

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

AFTER THE FIRST WEEK of action (we are not including last night's game between Aces and Royals) hockey fans in and around Charlottetown and Summerside are extremely happy over what went on. And well they might be. It was an action-packed few days that the four Island Senior Hockey League ex-

TALK ABOUT BALANCE. Let's look at what happened in those first five games.

Penguins shade Aces in the opener, then Royals nip Penguins the following night. Saints appear after three workouts and fall 10-4 victims to Lorne Hennessey and company. The collegians deserved a better fate as the Perfectionists got presented with some gift goals. Royals, by this time feeling full of confidence, travel to Summerside prepared to do to the Aces what the Penguins had done. Charlie Hogan and company cooled them off to the tune of 7-4.

One game remained to round out the first week and that one sure looked like a soft touch for the boys from Summerside. They had a Saturday night date at Saint Dunstan's rink with Father Ledwell's Varsity.

But it didn't prove to be any tea party for the fast skating Aces.

FOR THE FIRST 30 MINUTES of the tussle, it appeared like a repetition of what went on when Penguins and Saints clashed. Saints were working their hearts out and getting exactly nowhere. Time and time again they were in on Thane Mann but erratic shooting kept them off the score sheet. After one period of play, Aces led 3-0 but they certainly didn't deserve a three goal margin. Urie Gallant made it 4-0 just past the midway mark of the game and the Red and White seemed headed for another bad luck!

However, they suddenly caught fire and before the period ended had it a 4-2 hockey game. Then in the third Tony Demers rifled two quick ones by Mann before the five-minute mark was reached. Aces went ahead later in the period when Saints were shorthanded but it took the scholars exactly seven seconds to get that one back. And so things ended on a 5-5 basis with both teams apparently happy about the result.

ONE THING IS sure and that is that the fans were happy. Anyone who talked to was more pleased with the type of action he had witnessed. Folks were amazed at the spirit of the Saints. No one had figured that the collegians could fight back from that 4-0 deficit against a team with the ability of the Aces. But folks who figured that way just simply forgot that this was a college team and college squads never do seem to understand when they are supposed to be beaten. We are doubtful if any other team in the league could spot Aces four tallies and then overhaul them in the final 25 minutes. But that's just what this Varsity team did Saturday and they are very hot on work.

SO AFTER those first five games, it does seem like a mighty-big task trying to figure out a winner in this Island Hockey League. There appears to be balance galore and Ivan Doherty, the league president, continues to beam.

Doherty is convinced there are great battles in store for hockey fans all season long and he and his capable executive are doing everything possible to insure the continued success of the league.

It's been a long long time since hockey got off to such a terrific start on Prince Edward Island. Everybody, and that includes the faithful fans, seem to mean business. To date crowds have been good and with the type of hockey the boys are playing, it is almost a certainty the crowds will get better.

ACES GOT a real boost when the league decided to give Ronnie MacArthur the green light to perform with Charlie Hogan's boys.

Ronnie may not see action until after Christmas but when he does show up you can be sure that Summerside defence will be a whole lot stronger. Ronnie is a mighty capable performer and a great leader. His mere presence on the ice will mean much to Hogan's Aces. In last season's playoff with the Aces and Royals battling for the Island championship, we figured it was this man MacArthur that was the difference between victory and defeat.

A real gentleman on and off the ice, Ronnie has what it takes to be a great competitor. You don't need to go to Summerside way to hear folks sing his praises. The most ardent Charlottetown fans has the same word for the genial photographer. It's great news for Summerside supporters and you can be sure Ronnie will give it everything he's got once he gets out there in front of young Thane Mann.

WELL, MONTREAL CANADIENS kept rolling along over the weekend with victories over Detroit Red Wings and Boston Bruins. It was the 18th game in a row in which the Blakemen had escaped defeat.

Saturday night they had a really tough time of it edging the Wings 1-0 but they did and that's what matters. Jacques Plante's critics would have a hard time in that one because Plante was surely the big difference. The masked man has been performing at a great clip and folks who refuse to recognize this must surely be prejudiced.

There are many who claim that Plante would look horrible if he were tending goal for some other National Hockey League team. We can't see it that way and mind you we can never be accused of being pro-Canadian. We realize he has a solid defence in front of him but we also know that he has had plenty of work this season and has come through with flying colors.

