INTERIM REPORT

By RALPH CAMERON

Those Irishmen Again

MUCH AS I dislike consorting with certain Irishmen this guy Callaghan is so persistent I seem to get hooked whenever his lack of ingenuity leads him into extra work. So here we are back on the sports pages after a pleasurable absence. Of course, you might know it would be another Irishman named Cullen responsible for it all. So don't blame me for lousy columns, put the blame squarely where it belongs.

How do you like Rocky Marciano's prediction regarding the Patterson-Chuvalo fight? I admit I will root for Canadian George but commonsense tells me if Patterson has slipped so much as to be in danger of losing he better forget all about the dream of meeting Liston again. Otherwise he should be charged with attempted suicide while of unsound mind.

Marciano based his prediction on what Chuvalo did to Doug Jones and on how the Canadian's style has changed from pure slugging to an acquired punch combination and better defense. I hope he is right because it would be something to have a top world figure from this country.

No More Bonus Babies

THEY SAY the three 'B's' — baseball bonus babies — will be missing from now on. Young players with no pro experience will no longer have the old bargaining position once they become subject to the new baseball draft system. In the old days a lot of kids picked up a small fortune just for signing a contract; few of them proved worth it. Trade winds were blowing all last week and the Dodgers seem to have added an extra bit of pitching strength by getting Osteen but Washington did not do too badly in the deal when they got Frank Howard, Ken McMullen and two pitchers.

Some Pot Shots

MIGHTY HOT race in the National Football League. Only way it could have been better would be if Cardinals and Browns were meeting this Saturday. I like the work of young Charlie Johnson at quarterback for the St. Louis squad and believe he will be the one to take over the top position held so long by Johnny Unitas. The other great quarterbacks have passed out of the picture or soon will — Y. A. Tittle for example. Expect to get an argument about Johnson from fans supporting that kid who is making such a good showing with the Vikings.

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Did you notice the United States Trotting Association reported attendance soared 11 per cent this year while betting in the mutuels jumped 16 per cent. They say 21,292,000 people watched for returns on the $1,236,848,726 they had wagered. In case you wonder that is about $58 bet per person.

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Be interesting to watch the Russian hockey team against professionals. No question about the tremendous improvement in the calibre of European hockey, but I doubt they would stand up to, say, Pilote and Vasko or Brewer and Horton. I also think they would be slightly amazed at the speed of Bobby Hull or the wizardry of Henri Richard. Funny, though, to recall the days when all a Canadian team had to do to win in Europe was skate out on the ice.

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Am getting a real belt out of the resurgence of Bruins and Rangers and suggest the day is not far off when playoffs will not be conducted without them. Bruins were my team in the days of Eddie Shore and Lionel Hitchman, then I moved to New York and knew Mac and Neil Colville so switched allegiance. My last NHL home residence was Montreal so I stayed with Canadiens since. The tremendous competitive spirit of Rocket Richard and Toe Blake and others got me then and I can still see it in the Pocket. So, for the benefit of Blaine and Mark, I pick them again.

Mahovlich To Return To Action Wednesday

TORONTO (CP)—Frank Mahovlich, Toronto Maple Leafs' big left winger who has been sidelined with a mysterious ailment since Nov. 11, is slated to see action Wednesday night when his club plays host to Montreal Canadiens in a battle for second place in the National Hockey League.

The nature of Mahovlich's illness is known to him and the team physician, but they decline to disclose it to the public.

Leafs will be without the services of another top regular for at least one more game.

Centre Bob Pulford, who last Saturday suffered a bruised eyeball, has been confined to hospital with both eyes bandaged. But he is expected to play against Boston this Saturday.

FRANK MAHOVLICH

German National Team Will Play In Canada

MELVILLE, Sask. (CP)—The German national hockey team will play a 12-game exhibition schedule in Canada between Jan. 24 and about Feb. 15, Gordon Juckes, Canadian Amateur Association secretary - manager, said Tuesday.

The schedule tentatively calls for six games in the Maritimes, one each at Ottawa, the Lakehead and Winnipeg, two in Saskatchewan and one in Alberta, he said. The team will land at Halifax.

Juckes said contracts and details are not complete.

The German team is rated about sixth internationally—behind Canada, United States, Russia, Sweden and Czechoslovakia.

Opposition will be provided by senior, intermediate or Junior A teams, Juckes said. He indicated clubs playing the tourists would not be allowed to pick up reinforcements.

Curling Draw At Montague

The following is the curling draw at the Montague Curling Club for Wednesday, December 9.

7 p.m.

Ice 1 — Fred Vurzo, E. Cudmore, E. Caldwell, Florence MacDonald vs. C.A. Nicholson, S. Sinclair, Ralph Annear, O. Hennigar.

