

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

## Saints Face Elimination

ST. DUNSTAN'S University hockey team is on the brink of elimination in the Island Senior Hockey League. Even if the collegians can take the measure of Sandy's Royals tonight at the college rink, they'd need help from Summerside Crystals who must trounce the Cape boys in Crapaud rink. If Saints won and Evinrudes lost, these two teams would finish with identical points but Saints would get the nod because they'd have more wins than the Evinrudes. However, we think the Saints' chances are mighty slim at this moment and that the rest of their 1961-62 hockey will be confined to the intercollegiate bracket.

APPARENTLY when Saints were admitted to the league, no mention was made of how many points they would be allotted for a win. However, it would be quite natural to assume that some sensible arrangement was being worked out with Saints playing less than half the games of the other clubs. But came December 17 and a new light was shed on the subject. With the Saints' representatives absent, a motion was made and carried that Saints be given two points per win. Some insisted that percentage was also to be taken into account but at last Monday's session it was ruled that percentage was never considered. Thus it could well be that Evinrudes will finish the regular schedule with a lower percentage than will the Red and Whites, yet the boys from 'out the road' will be denied a place in the playoffs.

## League Has Choice

Now we don't like teams playing abbreviated schedules but there's one sure way to avoid it and that is keep the team out of the league. A college team can't play as many games as the others and therefore if folks don't want them in, then bar them right at the start. This could have been done to Saints last November when they were knocking at the door seeking admission. But no, they were received with open arms and the first mention of points came on December 17 with St. Dunstan's absent from the session. President Danny McCormack tried his best to throw oil on the troubled waters and he suggested that perhaps a playoff between Evinrudes and Saints could be arranged. However, this failed to materialize and the meeting ended with Saints restricted to two points per win, with no mention of percentage being taken into account.

NATURALLY had the Evinrudes found the situation going against them on Monday, they would have been plenty annoyed. They undoubtedly have played to plenty of 'lean' houses this season and are hoping to get a dollar back in playoffs. In their sponsor, Ed Cannon, they have one of the nicest guys in the business and we hope Ed gets back at least a bit of what he has expended. Regardless of how the vote went Monday night, somebody was bound to get hurt. This time it was the Saints and they feel they were really bilked. It must be remembered that Saints are no mere upstarts in hockey wars on this island. They have a long and successful association with hockey in these parts and were most welcome participants in many leagues down through the years. What prompted a change in calculating this season we don't know but never before had Saints played an abbreviated schedule and not received full credit for their performances. It could happen that sometime in the future, the Island Senior Hockey League will really want the Saints as entrants. We feel sure Red and White clubs will be back in competition in years to come but we'll bet our last dollar that they'll have a firm understanding: what point basis they are operating on. Had that been the case this season, bad feelings would not have crept into things at the end of the regular schedule.

## Hurry Those Playoffs

DID we hear some foolish talk about wanting to extend the regular schedule? Folks are staying away in droves and last Monday's Penguins take at The Sports Arena was a handsome cheque for 9 cents. The only hope now is to arouse interest for playoffs. The rinks and teams are really deserving of a break and let's hope they get it in the next month.

# Ch'town Foursome Nabs Crockett Trophy

SUMMERSIDE — The Charlottetown rink, skipped by Marion MacDonald won the Crockett trophy at the RCAF Curling Club yesterday evening, defeating the runners-up another Charlottetown rink, skipped by Hunter Burden by the score of 5-7. The MacDonald rink finished strong to close the gap to a single point. The personnel of the winning rink: skip, M. MacDonald; mate, Margaret Jardine; second stone, Isabel MacDonald; lead, Beatrice Humphrey.

Runners-up — Pauline Burden, skip; Gladys Carruthers, mate; Fran Whitlock, second stone; Shirley Carr, lead. The Sybil MacMillan rink defeated the Irene Silliphant rink to take the consolation award. Rounds leading up to finals in championship round: Pauline Burden defeated Mary Perry, Alberton 3-1. Shirley Dye, Summerside, defeated Ann Spicer, RCAF, 10-5. Marion MacDonald defeated Mary Nicholson, Montague 12-1. Sybil MacMillan, Charlottetown defeated Irene Silliphant 7-6. Pauline Burden beat Shirley Dye 7-3. Marion MacDonald beat Sybil MacMillan 6-4. Umpires — F.L. Fisher and F.L. Farquhar.