Just because Plante happens to be goaltending for the world champs is no good reason to refuse to give him credit for his performances. His goals-against average at the present is a sparkling 1.78. That showing is for his first 23 games and that's not bad at all, even though you are playing for Montreal Canadiens.

But some will never give Plante credit regardless of how he performs. He won't worry as long as he keeps going the way he's going now.

JACK ROSS has issued a reminder to basketball teams in the City League. This is the final day for registration and each team is obliged to send \$1 per player to Jack no later than today. Make sure you attend to it boys.

Battling Saints Take On Royals

Hockey action returns to the Sports Arena tonight with Sandy's Parkdale Royals playing host to Father Ledwell's Saint Dunstan's University squad.

Saints should be a cry from the team that bowed 10-4 to Perfection Penguins last Thursday night. The Red and White had only three practices before that battle and showed the need of more work. However two nights later at the college rink, Saints provided what was easily the greatest surprise of the young season by battling from way back to earn a 5-5 draw with Charlie Hogan's P.E.I. Aces.

Royals should still be favorites to topple the collegians tonight but Frizzell and coach Angie Carroll are expecting a really hard tussle. Both men watched Saturday's game at the college rink and were mighty impressed by the Red and White showing. The collegians showed some real hard body checking that slowed the Aces' attack in no uncertain manner. Whether it will be as prevalent tonight against the Roy-

als is something the fans are wondering about. Manager Frizzell announced last night that Bert Steele will make his debut tonight in Island league competition. The former Big Four ace will turn out at his old defense position and should add considerable strength to the Royals' blueline corps.

At any rate there should be an abundance of action when the battle starts raging at 8:30 tonight. Both teams are expected to ice their strongest lineups for the encounter.

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DETROIT (AP) — Terry Sawchuk, Detroit Red Wings goalie, was released from hospital Monday where he had been treated for a virus - neuritis condition since Thursday.

Red Wing officials said Sawchuk would skate today and practice with the team Wednesday. They said they would decide later this week whether he would be in the net Saturday afternoon when Boston's Bruins visit Detroit.

A doubleheader basketball game, scheduled for Wednesday evening at Birchwood High School has been advanced to this evening.

The first game, YMCA vs. PWC is scheduled to get underway at 6:45 with the second game between Saints and LePage's Trotters to follow.

Fighters Won't Elaborate On Outcome Of Bout

HOUSTON (AP) — Champion Joe Brown and challenger Dave Charney are extremely cautious while discussing the possible outcome of their Wednesday night world's lightweight title match.

Both say they can win but neither is emphatic. This is in sharp contrast with Brown's three previous title defenses here when both sides frankly forecast knockout victories.

This time Brown has done nothing more than indicate he will win. Charney, the British Empire champion, has said he can win—if he is cautious.

Brown only indicated he will deliver the fight - ending punch

when he said: "It will be a knockout; it won't go 15 rounds." "Naturally, I think I'm going to win... but I must not get reckless," said Charney.

The scheduled 15-round Sam Houston Coliseum match will be televised nationally at 11 p.m. AST.

BIG GATE Officials of Texas Boxing Enterprises Inc., the promoters, also are cautious in predicting a probable gate. They are sticking with the \$50,000 forecast made on all the previous title fights at the coliseum. Brown won all three and drew Texas record gates of \$68,740, \$69,203, and \$61,155 as he knocked out Ralph Dupas and de-

cisioned Kenny Lane and Johnny Busso. The Charney fight is the eighth title defence for Brown and permits him to tie the record set by Benny Leonard, who retired undefeated as a lightweight champion in 1925.

Charney, at 24, is 10 years younger than Brown. In 40 fights, Charney has been knocked off his feet. Brown goes into his 104th pro fight without having been knocked down since he won the lightweight crown from Wallace (Bud) Smith in 1956.

NFL Captures First Round Of Expected Player War

By RALPH BERNSTEIN

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The National Football League won the first round of the expected player war with the new American Football League Monday, drafting and tying up two top college stars.

The first two selections in the annual NFL draft meeting—Billy Cannon of Louisiana State and

George Izo of Notre Dame—have agreed to play in the 40-year-old NFL.

Cannon appeared at the meeting and said he favored the NFL because "it has the better player and offers more security."

Cannon, father of three girls, said he would sign with the Rams after LSU's game with Mississippi in the Sugar Bowl Jan. 1. Drafted last week by Houston of the fledgling AFL, Cannon said nobody from the new league had contacted him.

