SPORTS FRONT

By JIM CULLEN

Curling Is Underway

Curling got its earliest start in the history of Prince Edward Island, when the first stone was thrown at the Charlottetown curling club on Saturday night.

Curling fever is running extremely high on the Island this year and Walter Goss, who is draw master for the Charlottetown club, told us they have a terrific membership this year and he expects more to come. The increased interest is largely due to the fact that Charlottetown was scene of the Dominion MacDonald Tankard Brier, last year, and local enthusiasts got a chance to witness the curling game at its best.

The Art Burke rink represented Prince Edward Island in last year's Dominion competition and we felt they turned in a very credible performance. The Burke foursome was in contention for top honors right down to the wire. 'Stu' Lavers was the lead for the Burke foursome, Bob Dillon was second stone, and Allan Smith was third.

The big news on the Island curling scene this year is the breaking up of the Art Burke and Doug Cameron rinks. Allan Smith and Bob Dillon who performed for Burke last year will line up with Doug Cameron for the coming season. Cameron has dropped Joe Saunders and Lock Llewellyn in order to make room for Dillon and Smith.

The Cameron rink has been invited to attend the Tournament of Champions which will be held in Toronto later this year. Eight skips, from across the Dominion, are selected each year to compete in this tournament and it is quite an honor to be considered one of the top eight skips in Canada.

Burke hasn't made it known, yet, who will replace Dillon and Smith in his foursome, but it has been rumored that Llewellyn and Saunders will line up with Burke along with 'Stu' Lavers.

The Provincial Brier will be held at the Charlottetown club this season and is expected to be held around the 8th of February. This will decide the men's championship and teams from: Summerside, Montague, Alberton and Charlottetown's Belvedere club will be competing for top honors.

The Silver D which is the women's equivalent of the Provincial Brier will be staged at the Charlottetown club and is expected to get underway the first week in February.

The provincial senior competition has been put on a national basis this year. This competition is for competitors who are over 55 years of ago. Previous to this season the age was 50 years. Dr. Wen MacDonald is the defending champion in this section, but Dr. MacDonald will lose one of his top performers due to the raising of the age minimum. John 'Snag' Squarebriggs will not be able to play for MacDonald, but Jimmy Cameron and Wally Rodd will be back for another year. It is shaping up like a great season for curlers on Prince Edward Island

Tid Bits From Here And There

Nancy Knowles who is a qualified basketball official, licensed under Nova Scotia Board of Women's sports officials, will conduct a basketball clinic at Summerside High School for all persons in and around the Prince County area this Saturday. Each school having girls basketball teams on P. E. I. should have at least three persons from their tea mattend. There will be a clinic at Queen Charlotte High School on Saturday Nov. 14 and one at Summerside High School on Saturday, Nov. 21. These clinics are open to all interested persons.

The age limit for bantams, midgets, juveniles and juniors has been moved from July 31st to May 31st.

The Chicago Black Hawks had quite a time squeezing out a 2-1 decision over the New York Rangers on Wednesday night. Phil Esposito, a second year man who didn't look too impressive in his rookie year fired the winner for the Hawks. The victory lifted the Hawks into a fourth place tie with the Rangers in the National Hockey League, one game out of a three way tie for first place.

Promoters of the Cassius Clay—Sonny Liston fight at the Boston Garden Nov. 16 are happily predicting a record gross of up to $6 million from a match already ruled out by Order of the World Boxing Association. Spokesmen for International, Inc. said Tuesday that their projections already show a gross of close to $5 million, but admitted that the $6 million figure was "optimistic."

Fred Hutchison the former manager of the Cincinnati Reds is hospitalized in Bradenton, Florida where he is suffering from chest cancer. Hospital officials said he had picked up slightly on Tuesday, but his condition was still described as serious.

Jim Trimble, coach of the Montreal Alouettes, is predicting that he has the horses to go all the way to the Grey Cup. The Alouettes have a big job ahead of them if they are to live up to Trimble's prediction. They need to defeat Ottawa Rough Riders and the powerful Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Don MacNeill who drove numerous winners at the Charlottetown Driving Park during the past season was fined $100 and suspended for a year from the Brunswick Downs race track. Arthur Kelly made the announcement Tuesday night. Kelly said the penalties arose from an October 22 card in which MacNeill was charged with using profane language and refused to appear before the judges for a hearing.

