

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

THERE HAS BEEN some criticism levelled at those who were instrumental in bringing into being the Island Senior Hockey League for the 1959-60 season.

This is natural and it goes to show that at least some people are highly interested in what happens in this newly-organized loop. But we do think that at least some of the criticism can be answered, without too much difficulty.

FIRST OF ALL let's get these executive officers off the hook. Before they assumed their posts the league had made certain regulations for this coming hockey season. The regulations were on the table when they took office and it is their duty to carry them out. The persons who worked from September 23 until now to get this league into existence explored several avenues but many of them had "no admittance" signs on them. The eventual stand taken was one that was agreeable to all and it was deemed the only one that could be adopted to get a league into operation.

ORIGINALLY the plan was for a five-team loop with the Charlottetown and Summerside areas supplying two outfits each and Saint Dunstan's coming in on a part time basis. This was agreed on and work on the loop was started with five teams as the number entered. However, Summerside was unable to find sufficient talent for two squads and they came back to the meeting and stated their case. Charlottetown teams would buy no part of a four team loop with the Aces as strong as last season. They argued the Aces beat an all-star squad from the capital last season so how could either of this year's teams compete with the westerners.

It looked like no league at all for a spell at that particular time but a solution was reached and with the full support of those representing Summerside interests. In fact it is memory serves us right it was a Summerside delegation that moved the Ron MacArthur, Eustace Reeves and Doug Williams be barred from playing with the Summerside team.

SUMMERSIDE OFFICIALS maintained that both MacArthur and Reeves had stated they would not likely turn out this season and they felt that their loss to the Summerside club would make the Charlottetownians feel they had a better chance to compete capably with the westerners. As far as Williams was concerned, he was working in Charlottetown and it was felt he would prefer to line up with one of the two capital city's crews.

The ruling barring these three fine hockey players from the Summerside squad took place without a single dissenting Summerside voice. Sandy Frizell, representing the Royals, had stated earlier in the meeting that his team would not play in a league with on Summerside entry but Sandy was agreeable once the barring clause was put through.

IN CHARLOTTETOWN, several players who performed for the Royals in the playoffs last season against the Aces find themselves on opposing teams. With Central Creameries Penguins are Lorne Hennessey, Junior MacLeod, Merrill Pineau and Billy Hughes. All four were with Sandy last season in the playoffs but this year they have pledged allegiance to Lorne Hennessey. Four other hockey players taken away from the Royals certainly should dispel any notions that this year's edition of the Royals will be power-packed.

Hennessey on the other hand has a combination of veterans and youths. He has Doug Williams turning out with him, in addition to many of last year's Navy Tars and three members of the 1958-59 Garrison Juniors. This would hardly give one the idea that Hennessey has gone around trying to pack a team.

PERSONALLY we think the Charlottetown teams will more than have their hands full every time they meet the hockey talent from Summerside. The westerners still have a right smart hockey club and we can't see any great reason why they can't more than hold their own in this four-team loop.

This getting a league formed on a basis agreeable to both Summerside and Charlottetown centres is a real toughie. What one wants the other won't buy. Each is leery of the strength of the other and every move is watched with unusual interest.

When the five-team loop was formed, we attended the meeting and could hardly believe that things were going along in such a pleasant way. Next time we attended a session the five-team loop was out and for a time we thought all hopes of a league were out. That's when the "barring" move was made in an effort to get Charlottetown to go along with four teams. The move paid off and everybody, including the Summerside boys present wore the "broadest of smiles. There wasn't a beef as harmony prevailed.

We know—we were there.

LORNE HENNESSEY is the boss man of Perfection Penguins. Lorne has proved his coaching ability long before this, his greatest success coming in Summerside when his Aces won the Island crown from the Basilica Youth Club. Last season Lorne took over the Navy Tars midway through the schedule and had the sailors really hustling by the end of the trail.

Lorne has Thane Doyle and Bobby Dillon working out in the nets and in front of them he has a solid defence in Junior MacLeod, Doug Williams, Merle Longaphie, Jimmy Duffy and Joe Coyle.

