

SPORTS FRONT

By FUS CALLAGHAN

THE DEADLINE of the Island Senior Hockey League has passed. It was midnight Tuesday December 15 and players registered by clubs on that date will constitute their lineups for the remainder of the 1959-60 season.

We have been handed a letter mailed to all team managers by league secretary J. H. 'Joe' Clark sometime ago. The managers were Charlie MacDonald, St. Dunstan's; Keith Acorn, Perfection Penguins; Sandy Frizzell, Sandy's Parkdale Royals; Charles Hogan, P.E.I. Aces and referee-in-chief Jack Reedy.

And so the speculation has ended. Players are fixed with their teams. No longer will people be wondering who will line up with whom. Every player has his home now and he might as well make up his mind to be happy in it.

There's balance galore and at the mere mention of balance president Ivan Doherty beams from ear to ear.

It looks like a great race right to the wire and we won't try gazing into our crystal ball to see if we can come up with a winner.

We think predicting in this type of league is too dangerous a business.

WELL IT has come to pass. Those Chicago Black Hawks have become aroused and have served notice in a most impressive way that they are keenly interested in a Stanley Cup playoff berth.

The boys from the Windy City were a great disappointment until a few days ago when they apparently found new life and started playing hockey the experts maintained they could play.

Last Saturday night before a disappointed Toronto crowd, they roared from behind to beat the Maple Leafs, one of the few times the Inlatch crew bowed this season on home ice.

Sunday they again came behind to earn a draw with Montreal Canadiens in Chicago and Wednesday night they blanked Milt Schmidt's Boston Bruins with the greatest of ease 4-0.

All of this success has the Hawks today with 21 points, just four behind the fast fading Bruins. And what gives Chicago folks a lift when they look at these standings is the fact that the Hawks have played two less games than the Bruins.

If they could gather wins on both these outstanding games then they would be in a flaffooted tie with the Be-Heavens. When we wrote this column the Hawks were getting in one of those extra games. They were at Detroit against the surprising Red Wings and if Rudy Pilous' boys could stay in the groove, the Bruins' margin would be cut to two.

ALL THE WORRY that was prevalent a few weeks ago about Hawks and Rangers falling to get into the league race this season has disappeared. These New Yorkers trail Boston by five points but the Rangers have three games in hand on the Bostonians.

New York next sees action in Montreal Saturday night. That of course is an assignment that is just about as big as they come. However, Alfie Pike's boys have grabbed two victories on Montreal ice this year. That's something that no other team was able to accomplish. The Canadiens have lost only five games this season and three of those came on Montreal ice. The other team to conquer them was the Detroit Red Wings. Away from home Toronto Maple Leafs and Boston Bruins managed to down the Blakemen.

So you see the Rangers won't be doing any shivering when they take the ice Saturday night against the Canadiens. Any team that could beat the Habs 7-4 on 'Harvey' night should have some confidence even though the opposition is Montreal. We wouldn't dare say that New York would trounce Canadiens again tomorrow night but we have a feeling the Pikemen will be giving a little extra when they battle the Stanley Cup champions.

Yes, man there's a race going in this National League and it looks like it will keep right on going until the final night of the schedule.

WE HAVE ALWAYS contended that wrestling was classified in the wrong category. Our conviction is that it has no place in sport but rather belongs to the drama field.

We have always maintained that many wrestlers possessed great dramatic talent. They have demonstrated this to their viewers time after time. Some folks have become extremely worked up at these mat contests because the 'badman' has pulled another of his dirty tricks.

A great many of these entertainers masquerading as wrestlers are intelligent people who try their level best to give the cash customers the type of entertainment they come to see. We have never felt that the majority of these performers didn't try to give a good show. What we did disagree on was the name 'sport' being associated with the performance. We felt and we still do that it was drama all the way.

RECENTLY it was hinted an investigation might be made into professional wrestling on the grounds that the performers are not sincere. Sports columnist Jim Coleman rushes to the wrestlers' defence at the mere mention of this alleged insincerity.

Says Jim: "The wrestlers are such sincere practitioners of their art that they can wring tears from Sir Adam Beck's monument. Compared with the professional wrestlers, such other accomplished artists as Sir Laurence Olivier, Helen Hayes and Katherine Cornell are phonies."

Coleman insists that the wrestlers provide entertainment for those who pay money to watch it. We don't disagree but we don't want it placed on the sport wagon.

And we particularly like Coleman's closing remarks on the subject. "Wrestling is the modern Morality Play—in which Good ultimately triumphs over Evil. (It may take several weeks, mind you.)"

Yes, the villain eventually pays for his bad deeds.

