

# Whitlock's Royals Trip Juniors In Series Opener

Buck Whitlock's Royals went on a scoring spree in the third period of a playoff game with the Garrison Juniors last evening at the Sports Arena scoring 4 unanswered markers to down the Juniors 9-5.

Up till the final frame Orin Carver's lads had held their own, with the score knotted at 2-2 all at the end of the opening frame and 5-5 in the second session.

This was the first game of a best of three semi-final series in the Charlottetown and District Hockey League. Next game in this series will take place next Tuesday night.

## SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

**THAT'S A REAL HUNDINGER** of a scoring race that five of the National Hockey League aces are staging.

Right now, Andy Bathgate, Eddie Lizenberger, Boom Boom Geoffron, Gordie Howe and Dickie Moore are in a real tangle with the first three named having 64 points as compared to Moore's and Howe's 61. Montreal's Jean Beliveau can't be counted out yet as he is only three points back of Dickie and Gordie.

**IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME** when the N.H.L.'s scoring race had so many sharpshooters vying for top honors. It's usually two or at the most three performers that are battling for the scoring championship. But not this 1958-59 season. These half dozen hockey stars are full of ambitions and are not giving up on the race until that final game is played.

As it looks now, the race will likely not be decided until the final games of the regular schedule. Montreal has three chances in Geoffron, Moore and Beliveau with New York pinning its hopes on Bathgate and Chicago Black Hawks placing their money on Eddie Lizenberger.

For us to start calling the eventual winners would be really putting the jinx on one of those poor guys. We certainly are not going to be surprised when a champion is crowned. No, we are not calling it for anyone but we are hoping that Chicago's Eddie Lizenberger can head all the other guys to the wire.

**TOPPING THE LEADERS** in goals scored is Dickie Moore with 30. Andy Bathgate has 29, Lizenberger 28, Bellevue 26, Howe 25. Lowest goal getter in the top group is Boom Boom Geoffron with 21. However, Geoffron makes up for this in his assist department where he has 43 points to his credit, giving him his 64 which at the present time is good enough to share top spot with Bathgate and Lizenberger.

**SAINT DUNSTAN'S SECONDS** have an opportunity this week to do something about their lowly position in the Island Basketball League. Saints play three games from now until Sunday and all three on their own floor.

The Red and White squad has played some pretty fair basketball this season and although not challenging for top honors at the present time, the Saints are far from out of the picture. A few wins this week and Bob Linegar's high schoolers could be real troublemakers.

Wednesday the boys from out Malpeque Road entertain the RCAF Sultans, a team they really threw a scare into the last time they battled at the airbase in Summerside. Saints missed by a narrow margin that time and several of their players missed the first half when the car they were driving in ran into engine trouble. This time the Collegians are sure they'll get even with the Airmen and the game should be an interesting one.

Saturday afternoon the Red and Whites are hosts to the Charlottetown 'Y' and Sunday the classy Trotters go visiting at the university gym.

Yes, it's a big week for the Saint Dunstan's Seconds. It's one that could break them or make them.

**WHEN THE JIGGS** MacDONALD and Myron Bell rinks finished up early Saturday morning in Summerside, they surely must have been eight tired curlers. They had been curling almost steadily for six and one-half hours. Indeed the Jiggs' rink had a match with Dr. Wren MacDONALD early that afternoon. No doubt about it, the boys were really bushed.

However, there's another chap who surely needed a few minutes relaxation after Jiggs and company copped the Island championship. We refer to Frank 'Duck' Acorn who did the play by play for CJRW in Summerside. Duck was on continuously from the start of the second last game until the MacDONALD rink grabbed the crown in the wee hours of Saturday morning. That meant that 'Duck' had nearly seven hours air time.

We listened to a lot of the broadcast and figured that 'Duck' did a mighty fine job. It surely was a big order but the genial race secretary had just as much left at the end as if he had been on the air for about one hour.

Congratulations, 'Duck'. We thoroughly enjoyed your description of the games, as did the many other Island folks who were keenly interested in the outcome of the British Consols play.

**SINCE WRITING** the above, we are informed they found a mystery point along the line for Bathgate.

So now he's all by himself with 65 points

## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Boston harness horse fans will be able to see twice as much harness racing this season than in previous years. The State Racing Commission has granted the mile track at Suffolk Downs 23 nights of harness racing.

Their dates will be from September 19 to October 15. Suffolk Downs has always been a track for runners, but now that harness racing is becoming so popular, they have decided to put on a big harness program this fall.

