

# Dodgers Scout Will Open Series Of Films And Lectures Today

Mr. Bill O'Connor, talent scout for the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball club, arrived in this city last evening where he will carry on a series of lectures, show films and hold open discussions here today, at Summerside tomorrow, and possibly Montague on Thursday.

Presently making a tour of the Maritimes to create a greater interest in baseball and to lend his assistance in bringing a wider knowledge of the game to those interested in developing and organizing leagues in their own communities, Mr. O'Connor will visit the City schools this morning and afternoon and will hold a public gathering at the Charlottetown Armouries tonight at 7.30.

Mr. O'Connor, who has been scouting for Dodgers during the past seven years, is being sponsored here by the Department of Physical Fitness, and will feature on his agenda such films as "The Little League"; the 1950 World Series between the New York Yankees and the Philadelphia Phillies; and another on "Umpiring" by two noted big league officials, Bill McGowan of the American League and George Barr of the National League.

During an interview last night, Mr. O'Connor said, "I am primarily interested in the youngsters and the film known as the Little League will hold particular interest for them." He said that the film gives the origin and the history of the development of an organized league for youngsters between eight and twelve years old all over the United States. "Last year," he said, "there were 5,000 teams operating in the system and the first tournament was held to decide a National winner."

The session to be held at the Armouries tonight is open to all who are interested in baseball, whether they be officials, players or fans, and following the regular showing a special meeting will be held for just officials and players in which he will give more detailed tips and instructions and carry on open discussions on various phases of the game.

His visits to Summerside and Montague will follow the same procedure as today's program.

# Joanette Hero In Valleyfield

VALLEYFIELD, Que., April 16 (CP) — Maurice (Rocket) Richard may well be the big name in hockey today but you would have a tough time trying to convince Valleyfield fans he is greater than Rosaire (Kitoute) Joannette.

Joannette is the veteran centre star of Valleyfield Braves, who have just brought the first Quebec Senior Hockey League championship to this little industrial city on Lake St. Francis.

Kitoute (pronounced Key Toot) is almost legendary among the rabid sports populace of Valleyfield. And Kitoute has good reason to lay claim to that distinction.

Sunday night the 36-year-old veteran—often called the Satchel Paige of hockey—died two goals that paved the way for his team's first title since the Braves entered the circuit six years ago.

Trailing Quebec Aces 3-1 in the deciding game of the best-of-nine final series, Kitoute was sent out as a sixth forward with a minute and four seconds remaining in the third period. Two seconds later he pumped home his team's second goal and rapped in the tying mark 31 seconds later.

Coach Hector (Toe) Blake of Valleyfield says his team will win over Sydney Millionaires, the Maritime hockey champs. "But it'll be a tough series," he predicted. Blake is at odds with Canadian Amateur Hockey Association officials for ordering his team to play at Montreal while Sydney are allowed to play home games on their own rink.

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# Irvin Figures Edge In Favor Of Canadiens

MONTREAL, April 16 — (CP) — Coach Dick Irvin did some fast figuring today and came up with the pronouncement that "the edge is on our side" — in favor of Montreal Canadiens over Toronto Maple Leafs in the best-of-seven Stanley Cup Hockey final.

Two overtime games in Toronto last week left the teams all even at a game apiece. They meet tomorrow and Thursday in Montreal, followed by alternating shifts for each game until the series ends.

"The series is now three of five," said Canadiens' Irvin. "We have three of the possible five games right here in Montreal. There's our edge."

Defenceman Doug Harvey, with a knee injury suffered in the semi-final against Detroit Red Wings, was an absentee today when the squad held a workout. The knee still troubles him.

But it was Harvey, game leg and all, who set up the pass for

Maurice (Rocket) Richard to score the winning goal against Leafs Saturday night.

"The last I saw of Harvey he was heading for the hospital for treatment for his knee," said Irvin. "I don't know yet whether he will be in shape to start or not."

