

SPORT IN KINGS

Souris Is Only Eastern Kings Team In The Finals

By ED CLINTON

Souris Bureau of The Guardian Eastern Kings has at least one hockey team left in the Island playoffs, and they have advanced to the provincial finals. That team is the Souris Bantams. In their first series they easily disposed of Georgetown by the tune of 19-0. Then they met Montague, and were forced into overtime before winning 9-8 in the total goal series. In the semi-finals, they edged their way past Mt Stewart 3-2.

They will meet Crapaud in the Island finals. As a matter of fact, the first game of this total goal series will have been played in Souris when you read this. The second game was tentatively set for Crapaud on Saturday morning. This is the first time that a bantam team from Souris has advanced this far along the playoff trail.

The weather man has been most co-operative the past few days. As a result many of the natural ice rinks have resumed operations. Some, however, lost too much ice, or their ice rotted, and their doors will remain closed. In Souris, despite the mild weather, the operators of the Arena managed not only to save their ice, but, somehow or other, kept up regular skating sessions, and with the new cold spell, have a beautiful sheet of ice.

Despite this cold wave, which could last only a few days, officials of natural ice rinks should still give serious consideration to the installation of artificial ice making plants. This is especially true in such centers as Souris, Montague and Morell in this county. All three centers have major programs in minor hockey, which cannot be prop-

erly satisfied under the present conditions.

The Provincial Inter-scholastic Basketball championships will be decided this Saturday in Summerside. This county will be represented by three teams. Morell Regional High will supply two of the three. Both the boys and girls of Morell annexed first place in their respective leagues to qualify for the championship tournament. Souris finished in second place, and met PVI in playdowns, and the local girls won out and will make the trip.

The local girls had little trouble disposing of their opponents from PVI, swamping them in both games, with a new scoring threat emerging in the person of young Shirley Acorn, who is playing her first year of High School basketball. The boys' games were close exciting affairs, with the outcome in doubt until the bitter end, but the visitors from Charlottetown managed to come out on top.

Action in the Souris Bowling Leagues continued last week, with two games being postponed due to weather conditions. Following are the results of games played in the Women's League: Pixies 3 1/2, Top Notchers 1 1/2, L.R. Crasheers 5, High

2, Quiet Ones 3, Mic Macs 2. In the Men's League: Comets 3, Unbeatables 2, Detachables 5, Rovers 0, Night Hawks 5, L.H. Beattles 0, Untouchables 5, Bachelors 0.

League standings, Women's: Pixies 60, L.R. Crasheers 41 1/2, Top Notchers 38, Quiet Ones 33 1/2, Centennials 28 1/2, Professionals 28 1/2, High Lows 23 1/2, Mic Macs 20 1/2, Hungry Six 6. In the Men's League: Night Hawks 71 1/2, Untouchables 56, Bachelors 45 1/2, Detachables 42 1/2, L.H. Beattles 28 1/2, Comets 28 1/2, Unbeatables 26, Rovers 25 1/2.

Top Seven in each league, Women's League: Anne MacDonald 189, Dorothy Young 173, Emma MacDonald 172, Alice MacDonald 165, Frances LaVie 165, Eleanor Clinton 164, and Martha Leslie 163. In the Men's League: Kenneth O'Hanley 198, Edward McLaughlin 178, Cliff Ford 177, Peter Ford 172, Bernard MacAulay 172, Daniel Johnston 172, Mickey MacDonald 169.

Another basketball war is in the making. The Souris Teachers will clash with the Red Point Farmers in either a best of seven, or a best of nine series for the Eastern King's Basketball championship. This series is set to get underway next week. Both teams were evenly matched all season, so it should be a close exciting affair. We understand also, that a trophy may be donated, and would be up for annual competition.

RIFLE SHOOT

The Charlottetown Civilian Rifle Association held their weekly shoot at the RCMP Barracks Tuesday night. This was the best attended shoot of the season as thirty-five competitors turned out. Gerry Allen in class two led all the shooters with a 98 out of a possible 100. Norman Kieser in class three also had 98 but one less x bull.

