

SPORTS FRONT

Why Not Alter League Title

By CHRIS ANNETT

Seven months ago six of the best hockey teams in the world started their annual play for pay campaign that would eventually weed out the top hockey team in the world.

If Montreal wins the Prince of Wales trophy, or for that matter if any team should win it in any given year why should that team not be accepted as being the best team in the world.

Why should a team that has already been eliminated from the top four contenders continue to play. Would it be a better test and let fans see more clearly who was superior if the top contenders (this year Montreal, Chicago, Toronto and Detroit) began a playoff in which they met each other a set number of times after Boston and New York had been mathematically eliminated from the pennant race.

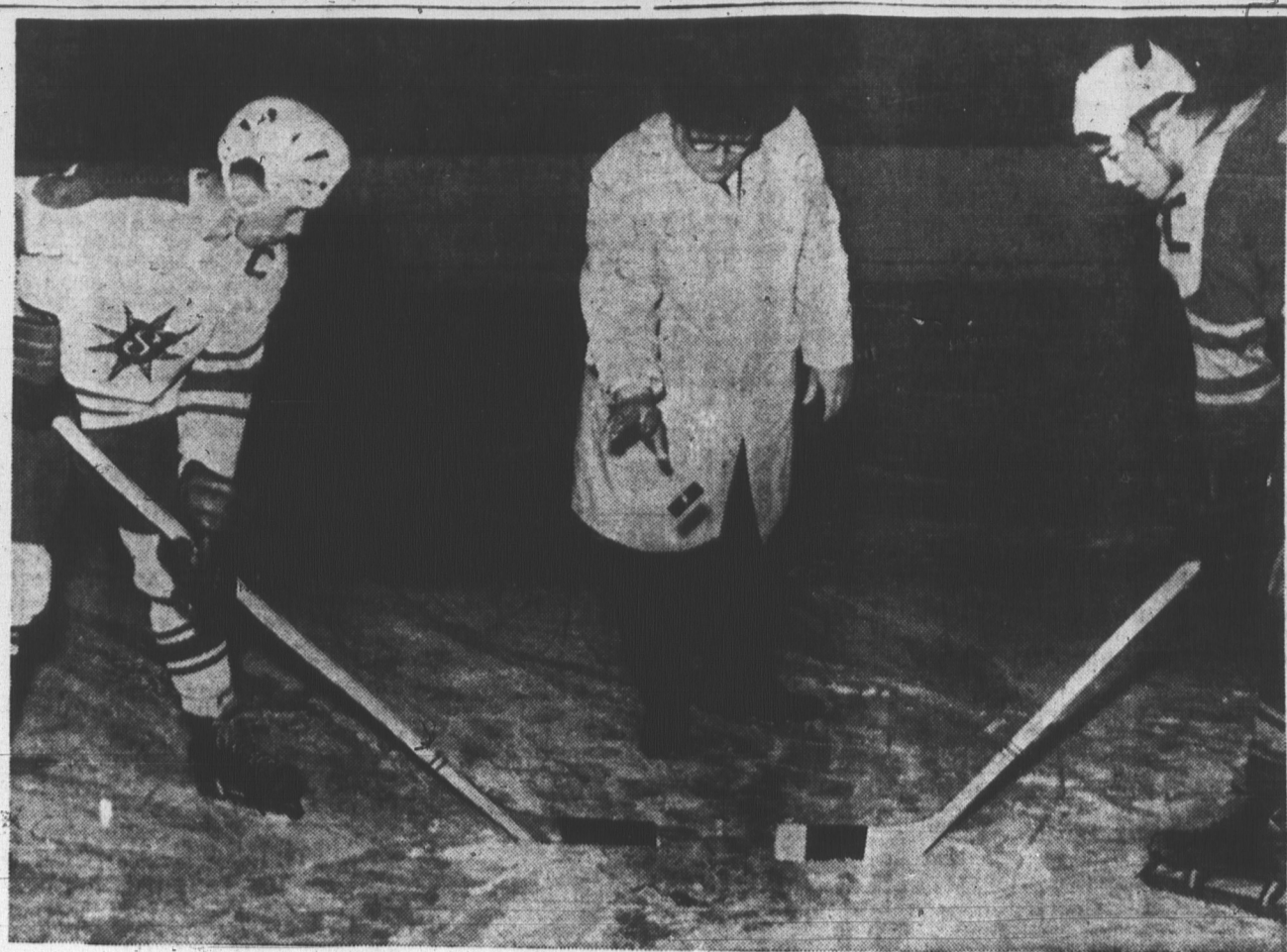
For example, Toronto lost a key game to Boston Thursday and that scuttled their hopes for second place. It would be a lot more interesting if Chicago and Toronto had been playing off for the spot instead of having a team that has no chance whatsoever of upsetting the apple cart.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

As I mentioned before most of the teams have played 68 games and simple arithmetic dictates that this is the last weekend in regular league play. As has been the custom in the past few years most of the league honors are going to be decided at the bitter last including the league title, runner up in the scoring race and fifth place.

