



SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

A Great Opener

WE DIDN'T see last night's Crystals-Royals game at Summerside and we didn't see all of Tuesday's action at The Sports Arena. While we were attending the sportsmen's dinner at Morrell, Crystals and Royals got two periods over. When we got on the action it was a 2-1 hockey game with the Royals on top.

However, the last 20 minutes provided first class hockey entertainment and it had the 600 spectators in a high state of excitement. We thought it was the best we saw this season and it set the tempo for what should be a great series.

IT WAS a terrific battle to win and a mighty tough one to lose, especially after the gallant comeback staged by the Crystals in the dying stages of that third period. The westerners trailed 3-1 with less than five minutes of play remaining. Nobody appeared doubtful about the outcome except these invaders from the west: Greg Deighan made it 3-2 at 15:35 and the Crystals took on new life. Forty-one seconds later little Ronnie Gallant was back to beat Frankie Roper for the equalizer.

The air was tense from that moment on. Had Royals let this game slip away from them? Would the Crystals sink another before the third period ended? Who would find overtime the toughest if the teams were forced into an extra session?

These questions were running through the minds of the crowd as the minutes and finally the seconds ticked away. While these thoughts were occurring to many and folks were settling down for overtime, playing coach Roy 'Buck' Whitlock sank the winner behind Irv Walsh at 19:20.

Tough One To Lose
THE ROYALS and their supporters went wild with joy. The Crystals certainly didn't join in the celebration. They were mighty disappointed and you couldn't blame them one bit. It was a tough break for the courageous westerners who played their hearts out in an effort to grab that opener in Royals' own backyard.

But to the victors belong the spoils and to 'Buck' Whitlock goes the bouquet for the payoff encounter. Always the opportunist, 'Buck' beat Walsh cleanly for the clincher.

PROBABLY the fellow who felt the worst about the whole thing was Vance Harris. Vance played a whole of a game all night but he hurried his stick into the boards when Alf Flanagan put Royals ahead 3-1 at 11:30 of the third. Vance was cut over the eye in the play behind the net and when Flanagan made the light go on, Vance registered his disgust by throwing the stick. Off he went with a ten-minute misconduct.

While Harris was off, Crystals squared the encounter but he was still absent when Whitlock put the game on ice. Undoubtedly Vance was thinking he might have been able to do something about preventing that fourth Royals marker. As Dr. Killorn stitched the cut after the game, the way things ended hurt Vance more than did the stitching.

More Fans Expected
WE WERE surprised that there wasn't a bigger crowd on hand. Probably some folks thought the Crystals would play dead on Arena ice. If they figured that way, then they never saw, them beat Royals 7-2 last week.

After that Sports Arena showing Tuesday, all fears of Royals running away with their home games should be dispelled. With a break or two, the Crystals could easily have copied that opener and put the Royals squarely on the spot.

They'll be back here next Thursday for the third game and it's a certainty that the crowd should at least be double that of last Tuesday. That was a pretty pleasing brand of hockey entertainment that was served up.

We're sure the Crystals and Royals have more of the same left.

Sportsmen's Dinner
NEXT Tuesday evening the big sportsmen's dinner is slated for Summerside. Guest stars include Danny Gallivan, Bobby Simpson, Roy 'Red' Storey and Donna Miller. That list of celebrities assures all attending of top entertainment.

The first dinner two years ago was a decided success and this year's undertaking promises to equal, if not surpass, that venture.

The promoters, the Summerside branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, are deserving of every co-operation. It is a big venture but these fellows like tackling the big things and making a success of them.

RALPH Shepherd, Amherst Ramblers' defenceman, is coming along good according to word from his mother, Mrs. Veronica Shepherd.

Ralph suffered a serious eye injury a couple of weeks ago and for a time fear was expressed about his sight. However, Mrs. Shepherd was over recently to see Ralph and she finds his condition improving greatly. His doctor has high hopes that the eye will suffer no permanent injury.

Ralph's many friends will surely be glad to get this word.



DISCUSS BASKETBALL RULES

Chief instructor Ed Hilton (center) discusses basketball rules with Reginald Hitchcock (left) physical education instructor at Evangeline Regional High, Abram's Village, and Bill Mundle, RCAF Summerside, during a session of the Basketball clinic held at YMCA yesterday. Other instructors for the clinic were Earl Nicholson, coach of PWC Welshmen, Charles Balleen, physical education instructor at Summerside High, and Dave Boswell, director of Physical Education for P.E.I., who organized the clinic. Bill Ritchie, a member of New Brunswick's physical education department, who was scheduled to instruct at this year's clinic was unable to attend.

