

SPORTS FRONT

By HUS CALLAGHAN

The Troublesome Bruins

IT'S too bad folks will not see those Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The way those Beantowners are performing lately, they'd cause plenty of trouble for the squad unlucky enough to draw them in the semifinal round.

However, we bet that Toronto Maple Leafs are glad the Bruins have lost their last mathematical chance of making the playoffs. The way those Bruins have mangled the Leafs this season is really something. The last twice they've been in these setbacks have ruined about all chance the Toronto squad had of making it to the top and there is real doubt about them being able to beat Montreal Canadiens or the runaway Red.

If Leafs were playing Bruins in a playoff, the chances of Boston making the final round would be extremely good. Bill Schmitz's boys appear to have the number of top scorers and men and they are having the time of their lives running Toronto's chances. Of course, the Bruins are no pushovers for anybody anyone and Leafs and Hawks may find this out before the regular schedule ends.

Saturday night the Bruins richly deserved their victory. Even the most loyal Toronto fan couldn't deny this. They played better hockey than did the Maple Leafs and they got great goaltending from Ed Johnston. The very next night they worked the league leading Black Hawks right in Chicago before losing a 4-3 verdict.

Sure, Bruins would like to make the playoffs but they are having some great satisfaction in the way they are going at present. The return of Bill Schmitz has surely helped the club and they give all indications of being a happy outfit.

Already Schmitz and his Bruins are looking forward to next season and they are proud they will be in there battling for one of those first four playoff spots.

And we think they'll land one, too.

The Nova Scotia League

THE teams in the Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League are engaged in bitter semifinals.

Halifax Tartans are deadlocked with Windsor Maple Leafs 2-2 and New Glasgow Rangers and Moncton Hawks are tied in identical knots.

The teams renew their feuds tonight at Halifax and Moncton and the Tartans and Leafs are expected to grab these all-important fifth games in the best-of-seven series.

However, Windsor has looked mighty good in winning the last two games. They scored 14 goals in grabbing the last two, 7-3 and 7-4. One of these triumphs was at Halifax and that one will give the Leafs extra confidence for tonight's skirmish.

The Rangers-Hawks fight is a case of the best versus the winner. New Glasgow must win one in Moncton to advance against the survivor of the Halifax-Windsor clash. The Hawks can lose all their games in Nova Scotia and still make the finals of the Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League.

Rangers appeared to have won handily at home but grabbing that one big game in Moncton Stadium has been tough. They nearly did it in the opening game when they had a 3-2 edge with three minutes of play remaining. However, Hawks came on to score a pair and grab that opener 4-3.

Allen Cup Playoffs

THE fact that Halifax Tartans beat Trail Smoke Eaters recently in Halifax seems to indicate that the caliber of Allen Cup hockey in these parts is pretty fair. The first round for the Maritime winners will find them doing the entertaining, beginning the best-of-five Monday March 19. Before that date the NSSLH winner will battle the Cape Breton champion in order to decide who rules as champion in these seaside provinces.

But before these things come about there is a lot of out-of-season business to be done. The teams are to be re-organized. Sydney Millionaires and Gace Bay Miners are the Cape Bretoners fighting it out.

Bitter battles are yet to come.

Welshmen, Pirates Gagner 'Loop' Wins

Prince of Wales Welshmen and Pirates garnered victories in City Basketball League action at Saint Dunstan's last night.

The Welshmen defeated Junior Sals 34-4 and the Pirates squeezed out a 65-57 decision over Y Phalanx.

The City students had to come from behind to rack up their win. At half time they were trailing 29-19 but in the final session they outscored the red and white clad cagers 35-21.

Mike Dager paced the winners with 14 points and was followed closely by Diamond with 11. Top pointgetter for the Saints was playing coach Len Sirols with 16 points.

The Phalanx crew gave a good battle before going down to defeat in the second game. They kept close on the Pirates' heels throughout the contest and at one stage of the game were within one point of pulling it off even with their opponents.

Halftime score was 32-38 in favor of the Pirates.

Roy Scantlebury of the Phalanx team topped all scorers with 28 points. Dave Symonds was tops for the winners with 23.

Highwaymen Top RCMP 7-4

Highwaymen defeated RCMP 7-4 in the Sports Arena last night.

Scoring for the winners were Dave Brown, George Lefter, Donn, Cliff Gillis and Keith Daniel.