HUNTERS CORNER

Columnist Is Aroused By Slaughter Of Rabbits

Last week a picture appeared in one of our local papers showing a hunter standing behind a pile of 75 rabbits alleged to have been taken by him in a single day. To state that this mass execution of rabbits, a valuable game animal both from the sporting and meat producing angle, shocked the sensibilities of the general public in this province with the impact of a sledge hammer blow is putting it mildly.

For years this columnist has advocated a daily bag limit on rabbits of 6 per day but the P. E.I. Fish and Game Association has repeatedly ignored this request. The question is being asked: Why should the Game Association be allowed to sit in the driver's seat with respect to amendments to the Fish and Game Act? A few have advanced the answer according to their own way or reasoning.

I am not singling the Alberton hunter out for specific criticism for I feel there are hundreds of other rabbit hunters in the same boat. For my money it's the best thing that could have happened for it has awakened the public to a practice that is prevalent in all three counties... Prince, Queens and Kings. Seeing is believing. It was a shocking example of the type of sportsmanship displayed by the majority of our present day hunters. A few days ago a Charlottetown hunter reported on returning from a rabbit hunt that his party had carried a full load of bunnies to the car, or cars, and an hour or so later hung 37 rabbits up in trees and continued the hunt farther afield. When it began to rain heavily they took a short-cut to where they had parked their transportation and left the rabbits hanging in the woods.

DON'T OVERDO IT Before the Alberton episode local rabbit hunters were bragging about the bags of thirty or more bunnies they shot on every trip out. Now according to themselves, they just bring home a pair or so each and extol the pleas-

Habs Crush Leafs 8-2; Red Wings Shade Hawks

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Canadiens went on a scoring spurge Thursday night in snapping out of a slump, walloping Toronto Maple Leafs 8-2 in a wild game that blew up into a free-for-all in the second period.

When the big brawl ended, referee Eddie Powers ordered all players on the ice at the time, except the goalies, to the penalty box.

Major penalties for fighting went to Tim Horton of Toronto and Jean Beliveau. The others escaped with minor penalties for roughing.

The ice-cleaning act on swoop was believed unprecedented in the NHL. There have been far more penalties in number and penalty time handed out but hockey men could not recall a similar clearance.

Trouble broke out again in the third period and majors went to Gary Edmundson of Toronto and

Marcel Bonin of Montreal. George Armstrong of the Leafs was tagged with misconduct penalty.

SUMMARY
First period: 1. Montreal, Beliveau (H. Richard, Geoffrion) 11:52; 2. Montreal, Bonin (H. Richard, Johnson) 18:19. Penalties: Edmundson 6:43, Beliveau 8:30, Baun 11:22, Johnson 19:17.

Second period: 3. Toronto, Wilson (Horton) 1:25; 4. Montreal, Harvey (Geoffrion) 11:47; 5. Montreal, Provost (Goyette, Turner) 12:50; 6. Toronto, Armstrong (Regan) 16:37. Penalties: Brewer 2:55, Stewart 10:24, Johnson 13:18.

Horton major, Beliveau major, Wilson, James, Stanley, Harris, Talbot, Geoffrion, Moore, Johnson 16:54, H. Richard 19:59.

Third period: 7. Montreal, Harvey (Moore, Geoffrion) 5:22; 8. Montreal, H. Richard (Turner) 8:46; Montreal, Langlois (Harvey, Marshall) 16:38; 10. Montreal, Backstrom (Talbot, McDon-

ald) 19:44. Penalties: Pulford, Edmundson, Bonin major 15:38, James minor, Armstrong misconduct, H. Richard minor 16:08.

DETROIT (AP)—Murray Oliver, a 22-year-old rookie just 14 games out of the minor leagues, sparked Detroit Red Wings to an uphill 3-2 triumph over Chicago Black Hawks Thursday night in a National Hockey League contest.

Oliver scored twice in the final period and pulled the Red Wings out of a 2-1 deficit for their sixth straight game without a defeat.

The second-place team has won four games in a row and five of their last six games, tying the other.

Gary Aldred set up Oliver on both the trying and winning goals. Oliver, who now has scored seven goals since he joined the Red Wings, beat Glen Hall with a 12-footer just before the half-way mark in the final period and turned a shot into the far corner of the net for the winning goal with less than four minutes to go in the game.

SUMMARY
First period: 1. Chicago, Hull (Nesterenko, Vasko) 12:08. Penalty: Sloan 9:37.

Second period: 2. Chicago, Nesterenko (Hay) 3:51; 3. Detroit, Aldred 18:56. Penalties: Arbour 8:16, Pronovost 16:24.

Third period: 4. Detroit, Oliver (Aldred, Howe) 8:30; 5. Detroit, Oliver (Godfrey, Aldred) 16:41. Penalties: Hay 1:45, St. Laurent 14:37.

Royals Grab League Lead; Prevail Over Penguins 5-4

Sandy's Royals moved to the top of the Island Senior Hockey League ladder last evening with a 5-4 decision over Perfection Penguins in a thriller at the Sports Arena.

