

SPORT ECHOES

By NORMAN MacDONALD

First of all, we want to join the chorus of congratulations to Ivan Docherty on his election to the presidency of the Island Senior Hockey League. Ivan was both competent and genial as a fight promoter, a combination which usually makes for success. Secondly, we deplore the recent trend towards spreading a cloak of silence over the doings of the new league as far as news-paper and radio coverage are concerned. Instead of the fine group of gentlemen who we know are handling the league's affairs, you'd think these meetings consisted of such characters as Lefty Louis and Gyp the Blood talking over the best method of casing the national bank. The public likes to hear about league affairs; it helps to warm them up for the hockey season.

We've never seen it in print, but it seems fairly certain that a regulation went into the minutes stipulating that three of last year's Aces Eustace Reeves, Doug Williams, and Ron MacArthur be debarred from playing with this year's Summerside squad, not because they slogged any referees last year, nor because of higher standing than the present Island League, but simply because they have been judged "too good".

LOYAL FANS PROUD
In one sense, this makes us, and should make all loyal Summerside fans, proud. A few short years ago all the "too good" players resided on the banks of the hillsboro. We cite for example one year when no combination of two of Orin Carver, Buck Whitlock, and Lorne Hennessy was by force of league regulations permitted to play on the same team.

Hennessy was the lone exile resulting from this dictum, but as we believe, he had already made arrangements to coach the Aces in Summerside, no hardship resulted. In any case, the rule was

Hoop Meet Is Tonight

A meeting of the Island Senior Basketball League has been called for tonight at 8.15 at the Canadian Legion Home in Charlottetown. Representatives from the Charlottetown and Summerside areas and the RCAF station at Summerside are expected to be in attendance at tonight's meeting.

based on the fact that these three players were "Big Four" products. The embargo on players seems to have been much more sweeping this time. As far as we know, and we're sure someone will correct us if we're wrong, the only regulation laid down this time was that the aforementioned trio cannot play with the Summerside entry in the new league. All three, we take it, if wanted, can play with Sandy's Royals, for example, or any other team. This is not likely to happen, but the league rules allow it to happen. The three outstanding players subtracted from Summerside could all join the Royals. Look that picture over, and tell us if it is considerably out of focus.

The story goes that years ago a group of kids played ball in a field with a closed board fence at the back of the outfield. When a kid hit the ball over the fence, it fell in the garden of a cranky old gentleman who invariably refused to give it back to the boys. So the kids made a new rule: "over the fence is out" and this kept the potential home run hitters from leaning too hard on the apple. This check-rein on excellent performance resulted in a great saving of baseballs. We hope the check-rein on excellence which the ISHL has established will also result in a saving of something or other, but doubt very much if it will be "face". In the meantime promising Summerside players are cautioned not to shine too brightly this winter, or next year that may have to play with Charlottetown.

SAKE OF ARGUMENT
For the sake of argument, let us suppose that a Charlottetown team will trounce our Summerside entry in the first game by a rather decisive score, say 7-2. Will the league executive not be bound by the spirit of fair play to disqualify the best players on the winning team for having graduated into the "too good" class? This process could go on until all the teams would be the caliber of intermediate "C".

Well, so be it. Both Charlottetown and Summerside officials seem to be in accord with this "too good" clause, and we can do nothing but wish them the best of luck during the season. We wonder, however, if the players of the eventual champions will not choke a little over their champagne at the victory banquet when they realize that their victory was pretty well taken care of unwittingly in the committee room before the league got started.

Frank Clair Won't Protest Milt Graham's Expulsion

By BERNARD DUFRESNE
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OTTAWA (CP)—Coach Frank Clair of Ottawa Rough Riders said Monday he still doesn't know what happened to cause tackle Milt Graham's expulsion from

Saturday's first game of the Big Four football final. "But there's one thing Clair is sure about—he is not putting in any protest and movies of the game—a 17-5 Ottawa victory over Hamilton Tiger-Cats do not show the incident."

Graham was tossed out by referee Johnny Munro for slugging Angelo Mosca, Hamilton tackle, on the fifth play of the game. This conduct will cost him a \$100 fine, but Graham point-blank declined to discuss the matter after the game.

There was a suspicion that Graham did not act without provocation. His inner lip was cut and still bleeding after the game.

NOT EXPLAINED
Clair said the incident was not explained to him by the game officials. But he discussed it during the weekend with Hap Shouldice, eastern representative of Canadian football commissioner G. Sydney Halter.

Shouldice said the incident was being investigated and that Clair was protesting the decision. Clair however, said that he is not making a protest.

