



# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

THE ISLAND SENIOR Hockey League continues to increase in popularity and it surely is deserving of such a fate. When we wrote this column we were not aware of what happened at Civic Stadium between Penguins and Aces but we have plenty to say about the other three league battles this week. They were real thrillers, everyone of them, and fans got a lot more than their sixty cents worth.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST surprises of the week was the showing of Summerside's P.E.I. Aces who played .750 hockey, grabbing three out of a possible four points. Could be when you read this column, these Hogs will have made it five out of a possible six points. If this comes about, we will not be one bit surprised. Hogan's boys were full credit for their win Thursday night before Sports Arena fans. Working with a three-man defence, the Aces showed plenty of fight and will to win and when the final siren sounded, Summerside had its first victory of the season on enemy ice.

WE TALKED to plenty of folks following the game, including several of the Aces' players. The visiting hockeyists were a happy crew and they had every right to be. They skated like mad all night long and there in told the story of their success. They had a 5-2 lead entering the final period but for a time it looked like not enough. Penguins had it 5-4 just past the 5 minute mark and Perfection followers were hollering their heads off. These fans could almost see that equalizer getting by young Thane Mann.

But things didn't work out that way. Aces fought gallantly for the next five minutes and then Coke Grady put them two in front. However, that one didn't bother the Penguins one little bit. Less than two minutes later Billy Hughes nullified Coke's effort and once again the tension rose. Again followers of Lorne Hennessey's boys roared for the equalizer but it never came, Ulric Gallant, playing his best game of the season, made it a 7-5 hockey game at 13:48 and the best the Penguins could do was Apps Arsenault's tally at 15:54.

WE SAID we talked to plenty of folks following the encounter. Naturally a lot of these were Penguin supporters and they were a shade disappointed. But all had the same story—that they had seen a whale of a hockey game and the Aces really deserved the verdict.

The type of hockey the boys are serving up should certainly keep the fans moving through the turnstiles at the Sports Arena and Civic Stadium. Right now, despite the holiday rush, an average of about 600 fans are watching each game. We agree that the brand of hockey being played is certainly deserving of more than that, but it's better than we expected for the month of December.

MONDAY of this week the Aces and Royals fought to a 4-4 tie at Summerside. Tuesday at the Sports Arena the Penguins edged the Royals 8-6 and Thursday these same league leaders Birds dropped a 7-6 decision to the invaders from the western capital. Could you get better competition than this?

Charlie Hogan's prediction that he would be in second place by Christmas brought a few chuckles along the line. But Charlie isn't the kind of fellow who makes a habit of predicting, so when he does take on the job it's best to pay strict attention to what he has to say. Give Charlie another week like this past one and things will really begin to hum around Civic Stadium.

Those persons who scoffed at Hogan's blunt 'second place by Christmas' statement aren't doing that anymore. They know now that his utterance was one that he really meant, not just an idle boast.

THURSDAY'S GAME had two things in that third period that we had to admire. First there was that game bid by the Penguins to pull the battle out of the fire after trailing by three goals entering the stanza. Secondly there was the determination of the Aces to hold at least a part of that three-goal cushion they enjoyed after 40 minutes of play. Both teams had these objectives in that last session and they made right smart jobs of working on them.

The Penguins just couldn't make the grade on their job so that meant Aces were successful at theirs. As a result this Island Senior Hockey League gave promise of being a great three-way fight right down to the wire.

MOST RELUCTANTLY, we mention the most controversial matter of one, Eustace Reeves. We are reluctant because we fear by doing so we may be dragged over the coals for something with which we had nothing whatever to do. However, we never said Toronto Maple Leafs would finish first in the National Hockey League yet we were accused of making that statement. We didn't put the name of P.E.I. Aces on the Summerside entry although we were hailed as one of the culprits.

And so it is with fear and trembling that we get into this Reeves matter. We have reached the point where we are convinced that, had we been around the time of the Chicago fire, we might have been blamed instead of Mrs. O'Leary's cow. Nevertheless, we will just take our chances.

Eustace Reeves has signed a card with Sandy's Parkdale Royals. Sports Arena and their Sandy gave us a glimpse at the document. It was dated Thursday December 3, the night the Royals and Aces tangled here. Furthermore, president Doherty informs us that Aces' coach Charlie Hogan had noticed him that Reeves didn't want to play with the western club.

We pass this word along because many have been of the opinion that Reeves had not actually put his name on a Royals' card. If there has been doubt about this matter before this time, this information should clear things up.

FOLKS HAVE BEEN asking where are the uniforms of the Penguins. Well, they were ordered nearly a month ago but haven't made their appearance as yet. But Penguins' supporters need not worry. We are told that when Hennessey's boys are decked out in their new attire, they will be the classiest looking outfit in the league.