Gump Worsley Is Brilliant As Rangers Blank Bruins

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Rangers, spurred by a magnificent goal-tending performance by Lorne (Gump) Worsley, snapped a 10-game National Hockey League losing string Wednesday night with a 5-0 victory over Boston's last-place Bruins.

It was the Rangers' first victory since Jan. 1 and their first on home ice since Dec. 23. They were within one defeat of tying the club record for consecutive losses, established in 1943-44.

Although the score wouldn't indicate it, New York was badly outshot and outskated in the first two periods. With Worsley refusing to give ground, however, New York established a 4-0 lead at the end of the middle session.

During the first 40 minutes Worsley made 28 saves, many of them spectacular. Boston's Bruce Gamble made only 11 in the same period.

Worsley finished with 40 saves and his second shutout of the season. STOPS BREAKAWAYS The stubby little nine-year veteran stopped four solo breakaways, two by Don McKenney, one by Charlie Burns and one by Jerry Toppazzini.

On the last one he charged from the cage, made a diving stop and was kicked in the head. Play was halted for three minutes while smelling salts were administered.

SUMMARY
First period: 1. New York Heberton (Hampson, Spencer) 6:28. 2. New York, Hadfield (Balon, Harvey) 15:18. Penalties: Stapleton 3:41, Bathgate 8:27, Bucyk 17:22.

Second period: 3. New York, Ingardiel 5:29. 4. New York, Howell (Ingardiel, Bathgate) 16:14. Penalties: Pronovost 4:37, Langlois 11:33.

Third period: 5. New York, Hadfield (Balon, Howell) 4:02. Penalties: Westfall 1:54, Hadfield 4:46, Schinkel 4:52, Westfall 7:56, Gendron 11:42.

Stops: Gamble 7 4 7-18 Worsley 13 15 12-40

Leafs Injury-Riddled For Crucial Tilt Tonight
MONTREAL (CP)—The crippled Toronto Maple Leafs hobbled into Montreal Wednesday for a crucial Thursday night game with the Canadiens, leaders of the National Hockey League.

Injuries will keep forwards Dick Duff and Eddie Shack out of the Toronto lineup and there is some doubt that star centre Red Kelly will be able to play.

Kelly, first-choice centre as the NHL's all-star centre, hurt his shoulder when he was checked into the boards during a game in Detroit Sunday and Toronto coach Punch Imlach is reserving judgment as to whether he will be fit to play tomorrow night.

Defenceman Bob Baun, with a cast on his wrist, also is a doubtful starter for Toronto. **HAVE TROUBLES** If it is any consolation to the Leafs, the Canadiens have their troubles too. Goalie Jacques Plante may have to sit the game out with a sore ankle.

The ankle was inflamed and slightly swollen when Plante showed up for practice Wednesday and he was unable to take part. Club officials said x-rays disclosed there was no damage and the inflammation is being treated with drugs.

Should Plante be unable to play, Canadiens likely will call up Cesare Maniago of their Hull-Ottawa farm club in the Eastern Professional Hockey League.

Otherwise, Canadiens are expected to be at full-strength when they try to increase their four-point lead over the second-place Leafs.

Following last season's national struggle for the National Hockey League title has become a private battle between Canadiens and Leafs.

MANITOBA U. The University of Manitoba was established by an act of the legislature in 1877.

The 44-year-old O'Brien, who also won the rating system's title in 1956, compiled a season record of 88 wins, 61 seconds and 64 thirds in 344 starts.

Second in the 1961 averages was Stanley Dancer of New Egypt, N.J., the leading money-winning driver for 4961.

Dancer scored 137 wins in 513 starts and compiled a 399 system average.

Robert Seabrook of Urbana, Ohio was third with an average of .397.

STANDINGS
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National League
W L T P A P I
Montreal 27 9 11 107 109 65
Toronto 27 13 7 114 119 61
Chicago 18 17 13 120 125 49
Detroit 16 22 9 124 144 41
New York 16 23 8 130 144 40
Boston 48 32 4 128 208 28

LAND AND WATER
Total area of the Province of Ontario is 412,582 square miles of which 12 per cent is lakes and rivers.

Old Spain Penguins and Cape Traverse Evinrudes open their best-of-seven Island Senior Hockey League semi-finals tonight at The Sports Arena. The odds favor the Old Spain-

ers but the Evinrudes have high hopes of making the going mighty tough for the Acorn coached crew. Jimmy Duffy, left, outstanding defenceman, and goalie Butch

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