Los Angeles coach Sid Gillman said Cannon represents one of the best backs in America.

RAMS FIRST The Rams won first choice in the 20-round draft—a total of 240 players will be selected by the 12 clubs—in a coin toss with the Chicago Cardinals. Each team came in to the meeting with a 2-8 record, worst in the league.

NFL clubs select in order from last to first, according to the standings the day of the draft. The Cardinals, badly in need of a quarterback, followed Los Angeles with the choice of Izo and then announced Izo already had signed a contract. These two choices were the fastest business

of the early selecting as the process slowed to a snail's pace.

Usually the first 10 rounds are reeled off in quick time. But apparently the coaches were being more cautious in their selections with competition from the AFL lurking in the background. It took almost five hours to complete five rounds.

Of the first three rounds—36 players—all but six were drafted in Minneapolis last week by the AFL.

Charlie Shepard Blames Himself For Blocked Kick

TORONTO (CP)—Charlie Shepard, Winnipeg Blue Bomber full-back and punter, said Monday he was to blame for the second-quarter blocked kick in Saturday's Grey Cup final against Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

The eastern champions scored a single off the play when Winnipeg's Jack Delveaux pounced on the loose ball in the Bomber end zone.

Bombers won the game 21-7. "I was standing too close to the scrimmage line," Shepard told reporters at a press conference where he received the Triumph Award, a British sports car, for being voted the outstanding player in the game by sports writers and broadcasters.

"I was 11 yards behind the scrimmage line, instead of my usual 13 yards," the 26-year-old former North Texas State and Pittsburgh Steeler said. "I don't know why I moved up so close, but that was it. It was my fault."

Marine Hero Is Named Head Of Football Loop

CHICAGO (AP) — Joe Foss, World War II marine hero of thousands of kids who now are old enough to play pro football, Monday was named commissioner of the new American Football League.

The smiling 44-year-old former flying ace, who shot down 26 Jap planes in the South Pacific during a three-year contract at close to \$30,000 annually.

The appointment of the former governor of South Dakota was announced at a press conference by Lamar Hunt of Dallas, AFL president, and a number of founder, sportscaster Harry Wismer.

Foss said his headquarters will be in Dallas. "Right now I'll say there will be no salary war with the National Football League," said Foss. "However, I can see that in some instances there will be heavy bidding for players."

The new circuit has franchises in Boston, Buffalo, Houston, New York, Dallas, Los Angeles, St. Paul - Minneapolis and Denver. None of the clubs has announced a coach as yet.

Today's Minor Hockey Schedule

Here is today's minor hockey program.
4:00 to 4:30 — Pee-wees — QCHS. Foxes and QSS Lions.
4:30 to 5:15 — Midgets — Abies and Arrows.
5:15 to 6:00 — Midgets — Darts and Royals.
Referees L. Barrett, D. Frizzell.

WEBB SCOFFS AT ANTICS

Fullmer Works Out With Baseball Bat

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—NBA, middleweight champion Gene Fullmer is swinging a baseball bat again—as he did in preparation for the fight against Carmen Basilio last August in which he won the title.

But challenger Spider Webb of Chicago scoffed at Fullmer's baseball antics Monday.

"He can hit with the baseball bat in training," Webb said. "but can he take it into the ring with him Friday night?"

Obviously the champion won't have the bat with him when he meets Webb in the 15-round nationally televised bout at the Utah State University fieldhouse at Logan, Utah, 80 miles north of here.

But manager Marv Jensen says the bat "gives all Fullmer's muscles a workout... teaches him to pivot correctly... and good batting form is good punching form."

Jensen says batting is the best gimmick he has developed for Fullmer.

"We don't need any more gim-

micks," added Jensen. "They got him the championship and they'll keep him there."

As Fullmer took his final swings at the heavy bag Monday, Jensen announced Gene would like to try for light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore's crown if the middleweight king beats Webb.

"Maybe we'll take a shot at Bobo Olson first to show Gene is a worthy contender," Jensen said. Olson, a former middleweight champion, was knocked out when he tried to take Moore's title.

Webb will continue training on the Idaho State College campus in Pocatello, where he first won fame as an NCAA and Olympic boxer. The Webb crew will break camp and go to Logan Thursday.

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BURKE GETS HAT TRICK

Visiting Sandy's Royals Defeat P. E. I. Aces 6-2

The Charlottetown Royals turned the tables on the P.E.I. Aces at Civic Stadium last night, defeating the home team by the comfortable margin of 6-2. The visitors scored three unanswered goals in the first period, split a pair with the Aces in the middle session and scored twice to a lone tally by the Aces in the final period.

