

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

TODAY WE CONCLUDE our review of the Island's sports activity for the year 1959.

Yesterday we took a look at baseball, hockey, golf and football—four sports which enjoyed a fair share of success here during the past twelve months.

Today we start off with curling, a game that has increased tremendously in popularity these past few years. The number of persons participating in this winter pastime was a new high last year and the season now in full swing sees an even larger number having a whale of a good time for themselves.

Jiggs MacDonald's rink won the right to represent the province at the MacDonald Brier but only after a terrific battle with Myron Bell's quartet. The MacDonald foursome managed three victories in competition with rinks from other provinces.

Bob LeClair's Prince of Wales College rink won the provincial schoolboy crown but they had a difficult time sidelining the lads from Montague. At the Dominion competition staged in Calgary, the Welshmen put on a great display winning six of the ten games they played.

Mary MacLennan's Charlottetown rink captured the provincial ladies' championship and at MacDonald's Montague foursome retained their Legion crown and represented the province in this particular competition.

Clubs in Charlottetown, Summerside, Alberton and Montague reported highly successful seasons and all are looking forward to even greater things in the months ahead.

BASKETBALL ONCE AGAIN proved a popular pastime and the Island League operated on a five team basis.

LePage's Trotters finished on top in the standings but lost the crown to RCAF Sultans in the playoffs. This fall a City League was formed in Charlottetown with Trotters splitting into two teams, LePage's and Junior Basileia Youth Club. Other league entrants are Prince of Wales, Saint Dunstan's Seconds and Charlottetown YMCA. The Welshmen were on top when the league took its Christmas recess.

High School students got plenty of time at the game and some very promising looking hoopers were spotted among these performers.

FOOTBALL had a fine time of it in the fall of 1959.

Saint Dunstan's University engaged in competition with University of New Brunswick, Mount Allison Acadia University and Saint Mary's. The Red and White's early triumph came at the expense of Acadia. However the Saints had only one bad game and that was when they lost to the powerful UNB squad here. They gave Saint Mary's a real scare in Halifax and were just voted out 7-0 by the Mounties at Sackville.

Saint Dunstan's team officials were well pleased with the showing of their scholars.

Saint Dunstan's Junior Varsity and Prince of Wales staged a great series for the provincial intermediate crown. Saints finally won the best-of-five series three games to one but only after the greatest kind of a struggle. Mac MacDonald instilled real pep into the city collegians and they improved each time out. They managed one win and it was the first time Father Ledwell's Junior Varsity had ever lost a Canadian football tussle.

Both Welshmen and Junior Saints showed mainland teams how good they really were. The Prince of Wales squad crushed Queen Elizabeth High of Halifax and Saints walloped Mount Allison Junior Varsity twice with the greatest of ease.

TRACK AND FIELD locally wasn't a thriving business.

However successful meets were staged at Summerside in connection with Lobster Carnival Week and at Memorial Field, Charlottetown on Labor Day.

Birchwood High School and Queen Charlotte High School had their annual track and field meets in early autumn with the Queen Charlotte students again capturing top honors.

Alfred Green of Summerside set a new Maritime record at the Highland Games at Antigonish clearing the bar at 13 ft. 1/4 inches.

THE RIFLEMEN had their usual good time of it and the range at Squaw Point was a busy spot from early in the spring.

The Inter-Maritime meet was staged this year at Bedford, N.S. with the Nova Scotians copping the championship.

The annual Prince Edward Island Rifle Meet was staged at Squaw Point in late July and as always attracted a large number of contestants. Several persons from outside the province joined local riflemen in this annual competition.

Local gunners participated in the DRA shoot at Ottawa in mid-August and weekly shoots at the local range were in operation throughout the summer.

Sgt. Mike Susick, RCAF Station, Summerside was at the Hasty Shoot and the local airman gave a fine account of himself, winning one of the major awards.

TENNIS, BOWLING, YACHTING all had their share of followers throughout the year. Fishing and hunting gave many hours of pleasure to thousands of citizens. Some of these gunners and anglers had more success than others but all had pleasure in abundance.

Trap and skeet shooting continued to attract its share of enthusiasts and club members are optimistic of much better things to come.