Loss of Harvey would mean that Glen Harmon or rookie Russ Lowe would see steady action paired with big Jim MacPherson.

"I'm not taking the Leafs lightly," said Irvin. "They are a good road club. They have three well-balanced front lines and a good defence. This is an unusually close series, as shown by the two overtime games, and the breaks may swing it one way or another."

Canadiens have recalled Eddie Mazur, forward with Victoria Cougars, as insurance protection for left wing. The Cougars have just won the Pacific Coast League play-off. Mazur may not see much action but will be held in readiness in case of injuries.

# Sport Echoes From Prince County

The way the M.A.H.A. officials handled the Islander-Millionaire dispute reminds me of a Mutt and Jeff cartoon we saw a good many years ago. Seems Mutt was pressed into service as an umpire. The pitcher threw the first ball. "Ball!" shouted Mutt. "What did you say?" roared the catcher. "Strike," Mutt amended. "Why, you dirty—" the batter began, advancing a few steps with his bat held threateningly. "I mean ball," Mutt faltered. The infield started to converge on him growling ominously. "Guess it was a strike," he conceded looking at the approaching infielders fearfully. The team at bat started to leave the bench. "Ball," he shouted at them and started for the exit. He couldn't make it. The last picture showed him under a howling mob of ball players who were giving him a real going-over.

It is significant that most neutral observers sided with the Islanders in the rubarb. A noted exception, however, was a prominent Halifax sports writer who seemed to think the Sydney faction had justice on their side. His remedy for the disturbance in that unfinished game at Sydney was not to call the game off, just to suspend it temporarily until the crowd "cooled off" and then resume play. Now, there is an idea. Why couldn't it be extended to meet other explosive situations. The disorders in Iran might be handled in some such fashion. In the middle of the rumpus a recess might be declared, tea and crumpets served, and no doubt that would be the end of all the trouble.

We'd like to remind the Halifax sports writer that a bottle had been thrown, narrowly missing the head of Phil Vitale. If it had hit its intended target, the big defenceman would now be in a hospital. That and other similar acts of hysteria were committed at the moment when Sydney had victory in its grasp. Supposing the game had been resumed and in the last minute or so the Islanders had scored the winning goal. Would there not then be much more provocation for these hoodlums to start throwing things at the Islanders than in the first instance? What makes the Halifax sports writer think that this cooling off process would prevent another and worse demonstration if another such occasion arose?

The winners of the Q.A.H.A.

# Connie Smythe Sings Praises Of The "Rocket"

TORONTO, April 16 — (CP) — Conn Smythe sounded the praises of Maurice (The Rocket) Richard today and left a goateading question unanswered as his Maple Leafs entrained for Montreal to resume their best-of-seven Stanley Cup hockey final with the Canadiens. The series is tied 1-1.

"I've just seen the moving pictures of the goal Richard scored to beat us Saturday night and it was a beauty, perfectly executed," said Smythe.

"He's the three musketeers of the National Hockey League. He's d'Artagnan, Porthos and Athos all rolled into one."

To the literary point that d'Artagnan wasn't one of the three musketeers and that he'd left out Aramis, Smythe had a ready rejoinder: "Aramis? That's coach Dick Irvin on the bench."

There'll be no decision on a Leaf goaltender until tomorrow night before the third game of the series, said Smythe.

Speculation here is that rookie

Al Rollins may take over the net job from veteran Turk Brodsky. Rollins, injured in the semi-final series against Boston Bruins, has been practising with the Leafs at St. Catharines, Ont., and he had a special test in Toronto Sunday with three forwards firing shots at him.

Defenceman Fern Flaman's groin injury will keep him out of tomorrow night's game, Smythe announced.

# Sydney To Meet Braves Wednesday

MIDLAND, Ont., April 16 — (CP) — The Alexander Cup semi-final series between Sydney Millionaires and Valleyfield Braves will open Wednesday at Sydney, George S. Dudley, secretary-manager of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, announced today.

