

SPORTS FRONT

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The Race For Second

CHICAGO Black Hawks have closed to within five points of second place Toronto Maple Leafs and Hawks' supporters are getting excited once again about the world champions' chances of overhauling Toronto.

However before these enthusiastic fans become too excited, it would be well for them to realize that this five-point spread doesn't tell the whole story. The Leafs have two big games in hand and at this stage of the fight, that's mighty important. Toronto has 17 games remaining compared to Chicago's 15.

We would think also that the manner in which Chicago picked up their points Wednesday night wouldn't impress their followers too much. They had a 4-1 lead entering the third stanza against the fourth place Rangers, but just did manage to stave off a determined New York drive.

And this game was played before those loyal Chicago fans.

OF THE 15 games remaining in the regular schedule for the Black Hawks, nine of these are away from home. They play in Montreal on three occasions, Toronto twice, Detroit twice and Boston and New York once each. Their half dozen home contests find Detroit Red Wings and Boston Bruins playing a pair each and Maple Leafs and Canadiens in town for single encounters. That's hardly what you would call an easy road home and the Black Hawks should find some rough going on the way.

Toronto's future from now until March 25 looks like this: The Leafs play at home on nine occasions and are on the road for eight other contests. While travelling they meet Rangers twice, Canadiens twice, Boston on two occasions and Chicago and Detroit one apiece.

Their home schedule runs in this manner: New York, Chicago, Detroit and Montreal visit twice and the bothersome Bruins are guests once.

OF COURSE, the Hawks could become a great road team in a hurry and breeze through to some victories at Maple Leaf Gardens. This they haven't been able to do all season but of course there's always a first time.

However, after looking the picture over, we'd have to give the Leafs an edge and we'll be mighty surprised if that second place is taken away from them.

But of course anything can occur and win streaks and slumps often happen to clubs. If the Hawks could get hot and the Leafs hit the skids for a while, the race for second might prove decidedly interesting.

We are not expecting this to happen despite the many optimistic views from Chicago supporters who seem to be all around us.

Canadiens Ride High

REMEMBER last spring when the Black Hawks ousted Montreal Canadiens from the Stanley Cup playdowns? At that time the rumblings started that the Canadiens' supremacy was at a complete end and that after this the Montrealers would just be another hockey team.

Well the Canadiens are still in the National Hockey League. If you start at the bottom of the standings, it will take you a while to find them. They are perched in their old familiar spot atop of the NHL heap. They hold a handsome nine point lead over second place Toronto Maple Leafs and just for good measure the Blackhorns have a game in hand.

This would hardly indicate that Montreal is slipping. If they are, then the rest of the league can't do too much boosting.

Yes, once again the Habs are going to finish in first place. This is indeed a familiar spot for the Montrealers and chances are they'll not bow out in any Stanley Cup semi-finals this season.

Shed no more tears for those Canadiens.

Our Thanks

IN mentioning the British Consols play in our column earlier this week, we neglected to extend our thanks to several persons who were most co-operative with us during the week.

Included among these are Gordon Bennett, secretary-treasurer of the P.E.I. Curling Association and Gordon Stewart, president of the Charlottetown Club.

Our congratulations go out to Wally Rodd, chairman of the provincial games committee for an excellent job, and our very special thanks to Andy Ragnall and his assistants Ed Tanton and Lloyd Welner Jr., for much needed assistance during the competition.

And we must not forget our good friend Walter Goss who supplied us with a complete draw which made things so much easier as play progressed.

It was a pleasure to work with all these gentlemen.