TODAY'S CURLING DRAWS

- The following is the curling draw for Saturday at the Charlottetown Club: 1.30 p.m. (club mixed) Ice 1 - 45ers - R. Spillet, S. Reaton, T.W.L. Prowse, H. Douglas vs F. MacMillan, E. Tanton, A. Bagnall, Hal Spillet.



MAYOR OPENS TOURNEY

Mayor Walter Cox drops the puck between the captains of the Sydney, N.S., and Charlottetown Juvenile hockey teams to officially open the 1966 Maritime Juvenile Hockey Championships. On LEFT is Bob Doherty, captain of the Sydney Kinsmen Juveniles, is at RIGHT. MacDonald led the Cape Breton club to a 7-5 win as he banged in three goals.

Sydney Nips Local Club In Juvenile Title Opener

The Sydney Kinsmen Juveniles paced by the three goal effort of Miles MacDonald in the second period survived a couple of hotly disputed goals against them and went on to defeat the Charlottetown Minor Hockey Association club 7-5 in the opening game of the 1966 Maritime Juvenile Hockey championship.



BRIAN MACINTYRE

The Sydney team oddly enough did not really hold a discernible margin of play in the game but some glaring defensive lapses on the part of the Charlottetown club were the big factors in the Cape Breton win. Miles MacDonald, rugged forward for the N.S. club led the way with a hat trick while other markers went to Neil MacNeil, Rick Sawlor, Kevin Morrison and Blaise MacNeil.

For Charlottetown two of the more under rated players on the club, Herman MacQuaid and Brian MacIntyre each came through with a pair of goals while Bob Doherty rounded out their scoring. Sydney, unveiling a speedy precision passing game opened up the game as if they owned the Forum as they made use of every opportunity that they had.

Miles MacDonald was the one man wrecking crew for the visitors and he picked up a legitimate hat trick before the period was over. The first was on a semi breakaway effort which just caught the inside corner. Charlottetown, fighting for their lives in the tourney fought their way back to within one goal of the visitors but again a questioned goal played a big role. Bob Doherty rattled the inside of the Sydney cage a minute after the third period had started and then Brian MacIntyre poked the puck in the side of the cage to get the locals within one. The Sydney payers argued that the goal should not count but that did not help them so they went and scored two more quick markers.

Kevin Morrison put the visitors ahead 6-4 and three minutes later Galloway set up his third goal of the evening as Blaise MacNeil pumped home the final goal for Sydney. Brian MacIntyre, who played an outstanding game for the locals drafted a long backhand past the goalie for the final score in the game. Charlottetown only played good hockey in the third period and then they had trouble containing the fast breaking Sydney forwards. The Cape Bretoners got a strong performance in the nets by LeLeibre as Charlottetown outshot the Kinsmen by a considerable margin but the winners made use of almost every opportunity to score.

Every tourney continues this morning as Sydney and Campbellton meet in a game that could decide the championship. Soverif Campbellton beats Sydney and then the locals take the measure of the New Brunswick squad the Charlottetown club still could take the championship on the basis scoring.

Junior Spiel Is Underway

Play began yesterday in the Maritime Junior Curling Championships at the Belvedere Golf and Country Club. The competition is restricted to curlers with less than eight years curling experience and two teams from each of the three Maritime provinces and the following are the results in the first two rounds.

Cup Playoff Dates Announced By NHL

MONTREAL (CP) - The National Hockey League recently announced the dates for the two best-of-seven Stanley Cup semifinal series. In series A the first- and third-place teams meet in series B the teams finishing second and fourth oppose each other.

Ont. Wins Senior Spiel As P.E.I. Ties For Third

WINNIPEG (CP) - Sparkplug Ed Waller responded with a happy grin and skip Jim Johnston of Cooksville said he was too weak to lift the 135-pound reward. With a "Well, gosh it's a thrill" from Johnston, that's how Ontario accepted the Seagram Stone Friday for capturing the second national seniors curling championship.

Shooting with unmatched consistency, Johnston, third Tom Rosborough, second Joe Todd and lead Waller swept past their last eight opponents to close the 11-rink round-robin tournament with a 9-1 record. Allowing the opposition to score more than a single in just 12 of 94 ends, Ontario bounced back from an 8-7 loss to British Columbia in the second round to wrap up victory in the second-last draw with a comeback 8-7 verdict over Nova Scotia.

The Cooksville crew put icing on their performance with a final-round 10-5 decision over Alberta. Frank Avery of Vancouver salvaged a 7-3 record for B.C. that was good for a share of the runner-up slot with Seaty Anderson of Winnipeg, who fell short in his attempt to retain the trophy won for Manitoba in the inaugural seniors engagement last year.