On the attacking lines there are Jack Kane, Billy Hughes, Apps Arsenault, Merrill Pineau, Billy Mulligan, Vince McMillan, Brian Lewis, Wayne MacDonald, Gerald Noonan and Alf Flanagan.

Lorne is the real type for a leader and his boys have the greatest respect for him. He knows the game thoroughly and has the happy faculty of being able to transplant that knowledge to his team members.

The Penguins should show up to good advantage in this newly formed league. Lorne will have them playing pleasing hockey all the way.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND'S greatest authority on boxing and boxer Wilf McCloskey may get a chance to display his knowledge in a big way. Wilf told us yesterday he has been reached by CBC officials for a possible appearance on the program "Live a Borrowed Life". Wilf would live the life of a boxer great. It wouldn't make much difference which one for Wilf likely knows all there is to know about all of them.

Aussies Have Record Lead In Canada Cup Tourney

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
MELBOURNE (Thursday) (AP) — Australia's Peter Thomson and Ken Nagle teed off today for the second round of the Canada Cup matches with the biggest lead any country ever enjoyed at any stage of play since this annual world series of pro golf was inaugurated seven years ago.

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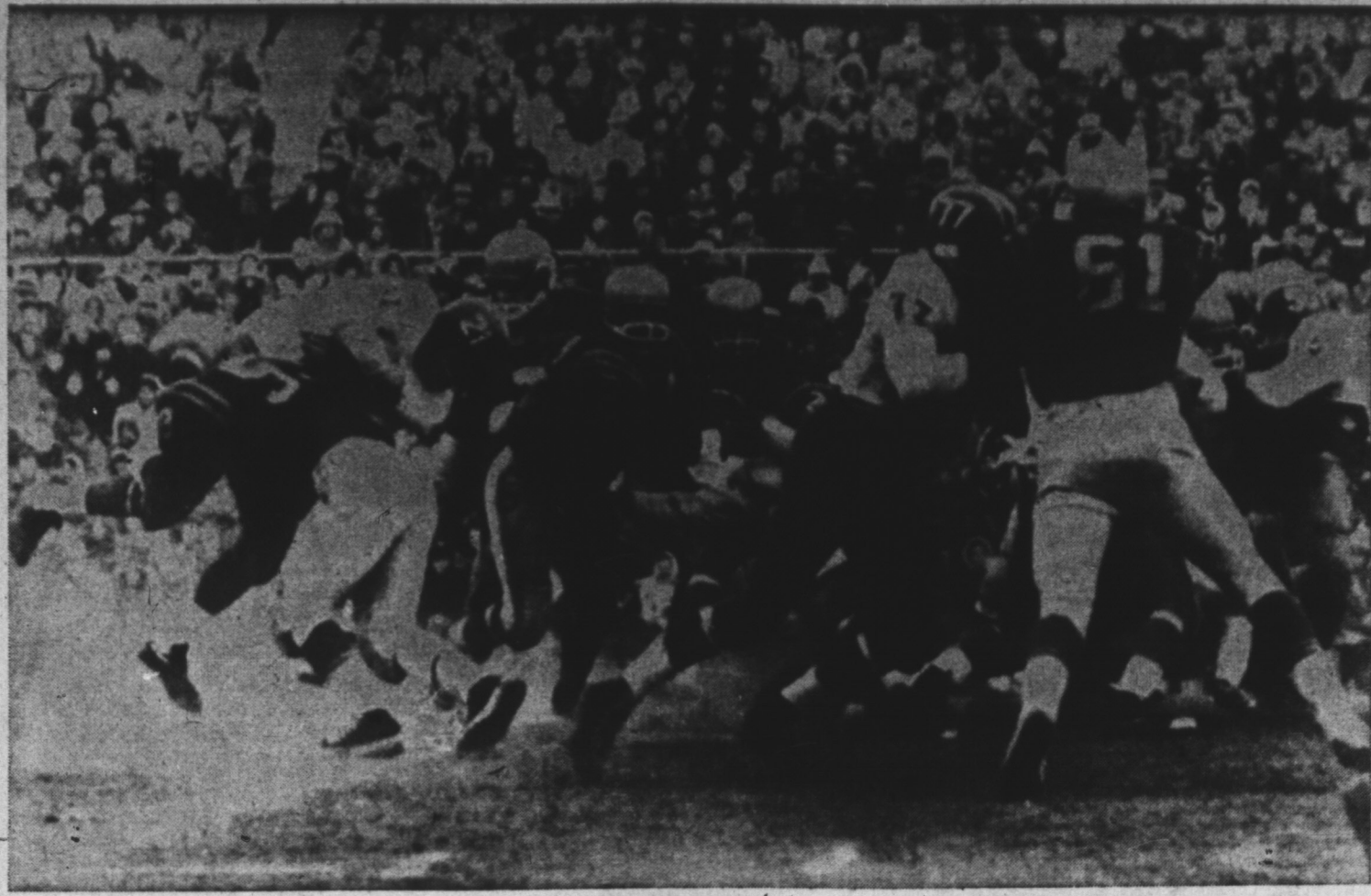
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STOPPED