To show that they are no "pickers", the officials at Suffolk Downs recently put in a bid for the privilege of staging the 1962 Hambletonian race for three-year-old trotters. The amount they offered is \$160,000! Last year's Hambletonian was for a purse of approximately \$106,000.

Up to, and including, 1956 the Hambletonian was raced on the mile track at Goshen, N.Y. Since then it has been raced at DuQuoin, Illinois, and they have the rights for it for 1959, 1960 and 1961.

**RECORDS BROKEN**

Attendance, wagering and revenue in New York State broke all records in 1958, according to an announcement by the New York State Tax Commission. For the first time, pari-mutuel turnover at harness racing tracks exceeded wagering at the running tracks.

Revenue from all racing sources, for the 866 days hit \$80,903,329, compared with a previous record of \$77,048,502 for the 783-day season last year. Attendance was 12,011,328, compared with 11,169,536 for the year 1957. The trotting tracks drew 7,050,002 and running tracks only 5,041,326.

Total wagering at all tracks soared to a new high of \$681,069,537, compared with the old mark of \$594,699,250 the year before. Wagering at the harness racing tracks hit \$465,384,651 for 654 days. Betting at the running tracks in 212 days was \$415,694,066. Since pari-mutuel betting was

legalized 19 years ago, New York State has collected \$730 million in revenue.

**FIVE CLASSES**

Secretary - Treasurer W. G. Gillespie is sending out entry forms for the 27th Annual Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club Colt Stakes for 1959, open to colts foaled or bred in the Maritimes.

There are five classes - two-year - old trot, two-year - old pace, three-year - old trot, three-year - old pace, and the four-year - old trot. The first payment is \$5, due on March 1st, 1959.

Down in sunny Florida faster miles are constantly being reported for the two-year-old pacers and two-year-old trotters. Ben White Raceway has the majority of the two-year-old crop; it is located on the outskirts of Orlan

Since our last report there has been quite a reduction in the performances, and at present the record mark there, which is probably a record for the whole United States, is held by Fred Bradbury's "Freightlette," who has paced in 2:28 3/5.

For a change they had some rain, which slowed the track up and cut out some of the training, but this doesn't happen very often.

The two stables on which most of the attention is focused are the Billy Haughton and Del Miller strings. Billy's string hasn't shown the fastest miles, but they are all training nicely and improving every week. Del Miller was away in Paris to the International Race, of which we gave an account in this column, and it is expected that his return means there will be some real speed fireworks. Several of the two-year-old colts have worked in 2:35, and all of them have beaten 2:45.

**FASTEST MILE**

Windsor, Ontario, claims to have the fastest mile worked by a two-year-old this year. The report states that the two-year-old

paced filly, Success Joan, by His Honor, P. 1:59 1/4, dam Pearl Rosecroft, 2:07, was clocked in 2:24.

The filly wears nothing but loose hobbles and no boots. She was a natural pacer from the first time she was harnessed last summer. She is in the stable of Bruce and Bryce Fulmer.

The young Maritime driver, Don Larlee, a native of Edmundston, N.B., is training at Aiken, South Carolina, where there is quite a number of stables. Don has some very promising three-year-olds owned by Grant Messinger of Denton, Texas, and J. T. Simpson of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

It will be remembered that Don had a very successful season in the Maritimes some years ago, and the following year took a position with Joe O'Brien and drove a portion of his stable.

**STABLE TRAINER**

At Pinehurst, North Carolina, Weldon Carroll, formerly of Sydney, Nova Scotia, is busy training the Earl Avery Stable, which has some of the best trotters and pacers racing in it.

Weldon made a good move when he left Sydney a few years ago to go with Earl, and has made good or he would not be in charge of a stable as valuable as the Clearview Stable, (which is owned by the Woolworths of "five-and-ten-cent" fame), during Earl's absence in Paris, France, to attend the International Grand Prix race.

The Santa Anita Stakes schedule, which will be raced at their meeting which extends from March 15 to April 9 at their mile track at Santa Anita, California, has been announced. There are twenty stake races, and they total in the vicinity of \$130,000.

We expect to see the S. A. Camp Stable, with Joe O'Brien as driver, active in these stakes. Joe has not raced at the track at Bay Meadows, California where harness racing is now going on. He is probably giving his horses a bit of a rest after the severe campaign of last year, and also spending a lot of time with the two-year-olds by Scott Frost and other sires, that are getting their lessons preparatory to their stake obligations later.