Horse racing was again one of this province's major attractions during the summer. We will make no attempt to review his great pastime because everything one needs to know about the year's happenings are to be found in the racing review published yesterday.

It has been a most enjoyable twelve months and we have hopes of even better times ahead in 1960.

We sincerely thank all who made our work easier by their co-operation. It has been a pleasure and privilege to work with the Island's sports folks.

TO ONE AND ALL—A VERY HAPPY 1960.

HUNTERS CORNER

Columnist Looks Back Over Happenings Of 1959

As I type this column the Old Year of 1959 is poised on the brink of the realm of past memories and cherubic 1960 is standing by ready to take over. What 60 holds is purely a matter of conjecture. On the whole I have no fault to find with 1959 although I never bagged less game than I did in the past year. Four ducks (two blacks, one Ring-necked and one Green-winged), two Huns, one Ruffed Grouse, one Wilson's Snipe and a rabbit. My take of game will cut its numbers down very much with respect to every opportunity but one holiday was lined out. I enjoyed my excursions afield after Huns and seasons although I had little in my game pockets to show for them. Good hunting companions are for memorable hunting excursions even if the take is limited to a few birds or else none at all.

I watched the dawn of the opening day break with the shrill chirp of Wilson's snipe, an almost unbroken chorus, as the birds took off in ones and twos, and in flocks up to five and six, on their night bedding ground their day feeding stations, like a soft wind caressed my neck and rustled the flags in its passing. I watched it go out on bleak, duckless East River marsh as a December night lover its chill curtain and a bit of nor'wester searched out the dark spots in ones clothing. In between there were pleasurable times even if hunting Huns and seasons was comparable to being for the proverbial needle in a haystack.

MEMORABLE DAY
The most memorable day of all is Saturday, December 19th. It was a day of crisp air and bright sunshine with the ground bare and frozen. It was a real rabbit day and I bundled Lucy and Gipper into the car and headed across the river beating the bridge closing by a half hour. I had lots of grub and was all set for a full day's outing. It may seem strange to be taking two Short-haired Pointers, top Hun and pheasant dogs, out after rabbits. I figured as far as keeping dogs for Huns and pheasants only is purely a waste of labour and money and we, in all probability, face a cut in the upland game bird season in 1960. Lucy, a daughter of Sambo and Gipsy, has had training on coon and rabbits under another owner but is now back home again.

For the first hour out the swamps and alder grown fields were draped in hoar frost but a bright sun soon dispelled the tracings of Jack Frost. It was a leisurely hunt. I had nothing particular to do and all day to do it in. I hunted in different sections all of which I had hunted in boyhood days. I tramped top rabbit cover grown to a dense stand of Spruce, juniper, swamp birch and alder where once I

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Grid Star Works With Hoop Team

DETROIT (AP)—Ron Kramer, former all-America football and basketball star at Michigan, is working out with the Detroit Pistons in hopes of making the National Basketball Association team.

Kramer, who stands 6-foot-3, was drafted by the Pistons in 1957 but turned his talents to football and now is an end with the Green Bay Packers.



KICKS FIELD GOAL

Pat Summerall, 88, of the New York Giants kicks a field goal in the first quarter of a game with Baltimore Colts. Gene Lipscomb, 76, of the Colts sticks up his hand in protest.

(AP Wirephoto)

Habs Defeat Leafs 3-2; Henri Richard Sinks Two

TORONTO (CP)—A pair of goals by Henri Richard and some superb netminding by goalie Jacques Plante Wednesday night were the key factors in Montreal Canadiens 3-2 victory over Toronto Maple Leafs, who failed in their bid to take over second place in the National Hockey League standings.

The victory, Canadiens' fifth in their last six games, moved the league-leaders 12 points ahead of second-place Detroit Red Wings who, with 39 points, are a one-point edge over third-place Leafs.

Centre Jean Beliveau scored his 21st goal of the season to give Canadiens a 1-0 first-period lead. Bobby Pulford scored both Leaf goals, his second with 12 seconds left to play in the game and Canadiens' Doug Harvey in the penalty box and Toronto goaltender Johnny Bower on the bench in favor of an extra attacker.