Western all-star back Charlie Shepard of Winnipeg Blue Bombers is stopped at the line of scrimmage by another all-star, Edmonton's Al Ecuyer, in the deciding game of the western football final, won by Winnipeg 16-8. In the foreground, Bomber end Ernie Pitts blocks Eskimo defensive end Nat Dye (65). (CP Wirephoto)

Grid Condition No Worry Says Rough Rider Coach

By ART WILKES
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP)—Coach Frank Clair is not worrying too much about gridiron conditions for Saturday's final game of the two-game total-point Big Four football championships with Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Hamilton. But he isn't taking any chances.

Clair has had the Riders working out with specially-made running shoes just in case the gridiron is frozen. But Ottawa won't use them if the field is good.

"I'm not that set on field conditions now," said Clair, relenting from an earlier hope for a muddy field. "After all—we've done a good job too on a hard field."

The Riders hold a 12-point lead going into Saturday's game to decide who takes a crack at de-throning Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Grey Cup final Nov. 28 at Toronto.

NEW PASS PLAYERS
Clair said Riders expect to use some new passing plays which the team has been working on for more than a week.

"We had them ready for last Saturday's game, but it wasn't the kind of day for new pass patterns," he said.

Clair said he will stick to last week's policy of not announcing his starting quarterback until just before game time.

He said he can't very well name his quarterback now because Russ Jackson is still limping with a sprained ankle suffered late in the opening game.

Jackson's ankle is improving and he is expected to be ready for full duty.

The McMaster University graduate was the big sparkplug in Riders' opening game win, counting both touchdowns on rollout option plays and spearheading a varied offence.

Defensive halfback and placement kicker Gary Schneider, who missed the first game with a bad charleyhorse, was out for a short practice session but it won't be known until Friday whether he will play.

THELEN TROUBLES
Meanwhile, the status of full-back Dave Thelen—the Big Four rushing champion—took a turn for the worse.

He returned from a meeting with his draft board in Caston, Ohio, with the news that he would have to report Nov. 27 to start his six-month service with the U.S. reserve army.

"They told me that we leave for duty on Sunday, Nov. 29," said Thelen. "But I would have to be in Canton 48 hours earlier for instructions, equipment and other details."

This would be a crippling blow to Riders' chances against Winnipeg Blue Bombers, should they get past Hamilton and go on to the Grey Cup Nov. 28.

Thelen says he is making an effort to join at Syracuse which will leave him free until after the Grey Cup game, but if he fails, he would be drafted for two years service and be unavailable to Riders for two seasons unless he reports on Nov. 27.

Larry Sherry Wins Trophy
NEW YORK (AP) — Larry Sherry, rookie relief ace of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Wednesday was named the October winner of the S. Rae Hickok professional athlete of the year, balloting.

Sherry, who won two games and saved two others as the Dodgers beat the White Sox in the world series, won by a wide margin over Cleveland Browns' fullback Jimmy Brown.