The second game of the best-of-seven series will be played Thursday at Sydney and if the first two games are split, a third contest will be held in Sydney, April 21. Otherwise, the third game will be played in Montreal on Sunday afternoon, April 22.

Dudley said dates of further games will be released later.

Jack Mellenbacher, of Hagersville, Ont., and Andy Bellemere of Toronto, have been appointed referees for the series between the Maritime and Quebec Major League champions. They are Ontario Hockey Association officials.

# Hockey Scores

By The Canadian Press

Allan Cup

Eastern Canada Final

Dolbeau Castors 4 Owen Sound Mercury's 9.

(First game of best-of-five series).

Western Final (Allan Cup)

At Winnipeg

Nanaimo Clippers 2 Fort Frances Canadiens 4.

(Fort Frances leads best-of-seven series 3-1).

# Baseball Results

NATIONAL

Pittsburgh 618 000 008-4 12 2

Cincinnati 000 010 200-3 9 2

Chambers, Werle (7) and McCullough; Blackwell, Perkowski, Fox (6) and Scheffing.

ST. LOUIS, April 16 — (AP) — Manager Marty Marion of St. Louis Cardinals is being placed on the disabled list, it was announced today. This means that Marion, who underwent a knee operation last September, won't be able to play for at least 30 days.

SNAP SHOT FINISHING

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# Toronto Captures C.N.R. Bowling Title; Moncton Places Third

MONCTON, N. B., April 16 — In the bowling tournament "by wire" held between members of the accounting department of the Canadian National Railways in Moncton, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, Toronto won the championship bronze trophy, donated by the Canadian Bronze Company, with a grand aggregate score of 17,892.

Montreal placed second with a total of 17,084 while Moncton placed third with a 16,770. Winnipeg rolled a grand aggregate total of 15,935.

While there were only four teams entered for Moncton, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg had six composed of men's, ladies' and mixed teams.

Play for the A. H. Hogan men's

trophy, donated by A. H. Hogan, auditor of disbursements C. N. Railways, Montreal, resulted in Montreal placing first with 3,156, Moncton second 3,103, Toronto 3,058, Winnipeg 2,773. The trophy for the championship ladies team known as the C. M. Brown Trophy, was won by Winnipeg 2-967, Montreal second 2,875, Moncton third 2,788 with Toronto in fourth place 2,635. The C. M. Brown Trophy was donated by C. M. Brown, regional auditor C. N. R. Winnipeg, a native of Moncton and formerly regional auditor for the railway here.

Averages per string were: Toronto 198.8 Montreal 189.8, Moncton 186.3 and Winnipeg 177.1.

The Moncton teams were composed of team no 1 (men's) D. MacKenzie, S. Colwell, R. Ferguson, W. James, J. Wright, total score 3,103, team no 2 ladies, M. Reid, M. Hennessy, J. MacDonald, J. Meahan, B. Bills, total score 2,788, team no 3 mixed, M. Duplessis, M. Mason, R. Robertson, J. Adams, W. Cummings, total score 2,538, team no 4 mixed, M. Eagles, A. McGinley, H. Steeves, R. Smith, L. Gardiner, total score, 2,707.

FAMOUS LIGHTS

The region in which the aurora borealis or northern lights occurs is between 80 and 200 miles above the ground.

# Pirates Edge Reds 4-3 In Snow Capped Opener

NEW YORK, April 16 — (AP) — Snow flurries swirled around 30-44 blanketed Cincinnati fans today as Pittsburgh raked up Ewell Blackwell for a 4-3 victory that opened the baseball season a day early.

Rain washed out the special ceremonial opening at Washington.

Given a better break from the weather man, all 16 clubs will be busy tomorrow when about 242,000 customers are expected to attend an eight-game schedule. It had better be warmer at Philadelphia where they're daring the elements with a night game, the first arctic opener in American League history.

