

# S'ide Aces Down Flyers 4-2

WINS TWO FIRST DAY

# Dr. Gallant Undeclared In Physical Fitness Play

## Aces Move Into Tie With Youth Club For 2nd Spot

The Summerside Aces defeated the Parkdale Flyers 4-2 at Civic Stadium last night in one of the fastest games of the season. All the scoring was done in the first period, and the home team held tenaciously to their 2-goal lead during the last two periods, which produced fast hockey and fine net minding on the part of Roper and Mann, who won the Howard "most valuable player" award for his outstanding performance.

The game was an hour late in starting due to the storm, and about 570 fans were in attendance.

The Aces, never sharper on the attack, opened the scoring at 3:05, Gallant realizing from close in on net passes from Vance Harris and Wallie Shepherd. Vance Harris scored at the half way mark, his shot accidentally steered into the cage by Josey who was attempting to clear.

Kip Ready got the first Parkdale goal after some loose defensive work on the part of the Aces. Then Garth Harris, taking a pass from Coke Grady, deked Roper neatly out of position to Park the disk in the open cage. A passing buck between Skip and Allie Carver scored the Flyers' second counter and Wallie Shepherd ended the scoring with a nice rising shot that beat Roper cleanly. There were only three penalties handed out, two minors and a misconduct.

Between the second and third periods Lorne Hennessey, coach of the Aces, was presented with several gifts in appreciation of his services to the Summerside Athletic Association, to the Aces, and also for his general sportsmanlike conduct in the realm of hockey.

Bob Schurman, master of ceremonies, introduced the various representatives who made the presentations on behalf of their organizations. Neil MacLeod made a presentation on behalf of the S.A.A., Deputy Mayor W.E. Jenkins on behalf of the town, and Barry Moore on behalf of the Parkdale Flyers. Alan Gaudet for the minor hockey groups, and Paul Hogan for the rink staff. David Perry a member of the All-Star paper-weights made a presentation of a flower bouquet to Mrs. Hennessey. There were other anonymous donations presented by the master of ceremonies. Mr. Schurman, Lorne Hennessey, and the various organizations and gave special thanks to Charlie Hogan and Bob Schurman for the help they rendered him during the season.

**LINUPS**  
Parkdale — Goal: Roper; Defence—A. McLeod, Josey, Wood, Forwards—Murray, Dunn, Ready, O. Carver, S. Carver, A. Carver.  
Aces — Goal—Mann, Defence—MacArthur, Reeves, G. Grady, Bernard, Forwards—V. Harris, Gallant, Shepherd, C. Grady, Cutcliffe, G. Harris.

**SUMMARY**  
First Period: 1. Aces - Gallant (V. Harris, Shepherd) 3:05. 2. Aces - V. Harris 10:33. 3. Parkdale - K. Ready 12:30. 4. Aces - G. Harris (C. Grady) 14:13. 5. Parkdale - S. Carver (A. Carver) 16:17. 6. Aces - W. Shepherd (V. Harris, Reeves) 18:43.  
Penalties — Josey, Bernard (misconduct).  
Second Period — No score.  
Penalties — None.  
Third Period — No score.  
Penalties — Hurry.  
Referees — Don Whelan and Emmet Trainor.

## MEET CONTINUES TODAY

# Pepper Boy Captures Trot On Fast Racing Program

With owner George Turner of Dartmouth in the reins, Pepper Boy won the second and third heats to capture honors in the championship Trot at the North River causeway yesterday, as the 2-day ice racing meet got under way.

An estimated crowd of 600 braved a raw wind and leaden skies to witness a more close, exciting finish and the last quarter-mile that marked the card.

Roy Bevan's big trotter Jerry A. Hanover won the first heat of the free-for-all trot, with Pepper Boy placing but the Nova Scotian horse took the next two with Hanover in the place position. Flying Fortress showed in the first and third heats and Sarah J. came third in the second.

Louise and Fortune's Pride took their races in straight heats, but it took four heats to decide the winner of the A pace. Y. Not Chief, Black Majesty and Downtown each won a heat of that race and in the extra heat Y. Not Chief beat the other two horses to the finish line with Majesty coming second and Downtown third.

Honors for the fastest time of the afternoon went to Jerry A. Hanover and Pepper Boy who were each clocked in 80 seconds flat in splitting the first two heats

of the main trot event.

The racing program, sponsored by the Victoria Driving Club, continues today with the championship Pace the feature race on the four class card.

Starters in the pace are: Jose-Jade Clansman, Whispering Hope, Cooley Boy Meg, Sir Joseph, Avalon Gal.