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Mr. McCarthy said the Maritime Senior Hockey League has failed to do this so the nine players from the Windsor Maple Leafs hockey club could sign with any club. Mr. Dowell said it was his understanding that the players were free only within their own branch. "There is also the matter of branch-to-branch transfer and until players get such a transfer, I can't see how they can play in a branch outside the one they played in last year.

Suspended Leafs Allowed To Play

TROIS-RIVIERES, Que. (CP) Clyde McCarthy, president of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association, said Wednesday that nine players suspended from the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association can play in the Quebec Provincial Senior Hockey Association.

The players, Georges Roy, Serge Aubry, Jean Levesque, Simon Nolet, Georges Guibault, Rod Gaudreault, Yves Cossette, Bob Brooks and Ben LeBlanc, were suspended indefinitely by the MAHA for leaving their team without being officially released.

They all played with Windsor Maple Leafs of the Maritime Senior Hockey League last season when the team swept through the senior league playoffs and advanced to the eastern semi - finals of the Allan Cup.

LeBlanc signed with Ste. Hyacinthe and the others with Sherbrooke Beavers of the PSHL.

"The CAHA constitution states you must register your league before Aug. 1, or your players are free," Mr. McCarthy said in an interview.

BOYS FREE TO SIGN

"The Maritime Senior Hockey League failed to do this," he said, "so the boys can sign with any club."

"All of them sent registered letters to the club requesting their release. Only two got replies saying they couldn't be released. No reason was given as is requested by the CAHA constitution."

The players now have the right to apply to CAHA for their release, Mr. McCarthy said.

"Of course, we'll respect the ruling of the CAHA," Mr. McCarthy said, "but as far as I can see the boys are only suspended from playing in the MAHA."

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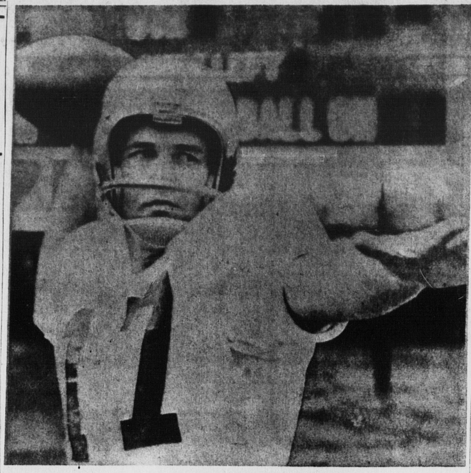
Mr. Dowell said the practice in former years has always been that Canadian amateur branches respected each others suspensions.



TAKING AIM

Tulsa quarterback Jerry Rhome, named the Associated Press Back of the week for his passing performance in the 61-14 romp over Oklahoma State last Saturday Rhome connected on 35 of his 43 passes in the game and now needs only three touchdown passes and two completions to set two NCAA records. He was selected Back of the week two weeks ago after throwing seven touchdown passes — an NCAA record—against Louisville. Tulsa's next game is against Memphis state on Saturday

O'Brien Hints Fat New Contract For Clair

OTTAWA (CP) — President Barry O'Brien of the Ottawa Rough Riders hinted Wednesday that there's a fat new contract waiting for head coach Frank Clair.

"We may put an end to these fantastic stories sooner than you expect," he said, referring to reports that Clair might be let out by Riders to return to the Toronto Argonauts.

Clair has a five-year contract with the Eastern Football Conference club and it runs through 1965.

O'Brien said: "While Frank has another year to go, we may sit down immediately after the football season and discuss plans for giving him a new contract. We're happy with Clair. His record speaks for itself."

DECLINES DISCUSSION

Clair himself declined to discuss the matter.

"Them playoffs is the only thing worrying me right now," he said.

Riders meet Montreal Alouettes here Saturday at 1 p.m. EST (2 p.m. AST) in the Big Four sudden - death semifinal. The game will be telecast on the CTV network with Ottawa blacked out.

Clair said there's good spirit in his team and that "I think the boys are ready to come up with one of their top efforts."

Guard Merv Collins and defensive halfback Tommy Neck are unlikely to play because of injuries but the rest of the club appears in good shape.

Kaye Vaughan and Don Estes will be the offensive guards and Bill Sierkierski will replace John Kennerson at defensive tackle. Defensive ends will likely be Billy Joe Booth and Bill Quinter.

With George Dixon back in the Montreal lineup, Clair will have to worry about Dixon's outside running as well as Nat Craddock's inside rushing.

