

SPORTS FRONT

Baseball Camps Are Underway

By CHRIS ANNETT

With hockey across the country beginning to reach the climax for another season, the playoffs, and the curlers engaged in their zone, provincial and National playoffs it is rather doubtful that none but the most ardent of baseball fans have turned their attention to the fact that National and American League baseball clubs are converging on their training camps to start the long hard grind for another season.

Barring no sport baseball has the longest schedule and the eventual world champion will have played up to 200 games to reach the pinnacle of the baseball world.

In Florida, home of the training camps of 16 of the 20 big league camps rookies and veterans alike will be converging on the camps in quest of a job which is to them the main ambition in life. Young lads out of the hills who only know how to throw a ball will be lost in the posh hotels afforded them by the respective and a whole little town in the backwoods of one of the states will be hoping and praying that the local boy makes good.

Newspaper experts from all the major papers of the States and even Canada will be converging on the training camps. Some young mangers and the old pros will be making names for themselves handling the endless questions of the reporters. Gene is Casey Stengel and the news media will be in search of another most quotable manager.

At a Florida camp some manager will adroitly smooth over the fact that his club couldn't hit a ball if they were in the same room with it by saying "believe me any time the other guys hit the ball in the air or on the ground it'll touch off a tournament. We got gloves on this club. The reporters will knowingly and move on.

They'll hear the old line such as "I've never seen so many live arms on a pitching" and "These guys have come to play, there isn't a fat head or a fat belly in my camp."

Dream on manager. Players who have done nothing but attend banquets and entertain throughout the winter will later into camp, take three days to get rid of the hangover from that last stuporous binge before they came to camp.

A week before the training camps open the pre-training training camps were going full blast and quite likely the rookies and old pros came to work out their kinks and impress the management before the regulars came back to the field. They will have signed their contracts in the winter months but the regulars come to the camp without any obligation to practice for they have not yet affixed their names to a contract.

The camp settles down and then the serious haggling over contracts begins. The management offers, the players come back with his idea of his own value and on and on the offers come relentlessly closer. Finally the two parties manage to hit a price that both of them will agree to and that is that.

However it's the on and on factor that so interests the public. The clubs have not got all year to sign their big guns for the season is not far off. This year the traditional opening game in Washington will be held April 11th and that does not give players all that long to round into form after having negotiated for their contracts.

Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale are two of the classic examples this year. They are reported to be asking \$600,000 and \$450,000 respectively for three year contracts. Now are they worth it. That is the big question, and quite likely they will get close to it. Remember they are members of the world champions and without them the Dodgers would not have come close that year.

Managers have spotted off in odd moments and this is going to cost them dearly at the bargaining table. Take the case of Bob Horvath, St. Louis general manager. He stated that there was no better pitcher than Gibson than Koufax and so Gibson is demanding a salary in the same ballpark as Koufax. However there is a lot less chance that Gibson will get his demands that Drysdale for he did not manage to bring the Cards close to the championship last season.

Other key players who have yet to ink their 1966 pact are Henry Williams, Mottet Grant, Zelle Veranilles, Mickey Mantle, Juan Marchal, Bob Shaw, Billy O'Dell, Wayne Blasinger, Tony Cioinger, Jim Maloney, Ralph Terry, and others.

Notice something, the majority of the unsigned are pitchers and you can be sure that these men are judging their actions by the old adage "pitching is the name of the game."

TODAY'S CURLING DRAWS

The following is today's draw at the Charlottetown Curling Club:
Ice 1 - A. Sullivan, R. Ferguson, H. Robbins, A. MacLeod vs J. MacLean, L. Stewart, N. Nicholson, R. Leard.
Ice 2 - Dr. P. MacIntyre, J. MacNeill, E. Matheson, S. Gallows vs H. Moor, E. Duvar, D. Sorrie, A. Wright.
Ice 3 - E. Tanton, N. Nicholson vs L. Johnston and D. MacKay vs Winner of I. MacKinnon and B. Acorn.
Ice 4 - Two Year - G. Trainor vs Winner of P. Perry and G. Gallant.
Ice 5 - Four Year - N. MacNeill vs M. McCusig.