FLOYD PATTERSON TO MAKE TOUR
TORONTO (CP) — Floyd Patterson, who lost his world heavyweight boxing title last summer to Sweden's Ingemar Johansson, will give a series of exhibition bouts in eastern Canada next month.

It was announced Tuesday night that his opponents will be sparring partners for his return bout with the big Swede. Patterson will return to his hometown New York for Christmas.

The exhibitions have been set tentatively for Windsor, London or Kitchener, Toronto, Sudbury, Montreal, Sherbrooke, Quebec City, Moncton, Halifax and Sydney. Loren Cassina of Toronto will handle arrangements for the tour.

LADY CURLERS OPEN SEASON
The ladies' division of the Charlottetown Curling Club opened its season yesterday with the President's match in which 22 teams are competing.

These teams are divided into two divisions — "housewives" which comprise 10 teams, and "business girls" which is comprised of 12 teams. The winner in each division will play off for honors.

A team of lady curlers from the Island will attend the Dominion Diamond 'D' tournament, a Dominion-wide affair inaugurated this year, early in the new year.

To decide an Island winner, teams from the four clubs in the Province will compete in a tournament in February with the winner attending the big tournament. The Diamond 'D' tournament will be held at Oshawa, Ontario.

It is expected that the lady curlers from the local club will get lots of time in the rinks in preparation for the tourney in February and a great season is foreseen for the women curlers of this city.

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The harbor at Sydney, Australia, one of the world's great seaports, extends inland for 20 miles.

Leafs Nip Red Wings 3-2; Black Hawks Top Rangers

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Maple Leafs built up a 3-1 lead on Dick Duff's goal early in the third period and then fought off a desperate rally by Detroit Red Wings in the final three minutes to preserve a 3-2 victory and move to within two points of the second-place Wings in the National Hockey League.

The victory, before 13,200 fans, stretched Leafs' undefeated home record to nine games this season. Included are five victories and four ties.

Actually the cleanly-played game — only two penalties were called, both against Leafs in the third period — had some exciting moments but until the third period offered little for the crowd to get enthused over.

SUMMARY
First period: 1. Toronto, Stewart (Pulford, Olmstead) 1:43; 2. Toronto, Pulford (Olmstead, Stanley) 14:33. Penalties: None.

Second period: 3. Detroit, Delvecchio (Ullman, McKenzie) 10:09. Penalties: None.

Third period: 4. Toronto, Duff (Regan, Armstrong) 3:37; 5. Detroit, McIntyre (Ullman, Lundie) 7:29. Penalties: Mahovich 5:19, Olmstead 17:32.

CHICAGO (AP) — Bobby Hull and rookie Red Hay scored two goals each to pace Chicago Black Hawks to a 5-3 victory over New York Rangers in a penalty-riddled National Hockey League game Wednesday night.

SUMMARY
First period: No scoring. Penalties: Hanna major, Litzemberger major 1:07, M. Balfour 6:30, Bartlett 10:01, Hay 12:11, Evans 16:12.

Second period: 1. New York, Sullivan (Howell, Gadsby) 5:50; 2. Chicago, Hull (Litzemberger, Nesterenko) 7:52; 3. Chicago, Sloan (Pilate, Lindsay) 8:45. Penalties: Lindsay 5:42, Bartlett 7:03, Gadsby 7:39, Evans 10:12, Bathgate 12:21, A. R. Bour 17:21, Prentice 16:56.

Third period: 4. Chicago, Hay (Nesterenko) 10:10; 5. New York, Laughton (Prentice, Gadsby) 12:27; 6. Chicago, Hull (Maloney, Nesterenko) 14:25; 7. Chicago, Clark, Sullivan (Henton, Henry) Hay (M. Balfour) 16:47; 8. New York, Sullivan (Henton, Henry) 18:12. Penalties: Skov minor, Nordlund 7:54, Pilote 12:10, Prentice 13:17.

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Worsley 4 8 14-26
Hull 10 3 3-16

Folley Decisions Alonzo Johnson

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Zora Folley, the No. 2 heavyweight contender, pecked and bombed away at game Alonzo Johnson at his pleasure Wednesday night for a unanimous 10-round decision.