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Al Mutch
Eldon MacLean
Tom Vesey
Roy Vesey
Fred Youmber
Dave Johnson

CLASS 2
Gerry Allen
Lorne Stevenson
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Edgar Jones
Ken Jay
C. Chandler

CLASS 3
Norman Kieser
Bruce Robertson
Ron Clark

CLASS 4
Sidney Carter
Gordon Mills
Sandra Younker
Angus MacLeod
Joe Roggeveen
C. Ho
Alfred Fyfe
Gerald Hill
Brian Chandler
Paul Kieser
Milt Carver
J. Callahan
P. Callahan
Next shoot will be Tuesday, March 23. All competitors welcome.

Eleven Teams To Compete

Eleven teams will be competing in the annual Tri-Service Hockey Championship to be held at RCAF Station Summerside today. The tournament will run until March 19, and the teams competing include: HMCS Stadacona, Shearwater, Cor-

63' walls, 1st Battalion Black Watch, 2nd Battalion Black Watch, Royal Canadian Dragoons, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, and three airforce teams from Chatham, Greenwood and Summerside.

In addition to the 200 players that will invade the station, each team will provide a team of officials who will be CAHA or MAHA, qualified.

The competition will be divided into a championship division and losers in the first round will drop into a consolation division.

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ACROSS THE ISLAND

Top Yank Medal Won By Three Islanders

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

THIS PROVINCE produced two heroes who won the Congressional Medal of Honor, one of them almost 100 years ago, I learn from Mrs. B. T. Thompson, Summerside who passed along to me information received from her son, Erwin Thompson, who is historian for the United States national parks service, and is now at the Fort Davis national historic site in Texas.

One of the medal winners, Private Daniel Campbell of the U.S. marine corps was born in this province on October 26, 1874. He entered the Marines from the state of Massachusetts and that makes sense, for thousands of Islanders went there in former years.

Pte. Campbell's citation read: "On board the U.S.S. Marblehead during the cutting of the cable leading from Manzanillo, Cuba May 11, 1898, facing the heavy fire of the enemy, Campbell set an example of extraordinary bravery and coolness throughout the action."

THE OTHER medal winner was Pte. Thomas H. Gay, Company B, 8th U.S. Cavalry. There was no date given for the birth of Pte. Gay but the citation said he was born on Prince Edward Island. He was awarded the Medal of Honor on July 24, 1899 for action in Arizona between August and October 1892. His citation read in part "for bravery in Scouts and action against the Indians."

Unfortunately there is no suggestion where these men were born in this province. If any readers can have any information I would greatly appreciate it. My thanks to Mrs. Thompson and her son for passing this along to me. Erwin Thompson a graduate of UCLA in Los Angeles, California completed graduate work in history and has been associated with historic study in the United States. His many assignments have included that of technical advisor to the director of the National Parks service, an agency of the department of the interior.

C. MacGillivray Medal Recalled
THE MEDALS of Honor reported here were completely unknown to Islanders apparently. I recall that during the Second World War a former Charlottetown boy, Sgt. Charles MacGillivray, came here to speak in a Victory Loan drive and our papers said he was "the only Island man ever to win the Congressional Medal of Honor."

Ralph Cameron wrote the story and in one of his scrap books I find that Sgt. MacGillivray's 71st U.S. infantry regiment was moving forward in darkness on the morning of January 1, 1945 to meet the threat of a breakthrough by elements of the 17th Panzer Grenadier Division.

Advancing along the left flank, he ran across enemy troops digging in. At the same time the Germans opened fire and stopped the American advance.

Sgt. MacGillivray volunteered to take care of the gun positions while another company of the 71st flanked the other strongpoints from the right. He circled from the left through the snow-covered woods, worked his way to the emplacement, and shot the two camouflaged gunners from a range of three feet. Other enemy forces withdrew.

That same afternoon Sgt. MacGillivray went on reconnaissance. The citation continued, and discovered that his company was being opposed by six machine guns, supporting a company of German troops. Soon after his company began an attack, it was pinned down by furious automatic and rifle fire.

79 SS Troopers Were Destroyed
"AGAIN, HE voluntarily went on a lone combat patrol. Carefully working through the underbrush, he stalked the enemy, reached a hostile machine gun and blasted its crew with a hand grenade. Picking up a sub-machine gun, he advanced to within 10 yards of another machine gun, where he and his crew discovered him and feverishly tried to swing their weapon into line to cut him down."