Saturday Minor Hockey Schedule

Here is Charlottetown's Minor Hockey League playdown schedule of games for this Saturday:

7:00-7:30 — Pee-wees — QSS Rams vs. WKS Wolves.
7:30-8:00 — Pee-wees — BHS Lions vs. Sherwood Cubs.
8:00-8:30 — Pee-wees — Sp. Pk. Swallows vs. Sherwood Orioles.
8:30-9:00 — Pee-wees — BHS Owls vs. PPS Spitfires.
9:00-9:30 — Pee-wees — PPS Hornets vs. Sp. Pk. Springers.
9:30-10:00 — Paperweights — QSS Otters vs. Parkdale Terriers.
10:00-10:30 — Paperweights — WKS Colts vs. QSS Sooties.
10:30-11:00 — Paperweights — QSS Lions vs. QSS Snipes.
11:00-11:30 — Paperweights — QSS Larks vs. Sherwood Canaries.
11:30-12:00 — Paperweights — QSS Ravens vs. Parkdale, etc. Sparrows.

12:00-12:30 — Paperweights — WKS Redwings vs. Sp. Pk. Bluebirds.
12:30-1:00 — Paperweights — PPS Falcons vs. QSS Bulldogs.
1:00-1:30 — Bantams — QCHS Beavers vs. BHS Bears.
1:30-2:00 — Paperweights — PPS Tigers vs. Sherwood Bulldogs.
2:00-2:30 — Bantams — Piddle, etc. Bombers vs. winners Beavers-Bears.
2:30-3:00 — Bantams — QCHS Panthers vs. BHS Tigers.
3:00-3:30 — Bantams — Sherwood Battlers vs. QCHS Crows.
3:30-4:00 — Bantams — BHS Wrens vs. BHS Hawks.
4:00-4:30 — Bantams — Piddle, etc., Bluewings vs. QCHS Gulls.
4:30-5:00 — Bantams — BHS Eagles vs. BHS Tigers (exhib.).
5:00-5:30 — Midgets — Vics vs. Arrows.
5:30-6:00 — Midgets — Darts vs. Royals.

OFFICIALS:
7:00-9:00 — Ron Giggey, Ron Carmichael.
8:00-11:00 — Gary Cadmore, Grant Crockett.
11:00-1:30 — Bill Boyles, Mike MacKinnon.
1:30-3:00 — Murray Chandler, Mike Fitzgerald.
3:00-4:30 — Dennis Flanagan, Bill Mulligan.
4:30-6:00 — Les Gauthier, Knobby Walsh.

Carnival Is Staged

The Murray Harbour fancy dress carnival was held in Murray Harbour rink on Friday February 9 before a good crowd of interested spectators.

The following is the prize list: Girls 7 yrs. and under—Lynn Stewart (Red Riding Hood). Boys 7 yrs. and under—James Stewart (Maverick). Girls 12 yrs. and under—Debbie Herring (Miss Candy Cane). Boys 12 yrs. and under—Mark Bonnell (Crown). Girls over 12 yrs.—Patsy Hillard (Miss Flinders Field). Boys over 12 yrs.—Larry White (Smelt Shanty). Prettiest costume—Dale Harris (Hula Girl). Most original costume—Debbie Herring (Miss Candy Cane). Couples under 12 yrs.—Claudia Nicolle and Shelley Judson (Old women). Couples over 12 yrs.—Ellen MacKay and Peggy MacKenzie (Bride and Groom). Special prize—Lorne Lecco (Little Black Cat). Judges were Mrs. Earl Acorn, Murray River, Emerson MacLeod, Beach Point and Mrs. Lyle Gordon, Murray Harbour.

Entries Given For Sat. Races

Here are the entries for Saturday afternoon's race program at the North River causeway as released by Victoria Driving Club officials last night.

First race goes at 2:30 sharp and pari-mutuel betting is one of the features.

Class A Trot: Sarah J., Success Joe, Billy Silver, Poisonaise, Hey You, Granville York, My Hero.

Class A Pace: Jolity's Pride, Chief-Osaukee, Winston's Wish, Gingerbread Man, Hickory Doc.

Class B Pace: High Acres Peter, Jolly Cavaliero, Captain Chief, Victory Gallant, Millie Lee, Bob Dodging, Spencer Will, Scott's Pride.

Class C Pace: Bonnet Bruce.