Folley weighed 197½ and Johnson 189½ for the bout, staged at a resort motel on a charity dinner-dance program.

Folley, using his right hand like a club against the crowding Johnson, was unmarked at the end. Johnson's left eye was swollen badly.

Folley, from Chandler, Ariz., was given a 99-93 edge by judge Joe Vosdik and a 98-94 margin by judge Jack Alpert. Referee Max Bear gave it to Folley 99-96.

After knocking out his last two opponents, Folley was only a sometimes tiger in this one. Johnson stung him into action with a good left hook to the chin in the fifth, arousing Folley for a burst capped by a right hand high to Alonzo's head.

Johnson went down on one knee, but Baer ruled it a slip, not a knockdown.

Baer made the same ruling in the sixth when Folley clubbed Johnson on the temple.

It was the second straight setback for Johnson, a promising youngster from Pittsburgh who had won 13 in a row before being outpointed by Alex Miteff in his last fight.

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Rugged Yvon Durelle Vows All Through With Boxing

TORONTO (CP)—Yvon Durelle, a "shell of the fighter" he once was, flew home to his native Baie Ste. Anne, N.S., Wednesday vowing he was definitely finished with boxing.

The tough fisherman, veteran of 103 pro fights, said he fought his final one Tuesday night after taking a bad beating from Canadian heavyweight champion George Chuvalo. Chuvalo, making his first title defence, battered Durelle to the canvas five times before knocking him out in the 12th and final round.

Chris Shaban, Durelle's long-time friend and manager, was relieved at unpredictable Yvon's decision to retire.

"I'm glad he's through because he is only a shell of the great Yvon Durelle," Shaban said.

"Yvon doesn't want to fight anymore. His legs are gone. He won't train. What's the use of going on?"

Durelle, who admits to being "past 30," showed his age and

lack of training against the 22-year-old Chuvalo, who out-weighted him by nearly 25 pounds.

Yvon, game as they come, was sluggish. His traditional bull-like rushes and punches lacked authority.

He was not the same fighter who had world light-weight champion Archie Moore down four times before being knocked out in their memorable title fight at Montreal in December 1957.

Moore, in a return match last August in Montreal, knocked out the wild-swinging French-Canadian in three rounds.

Durelle, fourth ranked in his division, still holds the Canadian and British Empire light-heavy-weight titles. But he will have to relinquish these if he sticks to his retirement promise.

Shaban is concerned that Yvon might get the comeback urge and is prepared for it.

"I still hold Yvon's contract and I will have him barred from

fighting any place where there is a boxing commission before I see him put on another glove," Shaban said.

Quitting won't leave Durelle destitute. Back home in Baie Ste. Anne he has a fishing business which he recently estimated was worth \$100,000.

Bob Elliot Signs Pact To Manage Athletics

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Bob Elliott, 42, manager of Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League and former major league outfielder — third baseman, was signed Wednesday to manage the Kansas City Athletics.

The signing was announced at a press conference less than two hours after Elliott arrived by plane from San Diego, Calif.

Frank Carroll, A's general manager, said the contract is for one year but declined to say at what salary.

Elliott succeeds Harry Craft, former A's coach who piloted the A's to seventh-place finishes in 1958 and '59. Craft was fired at the end of the 1959 season but has taken a job in the club's player development program.

Craft was the second manager since the club moved to Kansas City. His predecessor was Lou Louden, who led the club from 1955 until he was fired at the end of the 1957 season.

Elliott played in the majors for 14½ years. He broke in with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1939 and played with the Bucs eight seasons. He was traded to the Boston Braves and later saw service with the New York Giants and the St. Louis Browns before winding up his career with the Chicago White Sox.

His first job as a manager was with San Diego of the Pacific Coast League in 1955. Fired by the Padres in 1957 he was signed to pilot Sacramento in 1959 and had also been signed to a 1960 contract by the club.

However, the new pact contained a clause freeing him to accept any offer to manage a major league club.

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