

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

DON'T BE AT ALL surprised if you find Boston Bruins with a new coach before too long.

We are not suggesting that Milt Schmidt is to blame for the sorry situation in the Bruins' camp but a club can't continue losing hockey games without some major change taking place. Our guess is that Schmidt is as expendable as anybody else and unless things change in an awful hurry he is in a fair way of getting the axe.

SUNDAY NIGHT Detroit Red Wings widened their second place margin over Toronto Maple Leafs with a 4-2 triumph over the latter Bruins. A look at what has happened in the last 18 games revealed the Beantowners had emerged on top on only two occasions. This kind of a performance is far from satisfactory and fans will demand that some changes be made.

For a time it looked as though the Schmidtmans couldn't possibly miss a playoff spot but things are far different today. Chicago Black Hawks and New York Rangers have decided they are interested in the Stanley Cup playdowns and these past couple of weeks they have more than demonstrated that interest.

As a result, Boston's playoff hopes are in great jeopardy. They have now played 32 of their 70 games and are a mere two points in front of the surging Black Hawks. Chicago has a game in hand if they could muster a win in this one, they would be all tied up with the Beantowners.

NEITHER THE HAWKS or the Bruins are forgetting about these surprising Rangers. Alie-Pike's boys rallied with four big third period goals Sunday night and delighted a Madison Square Gardens audience by edging Montreal Canadiens 6-5. This unexpected victory put the Rangers only three points behind the Bruins and New York has played two games less. Suppose they break even in those two, that would mean the Rangers would trail by a single point. However, two victories would put the New Yorkers in sole possession of the last playoff spot.

So president Clarence Campbell has no more need to worry. All teams have decided the playoffs are worth fighting for and there seems little doubt that anybody is going to get anywhere without working for it.

THE MOST SPECTACULAR performance over the weekend was Chicago's seven goal outburst in the second period Sunday night against the Maple Leafs. No other team has matched this output in a single period this season. Rangers did a pretty fair job by getting four by Jacques Plante in the third stanza in New York. That's a real feat against any team but against the Montreal Canadiens it surely is something special. In the last three games against Montreal, New York has made a terrific showing. They've won two of these contests and in those three battles have scored a total of 16 goals. You can't discount a team that can provide this kind of competition for the world champions.

THERE'S A BIG BATTLE going on Wednesday night in New York. Chicago Black Hawks are coming to town to engage the Pilemen. A win for Rudy Pilous and company will put the Hawks in a tie with the Bruins. A victory for the Rangers will see the New Yorkers jump point ahead of Chicago and leave them trailing fourth place Boston by a single point.

So you can readily see this is a most important game to both clubs. This contest could very easily be the one that could make or break Rangers or Hawks as far as Stanley Cup playdowns are concerned.

WHILE MOST FOLKS are relaxing Christmas night, the four teams from the American side of the border will be working away at this job of playing hockey.

Chicago goes into Boston and you can be sure the Christmas spirit will be none too prevalent in this engagement. This game will mean a great deal to both clubs and they'll likely play it in a style resembling a Stanley Cup final.

While Hawks and Bruins are forgetting the Christmas festivities, New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings will be doing likewise in Detroit.

This one will mean much more to the Rangers than to the Red Wings. However, that won't keep the Detroiters from going all out to capture the affair. These Wings have established themselves with just about everybody by now. For several weeks, a lot of folks were waiting for this Detroit bubble to burst but that explosion never came. They are still firmly entrenched in second place and are not allowing the league leading Canadiens to widen the gap.

But the Rangers need a win Christmas night in the Motor City. They couldn't think of a nicer Christmas present and they're hoping they can get it.

It has turned out to be quite a race and it will continue to be bitter right down the line.

BRIGADIER BILL REID has announced that the annual hockey school for coaches and referees will be held in Charlottetown on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 11, 12 and 13.

The boss man of the National Hockey League referees, Carl Voss, will act as chief instructor. His assistant will be Jimmy Skinner, former coach of the Detroit Red Wings and now scouting for the Jack Adams' club.

Voss was here at a similar school four years ago and made a fine impression on all attendants. It will be Skinner's first trip here and all will be anxious to get instructions from a former big league pilot.

Brigadier Reid expects this school to be the biggest since the idea was born back in 1949. That was the time when Frank 'King' Clancy acted the role as teacher.

The site of this coming school will be The Charlottetown Hotel.

SCORE NINE IN THIRD

Aces Trounce Penguins 13-6

P.E.I. Aces, scored six goals in the last seven minutes of play in the seventh period of play in their victory over the Charlottetown Penguins at Civic Stadium last night, and won the game by the score of 13-6.