PLANTE EXCELS
Plante was by far the best player on the ice. He had luck riding with him several times but he was great in the clutches, making 34 stops. The two goals which beat him were by no means his fault.

On the other hand, Bower didn't have one of his better nights. He looked shaky on both goals by Richard although he made several fine stops among the 27 shots fired at him.

Beliveau opened the scoring at 11:28 while Leafs' Tim Horton was serving a tripping penalty.

B.C. Lions Have Cash Surplus
VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia Lions spent a whopping \$660,000 in 1959, but the Western Interprovincial Football Union team still showed a revenue surplus of \$24,493.

Lions' financial statement, released Wednesday, shows total operating revenue of \$673,792, with another \$10,908 coming in from new membership sales. Operating revenue was up \$127,000 from 1958, with \$82,000 of this coming from increased ticket sales for league games.

Lions attracted greater attendance as they earned a berth in the WIFU playoffs for the first time since joining the league in 1954.

Expenditures totalled \$660,207, with \$407,687 of this going out in player, coaching and training costs, an increase of \$50,000 over the previous year.

Lions now have accumulated assets of \$315,021 for six years of operation.

STANDING

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

	W	L	T	F	A	P	S
Montreal	22	6	7	130	78	51	
Detroit	16	11	7	91	85	39	
Toronto	16	12	6	92	95	38	
Boston	12	18	5	110	128	29	
Chicago	10	18	7	95	104	27	
New York	9	20	6	104	132	24	

Block Sold In St. John

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—The largest single parcel of land ever to be sold in the city went on the auction block at high noon Wednesday and was purchased by J. H. Drummie of Saint John, acting for an unnamed client, for \$345,000.

The property, nine buildings on eight lots with total area of 42,626 square feet and assessed value of \$155,000, is most of an up-town block adjacent to King Square in the heart of the city.

Included were 22 apartments, homes the latest word in style and plushness 70 years ago, a large garage and service station, offices and a bowling alley.

Buildings in the same block but not included in the sale were such well-known landmarks as the Admiral Beatty, the city's largest hotel and the old Capital Theatre, now the home of the Full Gospel Assembly, an independent Pentecostal religious organization.

Whitlock Stars As Royals Prevail Over Penguins 8-6

The old lamplighter Buck Whitlock proved to one and all last evening at the Sports Arena that he is as crafty in a hockey game as he ever was, in pacing the Royals to an 8-6 victory over Perfection Penguins after trailing 5-0 in one of the roughest and hardest fought games seen yet in the Island Senior Hockey League.

How They Stand

	P	W	L	T	Pct.
Royals	14	9	3	2	.714
Penguins	15	3	7	0	.333
Aces	17	5	9	3	.382
Saints	4	0	3	1	.125

Whitlock racked up five goals, all in the third period and assisted on two others. Three of these counters came within a space of a minute and a half.

The Penguins got off to a terrific clip and at the end of the opening stanza were carrying a 4-0 cushion. They added another goal in the second period before the Royals could get rolling.

COUNT FIRST GOAL
Sandy's crew counted their first goal at the 12:46 mark of the middle stanza, Freddie Burke getting the credit. They closed out the scoring in this frame with less than three minutes to go, Dunn counting on an assist from Jim MacLeod to make the score read 5-2.

The Carroll-coached Royals continued their scoring prowess in the third period and within the first three minutes of action in the stanza, had taken the lead away from the Penguins, sinking four goals in rapid succession.

The Penguins tied the game up at the 6:03 mark and the score remained knotted till the 12:21 mark when Whitlock dented the twines for what proved to be the winning goal, adding another marker 25 seconds later.

The Penguins seemed to fall apart in the final period. Late in the frame, they were captured two months later.

TOUGH CANARY
GRETTA, Man. (CP)—A canary that escaped from the home of Frank F. Enns joined a flock of sparrows living around a grain elevator here, and survived two blizzards and several freezing rain storms before being captured.

in the frame the Royals were assessed with three minors within a little over two minutes but the Penguins, although having a two man advantage, couldn't mount up an attack.

Apps Arsenault was big man for the losers with two goals. Other Penguin markers were by Gillis, Wayne MacDonald, Alie Carver, and Billy Mulligan.