Souris Advances To League Finals

Souris Regional High School advanced to Interscholastic Senior "B" football finals yesterday by trouncing Kinkora Regional 20-0 to take a total point two game series 51-7.

Souris will meet Tignish High Saturday at Souris at 2 p.m. in the first of a two game total point encounter.

Eric White of Souris led the winners with two touchdowns and Eugene MacDonald carried the ball to one touchdown, and kicked a convert and a rouge.

S. Smith of Kinkora carried the ball for 117 yards, the best in the game. Souris outclassed Kinkora with a net rushing distance of 338 to 109 for Kinkora.

The game was played under cold windy conditions keeping the ball on the ground for the most part.

RABIES INCREASES

SUDBURY, Ont. (CP) — The incidence of rabies has increased considerably in this area during the first eight months of the year. The health department says the disease is approaching the high point of a cycle which occurs about every seven years.

FIGHTING FOR SCHENLEY AWARD

Shown above is Lovell Coleman, in his fifth year as fullback of the Calgary Stampeders; at the start of this year he had an average rushing yardage of 5.9 and had scored 20 touchdowns. He is now fighting it out with Dick Shatto for the Schenley Award to the Most Outstanding Football Player in Canada.

OK Given On S'side Stables

The OK was given to go ahead with the construction of new cement block stables at the Summerside Raceway together with a general renovation and beautification program for the plant. Health Minister Hubert MacNeill, MD, member for 5th Prince, announced Wednesday morning that the project has been approved under the Winter Works scheme and that he met recently with the town council to make necessary arrangements for the work to proceed

Dr. MacNeill said the new stable will have accommodation for 60 horses. He said that plans have been formulated to extend Willow Avenue to the Green Road and that the new stable will be built on the north of the raceway property near the Willow Avenue extension. The entrance to the track for horsemen will be in this area. The wooden stables that are to be preserved will be moved to this area and the present paddock area will be seeded and generally cleaned up. Some of it will be used as a parking area.

Dr. MacNeill said that the labor costs on this project will be $23,000 and the total expenditure will be in the vicinity of $40,000 The Summerside Raceway is operated by the Prince County Horsemen's Club. He said he hopes construction can be started immediately.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Thursday night at the Charlottetown Club.

7 P.M. (mixed)

Ice 1 — R. Jones, M Dockendorff, G. Anderson, E. Ranahan vs. H. Peters, S. Carr, L. Turner, G. Arsenault.

Ice 2 — C. Flemming, Mary Stewart, B. Acorn, S Finley vs. F. MacMillan, I. MacLennan, A MacEwen, J. Douglas.

Ice 3 — R. Ketch, S. MacMillan, H. Shama, W. Robinson vs. H. MacInnes, Liz. MacDonald B. Ball, M. Acorn.

Ice 4 — A. Love, M. Jones, K Cantwell, S. Shama vs. W. MacLaine, M. Jardine, Cam MacLean, P. Dalziel.

Ice 5 — Dr MacDonald, F Rossitter, K. Ready, K. Duffy vs. B. Dillon, S. Flemming, L Blakeney, C. Bolger.

8.30 p.m.

Ice 1 — A. Burke, H. MacDonald, W Farrell, L. Hennessey vs B. LeClair, M. Farrell, B. McGill, E. Jenkins.

Ice 2 — D. Cameron, J. Coady, K. Jenkins, J. MacDonald vs Dr. Giddings, G. Carruthers, Dr Higgins, J. Smethurst.

Ice 3 — D. O'Rourke, E. Goss I. MacKinnon, J Hall vs. J. Burden, M. Toole, Fred Corcoran, J. Albert.

Ice 4 — E. MacDonald, D. Stewart, K. Dalziel, D. LeClair vs. H Douglas, J. Grant, D Bell, L. Vessey.

Ice 5 — D. George, A. MacLean, M. White, C. Sentner vs P. O'Rourke, F. Whitlock, D Ward, E. MacInnes.

NOTE — Anyone unable to curl, please get a substitute.

Arson Suspected In Raceway Fire

LAUREL, Md. (AP) — About 37 horses valued at more than $250,000 were destroyed Tuesday night as fire swept through a barn at Laurel race course, where the Washington, D. C., International will be run next week.

John Chandler, public relations director at the track, said Wednesday that a search is still under way for some of the horses which escaped from the burning barns. He said it was impossible to determine the exact number of horses destroyed.

Chandler said all of the entries for the $150,000 International were safe.

