

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Liked The Rangers

NEW YORK seems to have been really pleased with the work of their Rangers this past winter.

Jimmy Powers writing in the Sunday News has high praise for Doug Harvey and his boys. Jimmy is a bit amazed at the popularity of the Rangers but his attempted analysis suggests that perhaps part of their attraction is that they are representatives of an American city playing a game that is just a little foreign.

Powers suggests that perhaps Casey Stengel's New York Mets could learn something from those Rangers. "The Rangers play just well enough to belong in the league at their worst, and to surprise the top teams at their best" maintains Jimmy.

At any rate, the New York folk solidly liked the Rangers and their attendance boost showed this most clearly. Powers has a special word of praise for Doug Harvey and hopes the likeable coach will see fit to return.

But for his number one pinup boy he has selected goalie Lorne "Gump" Worsley and we can't find fault with that selection. "Gump" was a standout all season and in the playoffs he rose to his greatest heights against the new champions of the hockey world, Toronto Maple Leafs.

A Murderer's Row

CHICAGO Cubs may not do too much fighting for the National League pennant this year but their hitters are beginning to get rave notices from many of the sportswriters.

Indeed some are exclaiming that the Cubs are building their own version of Murderer's Row. A great many maintain that in a few years Ernie Banks, George Altman, Ron Santo and Billy Williams will be the most feared foursome in baseball.

Ernie doesn't need to prove anything. He has already demonstrated his hitting ability to everyone's satisfaction. The other members of the quartet showed their potential last season by hanging out over 20 homers per man.

FOR ALTMAN it's his fourth campaign. George was termed one of the most improved players in the league last season. He had 27 homers, just two behind club leader Ernie Banks. Altman drove in 96 runs during the season and that was tops for the Cubs. His average soared to .303, quite a jump from .245 and .266.

Santo looks like a real comer. He's only 22. Last season he hit a .284 clip, drove in 83 runs and had 23 home runs to his credit. His performance earned for him sophomore-of-the-year honors in the National League.

The final man, Billy Williams, was voted the rookie-of-the-year in 1961. He was able to smash 25 four baggers, drive in 86 runs and finish with a .278 average. When Billy started the year he had a real fight on his hands to get the left field job. This year he was a class by himself.

When Billy hit his 25 homers it was a new record for a club rookie. Ernie Banks was the former holder of the mark with 19 back in 1954.

You can readily see why the writers are high on the boys.

Birdie On Hot Seat

BIRDIE Tebbetts has himself a hot seat this season as he pilots three Milwaukee Braves.

The reason things are so hot for Tebbetts is because he was executive vice-president when deals were made which involved trading away pitchers Joey Jay and Juan Pizarro.

The Braves gave Jay and Pizarro for Roy MacMillan and then sent Billy Branton to Detroit for Frank Bolling. Jay got 21 wins for the Braves and Pizarro 14 for the White Sox and Branton did his bit to get the Tigers home in second place in the American League. When Dessen got the gate last season, Birdie took over but his won and lost record wasn't as good as Chuck's.

Now he has the team he lusted for and finally decided upon. He was instrumental in these other players leaving the Braves. Naturally, he has to prove himself correct. He can't silt. He must produce or else.

And with his pitching staff it's going to be mighty hard to produce.

It looks like a rough year for Mr. Tebbetts.

SPORT OF KINGS

Baseball Season Having A Tough Time Arriving

The baseball season is trying to come, but these scattered snow flurries keep upsetting the coming of summer. And did you notice, the snow never comes until the ground seems to be just about dried up. Someone had better check the switch and make sure it's shut tight.

Each year around this time the various teams entered in the King's County Baseball League start with the stories. Either they're going to have trouble getting enough players to enter the league, or they have enough players but they're not good enough to make for an exciting team. Usually the teams that have these stories end up by neatly knocking off all opposition.

NEW ANGLE
Down in Souris, they've come up with an new angle. One proposal that will face a team meeting will be that of disbanding the baseball team, and organizing with others from the town and forming a three team Town Softball League. The team is definitely losing the services of a couple of players and a few more insist that they are not playing ball on Sunday.

What will come of it, we don't know.