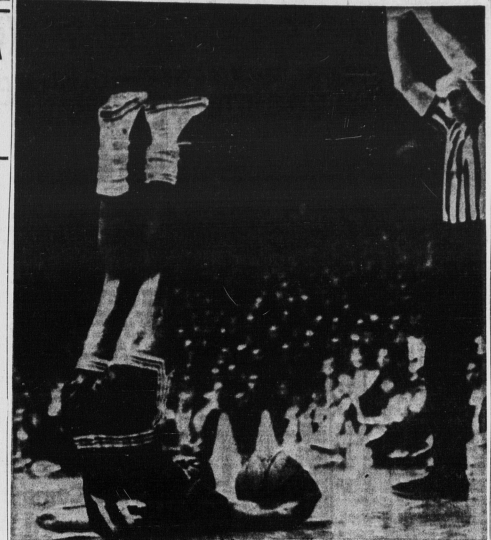
Ice 2 — Doug McGowan, E. Worth, Richard Collings, Betty Sharpe vs. George Worth, Ruth MacDonald, G. Warner, J. McKeeman.

9 p.m.

Ice 1 — Ken MacKenzie, M. Sullivan, Charles MacKinnon, Helen Robbins vs. Dr. L.A. Johnston, Lil MacDonald, Henry Mowery, A. Bears.

Ice 2 — Duke MacDonald, P. Johnston, Arnold MacLeod, Blanche MacKinnon vs. Ellery Shaw, Blanche Smith, Hugh Robbins, Louise MacLeod.

If unable to curl, please arrange own substitutes.



STRETCH UP

This isn't a conditioning drill — it's what happens when two basketball players are tugging at the same ball at the same time and one lets go. Kansas State center Roy Smith and Southern Illinois center Boyd O'Neal both grabbed the same rebound at Manhattan, Kan., Monday night. Referee Dick Hyder blew his whistle. Smith let go. O'Neal hit the deck. Kansas State won the game 61-48. (AP Wirephoto)

Ron Stewart In Ch'town; Thinks Highly Of Black

Last night Ron Stewart, the tiny halfback of the Ottawa Rough Riders was in Charlottetown accompanying his off-season boss, Nelson Castonguay, Canada's chief electoral officer on a tour of the Maritimes.

In an interview last evening he commented on Rick Black of Halifax, the Maritimes sole contribution to the CFL, football in general, Ottawa's big loss to Hamilton and the 1965 season.

Ron said last evening that he felt the future of Rick Black looked very bright and that he was showing very well in pro ball. The first season he was inexperienced and they didn't play him too often.

This season they played him more but had difficulty finding a regular position for him. He was used as a punter, fullback, a punt-return man. The last few games of the season coach Frank Clair put Rick in at left half and he worked in that slot.

Ron felt he played the position well and that he would be the regular left half on the Ottawa squad next season. Ron said that the more he played there the more confidence he got in himself, and that having confidence in yourself is a big factor on the performance you turn in.

The Ottawa club has some very strong Canadian talent, there's Russ Jackson, the quarterback, halfback Stewart, place kicker Moe Racine and Rick Black to mention a few, Ron Stewart attributes this fact to the foresight of Frank Clair, who realized that a good club needed good Canadian talent. He has built up his reserve of Canadians from when he first took over the Rough Riders.

Ron thought that this was a big factor in Black's success to date. He felt that Black has a big advantage in serving under Frank Clair. In many clubs Canadian rookies are just given superficial duties and don't get a good opportunity to show off their talent for a few years. This isn't the case with Clair, he gives his rookies, especially Canadian ones, all the playing time he can.

When he was asked what happened to the Rough Riders in Hamilton on Nov. 21 when they lost the semi-final series to the Ti-Cats after leading them, at one point by a 23 point margin. Ron was quite frank, he said they were beaten by a better team. He said they won two games out of five to Hamilton over the season. One of the wins was a squeaker and the other was the first game of the semi-final that Ottawa won 30-17.

Ron said, "in this league any team can win by 40 points on a given day." He thought that the Riders had one of those days in the first game. He wasn't trying to evade the issue for he stressed that he felt Hamilton the stronger squad, he even thinks they'll win again in 1965.

Speaking of Ron Stewart and his future in football, he said he had no thoughts of retirement. "After six or seven years football gets to be part of your life and you don't think about retiring unless, of course you are forced out through an injury."

On the difference between college ball and pro ball, Ron, who played with the Queen's University Golden Gaels before going to the Riders, said, "its a completely different game. You come out of college thinking you know everything about football. You soon learn you don't know very much."

The men who play pro football love the game. They play because they like it. The way Ron looked at it was, you get paid for turning up for practise and training sessions through the week, but on Saturday afternoons you played because of the fun.

For the 65 season Ron thought that Hamilton would win the East and that the B.C. Lions should take the West. He felt that the B.C. squad would be tough for another five years.