Fire officials were investigating Wednesday, but had no comment on the cause of the blaze.

Jim Trimble Is Optimistic As Als Near Playoff Game

By JOE DUPUIS

MONTREAL (CP) — Jim Trimble is the eternal optimist with the logic of a football coach who can't perceive defeat.

Most times, Trimble's step-by-step reasoning can convert the staunchest non-believer.

Take that big sudden-playoff game Saturday against the Rough Riders in Ottawa. Coach Trimble's Montreal Alouettes are heavy underdogs based on the team's season performance, six wins, eight defeats, plus the fact Als have 19 new faces, and two rookies in the vital quarterback spot.

The winner meets Hamilton Tiger - Cats for the Eastern Football Conference title, a playoff that makes even the rough Ottawans cringe.

"I tell you this," Trimble said Wednesday. "We're considerably stronger than the team that lost to Ottawa in last year's playoff (17-5). And I don't think Ottawa is any stronger this year."

HAVE BALANCE

"I believe we are considerably stronger because we have more balance. We do more things. Look, we've got a lot of kids, but they're tough, hard-nosed kids. I was really surprised to see how well we stood up physically to Hamilton in that game last Sunday."

Trimble said the 1964 Alouettes conducted themselves as he had visualized prior to the season. "I thought we would win our first four games (Als won three), and that there would be a decline when the other teams caught up with Cole (quarterback Vernon Cole)."

Trimble said when the team started skidding, he went ahead with his chopping job, cutting such stars as Dave Hoppmann, Ed Nickla, Marv Luster, Bob Geary, Milt Crain and others. He replaced them with cuts from the pro U.S. leagues, such as Garland Boyette, John Baker and Cody Binkley.

Halfback Nat (Crash) Craddock was summoned from the Portland farm team, and he promptly put new life into a putty-like Alouette offence.

"I think our passing offence has vastly improved, even more so than the figures show, because of those moves," Trimble said.

"I feel we're ready to pass and we'll show it Saturday in Ottawa. Remember we beat the best defensive team in the country (B.C.) with the pass."

Coleman And Shatto Fighting For Award

Fullback Lovell Coleman of the Calgary Stampeders and halfback Dick Shatto of the Toronto Argonauts will fight it out for honors as the Most Outstanding Football Player in Canada, on the final ballot of the Canadian Schenley Football Awards.

Results of the second ballot in Awards voting, released today in Montreal, showed Coleman as the Most Outstanding Player in the West and Shatto as the Most Outstanding Player in the East.

Halfback Tom Grant, of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and kicking specialist Larry Robinson of the Calgary Stampeders were nominated in the East and West respectively, as Canadian Player of the Year.

In the Lineman of the Year voting, it will be Tom Brown, Linebacker with the B.C. Lions, against Tackle John Barrow of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Both are previous Canadian Schenley Award winners; Brown last year and Barrow in 1962.

None of the other four nominees has ever won finalist honors in the 11-year Awards program.

Voting to narrow down the field, from today's six choices, to the Most Outstanding Player, Canadian Player of the Year and Lineman of the Year, will get underway shortly. Results will be announced this year from Montreal on Wednesday, November 17.

Russ Jackson, Ottawa Roughrider quarterback, who took both Most Outstanding and Canadian of the Year awards in 1963 did not gain recognition on the first ballot this year.

Shermie White Hangs Up Blades

AMHERST (CP) — Shermie White, a veteran of Maritime Senior hockey, has announced his retirement from the game after a 23-year career.

White, born in Cape Tormentine, N.B., May 12, 1923, started his senior career with Amherst Ramblers after one season of junior hockey.

He played four National Hockey League games with the New York Rangers, collecting two assists He played five years in the American Hockey League with New Haven and St. Louis and wound up his pro career with Chicoutimi Saganeens of the old Quebec Senior Hockey League.

During the 1952-53 season he missed the QSHL scoring crown, trailing league leader Jean Belliveau of the Quebec Aces by six points.

After returning to the Maritimes, he played with Amherst Ramblers, Campbellton Tigers Glace Bay Miners and Moncton Hawks.

He had been a member of Hawks since Ramblers folded in December.

"It is getting too hard to get in shape," White said Wednesday night. "The hockey is too tough these days, and my job (shift work at the interprovincial school for the deaf at Amherst) makes it too hard to get and stay in shape."