The Nobody Wants Us (Yep, that's the name) won the championship of the Souris Men's Bowling League by defeating the Federals, three games to one with an game tied. Members of the new championship team are: Henry Larter, Harold Poole, Harvey Poole, Reggie Peters, Elmer MacDonald, and Stewart MacAnlay. We would like you people in Charlottetown to take special note of this, as Henry feels quite proud of this feat, and we know his father must be quite proud of him, and by the way, he has promised to go to the new Alleys in Summerside to give a few lessons. Congratulations, men.

LEAGUE UNDERWAY
The Souris Mixed Bowling League is well underway with the Beatniks and Spoutniks battling for top honors. The former are undefeated in five games, and the latter undefeated in three games. The dark horse entry in this league would seem to be the Ramblers No. 2.

Had a little chat with Alice MacDonald of Souris Line Road the other night, and it turns out she wasn't exactly pleased with her last column. We had said that the Line Roaders (Men's League) were never really recovered from a defeat at the hands of the Pirates (Women's League). She claims that her

husby is howling just as good as ever. Well, Alice, that could be true, however, we did notice that when women were present in the Alleys this year, he DID seem to get a little nervous.

See where a former Souris resident did rather well in Montague during the curling season just ended. Congratulations, Foch.

Waited, waited, and waited some more, but still Mike Hennessey hasn't come up with excuses for Toronto winning the Stanley Cup. Everyone knows that Toronto was the better team, but, poor Mike, and a few others, couldn't see that, and in all his writing Mike oozed confidence in the Black Hawks. Never have we seen anyone so sure of himself pass off his error so lightly and get away with it.

It just ain't cricket.

York Club Has Shoot

Following are the results of the shoot held at York on April 25, 1962.

CLASS ONE
Lorna Vessey 99
Raymond Vessey 98
H.T. Vesey 97
Bill Crockett 96
Jack Andrews 94

CLASS TWO
Raymond Birt 86
A.J. Cluney 97
Lloyd Vessey 96
Cecil Watts 94
Gordon Vessey 94
Alan Brown 94
Louis Vessey 93
Harry Welton 90

CLASS THREE
Laken Lewis 96
Leigh Vessey 92
Raymond Chappell 87

CLASS FOUR
Ernest Prowse 90
Frank Vessey 91
Freddy MacLaren 87

CLASS FIVE
Lynn Ernst 92
Barry Gallant 89
Danny Hemphill 89
Garth MacGougas 88
Lorne Jones 88
Elmer MacIntosh 88

STATSMAN DIES
DACCIA, East Pakistan (AP)
Abdul Kaseem Fazil Huq, 92, the architect of East Pakistan, died Friday after a lengthy illness. Fazil Huq as one of the leading members of Mohammed Ali Jinnah's All-India Muslim League and was the league's president from 1918 to 1921.



Staff Smythe, president of Toronto Maple Leafs—1961-62 Stanley Cup champions—leads the way as the team arrives at Toronto City Hall for a homecoming celebration. Carrying the Stanley Cup is Leafs captain George Armstrong. Police estimated the crowd along ticker-tape-swept Bay Street at 100,000 but later raised their estimate to 150,000. (CP Wirephoto)

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TRAIL B.C. (CP) — Bobby Kromm, coach of Trail Smoke Eaters doesn't like Montreal Olympics' brand of Allan Cup hockey.

"They just sat back and played a defensive game" said Kromm. "We had it all over them."

Neither does Montreal coach Maurice Filion. "I don't like their brand of game" Kromm said Friday after Smokies took an 8-0 victory over Olympics in the first game of the best-of-seven Allan Cup series.

"They just sat back and played a defensive game" said Kromm. "We had it all over them."

Filion said he was far from pleased with his players' performance and paced them through a stiff 90-minute workout as a warmup for the second game here tonight.

The battle for Canada's senior amateur hockey crown will continue Monday and Wednesday night with the remaining games scheduled for Friday, next Saturday and the following Monday.

TRY NEW PLAYS
"We worked on some new plays to try to improve our game" said Filion. "We may have found what we were looking for."

Trail manager Ugo Deviasio isn't underestimating Olympics, tabbed as a Cinderella team after they defeated all comers in Eastern Canada playoffs at the end of their first season together.

"They must have a lot more than they showed" said Deviasio. "Look how far they have come."

But Kromm thinks his club will take the series easily. "I guess they will try to bounce back at us" he said. "But the way they played last night they have a long way to bounce."