**Officials:** Starters - Russel Abbott, Sinclair Cutcliffe; Judges - Pat Lahey, Harold Cudmore, Geo. Smith; Timers - R. O. L. Wood, Harry Murphy, John Mulligan, Charles Willis; Announcer - Frank Acorn; Clerk of the Course, Wendell Beaton.

**SUMMARY**  
Class B Pace: 1. Long John (C. Smith) 1:15. 2. Money Adds (E. Wood) 2:3. 3. Little Joe Clegg (C. Smith) 4:2. 4. Linda Darnell (Smallwood) 3:5. 5. Colonel Henry (A. Smith) 5:4. 6. Bonnie's Money (E. Bernard) 6:6. 7. Mickey Budlong (Phillips) 7:7. Times: 31:54; 32:25.  
Winning horse, Long John, owned by Hugh Monaghan, Sydney, N.S.

Flying Fortress (Smith) 3 4 3  
Sarah J. (Dickie) 5 3 3  
Christylake (Burbine) 4 5 4  
Times: 30; 30; 15-5.  
Winning horse, Pepper Boy, owned by George Turner, Dartmouth, N.S.

**Class A Pace**  
Y. Not Chief (C. MacMillan) 5 1 6 1  
Black Majesty (Turner) 3 5 1 2  
Downtown (Bernard) 1 7 3 3  
Money Royal (E. Bernard) 4 2 2  
Calumetta (MacPayden) 2 3 5  
Ginger E. (Kelly) 6 4 7  
Captain Clegg (Bowness) 8 6 4  
Fairgo (Gaudet) 7 8  
Times: 31:15; 31:35 31:53 32:15-5.  
Winning horse, Y. Not Chief, owned by Claude MacMillan, Charlottetown.

**Class B Trot**  
Fortune's Pride (Kelly) 1 1  
Buddy Budlong (Smallwood) 2 3  
Baby Train (Hennessey) 6 2  
Sir Francis Drake (Chappell) 3 4  
Thair's It (Birt) 4 6  
Taylor Dale (Kennedy) 5 5  
Connie French (Stead) 7 7  
Times: 31:35; 32:15-5.  
Winning horse, Fortune's Pride, owned by Lorne Kelly, Southport.

## Announce "C" 3rd Round Draw

Officials of the Island Branch A.A.U. of C. announced the following draw for the third round intermediate "C" playdowns last night.

All series are best of three.  
Cavendish at Tryon; Tryon at Cavendish; Kensington at Tryon; R.C.A.F. at Kensington; Kensington at R.C.A.F.; R.C.A.F. at Kensington.

Morell has drawn a bye.

Weather permitting the round is to be finished by midnight on Thursday, March 7th.

Management of teams taking part are to make the arrangements with the respective rinks to settle dates with one another as per above order. In the event of the extra game being played in the home rink of one team or another the gate receipts will be divided evenly between the two clubs.

## Worth Rink Cops Ch'town Club Ch'ship

The W.W. Wellner Trophy, emblematic of the Charlottetown Ladies Curling Club championship, was completed yesterday afternoon.

The trophy was won by a foursome skipped by Margaret Worth with mate, Claire Foster; second, Eileen Bagnall; lead, Frances Whitlock.

Runners up were skip, Elizabeth MacDonald; mate, Jean Giddings; second, Evelyn Gass; lead, Louise Bell.

Bouquets are in order for the Worth team and this win is of special significance in that Margaret Worth is a first year skip.

## Dave Jenkins Takes Stride To World Title

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—Slender Dave Jenkins of the United States took a big stride towards his first world championship Friday as he completed an impressive display in the compulsory figures.

Canadian champion Charles Spelling of Toronto remained in third place, back of Jenkins and Tim Brown of California, where he was Wednesday after completing three of the six compulsory figures.

Compulsory skating, completed Friday, counts for 60 per cent of the total points toward the championship.

Jenkins' performance gave him a big lead over Brown, 18, and Spelling, 19, and 15 other competitors from nine countries.

A snelling loss considerable ground, although holding on to his third place. He trailed Brown by less than nine points Thursday, but after Friday's skating was 38 points behind.

## '58 World Ch'ships For Oslo, Norway

MOSCOW (AP)—The International Amateur Ice Hockey Federation Wednesday selected Oslo as the site for the 1958 world and European championships. The decision was taken by a vote of 24 to 1, with only France voting against.

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# Sports

## P. S. S. Held 31st Annual Ice Sports At Arena Last Night

The 31st Annual Prince Street School Ice Sports were held successfully last night at the Sports Arena before over 1200 spectators.

