

SPORTS FROM

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This Is The Night

THIS is the night that Ivan Doherty has been waiting for all season. At least it's supposed to be the night unless a group of hockey fans from Dartmouth known as Hoyt's Movers decide not to cooperate.

Yes, the time has arrived to crown Old Spain Penguins champion of the Maritime provinces and their celebration is on tap for tonight if 'Bucko' Trainer and his band can pick up another triumph against these Nova Scotia champions.

After those 8:3 and 7:3 verdicts in Dartmouth and Halifax, we'd be more than a little amazed if the crowning ceremony didn't go on as scheduled at Earl Nicholson's icehouse tonight.

MR. Doherty, that peppery promoter who makes NHL public relations men look like pikers, hasn't stopped talking since that 5:3 decision over Freedom Movers in the New Brunswick capital last Thursday night. That contest set Ivan on the warpath and he's been singing the praises of his Baby Birds ever since. Mind you, he didn't need any encouragement at that. All season long, Ivan has been in or out telling us about the greatness of this Island junior squad. His adjectives were numerous and he took them from a well-stocked abundance. "You can't say too much about these Penguins!" he would tell us. "They'll not let you down, you can be sure about that."

And so all sport writers in the province agreed to jump on Ivan's bandwagon and they were all hoping the wagon would end in the right spot. There were a few rough bumps on the road (especially in that Fredericton series) but now it appears as though the wagon will reach the end of most successful journey tonight at The Sports Arena.

It's Expected

YOU can hardly blame anybody for expecting the Penguins to grab the Maritime crown tonight. After all, those convincing wins on Nova Scotia ice seem to establish them as top heavy favorites to close out this Maritime show tonight. We just can't see these Movers doing anything but losing tonight to the Old Spains.

Usually if you think a game is really in the bag, they'll not let you see it for the attractive of an entirely different. Local hockey fans have been waiting a long, long time for a Maritime junior champion and now that they appear to have it, the sports men will want to see the puckers from an entirely new perspective. Everywhere you go folks are talking about the juniors and those talking are most likely to be present tonight for what they expect will be the grand finale.

It's An Island Effort

REMEMBER this Junior effort is by no means a Charlotte-town one only. Five Summerside boys are making a great contribution to the crowd. Indeed the leading character in this show is that outstanding defenseman from Summerside captain, Lloyd "Toy Toy" Gallant. Ably assisting the Penguins' cause are fellows like Ronnie Gallant, Dave Martin, Willie Gaudet and Dave Gaudet. The latter is sidelined by injury and is not likely to see action in remaining games this season.

Ivan Doherty, coach Wes Trainer and manager Myron Bell, all are deeply appreciative of the support from Summerside toward this junior squad. They have never once tried to play it up as anything else but a provincial junior squad, one that all Islanders could indeed be proud of.

And so Summerside folks will undoubtedly join with Charlottetownians tonight in packing The Sports Arena for this all-important clash. They like the capital city folks, are likely to be present for the coronation and everything points to such a ceremony taking place at approximately 9:30.

And after that, it's the Ottawa Valley with Doherty leading the contingent and doing his best to steal the spotlight away from the federal election campaign. The Penguins public relations man will give these supporters an overview of the show. He may mistake him for a big oil man from Texas.

And after all, he's an oil man from Charlottetown.

DON'T let these Penguins down. Join with them tonight in their celebration. Let's pack The Sports Arena to the rafters.

Met's Purchase Veteran Duke Snider

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — New York Mets announced Monday night the purchase of veteran outfielder Duke Snider from the Los Angeles Dodgers for an amount over the winter price.

Mets President George Weiss made the announcement, confirming reports circulating last week that the 26-year-old slugger who had his greatest days in a Brooklyn uniform was headed back for New York.

The purchase price was not announced, but the transaction will cost the Mets in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000. The deal apparently is conditional on the price Snider and how well he does and how many games he can play for the New Yorkers.

Snider is scheduled to report to the Mets in St. Petersburg Thursday. He carried his on route to Albuquerque, N.M., with the Dodgers, but likely will head home to Los Angeles before leaving for Florida.