Kromm coached the Smokies to their second world hockey championship in 1960 after they lost out to the Chatham, Ont. Maroons in the Allan Cup final that year.

The Smoke Eaters won their first world title and only Allan Cup victory in 1938.

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Sonny Liston Denied License In N.Y. State

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York State Athletic Commission denied a license to Sonny Liston Friday because of the people around him and his own police record.

The action eliminated New York City as the site for Liston's title fight with champion Floyd Patterson, and may have cost him the fight entirely.

November, Patterson's attorney, said the champion would "have to re-evaluate the situation" in the light of the ruling, and said that "from a legal viewpoint the contract for the fight is no longer valid."

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CAHA Asked To Set Dates, Sites For Mem. Cup Tilts

EDMONTON (CP) — Leo Leclerc, general manager of Edmonton Oil Kings, Western Canada junior hockey champions, asked the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association Friday to set the dates and name the site for all seven Memorial Cup games.

Leclerc said in an interview the Oil Kings will not leave Edmonton until this had been done. The club, which this week captured its third straight western crown, was scheduled to leave Friday.

However, Leclerc said they would remain in Edmonton if the dates are not set.

He said the Oil Kings want to be sure the games will be played in rink big enough to offset any possibility of the team losing money even before the series starts.

His statement followed a dispute over television rights which resulted in taking the best-of-seven series out of Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens.

Probable Pitchers
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Probable pitchers for today's major league games, won and lost records in parentheses:

National League
Philadelphia (Owens 1-1) at New York (Hook 1-0).
Cincinnati (O'Toole 1-2) at St. Louis (Sadecki 0-1).
Pittsburgh (Mizel 1-0) at Los Angeles (Koufax 3-1).
Chicago (Koonce 1-0) at San Francisco (O'Dell 2-0).
Milwaukee (Willey 0-1) at Houston (Guisti 0-1) (N).

American League
Los Angeles (Chance 0-1) at Detroit (Moss 2-1).
New York (Terry 3-1) at Washington (Osteen 0-1).
Minnesota (Manning 0-0) at Cleveland (Taylor 1-1).
Boston (Muffett 0-0) at Chicago (Herbert 1-1).

The championship, to decide the Canadian junior hockey champion, now is scheduled to open Sunday in Hamilton with the Oil Kings meeting Hamilton Red Wings, eastern champions.

The next three games will be played Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in Guelph. A fifth game, if necessary, will be played at Kitchener, May 8. No dates have been set for a possible sixth or seventh game.

In Simcoe, Ont., Jack Roxburgh, president of the CAHA, said in a telephone interview that at present only the dates and venues of five games can be set.

"I'm working on a proposition now that could mean a lot of money to the Oil Kings, the Red Wings and the CAHA if it works out. If it doesn't pan out the sixth and seventh games, if necessary, will be played in Guelph and that is final."

Roxburgh declined to say anything about the "proposition."

On Oil King manager Leo Leclerc's statement that the club would not leave for the East until dates and venues for all seven Memorial Cup games was set, Roxburgh said:

"The Oil Kings are scheduled to arrive in Toronto Saturday morning. I haven't heard from Leclerc. If they don't arrive, we'll deal with it then."

Soccer Player Stoppage To Canada Perturbs Prexy

By JACK SULLIVAN

Canadian Press Sports Editor Harold Ballard remembers years ago when he took Canadian hockey teams to England and Europe and the people in those countries were happy to take lickings. "They picked our brains to develop talent and we were glad to help them," he says.

Now, Ballard is perturbed. The flow of top-flight professional soccer players to Canada has been stopped and Ballard, as president of the Eastern Canada Professional Soccer League, says the move will end soccer in this country.

More specifically, he means the move will finish the five-team ECPL, the first pro league in Canada.

"Ten and 15 years ago, I took Canadian hockey teams to Europe and it was nothing for us to win by big scores, but they were anxious to have us," said Ballard who also is a co-owner of Toronto Maple Leafs in the National Hockey League.

TAUGHT THEM HOCKEY
"They were grateful to us because we showed them how to develop hockey talent and now

it goes without saying that we bite our lips when we read Canadian, teams to world and Olympic competitions. They're showing our amateur clubs a thing or two on how to play hockey."