Hogan's boys were down 3-2 in the first period, and 4-4 at the end of the second frame. The Penguin defence, particularly the goal tender, seemed to collapse in the final minutes as the Aces potted four goals in the final minute and a half.

For the winners, Coke Grady, Claude Gaudet and Leroy Clow all scored the "hat trick" while Wayne MacDonald of the Penguins also fired three counters.

The game was a fast evenly contested match until the latter half of the final period. Then Doug Williams got a minor and misconduct and Junior MacLeod got a game misconduct for disrupting too vigorously William's penalties. Shortly after Vance Harris was tagged with a 10-minute misconduct.

The score was still close, 7-6 for the home forces with about ten minutes left in the game. Then the roof fell in on the visitors. Thane Doyle didn't seem to make much effort on the last two or three goals that beat him. Before this both goalers had played well and made some fine saves.

SUMMARY
First Period - 1. Aces - G. Harris (C. Grady) 2:08; 2. Penguins - A. Arsenault (J. Kane) 9:43; 3. Aces - C. Grady (B. Grady) 10:30; 4. Penguins - W. MacDonald (Kane, Gillis) 14:14; 5. Penguins - W. MacDonald (V. Mulligan, B. Mulligan) 16:27; Penalties - V. Harris, C. Grady, A. Arsenault.

Second Period - 6. Penguins - A. Arsenault (Kane) 2:55; 7. Aces - Gaudet (Deighan, C. Grady) 6:58; 8. Aces - C. Grady (B. Grady,

Clow) 7:13; 9. Penguins - Kane (Longaphie, Gillis) 19:21; Penalties - Williams, A. Arsenault.

Third Period - 10. Aces - Gaudet (P. Schurman) 5:15; 11. Aces - C. Grady (Clow) 6:42; 12. Aces - Clow (B. Grady, C. Grady) 7:39; 13. Penguins - W. MacDonald (B. Mulligan, V. Mulligan) 10:18; 14. Aces - Deighan (C. Gaudet, G. Harris) 13:04; 15. Aces - Gaudet (Deighan) 13:11; 16. Aces - G. Harris (Schurman) 18:32; 17. Aces - Clow (Don Leahy) 18:58; 18. Aces - Clow (V. Harris) 19:42; 19. Aces - Grant Grady (V. Harris) 19:54 Penalties - Grant Grady, D. Williams, (minor and misconduct), Jun. MacLeod (game misconduct), V. Harris (Misconduct).

Referees - Gerard Bernard and Walter Lawlor.

Stops
Mann 11 8 10 20
Doyle 12 15 11 38

Today's Minor Hockey Schedule

11:00 - 12:00 - Skate - Notre Dame girls
4:00 - 4:40 - Midgets - Vic vs. Arrows
4:40 - 5:20 - Midgets - Darts vs. Ramblers
5:20 - 6:00 - Midgets - Royals vs. Abbies.
Officials - Leroy Barnett, Bob Crockett.

Skating Records Are Shattered

EDMONTON (CP)—Three Canadian outdoor speedskating records were broken here Saturday by Edmonton skaters.

Olympic bound Doreen Ryan chopped two seconds off the old mark of 1:30.5 for the senior women's 800-yard sprint.



THREE CONFIDENT ROYALS

These Three Partridge Royal performers intend to do something about keeping Perfection Penguins from winning tonight's Island Hockey League battle at the Sports Arena. Ralph 'Farmer' Josey, left Bert Steele, centre and Freddy Burke, right, are big cogs in Sandy Frizell's hockey machine. But they'll have to be at their best if they want to stop these Penguins. Even their best isn't going to be good enough according to Lorne Hennessey, the pilot of the Perfection squad. Santa Claus will face off the dis-

NHL Prexy Fines Bathgate \$500 For Magazine Story

MONTREAL (CP)—President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League announced Monday night that Andy Bathgate of New York Rangers, who was author of a magazine story regarding alleged brutality in hockey, has been fined \$500 and general manager Muzz Patrick of the Rangers \$100.

In announcing his decision, Campbell said "The sum total effect of the article is definitely prejudicial to the league and the game, and this was not seriously contested by the principals involved."

Regarding Patrick, Campbell said "It is clear that he did not authorize or approve the article in the form in which it finally appeared but by his failure to consider its possible implications, which were quite plain in the text which was submitted to him, he gave his authorization by default and is responsible under the (NHL) by-law."

Campbell said the \$500 fine is the amount Bathgate received for collaborating in publication of the article.