Blackwell was as cold as the breezes at Crosley Field. The Pirates hopped on the lean sidearm artist for all of their runs in the first three innings. Then Blacky left for a pinch hitter.

After Blacky departed, Harry Perkowski, Howie Fox and Frank Smith reeled off six shutout innings.

# Noranda Edge Capitois 5-4

FREDERICTON, April 16 — (CP) — Noranda, Que., Copper Kings rallied in the last period to edge Fredericton Capitals 5-4 tonight in the opening game of a best-in-three series for the Eastern Canadian intermediate hockey title.

The second game will be played here tomorrow night and a third, if necessary, Thursday night.

Fredrickton led 2-1 at the end of the first period and 4-1 when the second ended but Noranda then scored four times without a reply.

It was the 42nd win of the season for Noranda against five losses and a draw. The Copper Kings have lost only once in 17 playoff games.

# St. F. X. Cagers Swamp Saint John

ANTIGONISH, N. S., April 16 — (CP) — St. Francis Xavier University, playing sharply all the way, defeated Saint John, N. B., Marcus Majors 72-47 tonight in the first of their best-of-three series for the Canadian Intermediate Basketball Crown.

Getting back into the Maritime Major circuit was not easy either, and took a lot of tireless work and planning by those who supported the idea from its infancy and carried on under an almost general feeling that it "couldn't be done." But it was done, and with a degree of success that has proved to be far and beyond the hopes of the most ardent supporters. Developing the project step by step, the final result was the birth of the P. E. Islanders Hockey Club, the crowning of a new Big Four champion and an outstanding season of hockey entertainment for the sportsping public of this Province.

Columns could be written about the excellent way the seasons activities have been carried out by the club as a whole and the executive, the players and their coach Leo Lamoureux in their individual roles, but it is a story well known to the public of this Province that has earned and received the respect and thanks of that same hockey public. To such men as Club President Major T. B. "Tom" Rogers (who we regret to report is still hospitalized through illness), vice-president W. E. Massey and other members of that executive past and present coach Lamoureux and former coach Murph Chamberlain, the Charlottetown Forum and its manager Bill Brown and each and every member of the team, goes the thanks of a job well done from a populace of some 90,000 people who have endorsed their efforts to the fullest extent.

Like all sports in their season, one finishes and another starts, to take its place in public interest, already baseball is coming to the fore locally, not in actual play, but in anticipation of the months of activity that lay ahead. One of the reasons for this was the arrival in the city yesterday of Mr. Bill O'Connor, talent scout for the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball club. Mr. O'Connor is presently making a tour of the Maritimes where he has been carrying on instructional classes and showing films on various phases of baseball technique, officiating and general baseball interest. He will spend the next three days in the Province where he will speak and show films to public school children and senior enthusiasts and officials at Charlottetown, Summerside and Montague.

The prime purpose of his visit here is not to look for talent, but rather to create a greater interest in the sport of baseball, with special emphasis on minor league development. In conversation with Mr. O'Connor last night he stressed the importance of each community concentrating on local development within their own ranks, which he said "is the only sound method of full-scale player development. My job is to assist the various communities, towns and cities along those lines." Incidentally, Mr. O'Connor thinks

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# NURSES SKATE

Nurses skate sponsored by the Student Nurses of the Prince Edward Island Hospital at the Forum, Tuesday, April 17, Recce Band, 8-10. Admission 50c. Last sponsored skate of the season.

# NOTICE

Meeting of Charlottetown Chess Club at Y. M. C. A., Friday evening, 8:30 P. M. Tournament for R. E. Mutch Trophy planned for following week. Mail entries to: J. O. MacLEAN, care of Y.M.C.A.

# ATTENTION RIFLEMEN

The Annual Meeting of the Rifle Association will be held on Tuesday evening, April 24th, at 8 o'clock in the Petty Officers' Mess, H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte.

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