Ballard figures there's a parallel in soccer.

"The international football federation boasts that soccer is a world-wide sport, that it is played in 92 countries, but apparently isn't anxious to develop the game in Canada. Pro soccer in our country is a new sport and without help from Britain and Europe, they'll never have us in as competitors."

The five-team ECPL has clubs in Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and — this year — Buffalo, N.Y. It had such stars as Stanley Matthews, Johnny Haynes and Danny Blanchflower in its initial attempt to put the pro game across in 1961.

These, and many more, played the game in Canada during the summer months and returned to their clubs in the fall.

This year, European associations have clamped down on the players and have warned them they will not be allowed

to return to their own clubs after a campaign in Canada.

MAY KILL SPORT
"They are taking a very sorrowful look at this," Ballard says. "All of our clubs have minor teams. Players from overseas conducted clinics for more than 200 youngsters and it was conceivable that many of these would develop to the point where they could play pro in a few years."

Now, with the ban against imports, minor soccer in Canada will suffer.

Ballard has sent a representative of the league to England in an effort to have the Football Association rescind its ruling.

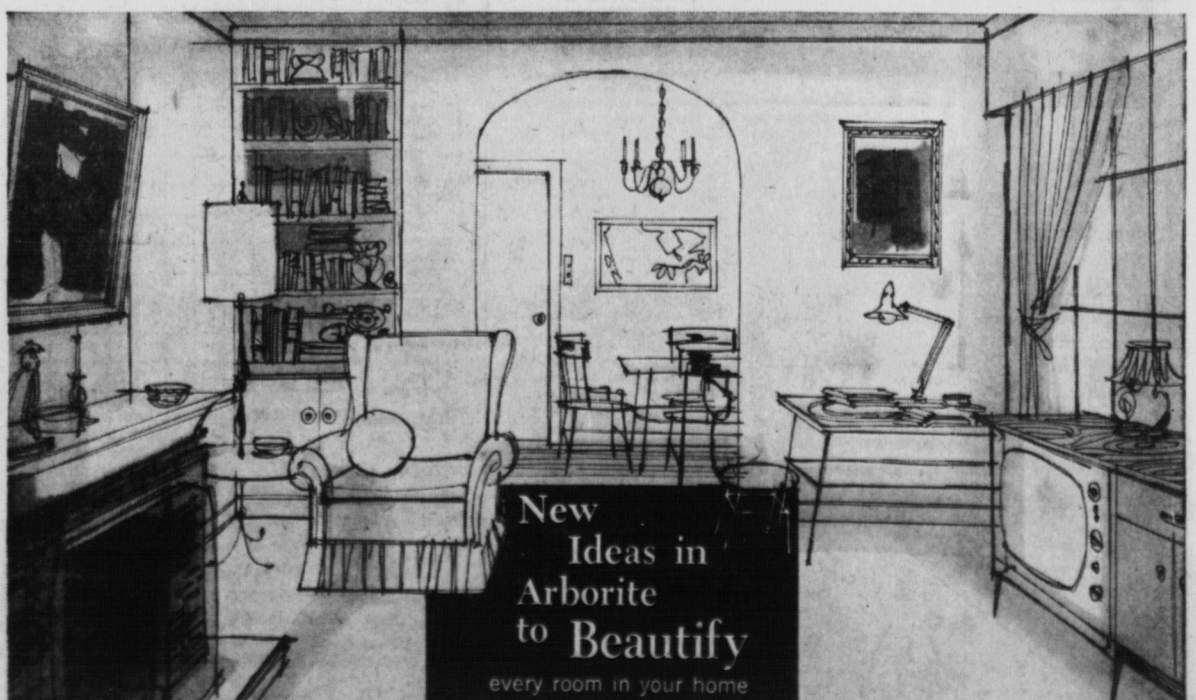
A definite decision is needed soon, because the ECPL schedule is slated to start May 5. END ADVANCE—FOR THURS April 26

NOTICE to HORSEMEN

A meeting of all drivers and owners is called for Tuesday May 1st at 8.00 P.M. at the Y.M.C.A. (fast time).

Agenda: Discussion on rules and interpretation by the Presiding Judge and officials of the Charlottetown Driving Park. A first attempt will also be made to conduct the meeting along the lines of the School held in Moncton in past years. A full attendance of all is requested.

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