Strung below the big three were Alberta, Northern Ontario and Prince Edward Island with 6-4 ledgers; Nova Scotia, with a 5-5 mark; Saskatchewan, 4-8; Quebec and New Brunswick 3-7; and Newfoundland, with 10 consecutive setbacks. Upsets, rallies and crushing defeats spiced Friday's two rounds of competition between curling's elder statesmen—the seniors is restricted to those 55 years of age or more.

The decisive blows were dealt in the 10th round when Manitoba grabbed an early 5-1 lead then staved off Con Ferguson of Edmonton 7-5 to shatter Alberta's title hopes. An identical story was written on an adjacent sheet of ice as Art Silver of Copper Cliff completed a rebound from four opening defeats, guiding Northern Ontario around B.C. 6-3 for triumph number six in succession.

Johnston pulled himself into a 9-9 draw heading into the 10th and final end, then manoeuvred his last rock in front of an Ontario stone in the back of the eight-foot circle. Sholds attempted to chip the stone but failed.

Bill Markell placed the Cornwall attack with three goals while Jo Van Marich, Bordie Harrington and Jean Payette added two goals apiece. Tony Zappa and Larry Gabri added the others. Archie MacDonald and Bob Shannon shared the Halifax goals. Harold Murphy made 32 saves in the Cornwall net while George MacNeil turned away 34 shots for Halifax. Referee John McEvoy of Ottawa handed out eight minor penalties to each team and gave Norman Gutmond of Halifax a 10-minute misconduct in the third period.

TENTH ROUND

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. N.B. 281 020 108 2-8, P.E.I. 800 201 080 2-8, Alberta 100 100 011 1-9, Manitoba 023 011 000 0-7, Nfld. 020 210 100 1-7, Quebec 202 005 021 0-10, N. Ontario 801 101 021 2-6, B.C. 010 010 100 2-3, Ontario 010 020 202 1-8, Nova Scotia 101 103 010 0-7, Bye: Saskatchewan.

ELEVENTH ROUND

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Quebec 101 000 301 1-4, B.C. 010 102 210 0-7, Ontario 002 02 203 2-10, Alberta 110 000 030 2-8, P.E.I. 104 030 021 2-11, Nova Scotia 050 101 100 2-8, N.B. 801 030 011 0-9, Saskatchewan 202 103 100 1-8, Nfld. 010 100 210 0-8, Manitoba 201 041 001 1-11, Bye: Northern Ontario.

STANDINGS

Table with 3 columns: Team, P, W, L. Ontario 30-9-1, British Columbia 10-7-3, Manitoba 10-7-3, Alberta 10-6-4, Northern Ontario 10-6-4, P.E.I. 10-6-4, Nova Scotia 10-5-5, Saskatchewan 10-4-6, Quebec 10-3-7, New Brunswick 10-3-7, Newfoundland 10-0-10.

Midgets Drop Opener

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) Saint John Travellers defeated Charlottetown Maple Leafs 7-5 here Friday night in the opening game of a two-day, three-day tournament for the Maritime Midget hockey championship. Nova Scotia champion Antigonish gets its first test this morning Saturday against Charlottetown Travellers and Antigonish clash tonight in the tourney final.

Dave Carson and Neil Nicholson scored two goals apiece for the New Brunswick champs. Mike McGill, Bruce Campbell and Dave Saunderson scored the others. Bobby Whitlock's two goals led Charlottetown. Angus Beck, Dave Murhanan and Lee Eriszell scored the others.

FORUM SKATING

Saturday, April 2nd 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Children 15c Adults 25c. W. Storey vs E. MacLeod, Dr. B. Morais vs W.A. Beer, E. Nicholson vs D. Cameron, D. O'Rourke vs J. Saunders, 3.15 p.m. Dr. C. Gallant vs Dr. L. Cox, I. Cudmore vs A. Lowe, J. Squirebriggs vs K. Ready, J. Burden vs D. Saunders, 5.30 p.m. E. Nicholson vs A. Burke, F. Curtis vs E. MacLeod, W. Storey vs A. Ballem, J. Saunders vs F. Acorn, 7.45 p.m. J. Squirebriggs Jr. vs G. Flemming, Dr. R. Drysdale vs Dr. C. Gallant, D. Saunders vs D. Stanhope, Dr. L. Cox vs A. Humphrey.



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Hawks Still Have Chance But Rangers Must Win

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Chicago Black Hawks still have a chance to win their first National Hockey League pennant but they will need help from lowly New York Rangers.

The Hawks, noted for wiliness in the stretch run for first place, are four points behind league-leading Montreal Canadiens with two games to play. But a combination of two Hawk victories coupled with Montreal defeats in their last two games will give Chicago the title on the basis of a better goals-scored record. Montreal needs only one of a possible four points to clinch their eighth championship in 10 seasons.