CURLING TROPHY WINNERS

A rink skipped by Fred Millman won the Labatts curling trophy in a ten rink competition recently completed in the Alberton curling rink. Pictured above are skip Millman; Ed Turner, mate; and Douglas Ferguson, second stone. Missing from the picture is first stone Douglas Pickard.

Royals Cop Series Opener Defeating Evinrudes 4-2

Sandy's Royals, despite being minus their top star Ange Carroll, who is out with a hand injury, edged a determined band of Cape Traverse Evinrudes 4-2 last night at the Sports Arena in the first game of a best of nine Island Senior Hockey League finals.

What the Evinrudes lacked in finesse they made up for in hustle but it just wasn't enough to hold down the league's first place finishers. Close to 1,300 fans watched the Motormen grab a 1-0 lead in the first frame and then fall behind 3-1 in the sandwich session before scoring again in the final frame.

By far the outstanding and busiest player on the ice was the Cape Traverse goalie Thane 'Whitey' Mann. The crew - cut youngster who was so brilliant against Old Spain Penguins, played his best game of the season last night, getting in front of 36 shots, many of them from point-blank range.

HUNTERS' CORNER

Columnist Sees Pesticides Causing Plenty Of Grief

A few days ago I received a call on the phone from a person who questioned a report that a skunk was seen waddling about the city while the thermometer registered well below zero. He told me he always thought that skunks hibernated all winter. I have seen the tracks of old make skunks on February mornings when the thermometer had registered 8 degrees below zero the night before. As one writer, with a poetic streak, wrote about February... "This is the time of waddling skunk tracks, from drift to drift through the winter woods. Driven by a force behind their reckoning, but strong as the moonlight that shatters in the silver woods, the love-lit males brave the nights of February. Orion glitters high in the southern sky as the high-plumed, black and white animals plough from den to den on amorous errand..."

I have learned a lot from travelling the winter woods. The great horned owl lays her eggs early in February and the young break the shell around mid March. After April list the appetites of the fledgling young require a lot of food to satisfy their hunger. At this season of the year food required by the fledglings is at its peak. Ducks and geese crowd our marshes and a myriad of song birds and other feathered life are moving northward and immature rabbits may be had for the taking. The hunger of young owls is never satisfied and if they were born in June when leafy foliage provides a screen for our feathered life and lush grasses and flowers provide cover for field mice, etc. only the strongest of the young would survive. Do I hear readers exclaim: "Who cares if they all died?" Owls were placed here for a purpose and who are we to question Mother Nature?

To put it bluntly homo sapiens... in other words mere man, by his blind forging ahead—come hell or high water—has so upset Nature's balance that we have to resort to insecticides, pesticides, poisonous sprays of all kinds, etc. in order to assure our survival... and — are we assuring survival? It is now a matter of record that poisonous sprays has rendered certain species of our wildlife in some specific areas barren... in other words incapable of reproducing their kind. Who can say with any degree of certainty that we, the members of the human race may not wake up some day in the not far distant future and find ourselves in the same category.

NEWER TYPES For instance: We have more detergents on the market now than one can remember and newer and stronger types are being dreamed up. It is now a matter of record that at the moment no fish can survive within miles of some of our major cities. The claim has been made that within a quarter century... 25 years... there will be no fish or marine life of any kind in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River waterway unless steps are taken or means found to prevent it. Birds and animals are menaced by the increased use of poisonous sprays, top killers, weed killers, bug and insect killers, etc.

I remember as a boy going to our garden for fresh vegetables for dinner and seeing thirty or forty Juncoes fly out. They are a small, slaty grey bird with two long white feathers down either side of their tail. The only Juncoes I see now, and it is a rare occurrence, are in some secluded swamp or woodlot. I remember watching dawn break in the thirties while the air throbbled with the massed singing of myriads of song birds. I felt as if I was sitting in a Cathedral. It has been a weak chorus this past few years and scarcely noticeable. I remember as a boy the only poison used on potato tops was a mixture of Paris Green and flour to kill the potato beetle... Colorado Beetle to give its real name. Today sprayers are in the potato fields throughout the season. This winter I made inquiries as to what happened the trout in the Tudon Dam, Alexandria, last summer... they just seemed to disappear overnight. I was told that a farmer was filling his spray-cart at the dam and a can of poison fell off the cart into the water... exit trout pronto.