He didn't think Toronto or Montreal would show too well.

Of the Montreal team and their rebuilding program he thought that the quarterback was Jim Trimble's big problem. He thought that Jim Trimble was a good promoter and a fine coach, but "I always wonder how good a coach Jim Trimble is. He had good assistants when he was in Hamilton."

Ron thought that the Hamilton Ti-Cats would be a strong team for another three years, by that time they will start to lose the hardcore of veteran players on their team.

Mousie Dowling Pro At Moncton

MONCTON (CP) — Moncton Golf Club announced Tuesday that it has signed Maurice (Mousie) Dowling as its professional.

The 48-year-old Charlottetown native, who has compiled a long list of Maritime victories, succeeds Jimmy Walker, pro here for the last six years.

Dowling was a member of the New Brunswick — Prince Edward Island Willingdon Cup team eight times and won the Maritime Amateur Tournament in 1952. He was runner-up twice.

His brother, Cecil, is a pro in Charlottetown.

Paperweight Practice

The following Paperweight teams and their coaches are asked to be on hand at the Charlottetown Forum for a practice tonight at 6 p.m.

The teams are: Larks, Ravens, Owls, Orioles, Gulls, and Hawks.

Curling Draw At Belvedere

The following is the curling draw at the Belvedere Golf and Winter Club for Wednesday, December 9.

7 p.m.

Ice 1 — Harry Bartlett, Ivan Horne, Ivo Cudmore, Merlin MacKenzie vs. Bill Beer, D.V. MacDonald, Alex Wilson, Reg. MacNutt.

Ice 2 — Mac Kennedy, Frank MacInnis, Dan MacCormack, Dr. Laidlaw vs. Bill MacNeill, George Veasey, H.E. Carmichael, Ed. Hodgson.

Ice 3 — Al MacLeod, Bill Burden, Butch McGee, John Smith vs. E.K. MacNutt, Ralph Manning, Dave Jardine, Bob Giggey.

Ice 4 — Jack Cooke, Bonnie LePage, E.C. Wright, Alf Hennessey vs. Dr. Cox, Stan Bryenton, Reg. Mahar, Dr. Eric Green.

9 p.m.

Ice 1 — Andy Humphrey, Gordon Wellner, Hugh Simpson, Dr. H.H. Kelly vs. Dr. Moreside, Dr. Drysdale, Earl Baker, Bill Ross.

Ice 2 — Edgar Taylor, Norman Nicholson, Joe Molloy, Ivan Berrigan vs. Cyril Flinn, Fred Cannon, Harry Simmonds, Dr. Coady.

Ice 3 — Frank Acorn, Gerry Burgoyne, Howard Douglas, Bert Patterson vs. Doug. Hill, Bill Boyles, Bill Rogerson, Ted Brooks.

Ice 4 — Doug Saunders, Dr. MacEachern, Ed Fairweather, Alan Scales vs. Dave Walker, Wally Coles, Dr. Kent Irwin, Ivan Hughes.

Nationals Withdraw

YORKTON, Sask. (CP)—Ted Kozakchenk of Yorkton, President of the Saskatchewan Senior Hockey League, says Canada's national team will not play any more games in the SSHL.

Kozakchenko said the Nationals withdrew from the interlocking schedule with SSHL teams because those teams did not strengthen for games against Winnipeg as they said they would.

The Nationals were to have played 14 games in the SSHL this season. So far the Winnipeg-based team has played six games and won them all.

The remaining eight games involving the Nationals will be dropped from the schedule. Yorkton Terriers dressed only 11 players for their game against Nationals at Winnipeg Saturday night and were beaten 14-1.

Baltimore Trims Springfield 7-2

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rookie centre Ulf Sterner led the way with two goals as Baltimore Clippers handed Springfield Indians a 7-2 American Hockey League thumping Tuesday night.

The victory, which found Sandy McGregor, Ted Taylor, Ron Ingram, Gordon Labossiere and Dave Richardson also registering important goals, moved the Clippers to within one point of the third-place Indians in the Eastern Division race.

Jim Anderson, veteran Springfield winger, accounted for both of the Indians' goals.

Kennedy Scores 4 Goals As Rangers Trim Juniors

In the first meeting of the year between Rogers Rangers and North River Juniors the Rangers completely outskated, outhustled, outbumped, and outscored the Juniors by a score of 8-2.

The scoring start of the game was Jamie Kennedy of the Rangers who picked up four goals and one assist. Kennedy picked up one goal in the hard fought first period, two in the second and scored the only goal of the third.

The score of the game didn't tell the true story of the contest as the Rangers had many scoring chances but they failed to finish them off. At least four times in the second period a Ranger player fired the puck across an empty goal mouth. The erratic shooting of the Rangers was not the only reason the score didn't read 20-2 as the Juniors goalie did a tremendous job of keeping the score as low as it was.