The Hawks visit Canadiens tonight and host Boston Bruins Sunday. A Chicago victory in Montreal would turn the Canadiens' final season game in New York Sunday against the fifth-place Rangers into a championship-deciding contest.

The other game tonight has New York in Toronto against the Maple Leafs. The Leafs visit Detroit Red Wings Sunday on round out the regular schedule. Should Montreal finish first, another setback will have been added to a long series of Chicago hockey reverses. After finishing second five times in the early years of the league before 1935, the team sank to the depths of the standings before finishing third in 1959, ending a 13-year playoff drought.



STAN MIKITA

problem. An ex-Hawk player says the first-place target is stressed from the beginning of the season and they are always conscious of it. This season, the Hawks again looked like the best club on paper and they again held the

Pownal Royals Nip Bulldogs

Pownal Royals defeated Hampshire Bulldogs 8-4 last night at St. Dunstan's rink in the fourth game of the finals for the Philip Matheson Hockey Trophy. The series is now deadlocked 2-2, with the fifth game scheduled tonight at SDU rink. Pownal lead 2-1 at the end of the first period, outscored the Bulldogs 2-0 in the third and 4-2 in the final. Scoring for the winners were D. Sheidow with four, J. MacPhail with two and B. Wilson and H. Smallwood with singles. For the losers I. Balderston got a paid and H. Dinzwel and G. MacPhail one each.

top spot for a time. But Montreal came on strong and Chicago weakened. The Leafs announced Friday that leftwinger Frank Mahovlich would miss both weekend games and may be a doubtful starter for the first game of the semi-finals. Mahovlich suffered a knee injury in Toronto's 3-1 loss to Boston Thursday night and has fluid in the knee.

PWC Mangles Summerside

Prince of Wales High School basketball whipped Summerside High School 46-35 last evening and knotted their best of three series for the P.E.I. Interscholastic Senior "A" basketball crown at one game apiece. The Welshmen relying on a tenacious defense and the 19 point performance of Brian Peters led through out the game and at no time were in any difficulty. They led by a comfortable 11 points at the half, 26-15, and then just protected their lead in the second. Summerside had a poorer percentage from the floor than did the Welshmen who missed only a few shots in the first quarter as they ran up their lead. Bill Taylor who both fed Peters and did some sharpshooting of his own in the first half had 12 points in the game, 8 of them in the first half. Buddy Brander led the losers with 12 points while Bob Olive had five. Both teams did a fine job of controlling their defensive backboards but PWC had an edge in offensive rebounds in the first half, when it counted.

LAKE HAS OWN BERGS

Utah's Great Salt Lake sometimes develops icebergs 30 feet high during the winter. Pressure has been their main

Boston Celtics Enter Finals

BOSTON (AP) - Boston Celtics stormed into the championship round of the National Basketball Association's Eastern Division playoffs Friday night with a 112-103 victory over Cincinnati Royals in the deciding game of their semi-final series. The Celtics, who trailed 2-1 after the first three games of the best-of-five series, capped their comeback before 13,908 at the Boston Garden.

Tracadie Cross To Meet Aces

Tracadie Cross and Capitol Auto Aces meet tomorrow evening at the SDU rink in the first game of their series for the Prince Edward Island Intermediate C championship. The game is slated to begin. Tracadie Cross beat Albany St. Pats 19-12 in their two game total point series to move into the finals and have been installed as favorites in the series.

RIFLE SHOOT

The annual prize shoot of the CCRA was held on March 26. Lorne Stevenson shot a fine 100 and 99 to take the trophy clear from all competitors. Following are the prize winners: CLASS I Scott MacDonald 197, Perley Taylor 195, Al Mutch 193, Wendall Brown 190, CLASS II L. Stevenson 199, Sandra Younker 191, G. Jenkins 190, D. Wood 188, CLASS III Barry Ling 188, Barry Melish 180, Stan MacNair 177, Maurice Wood 170, CLASS IV Sharon MacLean 167, Harry Wood 162, John Mahar 149, Ray MacLeod 131.

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MINOR HOCKEY

The following is the playing schedule for the Paperweight division for Saturday, April 2nd: Saturday, April 2nd, 4 p.m. - Ice 1 - Bluebirds vs Blackbirds, Ice 2 - Crows vs Eagles, 4.40 p.m. Ice 1 - Hawks vs Falcons, Ice 2 - Owls vs Jays, 5.20 p.m. Ice 1 and 2 open for possible practice sessions.

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Hockey Practice

The Charlottetown Old Timers will leave the Charlottetown Forum tonight at 5:00 p.m. Any of the team members who haven't got all their equipment lined-up urged to contact Norman Larter. The Old Times are scheduled to play the Summerside Old Timers at Civic Stadium with game time set for 7:00 p.m.

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