## Feller, Robinson Named Tuesday To Hall Of Fame

BOSTON (AP) — Bob Feller, the onetime Iowa farm boy with the crackling fastball, and Jackie Robinson, the first Negro to play in the major leagues, were elected to baseball's Hall of Fame Tuesday. Feller, whose 18 major league years show 266 victories and 162 defeats—all for Cleveland Indians—received 150 votes. Robinson, whose timely hitting, sure-fielding and dancing feet helped carry the former Brooklyn Dodgers into six world series with New York Yankees, received 124 votes. Robinson, who got his seasoning with the Dodgers by starting with Montreal Royals in the International League, is the first Negro voted into the Hall of Fame, baseball's shrine at Cooperstown, N.Y.

A total of 120 votes, 75 per cent of the 160 cast, was necessary for election. Feller's entry is timed almost exactly with his story in The Saturday Evening Post in which he criticizes selection procedure. He claims it works against the modern-day ball player, especially pitchers. He cites Red Ruffing, former Boston and New York ace, as an example.

## Borden YPU Earns Win

Borden YPU defeated Borden CYO 5-1 in an exhibition hockey game at the Borden rink last night. MacDonald and MacCallum were the top scorers for the winners with two goals each while Brian Barrack scored a single. D. Gallant fired the long-goal for the CYO crew.



## CANADIENS FOILED

Goalie Terry Sawchuk of Detroit Red Wings stops the puck with his glove while Jean Beliveau (4) of Montreal Canadiens waits for possible rebound in National Hockey League game Saturday night. Moving in to cover Beliveau is Red Wing defenceman Marcel Pronovost (3). The teams tied 2-2. (CP Wirephoto)

# Whitlock-Coached Royals Crush Acorn's 'Birds' 9-3

Playing coach Buck Whitlock and his band of Royals were in fine form last night at the Sports Arena as they defeated second place Old Spain Penguins 9-3 before a roaring crowd. The front-running Royals made every shot count, especially in the third period when they got only seven shots on Penguin netminder Butch Ward and scored four times. Young Alfie Flanagan, who last year played with Moncton Junior Beavers, played an outstanding game for the winners. Flanagan, on a line with Angie Carroll and Kip Ready, set up three goals and scored one himself. Brothers Angie and Dick Carroll each accounted for two markers, with singles going to Kip Ready, Gerald Cruwys, Buck Whitlock and Ralph "Farmer" Josey.

Another brother combination scored two of the three goals for the Penguins, Joey and Apps Arsenault each scoring once with Gordie Whitlock triggering the other counter. PENGUINS LEADING After twenty minutes of play the Penguins were leading 3-2

and playing as if everything were at stake and they continued to fly in the middle stanza but that's where the likeness ended as the Royals banged three unanswered goals back of Ward before the session ended. The winners zeroed in four more times before the end of the game despite the shortage of shots on goal. Penguins didn't have much chance to get at Royal goalie Don Frizzell in the final frame either, marking only six shots on goal, but none of them got past the crease. Angie Carroll, the league's top pointgetter, scored what eventually proved to be the winning marker at the 13 minute mark of the sandwich session, his weak slider appearing to slither through Ward's pads into the cage. The "Birds" were short-handed at the time with Buddy MacIntyre serving a minor.

Biggest Score In six games between these two teams, last night's score was the biggest of them all. After five outings the Royals were leading the Penguins three games to two and were only one up in the goals scored department with a margin of 20-19 over the Birds. A scuffle midway through the second period between Ralph "Farmer" Josey of the Royals and fiery Jack Kane drew the roars of the crowd but officials intervened before anything serious could occur. The two players were assessed with majors.

Officials Don Whalen and Brian Lewis called a total of fourteen penalties, eight of

them going to the Penguins. Early in the second period the game was delayed, for a few minutes when Don Whalen was knocked out when he fell into the boards back of the Royal cage. He came back moments later to finish the game. First Period: — 1. Royals—A. Carroll (A. Flanagan) 2:00; 2. Penguins — A. Arsenault (G. McCormack) 3:20; 3. Penguins—J. Arsenault (J. Duffy, G. Whitlock) 3:25; 4. Royals — K. Ready (A. Flanagan) 13:45; 5. Penguins — G. Whitlock (L. Shepherd) 16:25. Penalties: Josey, A. Arsenault 10:57; Murphy 12:05; Kane (minor, 10-minute misconduct) 12:31. Second Period: — 6. Royals—D. Carroll (B. Whitlock, J. MacLeod) 3:28; 7. Royals — A. Carroll (A. Flanagan) 13:00; 8. Royals — B. Whitlock (A. Carroll) 19:50. Penalties — (major) 9:26; Josey (major) 9:26; B. MacIntyre 11:34. Third Period: — 9. Royals—A. Flanagan (S. MacLure) 6:36; 10. Royals — D. Carroll (B. Whitlock, J. MacLeod) 14:39; 11. Royals — G. Cruwys (W. Dunn) 15:49; 12. Royals — Josey (G. Noonan) 16:06. Penalties: — R. Murphy 3:20; B. Whitlock (2 minors) 3:54; R. Biggar 8:42; B. MacIntyre 15:46; Josey 16:23.