Highlight of the sports was a hockey game between P.S.S. and West Kent School, won the P.S.S. 3-0.

An intricate precision drill opened the program. Under the direction of Mr. Jack Turner P.S.S. skated onto the ice surface with lettered hats on their heads. When all were out the letters spelled "Prince Street School Ice Sports."

Another feature of the sports was a Storyland Parade in which several costumed children took part.

Prince Street scored a goal a period to win the hockey tussle 3-0. George MacMillan, Ronnie Gidgery and Donnie Stevenson did the scoring for the winners.

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## CURLING DRAWS

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## U.N.B. Trips Saints 64-51 To Cop Title

FREDERICTON (CP)—The University of New Brunswick won the right to advance to the Maritime Intercollegiate finals against the Nova Scotia representatives by virtue of a 64-51 victory over St. Dunstan's University of P.E.I. here Friday night.

Although UNB and St. Dunstan's wound up tie in games won with three apiece, the N.B. squad won the ticket to the finals on points scored by edging Saints 127-117 in the total for the two meetings.

John Kelly was the big man for St. Dunstan's with a 15-point performance while teammate Eugene Lake tallied 10.

## Ice Follies Of 1957 At Sports Arena Tonight

Wallie Scantlebury's Ice Follies of 1957 will be presented tonight at the Sports Arena and a capacity crowd is expected to attend this event which has been an annual event for 16 years.

The program which has been drawn up will hold something interesting for everybody, young and old alike. There are several figure skating exhibitions on the agenda along with novelty skates, ice dances, barrel jumping and those always hilarious clowns.

Mr. Scantlebury has invited those parents who would like to get pictures of the performers in action to step out on the ice during the number so that the performers can be more easily photographed.

The show will start tonight at 8 p.m. and will be followed by a general skate.

## Hoop Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the City Basketball League this afternoon at 4 o'clock at P.W.C. All teams are requested to have a representative in attendance.

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A Charlottetown rink skipped by Dr. J.C. Gallant took a favored position in competition for the Provincial Physical Fitness Trophy at Alberton yesterday with two straight wins, the only rink undefeated on the first day of the two day bonspiel.

The Capital City foursome downed Summerside 12-5 in round one in the morning and Alberton 17-8 in the afternoon.

They drew a bye in the evening play and are scheduled to meet the R.C.A.F. at 9:30 today.

The Summerside rink had two wins and one loss, Alberton won one and lost two, Montague had two losses and the R.C.A.F. won one and lost one.

Dr. O.H. Phillips, president of the P.E.I. Curling Association, extended a welcome to the visiting curlers during a delicious supper in the curling rink catered to by the ladies of the club.

Mayor Herbert Matthews welcomed the curlers on behalf of the Town of Alberton. The skips of the five rinks also spoke briefly and introduced their team members.

Personnel of the competing rinks are:—F.J. D. F. M. McGrath, P.O. R. Campbell, Sgt. D. Dohoo, S.L. H.A. Lutes.  
Summerside — Bert Hunter, James Harris, Harry Dye, David Larkin.  
Montague — Peter Sinclair, Don Wannamaker, Claude Nicholson, Ross Hamilton.  
Charlottetown — Dr. J.C. Gallant, George Henderson, Bill Burden, D. MacMillan.

Alberton — Frank Bryan, Hubert Campbell, Ed Turner, Don MacKenzie.

## Curlers To Arrive At Kingston Today For Canadian Ch'ships

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—Shortly after noon today 11 curling rinks will arrive in Kingston to vie for the 25th annual Dominion curling championship.

The man responsible for their presence is R. Brodie Ness, Kingston curler and agricultural expert, whose campaign to have the city chosen as the site of the bonspiel began in 1949.

His efforts were rewarded in 1955 when the Dominion Curling Association picked Kingston as the site of the 1957 championships and since then he has done everything to ensure that the bonspiel goes off without a hitch.

After the rinks arrive today—the western and Ontario competitors on a train from Toronto, the eastern and Quebec rinks on a train from Montreal—there will be a two-band parade from the station to the hotel and a civic reception and dinner for the participants and delegates to the annual meeting of the DCA.

Sunday a press conference will be held at the 2,300-seat community centre where play will take place and afterwards the annual curlers' luncheon. In the evening Rev. Canon Minto Swan will conduct the annual church service at Sydenham United Church.

## 3 Weekend Hoop Games Scheduled

Second Saints get a chance this weekend to break their dead-lock with the trotters at the top of the City Basketball League when they play games against Prince of Wales College and the winless R.C.A.F. Sultans.