## Apples Aid Turley Take Off Weight

NEW YORK (AP)—"Apples," and lost 7 and was spending this time of the year figuring how I was going to spend my world series check.

"Then I think of last year. Only eight wins and no world series check.

Watching his calories has enabled Turley, a six-footer, to trim his weight from 222 to 207 since the season ended. He expects to be down to 200 by the time spring training starts or as he puts it—"know the reason why."

"I like to eat," said the husky pitcher, "and I like to eat a lot. I used to say 'it's only December. I'll eat what I want. Walk over to the refrigerator and go for those big desserts and snacks."

GRABS FOR AN APPLE Sure, I get tempted every day. But I just grab another apple. My stomach cries all the time for another apple.

"But I'm getting now so I'm not as tempted as much as I used to be. When it gets too rough, I just think about 1958 when I won 21

## Robinson Fights Monday Night

BOSTON (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson, still recognized as middleweight boxing champion in New York and Massachusetts, is scheduled to fight for the first time in 21 months Monday night.

Robinson is matched with Bob Young of Providence, R.I., in a non-title scrap at Boston Garden, one of five 10-rounders on the Garden program.

## Bruins Promote Larry Hillman

BOSTON (AP)—The Boston Bruins Friday promoted Larry Hillman, a defenceman, from the Providence farm team of the American Hockey League for two weekend games with the New York Rangers.

The Bruins play the Rangers in Boston tonight and in New York Sunday.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS table with columns for P.W.C., J.R.B.C., Y.M.C.A., S.D.U., and L.Pages, and rows for W, L, F, A, Pts.



WIN PRESIDENT'S MATCH The Elizabeth MacDonald skipper rink captured the president's match yesterday afternoon at Charlottetown Curling rink defeating the Marg Jones quartet 8-5. Here are the members of the winning rink; left to right: Grace MacKay, mate; Doris Pellerin, second stone; Mariel Farrell, lead and Elizabeth MacDonald, skip.

## Grid Loops Should Meet To Avert War Over TV

NEW YORK (AP)—Joe Foss, the recently appointed commissioner of the new American Football League, believes the AFL will have to get together with the established National Football League to avert a possible war over television.

Wismar, chairman of the AFL's television committee, said the league has a potential package of \$2,500,000 for TV rights next season when the eight-team circuit expects to begin operations.

He said that under the league's constitution and by-laws all eight clubs will share equally in TV receipts.

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The NFL TV policy is to black out cities where games are being played. The new league, however, will buck the NFL in Los Angeles and New York.

Wismar indicated he favored blackouts but whether the two leagues could get together on the proposition from a business and legal standpoint was something else again.

Wismar added that the question of blackouts would be discussed at the league's meeting in Dallas, Jan. 19.

## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Harness horse writers in the United States have voted Adios Butler the top pacer of the year, and Diller Hanover the top trotter of the year.

Adios Butler is the fastest three-year-old in standardbred history, and he received the majority of votes in this year's balloting for pacer of the year. Meadow AI, owned by the S.A. Camp Stables and driven by Joe O'Brien, was second choice.

Diller Hanover was selected as three-year-old trotter of the year, with Expression second, and Sara Black third.

Red Smith, one of the top sports writers in the United States, has written a very splendid story about Del Miller—probably the most popular driver on the U.S. race circuits. We quote from Smith:

"Delvin Miller clapped on his porkpie hat and took off for Australia, New Zealand and Japan. Del is a smiley man of medium height with a hole in the middle of his haircut, and the pink and innocent look of a country boy out of Meadow Lands, Pennsylvania.

"As a breeder, owner, buyer, seller, trainer and driver of harness horses, he is a sort of Ag Khan, David Harum, Jim Fitzsimmons and Eddie Arcaro rolled into one. He is also the central figure in what must be the most fantastic success story in all racing, a field where the rags-to-riches theme is threadbare from repetition. By now, everybody must know the story of how Del 'hooked' everything he owned in 1948, borrowed \$15,000 from a friend, and paid \$21,100 for a pacing stallion named Adios, and ran the investment into millions.

"Now he's off to the Antipodes, and the Orient, to see the sons and daughters of Adios race out there, to buy some mares, and as a favor, scout talent for Roosevelt's annual International Trot next summer. He did Roosevelt the same service in Europe last winter when he was racing on the Continent, and he came up with Jamin—the French horse that won the International so classily that Del, counting his loose change, offered to buy him for \$300,000.

"The fact that Del could make such an offer is the most dramatic possible illustration of racing in the last fourteen years. It was only about that long ago that Miller, handling the stable of a guy who called himself 'Haynes the shoe wizard', was racing for oats and not much of that.

ALL-TIME RECORD "In the season that ended last week, Del watched the progeny of Adios go for the all-time record for earnings by the offspring of any horse. Figures for the whole year are not in yet, but it is likely that the descendants of Delvin's great sire, Adios, won more than the record \$1,698,428 collected by the thoroughbred get of Prince Quillo in 1957.