THINK IT OVER In closing I am going to give readings of this Column something to think about. PESTICIDES... THE GREATEST THREAT "The current widespread and ever-expanding pesticide program poses the greatest threat that animal life in North America has ever faced worse than a deforestation, worse than market hunting and illegal shooting, worse than drainage, drought or oil pollution, and possibly worse than all of these declimating factors combined... we shall have been witnesses, within a single decade, to a greater extermination of animal life than has occurred in all the previous years of man's history on earth." These are the words of Dr. George Wallace, Professor of Zoology at Michigan State University, Lansing.

The above is not idle talk... its happening right now in this province with respect to our bird life and the end is not far off at the present rate of decline. It is a foregone conclusion that unless some control is exercised over the manufacture and sale of pesticides the time will come when the human race will be the only inhabitants of this universe if we don't destroy ourselves in the process. The amassing of money appears to be the main object of life for many men and the manner of its acquiring is not given a thought... no holds barred in the obtaining of wealth rat race. But... of what use is money if the joy of living no longer exists on this earth.

Elizabeth MacDonald Rink Retains Silver 'D' Ch'ship

SUMMERSIDE — The Elizabeth MacDonald-skipped rink from Charlottetown, trailing all through the first nine ends in competition with the Pauline Burden rink of Charlottetown curling superbly, grabbed a three end in the final round to defeat the Burden rink 8-6 and win the Silver "D" championship.

Kenneth Miller, representing Dominion Stores, made the presentation of the Silver 'D' trophy, to the skip, Elizabeth MacDonald, and they will represent Prince Edward Island in the Canadian championships in Regina in March.

The Burden rink, leading 6-5 going into the final round looked to have the match sewed up, but the MacDonald rink's three ender upset their calculations.

The Pauline Burden rink founced the Wills Somers rink 16-4 to gain entrance to the final round. In the morning the Summerside rink, skipped by Wills Somers defeated the Iris MacLellan rink from Charlottetown 13-5 to gain entrance to the semi-final round.

Linescores of the three games played yesterday were as follows:

9 A.M.
1. MacLellan 104 000 000—5
W. Somers 040 122 113—13

2 P.M.
W. Somers 000 040 00—4
P. Burden 222 102 42—16

8:30 P.M.
E. MacDonald 201 000 101 3—8
P. Burden 010 211 010 0—6

Mr. Miller also made presentations to the runner-up rink. Personnel of the winning rink—Elizabeth MacDonald, skip; Nora MacDonald, mate; Evelyn Goss, second stone; Sally Rodd, lead.

Runners-up—Pauline Burden, skip; Gladys Carruthers, mate; Shirley Carr, second stone; Frances Whitlock, lead. Irene Stillipant was mistress of ceremonies during the presentation ceremonies.

Wings Edge Rangers 4-3

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Red Wings, after tossing away a two-goal lead, edged New York 4-3 on Norm Ullman's third-period goal Thursday night and pulled into a fourth-place tie with Rangers in the National Hockey League standings.

The Wings forged a 3-1 lead on their rivals but then allowed New York to tie it within a three-minute span.

A crowd of 10,294 turned out for the game.

G'town Bantams Whip Souris 7-1

The Georgetown Bantams defeated Souris Bantams 7-1 in the Georgetown rink on Tuesday night in the first game of a two game home and home series with the winner meeting the winners of the Montague and Murray Harbour Bantam series for the Bantam championship of Kings County.

In Tuesday's game the goal getters were for Georgetown: Eldon Batchelder with four goals, Newman McCollough with two and Hal MacLean with a single. The lone goal for Souris was scored by B. Lapierre. The two teams will meet again on Saturday morning at the Souris rink.