The Rangers struck fast in the first period when Mike MacKinnon slapped in Jack MacEachern's rebound to put the Rangers in the lead to stay.

At 8:16 the Juniors scored when Barry Newson fired a hard drive by Reid in the Ranger cage. The Rangers fought back and at 11:05 Kennedy scored his first goal of the game.

The Rangers came out in the second period with only one intention in mind, to fill the Juniors net with pucks. This they did very well until Vince MacDougall was injured.

MacDougall came flying down the right wing and took a tremendous shot that was just wide of the net. After he took his shot MacDougall went crashing into the boards. A stretcher was brought out and MacDougall left the ice and did not return for the remainder of the game.

After this unfortunate accident the Rangers seemed to lose their fire.

In this period Vince MacDougall scored first at the 4:23 mark, then for a while the play was fairly even until the mid point of the period when the Rangers struck for four goals within four minutes. In this flurry of goals Kennedy scored twice with singles going to Mike MacDonald and Mike MacKinnon. The North River boys came back and at 13:49 Campbell scored to make the scoreboard read 7-2 for the Rangers at the end of the second.

The third period held some good hockey but it took the back seat to the boring play that the final twenty minutes held.

One of the real stars of the game was Arnold MacLeod. MacLeod whenever he was on the ice took complete charge of the play and it was through his efforts that Kennedy scored two of his goals.

The best player for the Juniors, besides their netminder, was E. Taylor. Taylor played a strong two way game and couldn't be blamed for the high score against his team.

There were twelve penalties in the game, all minors except a misconduct to MacEachern in the second period. Four of these penalties went to the Rangers while the Juniors picked up the remaining eight.

First Period: 1.—Rang., MacKinnon (MacEachern) 1:26; 2.—N.R., B. Newson (H. Newson) 8:16; 3.—Rang., Kennedy (V. MacDougall) 11:05. **Penalties:** K. Campbell.

Second Period: 4.—Rang., V. MacDougall (Kennedy) 4:23; 5.—Rang., Kennedy (V. MacDougall, MacLeod) 10:14; 6.—Rang., MacDonald (Campbell, Robinson) 11:04; 7.—Rang., MacKinnon (MacLeod) 12:25; 8.—Rang., Kennedy (MacLeod) 13:35; 9.—N.R., Campbell (E. Taylor, Stretch) 13:49. **Penalties:** MacEachern (10 min. misc.), B. Newson. A. Taylor, E. Taylor, MacKinnon, A. Taylor.

Third Period: 10.—Rang., Kennedy (K. Smith) 11:11. **Penalties:** B. Newson, E. Taylor, MacKinnon, A. Taylor, Cullen.

Curling Draw

The following is the curling draw for Wednesday night at the Charlottetown Club. (Spares needed)

7 p.m.

Ice 1 — G. Bennett, A. Garrett, F. Dillon, K. Thompson vs. G. Anderson, E. Gillespie, B. Partridge, D. Livingston.

Ice 2 — B. LeClair, V. Mitton, B. Martin, F. Burke vs. H. Peters, A. Love, Dr. Higgins, B. Crockett.

Ice 3 — A. Leaman, H. Edwards, J. Wilson, K. Myers vs. E. Tanton, A. Bagnall, G. Rodd, C. Butler.

Ice 4 — R. Ewing, D. Reid, V. Robertson, E. MacRae vs. C. Aspray, J. MacLean, B. MacLennan, W. McGregor.

Ice 5 — W. Farrell, B. Davis, H. Love, F. Lewis, H. Love, F. Lewis vs. B. MacNeill, B. Jones, R. MacDonald, B. Tanton.

8.30 p.m.

Ice 1 — Open.

Ice 2 — A. MacDonald, C. MacInnes, A. Callbeck, B. Stevenson vs. F. Curtis, R. MacKenzie, J.S. Taylor, K. Doucette

Ice 3 — (Junior) Dr. Kelly vs. R. Goss.

Ice 4 — L. Wellner, A. Gill, K. Cantwell, W. Douglas vs. H.R. Carruthers, S. Beaton, N. Dooley, G. Brookins.

Ice 5 — W. MacLeane, H. Thomson, J. Shelfoon, H. MacLauchlan vs. G. Storey, D. Douglas, B. Patterson, Bob Stevenson.

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Central Queen's Hockey League

In the first game of the season in the Central Queen's Hockey league Monday night North Rustico defeated South Rustico 4-3.

The scoring star of the game was B. Doucette of the winners who potted two markers. Other goalgetters for the winning team were: M. Gallant and E. Pineau.

The scoring for South Rustico was handled by G. Gallant, A. Pineau and J. Pineau.

SKATING FORUM

Wednesday, Dec. 9

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