## Dutton Joins Hayman For 2 Grey Cup Tilts

By JACK SULLIVAN Canadian Press Sports Editor Some Canadian pro football officials have been working on the idea of a two-game Grey Cup final long and loud enough, it might be adopted some day. This has been Lew Hayman's pet theme for years. The Toronto Argonaut managing director has been saying that a two-game total-point series would satisfy the demand for Cup tickets, and at the same time give the hard-pressed club operators more money. No one really took Hayman seriously when he first mentioned the idea about four years ago. He didn't receive support from officials of other clubs when he brought the subject up at meetings. But gradually the idea began to sink in and he eventually won one supporter—owner Ted Workman of Montreal Alouettes. DUTTON JOINS Then, recently, Hayman got another on his side. Mervyn (Red) Dutton of Calgary Stampers hopped on the two-game bandwagon when he said at Montreal that the Grey Cup "one-shot show is ridiculous." His reasoning now is that football should adopt the two-game idea—one in Vancouver and one in Toronto on successive Saturdays. He said that hockey couldn't survive without playoffs and, although he didn't say as much, he indicated the same was true about pro football. Dutton said that 100,000 people have been hollering for years for the 30,000-odd Cup tickets available every year. Dutton probably doesn't realize it, but there hasn't been a capacity crowd at a Cup final since the game was switched to Vancouver in 1955. One of the reasons is that tickets can be bought only through the nine pro clubs and they've made it extremely tough for the solid football fan to see the game. TICKETS AVAILABLE As a result, many of the fans who pay the freight during the season, don't bother to try to buy tickets at \$10 and more a throw. The Calgary Touchdown Club, for instance, handles the quota allotted the Stampers and they charge double for tickets—\$20 for a \$10 seat. And, since the Cup final became big time in 1948 and since team operators have been pleading they didn't have a ticket left, people could buy tickets at the stadium box-office on the day of the game. And they didn't have to pay scalper's prices. The fact was that clubs were caught with extra tickets and they had to get rid of them, or pay for them out of their own pockets. Another reason is that old bugaboo, television. There is no blackout of the Cup final and people who have become tired of trying to get tickets figure it is best to sit at home or in a pub someplace and watch the game in comfort. SPIRIT WANING Another thing that Dutton, Hayman and Workman probably forgot is that the hoopla associated with the game since

1948 is slowly dying. Western Canada fans used to descend on Toronto by the hundreds. Railways added "Grey Cup Specials" and airlines had chartered flights. Last month, when the game was played in Toronto, there was one Cup special and one chartered flight. The city practically was in mourning 48 hours before the kickoff. And if anyone has noticed, the CFL didn't consider putting up temporary bleachers on the east and west sides of the Canadian National Exhibition Stadium. There's the room for another 10,000 or so seats, which would bring capacity to 43,000. Officials have decided to make it nice and cosy and to make it tough to buy tickets. They probably know they couldn't get 43,000 or 45,000 persons in to see the game. So Dutton's 100,000 figure could be slightly exaggerated.

## Jackie Jensen Is Through

CRYSTAL BAY, Nev. (AP)—Jackie Jensen said Tuesday it's all true: He's quitting professional baseball for good—again. "My career with Boston Red Sox and professional baseball is over—I'm all through," he said. This time, he said, he's retiring permanently. The hard-hitting outfielder said he will continue to live at this North Lake Tahoe resort and get into the real estate development business. He "retired" from baseball twice before — once after the 1959 season and again in mid-season 1961. Each time he returned to his Lake Tahoe home but went back after giving in to the pleas of the Red Sox and his wife, the former "Zoe Ann Olson of Olympic diving fame."

## Bob Bedard Retires Tues.

OTTAWA (CP)—Bob Bedard, Canada's top-ranked lawn tennis player, Tuesday night announced his retirement from Davis Cup competition at a sports awards dinner here. The lanky net star from Sherbrooke, Que., said he felt he had done his share to represent Canada in international amateur tennis. However, he indicated he will continue to appear in Quebec tournaments, which do not involve costly and tiring trips.

## Today's Minor Hockey Schedule

Only activity scheduled for Charlottetown's minor hockeyists at Sports Arena today in a regular Midget tussle, which brings together Royals and Vics at 6 o'clock, sharp.

# Signing Of Dressen Shows Plight Of Minor Baseball

By MEL SUFRIN Canadian Press Staff Writer The signing recently of Charlie Dressen as manager of Toronto Maple Leafs of the International League is, as much as anything, a reflection of the current plight of minor league baseball.

