

# SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

The struggle for Maritime Intermediate "A" hockey honors continues, but we have a feeling that our "once a year" night game staged at Civic Stadium last Friday when over 3,400 fans saw the Cinderella Aces topple the "cream of the crop" Park Royals in the seventh game of what turned out to be the most-fought series which those perennial rivals had waged in a good many years.

Two years ago, with three hired hands from along the hillsboro help us, we took BYC in four straight games for a watered-down Island championship. Parkdale had led the league all winter and had gone on to represent the Island in Maritime laydowns. In some ways the BYC-ACE contest resembled a consolation series. The Aces, however, did surprise a lot of hockey players and fans by their victory over BYC without the loss of a game. As was the case this year, they were definitely under-dogs before the series started.

The Aces' triumph on Friday night was much sweeter, the local club had finally given up the idea that they needed help from the rival centre. They stood at with home talent, and from the start of the season impressed us with their heads-up play. An 8-1 defeat at Civic Stadium in a near-alive star team from Charlottetown at mid season seemed to provide the tip-off, however, as to how the Aces would fare when they tried to lap up the "cream of the crop", and the Aces' fortunes dipped to a new low when they were beaten by a hustling band of college boys at Saint Dunstan's University rink. From that deep valley of humiliation to the dizzy heights of Friday night was quite a climb. And the view from up here is simply tremendous!

Highlights of the Aces' success—The steady, dependable play of Justace Reeves, Doug Williams and Grant Grady behind the blue-line after their star rearguardman, Ron MacArthur, had suffered an injury and missed two games.—The game comeback of this same MacArthur, who though obviously still handicapped by his injury, got back into the rugged, hard-hitting struggle and assisted on two of the three goals scored.—The equal sharing of those three goals, milestones in an up-hill struggle to victory, by all three forward lines, with Benny Grady, Bonnie Horat and Greg Deigan, one from each line, pulling the trigger.—The sensational goal-tending of Thane "Whitey" Mann, over-shadowed only by the super-sensational work of Frankie Roper in the other net.—A Lou Gehrig eclipsed by a Babe Ruth.—And the deserved triumph of an old pro called Windy Steele, who, though used to triumphs with teams in higher divisions, was a bit overcome by this one.

There were doubtless many factors that led to the ACE success, and in all fairness to a hard-fighting rival, the "Breeks" had to be one of them, but the biggest factor of all was this same old pro—Clarence "Windy" Steele.



**GORGEOUS GEORGE GETS TRIMMED**

Professional wrestler George Stanger lost his match against Billy (Whipper) Watson in Toronto. And he paid a fearful price. Perfum'd golden locks, his trademark for years, were shaved off his head. George had vowed before the bout he would have his hair shaved off if he lost. Here, Watson grips him under the chin and four other persons have to pin him down as a barber fulfills the vow.

## INSPIRED BY SCOTSMAN

# London Arsenal Team May Establish Record

By FREDERICK STONER  
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LONDON (CP)—History, as many people have noted, is inclined to repeat itself, and soccer is no exception.

Twelve years ago Joe Mercer, a spindly-legged international wing half thought to be on the soccer scrap heap, was purchased from Everton by Arsenal. At the time the famous Gunners, scourge of English clubs in the 1930s, were in the soccer doldrums after finishing a lowly 13th in the first post-war season.

Thanks to Mercer's inspiring leadership, Arsenal topped the First Division next season to win the Football League championship. It was only the beginning. Mercer captained the Gunners to another league title in 1953 and to the Football Association Cup final in 1950 and 1952.

Now the Mercer episode may be repeated. Arsenal, which finished 12th in the league standings last year, is on the march again. This time the inspiration is being supplied by 30-year-old Tommy Docherty, a Scottish international obtained from Preston North End last July.

Like Mercer, Docherty is a wing half. Like Mercer, he is an international player, and like Mercer he was bought from a Lancashire club.

The rugged Scotsman, who can always be heard shouting encouragement to the team, has awakened Arsenal from its five-year sleep. The London team has been at or near the top of the First Division all this season and is well placed to win its eighth league championship—a record.

The man responsible for putting Docherty in the Gunners' red-and-white uniform is George Swindin, Arsenal's fast-talking, hard-working manager.

Behind the scenes, Swindin and coach Ron Greenwood have groomed the team to go all-out for goals, a complete reversal of the defensive methods that won Arsenal seven league championships and three FA Cups in 15 seasons.

The change is no less remarkable on the players themselves. Regular performers like centre forward David Herd and outside right Danny Clapton have won international honors for the first time. When injuries plagued the first team, previously unknown reserves filled the gap so well that manager Swindin decided to finish this season with the existing roster of 35 professionals.