RCMP snipers were Sid Harty, Sam Tibbo and George Ward 2.

Trail Smokies Will Receive Player Help

GALT, Ont. (CP) — Trail Smoke Eaters, Canada's entry in the world hockey championship, will receive player help from Callaghan and Kitchener-Waterloo Tigers of the Ontario Hockey Association Senior A League.

Terriers are sending playing coach and leftwinger Bob McKnight will be replaced by Tiger defenseman Don Tennant during the Terriers' semifinal playoff meeting with Chatham Maroons. His coaching duties will be handled by former Terrier coach Lloyd Ronnell. Tigers are out of the playoffs.

Smoke Eaters had appealed to Chatham, Windsor Bulldogs and Whistler for help.

Entries Given For Wed. Race

Here are the entries for Wednesday's races for North River country.

The first dash on the Victoria Driving Club sponsored program is slated to go at 2:30 p.m.

First Race: — Doctor Aley, Lady Luck, Sun Day, Star, Wm. Bob Baker, Do's Boy, Noble Argot, Bonnie Watchman, Mollie, and Mrs. Parley.

Second Race: — Billy C. Duds, Andy's Pride, Dyanth, Ann's Gigg, Lady Simcoe, W.M.X. Chestervay Thomas.

Third Race: — Miss Ella, Mollie, Bonnie, Mrs. Parley, Perfect Hal, Farmer's Pride, Crafty Bell, Tommy Shaner, Jerry Baker.

Fourth Race: — Miss Russell, Drilloe Hal, Erye Don, Rowdy Tow, Louie, Tom Collins, Flying Billy, Miss Red Money.



PLAQUE PRESENTED TOP DRIVER

of a USA plaque to Clarke Smith of Hull, Que. who was the leading dash-winning driver in the Maritimes in 1962 with 82 victories. Veteran reinsman Joe Hennessey (left) makes the presentation to Clarke Smith (right) as Frank 'Duck' Acorn, chairman of the Maritime Racing Circuit, looks on. Films seen last night were of the Gold Cup and Sauer parade, and the showings of the 1962 Hambleton and Little Brown Jug.

Thrilling Games Feature First Day Of 'Diamond D'

By RANK SULLIVAN

night to Mrs. Emily Woolley, 68-year-old skip of the Toronto rink representing Ontario in the Canadian women's curling championships here.

Mrs. Woolley's foursome provided more than their share of excitement as they won a squeeze match 14-13 in an extra end over New Brunswick's Moncton entry skipped by Mrs. Mabel DeWare in second round.

In another match that also became a thriller in closing ends, Mrs. Inez Kerr's Montreal rink, representing Quebec province, defeated Saskatchewan 10-8.

The Saskatchewan quartet, skipped by Mrs. Mildred Binner, was laying for shot when Mrs. Kerr with last rock, missed her intended shot and rolled one of her own stones over to stay for the win.

TWO UNDEFEATED

British Columbia and Alberta led the 10 rinks with two wins and no defeats. They meet each other in third round action starting at 9 a.m. today.

Mrs. Ina Hansen's British Columbia entry from Kimberley continued the pace that won her the championship at Regina last year. The squad squared off against Prince Edward Island 19-5 after defeating Newfoundland 15-8 in the first round.

Prince Edward Island represented by Mrs. Fern Sel's Summerside rink had dropped their first round match 14-2 to New Brunswick.

Alberta won its second match of the day when Mrs. Vera Reed's Calgary team downed Nova Scotia's Halifax rink skipped by Mrs. Shirley Robertson, 10-4.

A newfoundland representative from Grand Falls, under skip Mrs. Violet Pike, defeated Mrs. Irene Burton's Bethany quartet — the Manitoba entry, 8-6.

All games call for 10 ends.

The British Columbia and Saskatchewan rinks are the only two back from last year's championship.

Three rounds are scheduled for today.

Also in the 9 a.m. draw Sask. 100 100 401-7 Ontario 01 01 01 01-6 Alberta 213 013 100-10 Quebec 00 100 01 11-3 Manitoba 01 002 001-4 Nova Scotia 202 210 101-12 Newfoundland 100 003 101-6 Brit. Columbia 014 202 020 1-13

Today's Minor Hockey Draw

Following are the activities scheduled today for the city minors at Sports Arena: — 11:00 — 12:00 Skate — Varsity Dame and Redford Squads girls. 4:00 — 4:45 — Banants-Bombers vs. Ovals (exhibition). 4:45-5:20 — Banants — Hawks vs. Bluewings. 5:20 — 6:00 — Banants-Corobers vs. Crows. Referee: Dennis Flanagan, Bill Sherry.