Aside from the fact that Dressen, fired last fall by Milwaukee Braves, was the best available pilot in baseball, the choice appears to be a desperate bid by Leafs owner Jack Kent Cooke to stimulate interest in baseball in Toronto. But for a league that once drew a flock of customers with the play of such star material as Red Schoendienst, Atley Donald and Flash Gordon, it's a bit sad to find that much of the interest must centre on a scrappy, colorful manager.

Dressen, reported to have signed for \$35,000 compared with the \$40,000 he got at Milwaukee last year and certainly the highest paid manager ever in the minors, can be expected to make the best use of the material he will have at Toronto. MOSTLY UNKNOWN The fact is, however, that with the exception of Rocky Nelson, lately of Pittsburgh Pirates, and perhaps Steve Rizzik, formerly with Philadelphia Phils, Toronto will be going with a roster of players relatively little known outside their hometowns.

At one time, Montreal Royals, particularly when they had organized baseball's first Negro in the great Jackie Robinson, were the most consistent draw at the gate in the International League. Support began to fall off until several years ago, baseball folded in Montreal. In recent years Toronto has had the strongest fan support year in, year out. But last season there were often games attended by little more than 1,000 customers.

A heavy selection of weekend television showings of major league games hurt and this was the case in most other minor league cities. It's much easier to stay home and watch Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris on TV than to get out to the ball park to pay money for the privilege of looking at players of rather less talent.

TOUGH ON UMPIRES When Cooke was asked about the signing of Dressen, he said Charlie would be the most controversial manager Leafs ever had. He was probably right although stubble-chinned Burleigh Hart announced the American had retired at the end of the fifth round because of a severe cut in the corner of his right eye.

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The British champ took charge of the fight in the fourth round when he dropped Hughes for a seven-count with a left to the head. Hughes had barely recovered from that blow when Cooper sailed to the attack in the fifth round. The 27-year-old Brit landed three thumping left hand punches. When they parted Hughes' face was covered with blood.

## Bantam Games Played Yesterday

Following are the results of 3 regular City Bantam hockey contests played yesterday at Charlottetown's Sports Arena. Beavers 3 vs. Bears 2; Beavers goals by Bob Doherty, Dave Scott, Barry MacKinnon; Bear goals by Ralph Farrell and Mike Hogan. Tigers 4 vs. Panthers 0; Tigers goals by Alan Flood, Jim MacDougall (2), Lloyd Blanchard. Bombers 6 vs. Battlers 1; Bomber goals by Bob Whitlock, Boies MacMillan, Mike MacInnes (2), Peter Clark, Donnie Gaudet; Battlers goal by Billy Richard. Officials: Ronnie Carmichael Jimmy MacDougall.

## Baun May Have Broken Wrist

TORONTO (CP)—Toronto Maple Leaf's physician is searching for a broken wrist after a workout accident which injured Bobby Baun's arm and forced him out of the weekend game against Boston Bruins. "I've had three sets of x-rays," Baun said Monday. "None have shown any fracture. Going up for more." Late Monday the wrist was placed in a cast. "The doc explained that it sometimes takes up to 10 days for a break to show — so I've got a few more days to wait," Baun said. The injury happened when Baun was boarded by Frank Mahovlich during a free-for-all which coach Punch Imlach had set up as a "toughening exercise."

Grimes of the 1930s would run him a close second. The point is that, while Cooke wants a winner, he's also hoping some folks will turn out just to see how the fiery manager operates, particularly when he takes off after an umpire.

Dressen, 63, managed Brooklyn Dodgers in 1951-52-53 and won two pennants before departing after asking for a two-year contract, something unheard of in dealings with owner Walter O'Malley.

He has also managed Cincinnati Reds and Washington Senators as well as the Braves and, between stealing opponents' signs, baiting umpires and putting his mastery of strategy to excellent use, he earned a reputation as one of the best managers in the game.

## Henry Cooper Stops Hughes

LONDON (AP)—Henry Cooper, British heavyweight boxing champion, stopped Tony Hughes of Cleveland, Ohio Tuesday night when referee Jack Hart announced the American had retired at the end of the fifth round because of a severe cut in the corner of his right eye.

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## Curling Draw For Montague

Here is the Montague Curling Club schedule for today (Wednesday). Ice 1—Dan O'Rourke vs. Earl MacLeod. Ice 2—Dr. Prowse vs. Art Love. Ice 3—Gordon Stewart vs. Lloyd Wellner. Ice 4—A.A. MacLeod vs. Myron Bell. Ice 5—Doug Saunders vs. Henry Peters. (Next round Friday 8:30 p.m.)

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