The line of Whitlock, Carroll and Burke, easily the best on the ice, fired five of the winners' six tallies, young Freddie Burke getting three, and Angie Carroll, two. Coke Grady and Clow fired the Summerside team's markers. The shots on net were evenly distributed with both Ward and Mann coming up with five stops.

WIDE MARGIN The Royals had a wide margin in play in the first period with the Aces showing no signs of coming out of their cocoons. Carroll's close-in flip shot opened the scoring with the period a quarter over. With Grant Grady serving time for slashing, Burke finally hit pay dirt after Mann, constantly bombarded, had stopped four shots from close in. The Aces looked befuddled with a man advantage as Josey sat with the timers for tripping, and he was scarcely back on the ice when Carroll and Burke combined for another goal, the former hitting the draperies.

PLAY BETTER The Aces played better hockey in the second period, but the Royals still seemed to have an edge in play. Willie Dunn took a forward pass from Wally Shepherd at 4:36 and banged it past Mann from outside the crease. Clow wgot the first Ace tally nearing the half way mark, scooping in a short rebound of Benny Grady's drive from the blueline.

The Aces forced the play in the final frame, having a considerable edge on shots one net. They drew closer when Coke Grady's shot from the corner trickled

through Ward's skates into the twines after 49 seconds of play. It took Burke just six seconds to get that one back with Whitlock helping.

With less than two minutes to go, Burke closed the scoring taking a pass from Eustace Reeves.

LINE-UPS Royals-Goal-Butch Ward; defence-Stu MacLure, Ralph Josey, Eustace Reeves, Kip Ready, Erlend Wood; forwards-Buck Whitlock, Angie Carroll, Freddie Burke, Wally Shepherd, Buck Davey, Gerald Cruwys, Willie Dunn.

Aces-Goal-Thane Mann; defence-Grant Grady, Gord Grady, Vance Harris, Spud Doyle; forwards-Benny Grady, Coke

Grady, Leroy Clow, Urie Gallant, Paul Schurman, Garth Harris, Greg Deighan, Claude Gaudet, Jamie Phillips.

SUMMARY First Period-1. Royals-Carroll (Whitlock, Carroll) 7:48; 3. Royals-Carroll (Burke) 18:36. Penalties-Grant Grady, Josey. Second Period-4. Royals-Dunn

STEEL SHIPMENTS OTTAWA (CP)—Net shipments of rolled carbon steel products by Canadian producers in September amounted to 369,750 tons, bringing the January-September total to 3,094,988 tons.

(Shepherd, Davey) 4:36; 5. Aces-Clow (B. Grady) 9:44. Penalties-Clow, Ready. Third Period-6. Aces-C. Grady (Clow) 0:49; 7. Royals-Burke (Whitlock) 0:55; 8. Royals-Burke (Reeves) 18:22. Penalties-Reeves, Davey. Referees-Gord Faulkner and Gerard Bernard.

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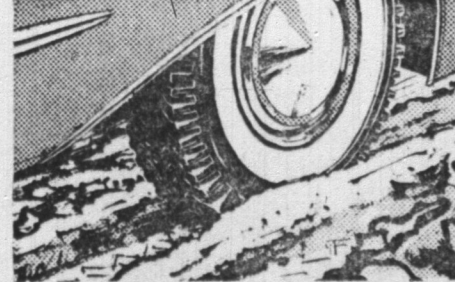
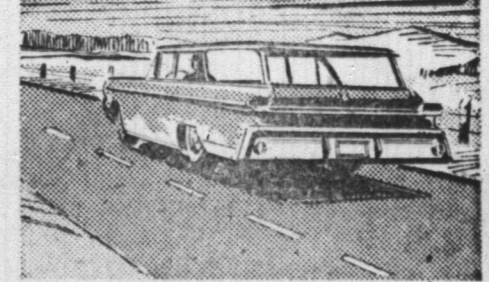
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Hoop Games Are Tonight

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BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Here are the City Basketball League standings:

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Jr. B.Y.C.	3	2	1	153	150	4
P.W.C.	2	1	1	96	93	2
Y.M.C.A.	2	1	1	92	90	2
LePags	2	1	1	99	102	2
S.D.U.	3	1	2	141	156	2

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