M. Harbour Has Shoot

With the weeks ticking by each shooter is determined to walk off with the beautiful Burs Tr o p p y, ready for the start at the close of the season. Competition continues very close and keen, as follows in scores indicate. These were posted at the weekly shoot on Thursday Feb. 21.

Royals Edge Benders 6-5

Souris Royals edged Morel Benders 6-5 in the third game goal performance. C. LaVie fired two and R. Walker one. Goals for the Benders were 44 evenly distributed between G. Leslie, C. Broderick, I. McCall, R. McEwen and Murphy. Keith White and Billy Jen-80 nings called only one penalty, 80 that one going to the Royals.

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SPORTS ARENA

Legion Spies Underway; Close Games Are Feature

MONTAGUE — Thrilling and close decisions featured the opening day's play of the seventh annual Canadian Legion bonspiel at Montague yesterday.

Three of the seven games played were by two rock margins, another by one and one by 2.

Last evening Doug McGowan of Charlottetown out in an extra end, in one of the most thrilling games of the day. With the game tied up in the fifth, seventh and ninth ends and again in the twelfth the crowded observation room saw O'Rourke 8-11 wide with his final rock to leave McGowan sitting two.

In the second evening contest Doug Saunders of Charlottetown came back from an eighth and 10-4 deficit to end trailing A. Brooks of Summerside by one rock with the final score reading 11-10 in favor of the western rink.

In the morning round O'Rourke, last year's champ, defeated Art Love 10-7. At no point were these close battles were decided by the last rock when Addie MacDonald nipped J. M. Curmure of Montague 10-9 and the Myron Bell rink won from Gordon Stewart 9-7.

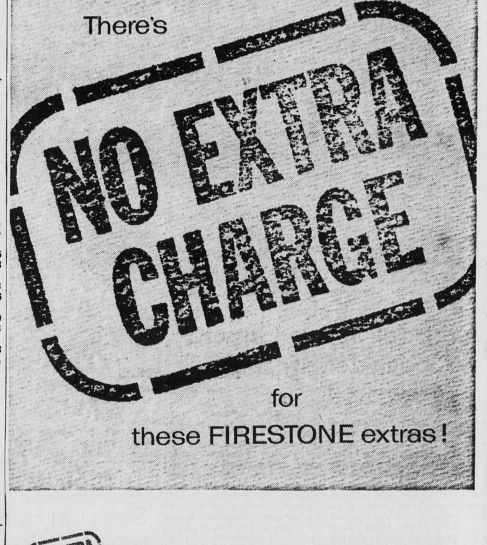
After yesterday's play seven rinks are undefeated and seven are one loss.

The Montague Branch Royal Canadian Legion was host to the competing teams at a banquet in the legion home at 6:30 p.m. Chairman of the function, Bruce L. Stewart, Souris, Dominion representative of the Legion, introduced the head table comprised of Frank Rush, president of the Legion Curling Association; H.M. Smith, president of the Montague Curling Club; Dan Mann, president of the Montague Branch Royal Canadian Legion; Gov. F. Walter Heryman; guest speaker, A. S. McNeil, commanding officer L. Division RCMP; Mayor B. H. Yeo; J. Hamilton, Division president; and Danny O'Rourke this year's defending champion, all of whom addressed the banquet briefly.

Following the banquet the official opening took place when Piper MacLeod, Murray Rice, led the curlers around the rink. He was followed by the Lt. Governor, Mayor Yeo, inspector A.S. McNeil, Legion officials and curlers. Then J. Hamilton Douglas, delivered a rock to declare the 'spiel' officially open.

Following are the line scores: 9 A.M. Art Love (C) 000 101 201 003-7 Danny O'Rourke (C) 100 011 010 220-10

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Big Game Tonight

Penguins will be trying to square their semifinal at 2:30 tonight with Paradise Royals when they meet the Fitzandlers at the Sports Arena. Dave Lawlor, left, will be one of the Old Spinnies who will be out there endeavouring to put the series. Royals' rearguard, Junior MacLeod, will be doing his best to put the Buck Whitlock coach head gang into a 3-1 lead, action commences at 8:15 sharp.