Volleyball Finals Open Tonight

SUMMERSIDE — The first round of the Provincial "A" volleyball finals takes place tonight when the Charlottetown YMCA Micmies will against MacKenzie's House of Fashionians team from Summerside at the Charlottetown YMCA at 8:30 p.m. in the first four of the best five-of-nine game series.

The Micmies, defending island champions, advanced to the finals on Saturday when they defeated the Summerside YMCA Triangles 4 games to 1 in their best-of-seven semifinal series at Summerside Civic Auditorium.

Following tonight's games at Charlottetown, the remaining games, as necessary, will be played at the Summerside Auditorium tomorrow, Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., to decide the P.E.I. Senior volleyball champions.

Three teams, the Charlottetown YMCA Micmies, the Summerside MacKenzie's House of Fashionians and the Summerside YMCA Triangles, will travel to Moncton this Saturday to compete for the Maritime Volleyball championship, and all three teams are expected to make a good showing at the Moncton games.

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PENGUINS CAN END IT TONIGHT

Get there early because The Sports Arena will be packed for this one tonight as Old Spain Penguins try to win the Maritime junior crown by beating Hoyt's Movers, champions of Nova Scotia. Penguins lead the best-of-five final 2-0 and a triumph tonight would end it. Summerside's Willie Gallant, left, and Montague's Stan Pearson, right, will be two of the Baby Birds going all out tonight in an effort to nail down the Maritime crown. Action starts at 7:45 sharp.

Moncton Sweep Series; Advance Against Windsor

SHERRBOKE, Que. (CP) — Moncton Hawks moved impressively into the Allan Cup semifinals with a 3-1 win over Sherbrooke Beavers Monday night. The victory gave them the best-of-five quarter-final series in straight games.

The Hawks, counting one in each period, won it with an attack that featured well-timed goals backed up by solid defensive hockey. They now meet Windsor Bulldogs in a best-of-seven series opening Sunday in Windsor, Ont., with the winner to advance against the western champions for the cup.

Player-coach Doug McPhee, Oscar Gaudet and Jacques Allard counted for the Hawks Monday night. Rene Pepin was the Sherbrooke goal-getter. In the previous two games, Moncton won 5-2 and 5-3.

Both teams checked hard Monday night. There were eight minor penalties, five against Moncton. But a neither club could make the power-play pay off.

Gaudet's goal at the 12-minute mark of the second period was the big one. He spurred in with a low shot to one corner. Allard drew an assist. That made it 2-1 for Moncton.

It was Gaudet's fifth goal of the series and 7th counting schedules play in the Maritimes and the playoffs. He scored three in the opening game Friday night and one in the second game Sunday.

McPhee opened the game's scoring at 7:55 of the first period with Doug Howatt and Alf Flanagan driving a wing assist. Pepin tied it up at 15:13, set up by Fern Gemen and Roger Picard.

Allard's insurance goal — at 12:46 of the final period — came after Shermie White's drop pass on a play started by Simon Nolet.

Lacoursiere made 26 saves while Jean-Guy Morissette in the Moncton goal stopped 34 shots. In the final 20 minutes, Pepin and teammate Claude Carlin hit the post with shots and Rejean Hamelin of the Beavers missed an open corner with Morissette out of the play.

First period: 1. Moncton, McPhee (Howatt, Flanagan) 7:55; 2. Sherbrooke, Pepin (Gemen, R. Picard) 15:13; Penalties — Picard 11:20, N. Picard 14:55, R. Gaudet 15:29, Mullins 16:14.

Second period: 3. Moncton, Gaudet (Allard) 12:00; Penalties — Mullins 6:54, Allard 9:39, Rousseau 17:59.

Third period: 4. Moncton, Allard (Nolet, White) 12:46; Penalties — Ford 7:14.

Saves: Morissette 31 9 12-26; Lacoursiere 7 10 9-26.

While winning the game is not the most important thing, Charlottetown fans can still be proud of the record of wins of the city's minor hockey teams this year.

Abergweil teams selected from the various Minor leagues made a clean sweep of all Island titles in the "A" class.