Both tussles are on the home court of Saints. This afternoon at 3.45 Saints play host to the Welsh men and tomorrow afternoon they are at home to the airmen.

In another game this evening the Trotters play the airmen at P.W.C. auditorium starting at 7.30.

## Big Four And WIFU Come Up With A Big-Stick Proposal

MONTREAL (CP)—The Big Four and Western Interprovincial Football Union came up Friday with a big-stick proposal which would give them the exclusive right each year to determine whether the Ontario Rugby Football Union can enter the Grey Cup series.

The proposal, at the closed day-long meeting of the Canadian Rugby Union executive, was in the form of an amendment to identical resolutions the Big Four and western leagues had placed on the agenda.

The original resolutions proposed that the Grey Cup final be restricted to the Big Four and WIFU champions.

The amendment would change the CRU constitution and therefore requires a two-thirds majority—seven of the 10 CRU votes—to carry. But if passed at today's general open meeting, it would in effect:

1. Fix at six—a bare majority and the exact number of votes of the two big pro circuits now control—the number necessary for the CRU to decide whether the ORFU can play each year.
2. Allow the ORFU's constitutional right to challenge for the cup to remain undisturbed, but acceptance of a challenge would still rest with the big eastern and western circuits.

## N.H.L. WEEKEND

N.H.L. games scheduled for this weekend:  
Saturday  
Detroit at Montreal  
Chicago at Toronto  
New York at Boston  
Sunday  
Montreal at Boston  
Toronto at Chicago  
Detroit at New York  
x - indicates afternoon game.

## Germany Defeat Japanese 9-2 In Hockey Ch'ships

MOSCOW (CP)—"Banzai" shouting Japanese fell before a furious onslaught of East German Friday night in the eight-country world amateur hockey championship.

When the East Germans won 9-2 it was their first victory in the tournament, as it came as the fourth round in the seven-round events came to a close before 4,000 fans, including a large number of shouting German tourists.

The big Germans used a simple technique. They bulled in to a series of pileups before the Japanese goal and then banged away at the rubber until something happened.

The smaller men from the Land of the Rising Sun, nevertheless, put up a good battle but stood little chance despite their speed.

Greater finesse was seen as Sweden, tied for first place with defending champion Russia, idle Friday, defeated Austria 10-0, surprising nobody.

Unbeaten Sweden was given the only chance of laming the Russians, who also have four straight wins.

Czechoslovakia is third in the standings, with three wins and a loss. Finland has lost two and won two. Poland and East Germany have won one and lost three, while Japan and Austria have only a tie against each other to show for four games.

## Minnie Mino Arrives In Camp

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Outfielder Minnie Mino reported at the White Sox camp Friday two days late, touching off comment among the veterans that he is the only one who can get away with it.

All Sox under contract were instructed to report Feb. 27.

Minnie at first said he had driven most of the way. Then he said he had flown from Havana. All anybody knew was that he was in camp regardless of how he came.

"My Right-on-Time, like always," he quipped. "I know noth about Feb. 27. They tell me March 1, and here I am."

Manager Al Lopez said: "I guess they're all alike. Bobby Avila (one of Lopez' charges at Cleveland) used to drive us nuts with his own ideas about scheduled arrivals."

## Cards Conclude Rochester Purchase

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—A \$500,000 certified check Wednesday was turned over to the St. Louis Cardinals to complete purchase of the Rochester Red Wings by Rochester Community Baseball Inc.

The buyer of the international league club is a local corporation comprised of 1,562 baseball fans, all of whom bought stock. The total purchase price is \$525,000, of which \$25,000 was paid Jan. 22. The Cardinals had operated the Red Wings as a farm club since 1927.

## Being A Bit Off Color Doesn't Let Champs Off

By WHITNEY MARTIN  
NEW YORK (AP)—Carty Middlecoff is paying the penalty of fame. An ordinary working stiff, feeling below par and needing a rest, he called the office and said he won't be in, and the boss will say okay, and take it easy for a couple of days. Nobody thinks much about it.

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at  
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Figure Skating - Ice Novelties - Clown - Gorgeous Costumes - Ice Dances - Barrel Jumping  
SKATE AFTER

## HUNTERS' CORNER

### Pheasants Thinned Out But Situation Seen Not Alarming

Our pheasants have been on a steady increase since the season opened in 1947. It could be a year out but didn't bother to check my diaries to make sure but I am pretty certain nineteen forty seven was the year with a bag limit of 5 cocks for the season. The following year it was 3 cock birds per day and for several years after the daily bag limit was 5 cocks per day. In 1955 the season was opened on hens and the daily bag limit was 5 pheasants per day. Notwithstanding the pheasant population continued to increase and reached its peak in Queens County and a portion of Kings in the fall of 1955.