No doubt the ten Maritimers that Joe has with him are enjoying the California climate and the very good accommodation they have at the Camp Farm. We might add that one thing Joe will not stand for is "King Alcohol," so parents and friends of the Maritime boys can feel sure that the best of conduct and discipline characterizes the S. A. Camp Farm's stables.

The films of the Hambletonian and Little Brown Jug will be shown on CFY-TV Thursday evening, February 19th. Admirers of native son Joe O'Brien will see him in action in both these events - winning the middle heat of the trotting classic with the overlooked Little Rocky, and capturing the "Jug" for the first time in his career with the great Shadow Wave. The time for the showing has been set for six o'clock.

Cyril Toombs of Rustico has shown us a letter that was addressed to him.

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# SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

The Island league (or is it the Charlottetown and District League) - we've heard it called a few other names during its slipshod career - is all set for the playoffs. The Navy Tars take on the Aces in a best two out of three series, and the Royals and Juniors engage in a similar round. Then, we presume, another short final series, and a winner will be declared. The Aces will be the only team of the quartet which will go into the MAHA playdowns with exactly the same personnel.

For Windy's warriors it will be like a boxer tuning up for a crack at Floyd Patterson by taking on George Chivato. If Chivato knocked out this boxer, how would he feel going against Patterson? Similarly, if one of the three Charlottetown teams beat the Aces, the stock of the red-shirts will be selling a bit of a discount for MAHA Intermediate "A" competition. On past form, however, the Aces should win the Island league title without too much trouble providing, of course, all the teams stick to their own playing rosters, which hasn't been a requirement up to now of this wacky organization.

We are a dyed-in-the-wool Aces fan, and we can work up an optimistic binge on the Aces' chances of victory over all comers without too much effort. We just mix their great record early in the season when they were winning by lopsided scores with a reflection of the fine coaching of Windy Steele, add a pinch or two of wishful thinking, and stir with a section of rainbow. It all adds up to a glorious victory for Aces and defeat and humiliation for everyone else. We hope the hangover isn't too severe.

That's all right for a fan like us. - Fan is just an abbreviation for fanatic, remember. But neutral observers in assessing where the Aces belong, should go entirely by the facts, which, in part at least, are as follows: In the play-offs between the Aces and Ambers and the Royals last year, there were two games played and the Aces won one. To the suggestion that the Aces are much improved this year, we drink a little more of the rainbow brew and give two hearty hip-thraps and a tiger. But the cold-sober facts say that in the one game played between the Aces and what approached an all-star team from Charlottetown, the near-all-stars won 8-1. Add to this the fact that an Intermediate "A" team from Sackville tied the Aces 3-3 and argument for boosting the Aces to Senior "B" division goes out the window.

If the Aces have hurt the Navy boys by their action, that's too bad. But when you pick 15 or 18 of the best players in Charlottetown, and call the rest sailors, in our humble opinion you don't have a very good Intermediate "A" team anyway. Whoever wins that Inter "B" squabble on the Island should give those de-star-drafted Tars a fairly good argument for supremacy. The Tars should beat them, perhaps, but not by too wide a margin. Well, to heck with those cold statistics. We'll wager all our Christmas off-color neckties the Aces will pick up all the marbles this year.

## YMCA Downs Welshmen 59-39

Y.M.C.A., led by C. MacDougall and W. MacLean with 18 and 16 points respectively downed PWC Welshmen 59-39 in a regular Island Senior hoop tilt at Prince of Wales school evening.

Ray MacLean racked up 22 points for the Welshmen in a losing cause.

The "Y" five took control of the game almost from the beginning and at half time held a 14-point bulge, the scoreboard reading 32-18.

**LINEUPS**

P.W.C. - K. MacKenzie 2, H. MacLean 3, R. MacLeod 2, R. Russell 2, R. MacLean 22, D. Selzer 8, B. Lea, P. Murphy - Total

Y.M.C.A. - C. MacDougall 18, R. Atkinson 10, B. Doiron 6, F. Scantlebury 5, W. MacLean 16, H. Phillips 4, J. Turner, F. Kimball - Total 59.