Last season, in a part-time role with Hawks, White scored nine goals and assisted on 15. He served only two minutes in penalties.

White left no doors open for a comeback when he said "from now on I'll be watching."

CUSTOMS MEN STRIKE

ROME (AP) — Italian customs collectors began a two-day strike Monday, disrupting the shipment of freight in and out of Italy. Finance police, who normally patrol borders and coastlines, took over the handling of passenger traffic. The customs collectors are asking a review of the regulations for their welfare fund and improved bonuses.

Gaudet May Go To Chicago

MONCTON (CP) — Oscar Gaudet, the 22-year-old right winger with Buffalo Bisons of the American Hockey League, may be with Chicago Black Hawks in two years or sooner. That's what Bisons' coach Phil Watson said Wednesday.

"Oscar stands a good chance," Watson said in a telephone interview. "All he needs is experience.

"He's Chicago's property, and it's up to them what they do with Gaudet, but I like his playing and I like his chances.

"Look at it this way Chicago has four rightwingers at the moment — Kenny Wharren, Eric Nesterenko, Chico Maki and John McKenzie, and I don't think Nesterenko will be there in two years and some of the others may not be also."

Gaudet, a native of St. Joseph N.B., who scored 72 goals and had 110 assists while finishing one point back of Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League scoring champion Jacques Allard last season, is playing on Buffalo's rookie line of Ray Cullen and Jack Tanfield.

CLUB FOR BLIND

A Minn., U.S., outdoors club's blind members learn to identify trees by feeling the bark and leaves.

SPORT ECHOES

By Norman Macdonald
Summerside Bureau of The Guardian

Licensed Official Ready To Teach

We are on the threshold of the basketball season, and Nancy Knowles, who is licensed under the Nova Scotia Board of Women's Sports officials, will devote three Saturdays, November 14, 28, and December 5 to the instruction of prospective basketball officials. The first clinic will be at the Queen Charlotte High School in Charlottetown, and the second and third at Civic Auditorium in Summerside. All clinics will begin at 10 a.m. This is an excellent chance for referees, coaches, and players to pick up some useful information on the hoop game.

Deighan Takes Over As Coach

Greg Deighan, and not Dave MacLeod as was first reported, will take over the coaching duties of last year's Combines (we believe they will be called Enman Drug this season). As most of you know, Greg is a brother of Charlie Deighan, who made quite a name for himself in both junior and senior hockey circles some years ago, and was still cavorting around first base like a spring colt in baseball this year with the town champions. Greg started out in hockey a bit slowly, and fans began to wonder if he could fill the seven-league boots of his brother in that pastime, but the younger Deighan came along fast in the last two or three years and is one of Summerside's top stars. In a list of scoring "top tens" you will find Greg's name either at the top or very close to that hockey scoring pinnacle. Dave MacLeod will concentrate on playing skills and should be a very valuable addition to the Enman Drug blue-line corps. He played in Halifax last year.

Gallant Could Manage Two

Ulric Gallant, who in the managerial role led an Enman Drug softball team to a Maritime Championship this fall, is slated to manage the Enman drug hockey team also. Now if he could carry them to a tri-province crown he would join the ranks, in a different capacity of the three Summerside boys who won a Junior Maritime hockey and baseball championship in one year — Paul MacWilliams, Gerry Smith, and Alan Gaudet.

New Athletic endeavours are being added to the old tried and true sports played on Prince Edward Island. Schoolgirls are taking to field hockey, and boys to soccer, both games long popular in England, and cross-country running has become popular this autumn. Of course, the trouble with this sport, as in all marathon races or swims, you can't see any more than 10 per cent of the action; the start (sometimes) and the all-important finish. But there is something quite interesting about this cross-country gallop. Each team has the same number of runners, they're not sure how many, but say five, The runner who finishes first scores one point, the fellow directly behind him scores two etc. So a team could have runners finishing 1, 2, 3, and yet lose the race. Suppose they had 1, 2, 3, 8 and 26 Their total would be 40. Another team might have 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11 for a total of 39. And the best golf score wins. So you can't afford to have a lame duck in that sport.

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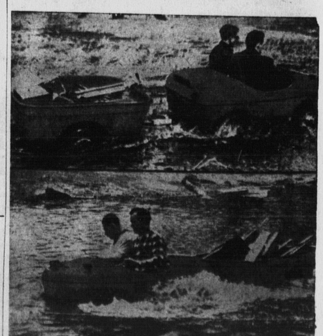

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