The article appeared in the Canadian edition of the magazine and was ghosted by Dave Anderson of the New York Journal-American.

CRITICIZED SPEARING

It dealt at length with spearing—use of the blade of the hockey stick for stabbing—and said "It's going to kill somebody." The article said also: "But I guess nothing will be done about it until somebody is killed. Then it'll be too late."

The article also singled out several NHL players as specialists in spearing and other illegal stick-work.

Campbell's statement took note of the heading on the article—Atrocities on Ice—and went on to describe an incident which occurred Nov. 25, 1956, when Red Sullivan (of Rangers) sustained a ruptured spleen as a result of a spearing foul by Doug Harvey (of Montreal Canadiens).

"There follows a description of the offence of spearing and a declaration that 'spearing is the most vicious foul in hockey.' So far, so good. That is an opinion

which everyone engaged in hockey will readily agree.

"Then the author proceeds to nominate five 'spearing specialists' in the NHL—Harvey and (Tom) Johnson of Canadiens (Fern) Flaman of Boston, (Ted) Lindsay of Chicago and (Lou) Fontinato of Rangers; with (Leo) Labine of Boston and (Pierre) Pilote of Chicago being included in a group which 'none of them seems to care that he'll be branded as a hockey killer.'

"There is more lurid language in a similar vein in which other players in the league are described as 'keeping their eyes peeled for these spear-carriers as you would for a murderer on the loose.'

"That is a pretty strong indictment of one's fellow players, even in the field of sport where a little slander now and then is accepted as part of the business.

"But the facts do not support the indictment either in specific cases or as a general representation of hockey as it is played in the NHL.

Patrick, reached at his home, said: "I don't like the fine, but then I squawk every time I get a \$15 parking ticket."

Admitting that he was at fault because "I'm supposed to watch those things," Patrick said his opinion on the story doesn't matter any more.

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APPROACHES HOOPSTERS

Dentist Is Arrested For Bribe Attempt

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A former University of Pittsburgh dental instructor was arrested Monday on a charge of attempting to bribe two Pitt basketball players to shave points.

John Fridley, 30, of Sharon, Pa., and Dick Falenski, 21, of Latrobe, Pa., — junior hoopsters at Pittsburgh — brought charges against Dr. Edward H. Sebastian, a dentist from suburban McKees Rocks.

The pair contend that Dr. Sebastian offered to get them scholarships to Pitt's dental school and to pay them 50 per cent of bet winnings if they would keep Pitt's victory margin within bet-winning range.

Dr. Sebastian denied the charges, stating: "Everything we discussed, he (Fridley) started."

But Fridley claimed that Dr. Sebastian "offered us the world—anything that came to his mind he said he'd get us—cars at cost and everything."

"Our grades aren't up to snuff, but he said he'd fix everything—get us senatorial scholarships and guarantee we got into dental school," said Falenski, who is averaging 17 points a game for the Panthers.

Both players said they refused to have anything to do with Sebastian's offer, even though they admitted having a keen desire to enter dental school.

colliding with another boy on the (the helmet rest off before his private school's rink. His protec- head struck the ice.

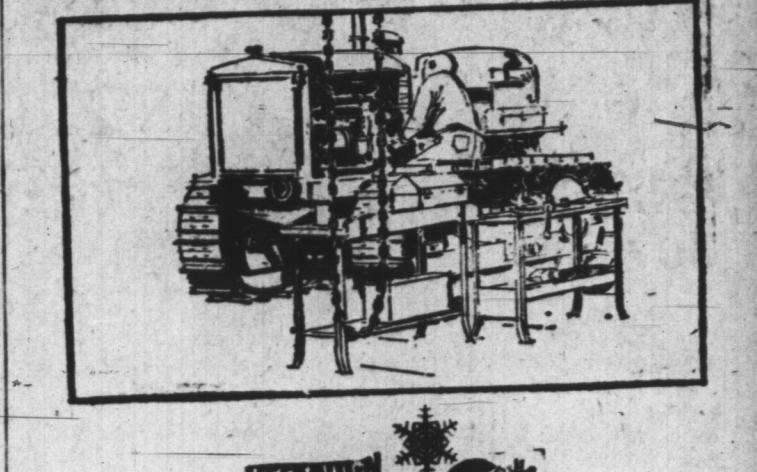
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Injured Player Dies In Hospital

MILTON, Mass. (AP) — Paul Withington Jr., 17, Milton Academy hockey player, died Monday at a Boston hospital of a brain injury suffered Friday in a practice session.

He fell heavily to the ice after

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