I didn't hunt pheasants hard in 1955 but managed to shoot 11... 3 of them cocks. The swamps along the headwaters of the Hillsboro River particularly in the Burnbury, Glenfaint, Fort Augustus and Plaquid districts simply teemed with pheasants. There were apparently just as many at season's close but this couldn't be as there were thousands shot. A farmer at Fort Augustus told me he counted 23 pheasants in one field a few weeks before Christmas. They were well and during the season last year (1956) the crowing of the cock birds could be heard coming from every quarter in regular pheasant country. Large vigorous coveys were spotted in mid May and hunting prospects were bright on the coming hunting season but where were the pheasants in October?

I shot one pheasant... a cock bird of the year... last fall and spent several afternoons and mornings of hard hunting. Three thousand six hundred pen raised pheasants were brought to the Avondale - Hermitage districts that held as many as three coveys of pheasants. Where there were two coveys in 1955 there were none last year and where there were three in fifty-five there was one last fall.

In some sections there were "pheasant pockets" where lively action was enjoyed by local visiting hunters. In the vast narrows at Dundee, Afton and Anderson Reads some sporty pheasant hunting was enjoyed by Parties of

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By JACK SULLIVAN  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
MONTREAL (CP)—Delegates to the Canadian Rugby Union's annual meeting here were warned Friday by president Leo Dandurand of Montreal Alouettes not to propose any radical changes in Canadian football rules.

As chairman of the host club, Dandurand said in a brief lunch speech "if we bring U.S. football rules in their entirety into Canada some teams will go bankrupt."

At the same time CRU officials disclaimed any major changes will be proposed. They say only minor changes and clarifications will come up for approval or rejection.

One deal with a ball carrier being tackled—the ball will be considered grounded if any part of his body other than hands and feet touches the ground. Another proposed change would clarify off-sides before the ball is snapped and a player hops back on field. Both are in the U.S. pro football rule book.

"Baseball didn't enhance its product with the rabbit ball," said Dandurand. "Golf didn't either when it provided a shovel-like

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club to get out of sandpans," "Soccer, on the other hand, a universal game, has had no rule changes in 50 years and it is the biggest spectator sport in the world."

Ken Montgomery of Edmonton, president of the WIFU and of the CRU, said he thought there need be no fears that any radical changes would be proposed at these meetings.

At the same time if there were good points in the American game "even if there were a so-called Russian influence," there was no reason why such good points should not be adopted.

Americans have also seen good points in the Canadian game and there has been talk of incorporating some of them in the American code, said Montgomery. American coaches also had found certain styles of play in Canadian football of today that were useful in the American game.

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### Warned Not To Propose Any Changes In Football Rules

By WHITNEY MARTIN  
NEW YORK (AP)—Carty Middlecoff is paying the penalty of fame. An ordinary working stiff, feeling below par and needing a rest, he called the office and said he won't be in, and the boss will say okay, and take it easy for a couple of days. Nobody thinks much about it.

But Middlecoff is U.S. Open champion, is one of the best golfers now operating, and when he doesn't feel like going to work there are the very dickens to pay.

Middlecoff, officials of the Baton Rouge tournament at Louisville, Ky., said, agreed to play in their open event, but was among those absent for the tee off. He was back home in Memphis, plumb wore out, as they say.

The Professional Golfers' Association has a new rule whereby a player signing to appear in an event and not showing up is subject to a fine. It is assumed that if he breaks a leg or something he might get off with a scolding for being so careless, but just being tired, and underweight, and generally below par apparently is no excuse.

Middlecoff has denied agreement to play in the tournament and the PGA has said no action will be taken against him, but the case shows future problems can arise.

We readily recall some tournament sponsors need some protection. They will have a field that includes big names. Without such a guarantee their events would flop, as the average golf big wants to see the best.

We also realize the predicament the PGA is in when it guarantees the appearance of a certain player and he doesn't show up.

Tournament pros are strictly on their own, with their earnings depending upon their prize money. They pay their own expenses, entry fees and if they don't make expenses it's just their tough luck.

The PGA rule obviously is aimed at making healthy players live up to their obligations. We can't believe it would penalize an ailing player. After all, when a player signs to appear he doesn't know he will be taken sick three weeks from Thursday.