Ignoring the enemy fire, he jumped into the midst of the Germans and killed them with several bursts.

In all Sgt. MacGillivray was reported to have destroyed 79 German SS troopers in the action which was near Wolfing, France and he lost his left arm which was shattered by 25 bullets.

The story of 1945 said the hero was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacGillivray, 25 Spring Street.

Oversight Was Not Intentional
AN ITEM last week intended to pay tribute to the late Stewart MacMillan, father of Billy MacMillan, well known Island hockey player, who is a student at St. Dunstan's University, unintentionally ignored the fact that George MacMillan is also a son.

I have followed the career of George and Billy during the past winter as I read the sport stories which told of the SDU hockey team's successes, and I listened to several of Mike Hennessy's broadcasts of games played here and elsewhere. As a result I was keenly aware of George MacMillan's worth to his team. But I never had any idea that the two boys were brothers.

So George here's my apology to you, and my explanation of how I came to ignore you when I referred to your brother. My appreciation goes to T. M. LeBlond, QC, Summerside who was good enough to tell me the facts of the situation.

And here's my congratulations to Coach Kane and every mother's son on his hockey team for the feat of reaching the Canadian College hockey finals. It's a first time for a Maritime team, and all of us here are proud that it was our Island club, St. Dunstan's, that won that honor.

Horse Whip Was Used But Little
MRS. ERNEST Coles, Suffolk, tells me that her husband had one of the horse whips of which I spoke in a recent column.

The whip "still is in good shape," says Mrs. Coles who observes that a "probably because he didn't believe in whipping his horses. He only carried it in case he really had to use it."

I understand, Mrs. Coles, and remember that many people usually did nothing more than shake the whip, or whistle it of a horse and that usually was sufficient. And that reminds me of a story I've been telling at several of the places I've been speaking in the past few months.

The late Joe MacDougall of Alberton told me many an interesting story for this column while he was alive. Last fall I called on his widow, with whom he had lived, to pay my respects because Mr. MacDougall had died only a few days before I visited that part of the country.

But one of his stories told me this story that I had never heard from himself. It concerns a horse whip, so here it is.

Rug Hops In Air As Whip Cracked
THEY HAD good horses at the MacDougall farm when Joe was a young man and one of them was a "blood" horse, as they called a driver in those days. The term Standard Breed is mostly used now.

Most horses used to cringe and crowd up into the stall as far as possible when someone shook a whip at them. But the MacDougall horse was so full of life and pep, he used to jump an even foot straight in the air. Of course everyone admired the animal and nobody in the family would think of actually striking him with the whip, least of all Joe.

But the young man often shook the whip behind the horse and watched with admiration how the nimble animal sprang straight into the air just about a foot. Well, the three times when the horse died, as all horses do eventually. The family thought so much of him that they carefully removed his hide, cleaned, tanned and hoed it and made a beautiful fur rug out of it.

The MacDougall family thought so much of the horse, they put the rug in a little used corner of the dining room, where the rug would be admired by visitors, but tried on by as few as possible.

Joe, then a young man, had a whip in his hand one day as he strode into the dining room, and he shook it in sort of an absent-minded manner. And, as reported, "the rug was exactly one foot off the floor."

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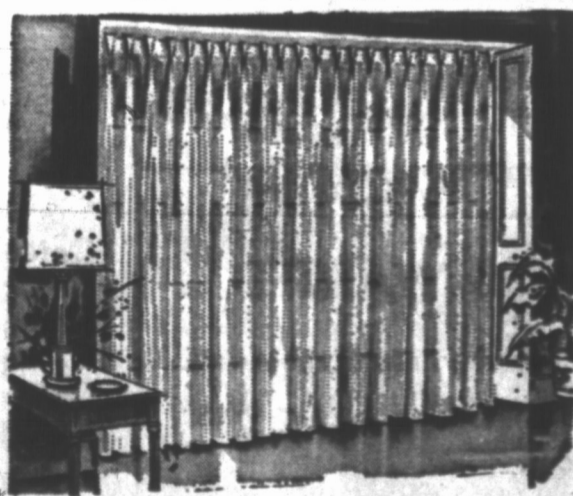
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