics after breaking her leg in 1955.

Last year she proved herself ready by winning the tough Arberg-Kandahar combined title.

She was winner by a wide margin in the Canadian Press poll

for woman athlete of the year.

Anne will compete in four major races before going to Squaw Valley, Calif., Feb. 18 for the winter Olympics.

She'll be entered in the Grindelwald ladies international in Switzerland Jan. 6-8, and the following weekend will compete in the Hahnenkamm races in Austria.

After a stop Jan. 19 in Montreal, she'll head for Alta, Utah, for the United States national races Jan. 29-31. The following weekend she'll be in the Roch Cup races at Aspen, Colo.

Summerside Minor Hockey

Wednesday Dec. 30th.

9.00-10.00 a.m. Pee Wee All Stars.

10.00-11.00 a.m. No. 1 Bantams vs No 5 Bantams

11.00-12.00 noon No 3 Bantams vs No 4 Bantams.

4.30-5.30 p.m. No 1 Pee Wee vs No 5 Pee Wee.

5.30-6.30 p.m. No 3 Pee Wee vs No 4 Pee Wee

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Bill Durnan Resigns Tues. As Coach Of Dutchmen

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—Bill Durnan resigned Tuesday as coach of Kitchener Waterloos Dutchmen, Canada's 1960 hockey representatives in the Olympic games.

Durnan, former National Hockey League goaltending great with Montreal Canadiens, quit the club following a conference with president Oscar Wiles. No successor was named but Wiles said the club hoped to make an announcement today.

Dutchmen have lost six straight games and 10 of their 13 league starts this month. In the process they have dropped from first to fourth place in the Ontario Hockey Association Senior A series.

Curling Draw

The following is the curling draw for Wednesday night:

7 P. M.

Ice 1 — Open.

Ice 2 — R. Ewing, M. Kennedy, L. Johnston, T. Walker, vs. D. Langille, A. Anderson, D. Goodspeed, R. Chambers.

Ice 3 — Myron Bell, J. Cameron, G. Stewart, R. McGregor, vs. Dr. MacDonald, J. Squarebriggs, A. Burke, Dr. Gallant.

Ice 4 — Shepherders Summerside vs. Charlottetown.

Ice 5 — D. Hill, L. Blakeney, G. Wellner, F. Bradley, vs. W. MacLaine, A. Love, H. Peters, G. Kays.

8.30 P.M.

All ices open for scratch games.

ton, D.C., workhorse with 72 fights to his credit, each come off losing efforts.

The televised bout will be scored under the five point must system.

Tiger, a close-in pressure brawler, whose best weapon is a looping left hook, is ranked sixth by the National Boxing Association and ninth by Ring magazine. In his last Chicago Stadium appearance, Sept. 30, he defeated Joey Giardello in 10 then lost to him in a Cleveland rematch Nov. 4.

The Dutchmen were to play in Kentville Tuesday night and manager Ernie Goman was in temporary charge of the club.

LACK PERSONNEL?

Durnan, in reviewing the reasons for the club's slump, said that it was a case of "not enough horses."

He said that the Dutchmen lacked the personnel to compete with teams stacked with reinstated professionals.

Durnan pointed to injuries and the need to try out extra players for Olympic competition as upsetting factors in handling the team.

The former Montreal star, six times winner of the Vezina Tro-

phy, came to Kitchener in 1956 and took over the coaching job here last season when Bobby Bauer retired.

Club officials and others disagreed that it was a case of lack of material and expressed the view that some of the players were not giving a 100 per cent effort.

Among those mentioned as possible successors are Hap Day, former Toronto Maple Leaf coach, and Wren Blair, present manager of the Whitty Dunlops and also of the Clinton Comets of the United States Eastern League.

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