Habs Crush Bruins 9-1

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Canadiens struck for five goals in the first period, added three more in the second and another in the third on a penalty shot by rookie Bobby Rousseau to smother lowly Boston Bruins 9-1 before 13,834 fans Thursday night.

The easy win pushed the first-place Habs 11 points in front of

Beavers, Lot 13 Play 5-5 Draw

SUMMERSIDE — The Summerside Beavers and the Lot 13 hockey team fought to a 5-5 draw at Civic Stadium Wednesday night in provincial intermediate "B" game.

Summary: First Period: 1. Lot 13 — C. Morrison (L. Stongman) 2. Beavers — L. Poirier (E. Chafe); second period: 3. Lot 13 — E. Gorrill (M. Cameron, R. MacArthur) 4. Beavers — E. Chafe, 5. Lot 13 — E. Gorrill (D. Birch); Third Period: 6. Lot 13 — D. Birch 7. Beavers — P. Schurman 8. Beavers — P. Schurman 9. Lot 13 — D. Birch 10. Beavers — P. Schurman.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Friday at the Charlottetown club:

6:45 P.M.—(Legion)
Ice 1—Open.
Ice 2—G. Stewart vs. Dr. Prowse.
Ice 3—D. O'Rourke vs. D. Saunders.
Ice 4—A. Love vs. M. Bell.
Ice 5—L. Wellner vs. H. Peters.

8:30 P.M.—(Seagram)—(Spare needed).
Ice 1—Open.
Ice 2—K. Acorn, O.K. Presby, Dr. Beck, W. Coles vs. G. Stewart, F. Cox, L. Blakeney, G. Arnold.
Ice 3—J. Cameron, M. Nicholson, L. Johnson, Abe Zakem, vs. Hajj MacInnis, R. W. Manning, D. Jardine, D. Crosby.
Ice 4—D. Wonnacott, D. George, C. Flemming, W. Carr vs. A. MacDonald, C. Campbell, Dr. Higgins, J. Brooks.
Ice 5—Open.

are advised to get to Civic Stadium early as the best seats might go pretty fast. Game time—9:15.

HEY KIDS!

Rock & Roll Skate this afternoon 2.30 - 4.00 SPORTS ARENA

Primroses Nip Georgetown 5-4

In the intermediate "B" series playoffs Montague Primroses defeated the Georgetown Eagles 5-4. Goals for Montague were: M. Poole, J. Sullivan, D. Clory, B. Beck and B. Ballum one each; for Georgetown: H. Stevens, R. Gallant, C. Gallant and A. MacPhee each one goal. The game was fast and close with both teams showing good form.

Mutch, MacLean Lead At Shoot

Al Mutch and Wendell MacLean, firing in class one of the weekly competitions conducted by the Charlottetown Civilian Rifle Club, turned in scores of 98 of a possible 100 at the RCMP ranges.

In the final judging of the targets, Mutch was given the nod for top spot, by virtue of having five of his ten shots in the "A" ring against four for MacLean.

In class two a 95 point tie between Fred Hooper and Perc Landrigan, had to be broken by the "x" count, and Hooper won out over his opponent, with 4-x's against 3-x's.

A young lady sharpshooter, Edna Kelly, defeated her three competitors, scoring 92 against 91 for her closest rival. With a score of 90, N. Stevenson with a two point margin over the second place marksman, was declared the winner.

NSSHL SCORES

New Glasgow 4 Moncton 3
New Glasgow leads best of seven series 2-1.

CBHL
Glace Bay 4, Sydney 3
Glace Bay takes series.

S'ide Midgets Notch Victory

SUMMERSIDE — The Summerside Midget All-Stars overpowered the Kensington Midgets 18-1 in the first game of a two game series played yesterday at Kensington.

The second game in the Midget playdowns is scheduled for Civic Stadium this Saturday.

Island Senior Hockey League Finals

TONIGHT FRIDAY
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