"As mentioned, Del purchased Adios for \$21,100. Seven days later, having collected a tidy \$1 million from the sale of Adios yearlings and in purses won by

and ex-governor of South Dakota, made the observation Friday after hearing Harry Wismar, president of the New York Titans of his league, discuss the TV situation at a press conference.

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# Hogan's Aces Do It Again; Defeat Perfectionists 7-5

SUMMERSIDE—Scoring three goals in less than four minutes in the final period, the P.E.I. Aces lived up to last year's reputation as strong finishers and defeated the league-leading Perfection Penguins 7-5 at Civic Stadium in Summerside last night. The game was tied 4-4 after two periods of very fast hockey.

Apps Arsenault, who played an outstanding game for the visitors, scored three goals. Paul Schurman of the Aces scored two goals for the red shirts, both in the final period. The Aces chalked up the first goal of the game about the 4-minute mark, when Ulric Gallant, parked outside the crease, took the pay-off pass from Vance Harris who in turn had got brother Garth's relay.

With Don Leahy serving time for tripping about half way through the period, Arsenault evened it up with his first goal of the evening. The Aces went ahead again with Bonnie Gallant, the rookie of the ace team, scoring with nine seconds to go in the period.

The Aces made it 3-1 after 6

minutes so that they were actually seconds of play in the second only fifteen seconds between the two Aces goals though scored in different periods. Leroy Clow was the sniper for this one.

Hughes and Arsenault swept in from right wing with back-hand tallying shots within a little over two minutes of each other and the count was knotted again. With 2 minutes left Vance Harris stuck his way through two Penguin rearguardsmen to rifle the puck past Doyle for the prettiest goal of the night. Arsenault was back to tie it up again with 37 seconds left in the session.

THREE IN FINAL Over half the final frame was played before the Aces struck for their trio of goals. C. Grady getting the first and P. Schurman, the other two, all on well-executed passing plays. Kane let go a shot from deep left wing which hit Mann's skate and trickled over the goal line for the final counter of the game.

Both Doyle and Mann were brilliant as the score would have mounted much higher but for their sensational work in the cages. Grant Grady and Smelt Gillis were given majors for fighting in the third period.

First Period: 1. Aces U. Gallan (V. Harris, G. Harris) 3-5; 2. Penguins - A. Arsenault (J. Kane) 11-40; 3. Aces-E. Gallant (G. Deighan, C. Gaudet) 19-51. Penalties—Leahy, Steele.

Second Period: 4. Aces - L. Clow (C. Grady) 0-06; 5. Penguins—B. Hughes (V. Malligan) 10-18; 6. Penguins - A. Arsenault (J. MacLeod) 12-40; 7. Aces-V. Harris, 18-04; 8. Penguins - A. Arsenault (B. Hughes, J. MacLeod) 19-23. Penalties—Langaple.

Third Period: Aces-C. Grady (B. Grady, Clow) 11-20; 10. Aces P. Schurman (V. Harris, H. Gallant) 11-48; 11. Aces-P. Schurman (C. Grady) 15-11; 12. Penguins-J. Kane 17-00. Penalties - C. Grady, Grant Grady, Coyte, Grant Grady (major), S. Gillis (major) Williams.

Referees: Mo Goodwin and Walter Lawlor.

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## ROCKET RICHARD Resumes Skating

MONTREAL (CP)—Maurice (Rocket) Richard, who suffered a depressed fracture of the cheekbone Nov. 26, has resumed skating but there was still no definite indication Friday when he will resume National Hockey League play with Montreal Canadiens.

"The Rocket has been looking at masks, but not the type goalie Jacques Plante wears," said coach Toe Blake.

"If he finds a suitable one he will wear it during our scrimmages. He started skating at our practices last Monday but he doesn't take part in scrimmage work.

"He is feeling pretty good but he can't take a chance yet. The doctors said at the time he was hurt that he would be out four weeks so I imagine it will be a couple of weeks or so before we can figure on him playing."

"The Rocket has been refereeing our scrimmage games and he has been getting plenty of squawks from the boys about his calls."

## Habs Call Up Defenceman

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Canadiens announced Friday that defenceman Reg Fleming of the Kingston Frontenacs of the Eastern Professional Hockey League has been called up as an emergency replacement.

Fleming will be with the National Hockey League Canadiens for weekend games. Detroit Red Wings play in Montreal Saturday and Canadiens play in Chicago Sunday.

Defenceman Tom Johnson is still laid up with a shoulder separation and defenceman Albert (Junior) Langlois is recovering from an ankle injury. Langlois is a doubtful starter Saturday.

Two forwards are also still on the injury list—veteran Maurice (Rocket) Richard and Marcel Bonin.

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