

FROM THE STARS

By PUS CALLAGHAN

Success To Ramblers

AMHERST Ramblers will carry the best wishes of all Maritime hockey fans as they travel to Quebec to do battle with the champions of that branch.

After watching them display some of Sandy's Rovers opinion seems to be that the Ramblers are stronger up front than they were a year ago. They have more goal scorers than these past two seasons and defensively they don't appear to be any great difference. Morrisette has come along fine in the nets. The place that caused Amherst much grief throughout the early days of the campaign.

It would hardly seem too optimistic to think that Ramblers would add the Quebecers. They may expect to do it a year ago in four games. Of course this triumph came on Amherst Stadium ice but the home surface doesn't seem to have any effect on the play of the Maritime champions.

If the Ramblers can out Quebec, they'll return home to battle the representatives of the Ottawa district. Another triumph in these classes would bring the champions of the Ontario Hockey Association down to Amherst for the Eastern Canada finals.

THE exhibition game won by Gall Terriers from the Ramblers early in February means little or nothing. The game was played under the international ice hockey rules and the Ontario Hockey Association at a great disadvantage. We're sure that CABA rules had prevailed the Ramblers would have been much more potent.

At any rate, the Amherst outfit should give a right smart account of itself in the coming Allan cup competition. Naturally folks in this section of Canada are hoping for plenty more big battles down this way this season. They are very hopeful of seeing both Ottawa district and OHA play in the East.

We think there's a fair chance of that coming to pass.

Outlook For Hockey

WHAT will happen on the Island in hockey circles next season?

This question has been asked these days now that the ISHL champions, Sandy's Parolade Royals, have been ousted by Amherst.

Some are suggesting that the Island League, as it existed this season, will not be proper in 1962-63. Crowds at many of the regular schedule games both in Charlottetown and Summerside were pitiful. Some club operators insist you can't operate solely on the hope of getting into Maritime playdowns and drawing big bonuses. We think the ISHL had its good and bad moments this past season but we dare not argue with those who are predicting we can't go for another year at this level. There must be more fan support or else things will come to an abrupt halt.

There is some talk about joining with mainland teams and forming a league that would be championed by the ISHL. This could be worked out or not is something we can't answer.

Classification

WE DO agree with those who insist that the prestige of our league is being lowered because of the teams administered to Penguins and Royals these past two years. We know a series with Cape Breton would have been a great success but teams insisted on battling the Nova Scotia Hockey League. We know the Islanders especially in Cape Breton are very reluctant to admit the supremacy of NSHL hockey. Perhaps these Cape Bretoners will strengthen next season and will be good opposition for teams such as Amherst. Then again Amherst might decide to go all the way with homebreds and will be good opposition for teams such as Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League. It is head and shoulders over all other Maritime competition next season, then this league must be classified as senior or over senior clubs falling into a "B" bracket.

We are well aware that something must be done and done quickly to save the institution of the ISHL and the Cape Breton loop.

Surely at the next meeting of the Maritime Hockey Association this lonely subject will receive plenty of attention.

Houston Snaces Cleveland - 1-1

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Houston Colts won their first game at a major league baseball club Tuesday defeating Cleveland Indians 2-1 behind the seven-hit pitching of Jim Umbricht, Jim Golden and Manuel Mendez.

The Colts, along with New York Mets, are new additions to the National League this year. The Colts started their exhibition season by losing three games in a row.

Dick Donovan gave up both the Mets' and Yankees' first runs. The Mets, meanwhile, raced to their third straight victory after losing their opening game. Craig and Evans Killeen held Pittsburgh Pirates to two hits as the Mets coasted to a 4-0 victory.

Ramblers May Disband

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — The Telegraph-Journal says a local business interest and money problems may force Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League champion Amherst Ramblers to disband when this season's hockey year are over.

Newspaper quotes Amherst official Steve as saying in an interview the team lost considerable money in the year. "Because of an interest wasn't there," he said. "You can't get good hockey games out of nine or 10 men."

He said however the fate of the Ramblers would not be known until "we see how we make out against Quebec." Amherst is scheduled to play the Quebecers in Charlottetown next week in the Eastern Canada Allan Cup playoffs.

The Ramblers, who also won the NSHL title last year, have had financial difficulties for the last few seasons. Despite 13-11 winning ways, they could not draw crowds at home.

The newspaper also says the possibility of a New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Senior League is being discussed by some team officials. The paper says the idea was talked over by the Montreal Canadiens and the Eastern Canada Allan Cup playoffs.

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The paper says Don Ramsey of the Montreal Canadiens reacted enthusiastically to the idea and suggested the League has prospects.

The first event on the program is slated to get underway at 7:30 p.m.



DUNHAM ROSE BOWL WINNERS

A Charlottetown rink kipped by Dan O'Rourke captured the Dunham Rose Bowl trophy last night at the Charlottetown Curling Club in the third day of Confederation Brossipe competition. Members of the winning rink (left to right) are Charlotte O'Rourke, lead; Danny O'Rourke skip; Paul O'Rourke, second; and Marie O'Toole, mate. The other Charlottetown foursome, also of Charlottetown Curling Club, runners-up honours. Other members of the rink: Fran Whitlock, Bob by Dillon and Kay Johnston. Concomitants—first—George

TEAMS DROP FROM LEAGUE

Can. Football Suffers Setback In Maritimes

By IAN DONALDSON

HALIFAX (CP) — Canadian football has suffered a setback in the Maritimes.