TAKES SCORING LEAD
Angie Carroll scored their other goal for the Royals. Carroll took over sole possession of the lead in the individual scoring race. Prior to last night he was tied with Penguins' Apps Arsenault with 44 points. Angie picked up seven points last night while the best Arsenault could do was a pair goals.

Several times during the game free-for-all threatened to break through but the fine refereeing by Spy Ready and Art Perry kept the contest in check. The referees handed out a total of nine penalties, all minors, six of them going to the Royals.

Merrill Pineau of the Penguins was injured early in the third period, and had to be carried off the ice but it was found out

later that his injury was not serious. The Inners also lost the service of rearguard Doug Williams in the final period when he aggravated an old injury.

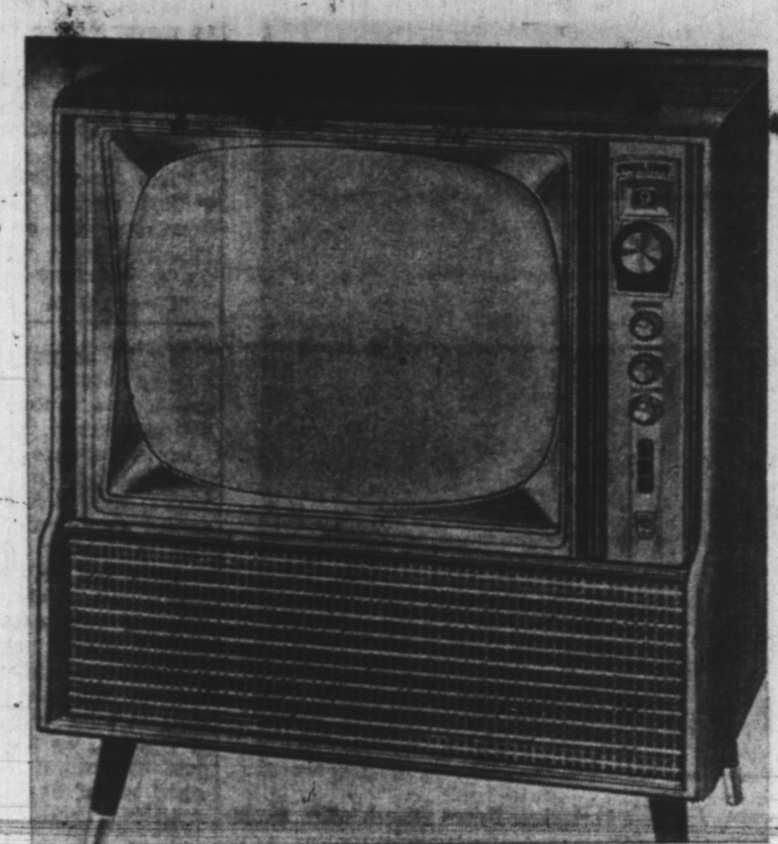
First Period:- 1. Penguins-Gillis (MacLeod) 5:40; 2. Penguins-W. MacDonald (B. Mulligan, V. Mulligan) 7:35; 3. Penguins-A. Carver (Hughes) 16:07; 4. Penguins-B. Mulligan (V. Mulligan, MacLeod) 17:30; 5. Penguins-Arsenault (Longphie, MacLeod) 11:56; 6. Royals-F. Burke (A.

Carroll, Whitlock) 12:46; 7. Royals-Dunn (MacLeod) 17:35; Penalties:- Duffy 8:18; Pineau 13:51.

Third Period:- 8. Royals-Carroll (Whitlock, Burke) 1:09; 9. Royals-Whitlock (McLure, Carroll) 1:35; 10. Royals-Whitlock (Carroll) 1:46; 11. Royals-Whitlock (Carroll) 2:52; 12. Penguins-Arsenault (Kape, Longphie) 6:03; 13. Royals-Whitlock (Carroll, Burke) 12:21; 14. Royals-Whitlock (Carroll, Burke) 12:46; Penalties:- Jim MacLeod 13:35; Josey 14:35; Whitlock 15:58; Junior MacLeod 16:47.

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