The new style, which has already brought Arsenal more goals than the team scored all last season, is also bringing financial rewards. The fans enjoy watching the goal-hungry Gunners. Average attendance at home matches this year is about 50,000, some 10,000 above last year.

## Irish Horses Are Favorites In Grand National

LONDON (AP)—Irish horses Mr. What and Slippery Serpent Monday remained the betting favorites for the Grand National Steeplechase to be run over Aintree's turf course Saturday.

Britain's leading bookies made Mr. What, a runaway winner last year, 8-to-1 favorite to take the race for the second straight year. Slippery Serpent was second favorite at 10 to 1.

Complete betting odds on the four-mile, 856-yard, 30-obstacle race:

Mr. What 8 to 1; Slippery Serpent 10 to 1; Done-Up 100 to 9; Oxo, Syndburgh 100 to 7; Nic Aitkins 18 to 1; Tiberella, Turmoil 20 to 1; Green Drill, Mr. Gay 22 to 1; Kerstin, Oscar Wild, Soltown 25 to 1; Belsize II, Canobie Lee, Irish Coffee, John Jacques, Valiant Spark, Eagle Lodge 33 to 1; Glorious Twelfth, Killballyown, Mains-town, Stop List, Top Twenty 40 to 1.

Others were unquoted. Thirty seven-horses still are entered for the 113th running of the National. The odds were set at a betting call-over by Britain's leading bookies.

## Macs Expected Home Sunday

TORONTO (CP)—Bellefleur McFarland, world hockey champion, are expected to arrive in Toronto by air at 5:45 p.m. EST next Sunday, March 22.

Word received here from Prague Monday was that the team would leave London Sunday at 6 a.m. EST.

## S'Side Minor Hockey Program

SUMMERSIDE — SAAA minor hockey schedule for this week:

Tuesday: 5:00, St. Dunstan's University Juveniles at Summerside.

Wednesday: 4:00-5:00, Paperweight All-Stars; 5:00-6:00, Bantam All Stars.

Thursday: 4:00-4:30, Paperweight Major 1 vs. 2; 4:30-5:30, Pee wee All-Stars; 5:30-6:30, Midget 1 vs. 2.

Friday: 4:00-4:45, Bantam 1 vs. 2; 4:45-5:30, Bantam 3 vs. 4; 5:30-6:00, Pee wee 1 vs. 2.

Saturday: 9:00-9:30, Paperweight Minor 1 vs. 3; 9:30-10:00, Paperweight Minor 2 vs. 4; 10:00-10:30, Paperweight Major 1 vs. 2; 10:30-11:15, Bantam 3 vs. 4; 11:15-11:45, Pee wee 3 vs. 4; 11:45-12:15, Pee wee 5 vs. 6.

## Soccer Results

LONDON (Reuters)—Results of soccer matches played Monday night in the United Kingdom:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I

Preston 3 Notts F 5

Division III

Accrington vs Norwich (pp)

Newport 3 Notts C 1

Queens PR 3 Bradford C 0

Rochdale 0 Colchester 1

Tranmere 2 Plymouth 0

## WORST RIOT IN HISTORY

# St. Patrick's Night, 1955 Was Memorable At Forum

By JACK SULLIVAN  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Four years ago tonight the most destructive and frenzied riot in the history of Canadian sports occurred at Montreal Forum. The mob demonstration spilled out into the streets where the hoodlum element took over and went on a rampage of destruction and looting.

The outbreak came as the aftermath of the actions of two men—National Hockey League president Clarence Campbell and Montreal Canadiens' explosive Maurice Richard.

Campbell was the villain of the piece to Montreal fans because, just 24 hours before, he suspended the Rocket for the remainder of the NHL season and Stanley Cup playoffs. Richard, hero of Canadiens' supporters, earned the suspension for his stick attack on Bruins' Hal Laycoe in a game at Boston less than a week before.

Richard didn't stop there. Linesman Cliff Thompson, who attempted to intervene in the Richard-Laycoe battle, was belted by Richard who caught him under the eye with a right. Thompson had a lump to prove it.

An excited crowd of 15,000 jammed the Forum that memorable St. Patrick's Night for the game between Canadiens and Detroit Red Wings. Hundreds more, unable to gain admission, milled around outside.

Campbell sat in his regular box seat. He was punched, belted with rubbers, tomatoes, pro-

grams, coins and anything throwable. He was unharmed. The big ruckus started after the first period with Detroit lead 4-1 when a tear-gas bomb was set off. Thousands stampeded for the exits while outside a huge crowd congregated, many of them juveniles. They leaved the arena, frozen snow and battles of police, firemen, automobiles and street cars.