"The movies of the game do not show the exact incident, or how it happened," he said. "The Rider coach was too preoccupied with plans for next Saturday's second half of the two game-total-points series in Hamilton to do much talking. Winners of the final will go into the Grey Cup game in Toronto, Nov. 28, against Winnipeg Blue Bombers."

TAKE DAY OFF
He gave the players a day off from practice, but called a meeting for late afternoon to review the movie of the game and plan next Saturday's strategy.

Clair reported no serious injuries to the Rider camp. Quarterback Russ Jackson, who scored his team's two touchdowns Saturday, suffered a slight ankle injury on the second last play of the game, but Clair said it is not serious and he expects Jackson to be fully recovered Saturday. Gary Schneider, defensive half who did not dress because of a troublesome charleyhorse, is reported improving quickly and expects to be able to play next Saturday.

SAYS GEORGE TERLEP

Big Four Champions Headed For Trouble

OTTAWA (CP)—The eastern Big Four football champions, either Ottawa or Hamilton, "are headed for a lot of trouble" against Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Nov. 28 Grey Cup final at Toronto, says assistant coach George Terlep of the Rough Riders.

Terlep, in a story phoned to the Ottawa Citizen from Wisconsin Dells, Wis., after seeing Bombers win the western title in two straight games against Edmonton Eskimos, writes: "The Bombers, in my book, must be regarded as the best offensive team in Canada. Their attack will be difficult to handle."

With halves Leo Lewis and Carver Shannon and fullbacks Charlie Shepard and Gerry James, "the Bombers are little short of murder on the ground."

"Individually, I've seen the equal of Winnipeg's running backs but the Bombers boast the best set of running backs in Canadian professional football today."

Bombers also had more than adequate aerial power, although quarterback Kenny Ploen doesn't throw as well as the injured Jim Van Pelt. Ends Ernie Pitts and Farrell Funston and backs Lewis and Shannon were outstanding pass-receivers.

SAYS TRIMBLE

"We Can't Win On Lip Service"

HAMILTON (CP)—"Our kids have got to want to win as badly as Ottawa did."

In the words of coach Jim Trimble, that's the key to next Saturday's windup game of the Big Four football final. "And now let's give the ladies the last word. Chick Gallant, one of Summerside's hockey greats, is planning to organize and coach Summerside girls in hockey. If arrangements can be made for a girl's league, Chick will be their mentor, and who in Summerside would be more capable. We hope sportsmen will rally round the old right-winger and make his project a success."

Ottawa Rough Riders toppled Hamilton Tiger-Cats 17-5 at Ottawa Saturday in the opener of the two-game total-points series. Riders will carry a 12-point lead into the return game here next Saturday. The winner of the series meets Winnipeg in the Grey Cup game.

The Ticat coach blames the loss on indifferent defence by his club and the Riders' overwhelming desire for victory. "But don't bury us yet," he adds, "don't dig the grave. "We're less than two touchdowns out. Our team has scored well and often before and I believe we'll be all right. Our main obstacle is desire. We can't win on lip service."

Toweel Sets Sights On Jordan's Crown

NEW YORK (AP)—Willie Toweel, latest sensation from the boxing Toweel family of South Africa, has set his sights squarely on Don Jordan's welterweight championship.

Among those in his way, however, is Len Matthews, the 20-year-old Philadelphia who has won his last five fights and has an over-all record of 21 out of 24 with two losses and one draw. They meet Friday night at 10 rounds in Madison Square Garden.

Matthews expects to weigh in around 135-136 while Toweel should hit 141.

Both appeared at a luncheon Monday but declined to make any sweeping claims of victory. "I make up my mind what I have to do and go ahead and do it," said Matthews.

"We're after Jordan," said Toweel's brother, Maurice, his manager.

BOXING FAMILY
Toweel's father was a bantamweight and featherweight fighter "he's a heavyweight now," said

Willie) and four of his brothers were fighters—Vic, former world bantamweight champion; Jimmy was South African lightweight champion, and Alan and Fraser, welterweights.

Under the terms of their fight here, Matthews and Toweel must weight in at 143 or under or forfeit \$1,000—no problem for Matthews but it could be for Toweel.

The Garden has offered Carlos Ortiz \$15,000 to meet the winner of the Toweel-Matthews fight Dec. 18 for the junior welterweight title, a newly activated division.

Maurice however, said the date was unacceptable even if Willie wins. He is matched against Albert Carroll at Nottingham, England, Dec. 7 and would not have time to get back in shape.

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