Minor hockey fans are urged to turn out full force for their favorite teams and players Saturday night at The Sports Arena with Minor Hockey Night closing one of the most important nights in the City's 16 years of full scale minor hockey.

Minor Hockey Night Goes At Arena Sat.

Minor Hockey Night, a fitting climax to one of the most successful minor hockey seasons ever in Charlottetown, will be staged this Saturday at the Sports Arena under the sponsorship and supervision of the city's Playground and Recreation Commission and Abergweil Amateur Athletic Association.

During the season these two organizations have sponsored and operated for the boys of Charlottetown and surrounding districts two Paperweight, two Pee Wee, two Bantam and two Junior leagues plus a Juvenile squad.

Approximately 850 boys took part in these activities and to date tickets for the year have been distributed for Paperweight "B", Pee Wee "B", Bantam "B" and Midget "B" classes.

Winners in the City "A" classes will be declared during Saturday's Minor Hockey Night festivities. Trophies will also be presented to each of the winning "A" teams and most valuable player awards donated by Robin Hood Mills will be presented to the most valuable player in each of the "A" and "B" classes.

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Roger Maris Is Sidelined

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Roger Maris suffered a severely pulled hamstring muscle in his left leg while making a diving catch of a line drive to Monday's exhibition game between New York Yankees and Detroit Tigers.

The Yankees right fielder, forced to leave the game, will not play in any more exhibition games, manager Ralph Houk said after learning the extent of the injury. Houk said it is doubtful whether the left-handed slugger, who hit a record 61 home runs in 1961, will be ready for the start of the season.

Glance Bay Returns To Payoff Picture

Old Spain Penguins cannot be crowned Maritime junior hockey champions tonight even if they claim Hoyt's Movers from Dartmouth.

MAHA President J. Pius Callaghan announced last night that Glace Bay Mayor Peter had ruled that a Glace Bay protest regarding the eligibility of one of the Hoyt's players be upheld.

This means that Glace Bay, Duffy, Gerald Cruvys, Henry Smallwood, Teddy Smallwood, George Bernard, Blair Smith, Douglas MacEachern, Lorne Taylor, Bobby MacDonald, Winston Taylor, Preston Smith, Cornwall Motors — John MacNeil, Glen Thompson, Harvman, Ken Jones,

previously sidelined by the Movers, will back Glace Bay in picture. Hoyt's had used the player with the approval of the MAHA executive.

Mr. Potter decided that "it is the branch's decision as to whom requires to correct." In view of this the MAHA president has advised Glace Bay to be at the Sports Arena Wednesday April 3rd, for a sudden death game with Penguins if they beat Hoyt's tonight.

The Home Owners' League against Ottawa and Detroit winner next week at the home of the Ottawa winner.

Later tonight Glace Bay officials were undecided whether or not to make the trip to Charlottetown for Wednesday's fixture should Penguins conquer tonight.

JUST WANTS ONE WIN

Toe Blake Cracks Whip At Hab Practice Mon.

By BRUCE STOVEL MONTREAL (CP) — History gives Montreal Canadiens only the slightest chance of winning their Stanley Cup semi-final against Toronto Maple Leafs. The league champion Leafs have a 3-0 lead, with the fourth game set for here tonight.

Only once has a team come from behind a 3-0 deficit to win a best-of-seven series. A rookie-packed Toronto club did it in the 1942 final against Detroit.

We just want one win," said coach Toe Blake after Canadiens' practice Monday. He added with a grin, "even if it's in the seventh game."

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Nine minutes after it began, Blake whistled Henri Richard into the dressing room, pointedly telling the small centre he looked as though he needed to rest.

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Other players came in for strong criticism and one point Blake blew the whistle and

Springfield Indians of the AHL this season, worked out with rookie rearguard Kent Douglas. This duo would back up Leafs' two regular defencemen, Bobby Bunn and Carl Brewer.

MacMillan OUI Since right winger Johnny MacMillan is still sidelined with an elbow injury, Leafs have room for one more player to out benching anyone. Hillman, Toronto coach Punch Imlach said after Saturday's game. Macmillan had showed some improvement.

Maritime Junior Final Tonight

The Sports Arena

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