Within minutes, the crowd was out of hand. Police gradually pushed the trouble-makers out of the area, but that didn't end it. Hoodlums broke windows and looted jewelry, cigar and clothing shops en route. Damage was estimated at about \$30,000 and 75 persons, almost half of them juveniles who were not at the game, were held on charges of disturbing the peace, assault, robbery and other charges.

EVER SINCE

Since then the Rocket has been a universally admired player. Up to the 95 "L'Affaire Richard," he had been involved in more penalties and paid more in fines—\$2,500—than any other player in the history of the N.H.L.

In the 1957-58 season he was an early candidate for the Lady Byng Memorial Trophy awarded annually to the player "adjudged to have exhibited the best type of sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct combined with a high standard of playing ability during the season."

He missed. He played the first 11 games without a penalty, was leading scorer in the league and then was knocked out of action for more than three months with a severed achilles tendon.

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**Events of the Week At SPORTS ARENA**

TUESDAY—Skate 8 to 10

WEDNESDAY—Pre-school skate 1:30 to 3 p.m. Afternoon skate 4 to 5:30 Skate 8 to 10

THURSDAY—Skate 8 to 10

FRIDAY—Interscholastic Hockey at 7:45

SATURDAY—Afternoon Skating 2:30 to 4:15

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## Horse Racing's Triple Crown To Be Televised

NEW YORK (AP)—Horse racing's "triple crown" events—the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes—again will be televised and broadcast nationally by Columbia Broadcasting System.

CBS announced the program Monday. The Derby is scheduled May 2, the Preakness May 16, and the Belmont June 13.

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## SPORT OF KINGS

### Rollie Jenkins Tops All Scorers During Playoffs

With four games played in the playoffs, Lloyd Macdonald's Annandale Combies have been eliminated from further play in the Island Intermediate playoffs. Cape Traverse won the series three games to one. The only win of the series for Annandale came last Monday night when they edged the Rovers 5-3. That game was the closest of the series. The two teams were tied 5-5 at the end of the second. In the final period, the Rovers really applied the pressure, but, Bubby Doucette in the Combies net was sensational.

In the two games played in Souris, we thought the most outstanding player for the Combies was Bubby Doucette. He was responsible for the only victory, and in the last game, only his terrific stopping kept the Rovers from scoring about 20 goals. Reg Peters, a forward named defenseman, also played very well. Of the forwards, most of them had a few moments when they were outstanding.

**TOP SCORER**

Rollie Jenkins was top scorer during the playoffs, while Harold Macdonald led in assists. We were to pick three stars for the playoffs they would be: Reg Peters, Bubby Doucette and Harold Macdonald. Carl Peters would be called the most improved player. This is his first year in Intermediate hockey. We have the individual points for the players along the playoff trail, and here they are:

G	A	Pts.
Rollie Jenkins	31	10
Harold Macdonald	10	27
Richard Duffy	6	15
Reg Peters	5	16
Carl Peters	8	5
Bob Cheverie	2	7
Carl Macdonald	0	7
Paul Paquet	1	2

### Racing Entries for Wednesday

Another ice-racing meet has been lined up by the Victoria Driving Club for Wednesday afternoon at North River Causeway.

Following are the entries in this meet:

Class D Trot — Just In Time, Leaver Palie, Farnham Queen, Basil Girl, Cedar Crest Deb, Gordon Mac, Michael Peter, Miss Real Money, Libby G.

Class A Pace — Miss Harvest, The Bowers Boy, Gulf Past, Sandy Budlong, Whispering Bud, Hasty Road, Don Harvester.

Class B Pace — Stormy C, Brown Budlong, Diana Henley, Arthur's Breeze, Frankie Buck, Coronation Lass, Ida's Boy.

Class A Trot — My Hero, Colonel Budlong, Lady Thompson, New Forest.

## RIFLE SCORES

Results of shoot held at York March 11th:

T. Vessey 100

Albert Court 99

Edward Swan 98

Jack Andrews 99

Edg Vessey 99

Lyron Ling 98

Lloyd Vessey 97

Harry Welton 97

Sean Andrews 97

J. Cluney 95

William Crockett 95

Raymond Vessey 94

Ernest Schmalz 93

Arnold Taylor 93

Marion Vessey 93

Alison Coles 91

Pauline Swan 91

Arna Vessey 89

Barilyn Lewis 89

George Proud 88

Wag. Parkman 85

Wenda Campbell 85

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