Still in its infancy in an area where English rugby was the big autumn sport until recent years, the Canadian-style game since 1959 has revolved around the Atlantic Football Conference.

The blow came recently when University of New Brunswick Red Bombers and Mount Allison University — the only New Brunswick members — withdrew from the AFC, shrinking the senior division to five teams from seven.

When the Atlantic Football Conference was formed, it said its ambition, besides providing a good brand of football at the intermediate level, was to develop the Canadian game among youngsters.

AFC president Phil Carr-Harris, car dealer and one-time Termin Argonaut leader, contends the best way to get youngsters interested in football is to provide them with a good show by college and armed services players.

NEW YORK (AP) — Gordie Howe's bid for his 300th goal affords an interesting sidelight to the showdown hockey battle at Madison Square Garden Tuesday night between New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings.

The Rangers' Wings currently are tied for fourth place in the National Hockey League and this last meeting of the two rivals will go a long way toward determining which team gets the final berth in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

In the final game, the Red Wings will have five more contests, the Rangers four. It's all imperative that the Rangers win to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Today's Minor Hockey Schedule

Only activities scheduled at Sports Arena today for minor hockey are one game and a practice.

At 6:30 p.m. there will be a brief but important workout for the All-Star Pee Wees.

All players are asked to be on time. Reeves Dewar, Fred and Les Barnes will handle the Paperweight game.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Thursday in the first day of meet curling in the Confederation Brossipe.

5 p.m.

Walesboro Grocer's Trophy

Ice 1—Geo. Kays vs W. Vaughan.

Ice 2—R. Carr vs S. Gay.

Ice 3—T. White vs D.G. Rouse.

Ice 4—E. Tanton vs Dr. MacIntosh.

Ice 5—J. Burdon vs J.A.L. Wittwer vs J. Stewart vs J. Johnston.

Ice 6—H. PETERS vs HAYES (Montion).

Ice 7—Dr. Powers vs L. McCarron.

Ice 8—M. Bell vs D. Beatty.

Ice 9—R. Beck vs D. Cameron.

Ice 10—G. Vessey vs B. Newman

Curling Draw For Montague

7 p.m.

Ice 1—G. Kennedy, K. Hughes, W. Nadey, L. Robert vs J. O'Brien, E. MacKenzie, R. Anheuser, P. Warner.

Ice 2—Dr. A.E. Ings, B. Smith, J. MacPherson, A. Johnston vs Dr. W.S. MacIntyre, J. Jamieson, J. Watson, B. Mabon.

9 p.m.

Ice 1—H.L. MacGregor, H. Blair, R. Ferguson vs J. O'Brien, W.R. Beck, L. MacDonnell, H. Campbell, M. Sullivan.

Ice 2—C.S. Stewart, C. Stewart, W. Brehaut, E. White, A. E. Sullivan, C. Ings, D. Herd, V. Duvar.

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Bonus Money Increased Over Last Season In NHL

By LAURENT CHASSON

MONTREAL (CP) — There is \$284,500 bonus money, \$36,000 more than a year ago, at stake for National Hockey League players this season.

The league will distribute most of the \$128,000—in units of 18 to four of the six clubs, according to the order of finish in the 76-game schedule and progress in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The remaining \$150,500 is for players chosen to the first and second all-star teams and individual trophy winners.

The increase, restricted to order of finish and playoffs, was granted by club owners last summer on the recommendation of league president Clarence Campbell and representatives of the player council.

A total of \$84,000, up from \$36,000 last season, is guaranteed for teams finishing first, second, third and fourth in the final league standings.

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The league also guarantees \$135,000, up from \$117,000, of the teams reaching the playoffs, regardless of the gates, the number of games played, receipts and expenses.

By the unit distribution, players on the winning team of both semi-final series get \$1,500 each, players on the losing semi-final clubs \$750, winners in the cup final \$2,000, and losers in the cup final \$1,000.

Together, the increases will give each player on a club finishing first and victorious in the cup final a total of \$5,000, compared with \$4,000 last season.

The 18-unit splits are fixed by the league, but can be varied by teams—so as to reward a trainer or allocate a smaller amount to a recently-acquired player.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Members of the first all-star team get \$1,000 each; those on the second \$500 each.

There are six individual prize awards. They are the Art Ross Trophy for leading scorer, the Vezina for the low average goaler, the Lady Byng for the most gentlemanly and proficient player, the Calder for top rookie, the Lester Yonnie for top defenseman and the Hart for most valuable player.

Each trophy winner receives \$1,000. In addition, the second leading scorer—runner-up for the Ross trophy—gets \$500.

Goalie Jacques Plante of Montreal Canadiens can pocket the most bonus money. He stands to win as much as \$2,000.

Plante will get \$1,500 if Canadiens finish first, \$1,000 if they win their semi-final series and \$2,000 if they emerge as cup champions.

In addition, Plante led the way in the first-half balloting for the goalie on the first all-star team, holds a commanding lead in the race for the Vezina and has a chance to win the Hart. He trailed player-coach Doug Harvey of New York Rangers by just 15 votes in first-half voting for the Hart.

OIL SEARCH

Australia's most intensive search for oil, costing at least \$15,000,000, is being conducted in Queensland in 1962.

WEDNESDAY AT THE SPORTS ARENA

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