How They Stand
GP W L T Pct.
Royals 9 5 2 2 .667
Penguins 10 6 4 0 .600
Aces 11 3 3 3 .409
Saints 4 0 3 1 .125

It was nip'n tuck all the way with the Penguins all decked out in new uniforms, taking a 2-0 lead over the Royals within the first seven minutes of action.

Coach Angie Carroll, with his first of two goals, put the Royals on the board at the 11:47 mark. This closed out the scoring for the opening frame.

HAS GREAT NIGHT
Carroll, having a great night, sank two counters and aided on two others in closing the gap in the individual scoring race. The line of Carroll, Burke and Whitlock along with defenceman Stu MacLure, scored all the counters for the winners.

Scoring leader Apps Arsenault added two points to his total with one goal and an assist.

The second period saw the Royals outscore the Perfectionists three goals to one, rearguard MacLure, Carroll and Whitlock counting for the Royals and Hughes scoring the loner for

the losers, making the score read 4-3 for the Royals.

The final stanza had only gone ten seconds when Arsenault tied the score up. Kane and Pineau picking up assists.

WINNING GOAL
Freddie Burke, one of the hardest workers of the game, scored the winning goal less than five minutes later on a beautiful picture play.

Referees Jack 'Sp'y' Reedy and Art Perry called a total of eight penalties, including four majors.

A brawl in the sandwich session between Freddie Burke and Billy Hughes earned them five minutes in the sin bin and a fistic duel between Willie Dunn of the Royals and Jack Kane of the Penguins in the dying minute of the third period saw them banished for five minutes.

(SUMMARY)
First Period:- Penguins- Pineau (Arsenault, Kane) 1:26; 2. Penguins-Kane (Pineau) 6:36; 3. Royals-A. Carroll (Whitlock, Burke) 11:47. Penalties:- D. Carroll 3:26; Coyle 6:26.

Second Period:- Royals-MacLure (Whitlock, A. Carroll) 1:40; 5. Penguins-Hughes (MacDonald, Gilles) 5:42; 6. Royals-A. Carroll (Whitlock, Burke) 8:53; 7.

Third Period:- 8. Penguins-Arsenault (Kane, Pineau) 10; 9. Royals-F. Burke (MacLure) 5:05. Penalties-Arsenault 6:03; Kane (major) 18:33; Dunn (major) 18:33.

Royals-Whitlock (Carroll, MacLure) 18:14. Penalties-MacLure 12:39, Hughes (major) 14:18, F. Burke (major) 14:18.

TEENAGE SKATE TO-NIGHT
AT SPORTS ARENA
8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Adults 50c Children 35c

Saturday Program For Minor Hockey

Following are the various games scheduled to be played in Charlottetown's Minor Hockey Leagues this Saturday at Sports Arena. Juveniles are asked to note they do not see action, Saturday, and all other players are asked to be on hand ready to go on time. Coaches are asked to pick up goalie equipment and sweaters well before game time to save ice time for their teams.

- 6:35 - 8:20 - John Davis, Gord Wellner.
- 8:20 - 9:30 - Roy White, John Richard.
- 9:30 - 11:45 - Bill Boyles, Walter Lawlor.
- 7:00 - 7:30 - Pee Wees - QSS Cranes vs. Royalty Orioles.
- 7:30 - 8:00 - Pee Wees - QSS Jays vs. Parkdale Robins.
- 8:00 - 8:30 - Pee Wees - QSS Rams vs. Parkdale Parkers.
- 8:30 - 9:00 - Pee Wees - QSS Elks vs. Royalty Cubs.
- 9:00 - 9:30 - Pee Wees - WKS Wolves vs. PSS Owls.
- 9:30 - 10:00 - Pee Wees - WKS Ducks vs. PSS Spitfires.
- 10:00 - 10:30 - Pee Wees - QCHS Foxes vs. PSS Hornets.
- 10:30 - 11:00 - Pee Wees - S-Park Springers vs. QSS Lions.
- 11:00 - 11:30 - Paperweights - PSS Falcons vs. QSS Lions.
- 11:30 - 12:00 - Paperweights - QSS Ravens vs. QSS Loons.
- 12:00 - 12:30 - Paperweights - PSS Tigers vs. QSS Settlers.
- 12:30 - 1:00 - Paperweights - QSS Otters vs. S-Park Bluebirds.
- 1:00 - 1:30 - Paperweights - WKS Colts vs. Royalty Bulldogs.
- 5:00 - 5:30 - Paperweights - WKS Redwings vs. Royalty Canaries.
- 5:30 - 6:00 - Paperweights - Pk'Dale Sparrows vs. Pk'Dale Terriers.
- 6:00 - 6:35 - Bantams - Birchwood Tigers vs. QCHS Beavers.
- 6:35 - 7:10 - Bantams - Birchwood Bears vs. QCHS Cougars.
- 7:10 - 7:45 - Bantams - Royalty Battlers vs. QCHS Panthers.
- 7:45 - 8:20 - Bantams - Birchwood Eagles vs. QCHS Gulls.
- 8:20 - 8:55 - Bantams - Birchwood Hawks vs. Pk'Dale Bluewings.
- 8:55 - 9:30 - Bantams - Royalty Ravens vs. QCHS Crows.
- 9:30 - 10:15 - Midgets - Ramblers vs. Abbies.
- 10:15 - 11:00 - Midgets - Approws vs. Royals.
- 11:00 - 11:45 - Midgets - Vics vs. Darts.
- OFFICIALS - 7:00 - 9:00 - Reg Proffitt, Leroy Barnett.
- 9:00 - 11:00 - Mike MacKinnon, Alan MacKinnon.
- 11:00 - 1:30 - Bill Boyles, Daryl Doyle.
- 5:00 - 6:35 - Bob Crockett John Davies (Jr.).