Winners of spoons for scoring leadership are as follows:

	G	A	Pts
P. Noonan, C. Traverse	22	12	34
D. Birch, Lot 16	18	16	34
R. Arsenault, Bedeque	22	10	32
D. MacWilliams, C. Traverse	16	12	28
A. Cutcliffe, C. Traverse	13	14	27
J. Gorrill, Lot 16	12	14	26
C. Arsenault, Bedeque	8	16	24
C. Mill, Freetown	10	11	21
C. MacLean, C. Traverse	9	11	20
F. DesRoches, Bedeque	16	3	19
J. Rogers, Bedeque	8	11	19
E. Gorrill, Lot 16	14	4	18
W. MacFadyen, C. Traverse	2	14	16

**MOST VALUABLE**

The South Shore League Trophy for player voted most valuable was won by Robert Arsenault of Bedeque Beavers.

Runners-up to receive spoons with the number of times they have been chosen as stars are:

Robert Arsenault	14
Pat Noonan	12
Jack Gorrill	9
Fred DesRoches	9
David Birch	7
Dale MacWilliams	7
Calyoth Mill	6
E. Strongman	6
Des Roberts	5
Elmer Gorrill	5
Charles Arsenault	4

**BEST ROOKIE**

The Horace Wright Trophy for team finishing in first place was won by Cape Traverse Rovers. The J. Frank Arnett trophy was won by Lot 16 Rangers for finishing in second place.

The Reeves Bros. Trophy for the goalie scored on the least number of times won by Gordon Inman of Cape Traverse. Donald McKendrick of Lot 16 was second. The Ralph Calbeck Trophy for player voted most valuable was won by Gerard Roberts of Freetown.

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# Alberta, Ontario Remain Undefeated In Bonspiel

CALGARY (CP)—Alberta defeated Manitoba 8-6 in the third round Tuesday to maintain its unbeaten string in the Canadian high school curling championship.

John Trout's Edmonton rink overcame an early Manitoba lead with a four-ender in the fifth and went on to its third win.

In other third-round action, Northern Ontario trounced Prince Edward Island 18-5. New Brunswick came back with four in the final two ends to beat British Columbia 11-7. Ontario edged Nova Scotia 10-8 and Quebec finished strongly to overcome Saskatchewan 11-8.

The results leave Alberta alone on top, followed by Ontario with two wins in as many games.

Northern Ontario and New Brunswick are third with two wins in three games, followed by Manitoba with a 1-1 record.

Trailing are Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec with identical 1-2 records. Newfoundland is winless in two starts.

The spirited Nova Scotia foursome made it close for Ontario when they scored two in the eighth, one in the ninth and another two in the 10th to come within two points.

The scoring pattern was almost the same as in Monday's match when they fell seven points behind and then came on to nip defending champion Northern Ontario in an extra end.

Saskatchewan also built up an early lead and saw Quebec peck away at it for the victory. A three-ender in the sixth for the Val d'Or rink was the turning point.

Tom Tod's Fort William rink started well and built up a 10-1 lead after three ends, counting four in the first and six in the third; they faded slightly in the fourth and fifth when Prince Edward Island counted three after early Northern shots were cleared from the house.

In fourth-round play to start at 8 p.m. MST (11 p.m. AST) New Brunswick was to meet Ontario, Saskatchewan to play Northern

Ontario, Manitoba to go against Quebec, Alberta to play Newfoundland and British Columbia to meet Prince Edward Island. Nova Scotia drew the bye.

CALGARY (CP)—Third round results in the Canadian high school curling championships:

Alberta	010 040 210 x-8
Manitoba	201 001 001 0-6
N. Ontario	406 002 031 2-18
P.E.I.	010 210 100 0-7
BC	469 400 120 0-7
N.B.	402 001 003 1-11
N.S.	002 010 021 2-8
Ontario	310 101 400 0-8
Sask.	040 210 100 0-8
Quebec	103 003 012 1-11

**Argos May Pay \$50,000 For Knox**

TORONTO (CP)—Toronto Argonauts of the Big Four Football Union are reported to want quarterback Ronnie Knox so badly that they may pay up to \$50,000 for him.

Managing director Lew Hayman and coach Hamp Pool will meet George Halas, owner of Chicago Bears of the National Football League, in Phoenix, Ariz., today to negotiate for Knox, who sparked Argos late-season rally last year at \$1,000 a game.

Bears have Knox signed to a \$20,000 contract and are reported to be willing to sell him for \$50,000.

Knox played for the Argos last year under an agreement with Chicago Bears. It is reported such an agreement might be reached this year or the Argos might buy him. The \$50,000 would be a record price for a player for a Canadian team.

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