Deal Involving Forbie Kennedy Is Turned Down

WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg Warriors say they have turned down a three-player offer from Edmonton Flyers for centre Ray Brunel, playing his second season with the Western Hockey League club.

Warriors said Wednesday Flyer general manager and coach Bud Poile had offered centre Forbie Kennedy, winger Warren Hynes and defenceman Pete Goegan for Brunel, leading scorer with the Warriors this season.

Kennedy recently was sent to the fifth-place Flyers by the parent Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League. Goegan also has seen service with the Wings. Hynes played with the Warriors last year while on loan from the Flyers but returned to Edmonton for the 1959-60 campaign.

Brunel is 11th in the WHL scoring race with 13 goals and 17 assists for 30 points with the sixth-place Winnipeg club.

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TRANSFER PRISONERS

HAVANA (AP)—The Cuban government transferred American Frank Austin Young, of Miami, Fla., and Peter Lambton, of Nassau, the Bahamas, to the Isle of Pines prison colony Tuesday to serve their sentences for counter-revolutionary activities. Young, 38, was sentenced to 30

months and Lambton to 18 months. Both were arrested in Havana last month.

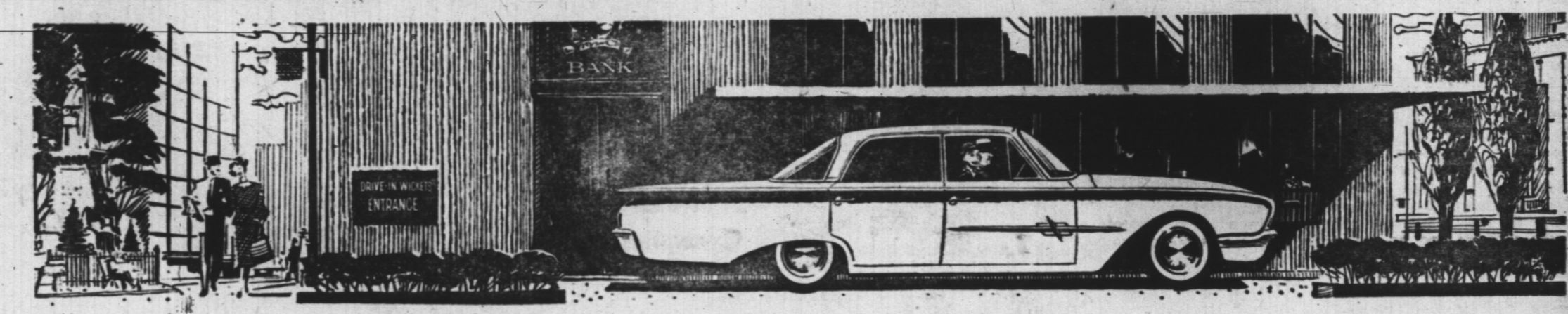
True sportsmanship in the field will soon be as extinct as the Great Auk judging by events this season. 80 per cent of our present day hunters are never satisfied. They'll shoot till the last shell is expended or there are no targets left at which to fire. Their motto appears to be kill...kill...kill. The goose season that officially ended on December 9th saw thousands of geese brought to bag. It produced goose shooting de-luxe and yet scores of goose hunters are waiting for the season should have been left open until Christmas, many of whom had shot over thirty geese each during the season just passed. Sportsmanship is out and replaced by Murder Incorporated.

The Southport Farmer has announced that he is selling his Domesticated wildgeese a nd breaking up his Refuge. I understand that the last two days of the open season he and his son had to walk herd on the few geese left. Gunners would walk into the yard and inquire how close to the buildings they could (Continued on page 9)

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