SDU Rink At Acadia

A rink skipped by Mary MacPherson will leave today for the Maritime Intercollegiate Curling championships to be held in Wolfville, N.S., this two day weekend. MacPherson has curled on provincial representatives in the schoolboy championships in the past. The defending champion is a rink from Acadia University and it too is skipped by an Islander, Wayne Matheson of Summerside. Ironically enough MacPherson was a member of the rink of which Matheson was skip the year they went to Guelph, Ontario as the P. E. I. schoolboy champions from P. E. I.

O'Keefe Nearing Close All Teams Have Lost One

Tonight at the Belvedere Winter Club the Island Mixed Representative for the O'Keefe National Mixed in Fort William will be decided. It will be one of four teams. Andy Humphrey for the host club, Al Forgie for the RCAF Curling Club in Summerside, or Alan Smith or Doug Bell both of the Charlottetown Club. In yesterday's play there were two teams previously unbeaten, namely Doug Bell and Andy Humphrey—both met defeat on the 10 o'clock draw. John Squarebriggs, Jr., clobbered Doug Bell 12-4 in a game that was conceded after nine ends. Humphrey had a much closer game with Alan Smith, but Smith was able to win six ends in a row and that was the game, 9-4. In other morning action Al Forgie beat Danny O'Rourke in a high scoring game 13-7, this loss eliminated the Borden team. E. D. "Duck" Acorn beat Montague's Ken MacDonald 9-4. BIG FIVE END In the 8:00 o'clock draw a big five end in the third was all Doug Bell needed to handle George Worth of Montague, the final score was 11-3 thus putting the Montague entry on the sidelines and earning Bell a berth in the "B" section finals. Andy Humphrey had to make his last shot to defeat fellow Belvedere curler Bill "Pud" Beer for the berth in the section "A" finals. The final score was 9-7 in what was one of the most interesting and well played games of the spiel so far.

RCAF Eagles In Finals

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Black Watch and Summerside RCAF Eagles will meet for the championship of the Tri-Service hockey tournament here today. Black Watch reached the finals by defeating RCHA 4-3 in a morning game Thursday and a powerful Greenwood Bombers played 5-2 Thursday night. Summerside played only one game to reach the finals topping Cornwallis Cougars 5-4.



PWC MARKSMEN

Members of the Prince of Wales College small bore rifle team are seen at the RCMP range in Charlottetown during their regular practice shoot. The PWC team defeated a team from St. Dunstan's last week with a score of 947-896.

P.E.I. Curlers Win Again But Drop 2 Crucial Games

By DON ANGUS ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—New Brunswick and Quebec scored upset victories in the ninth round of the Canadian schoolboy curling championships here Thursday night and sent five teams crowding into the scramble for first place. Bev Groves' Edmundston rink stole an 11-10 extra-end win from Bill Ross' Humboldt, Sask., entry and Leslie Hollands' Quebec foursome out of Arvida defeated Northern Ontario, skipped by Wayne Stead of North Bay, by an 8-7 score. Saskatchewan's loss, coupled with Alberta's 15-3 romp over British Columbia, put the two Prairie teams into a tie for top spot with six wins and three losses apiece. Northern Ontario, Nova Scotia and Manitoba were jammed into a three-way deadlock for third place, each with 5-3 win-loss records.

Other rinks and their win-loss records in the round-robin series: Ontario (4-4), Prince Edward Island (4-4), British Columbia (3-5), Quebec (2-5), New Brunswick (2-6) and Newfoundland (2-6). Brian Howes' Calgary team had no trouble in running away from Doug Engstrom of Prince George, B.C., in the one-sided contest. Don Glinz of Truro, N.S., defeated Danny Herder's St. John's crew 13-12 and Mike Boyd's Kingston, Ont., rink edged Prince Edward Island, skippered by Keith MacEachern of Charlottetown, 10-9 with three points on the final end. Manitoba, skipped by George Wilson of Charlottetown Collegiate, drew the ninth-round bye.

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RURAL MINOR HOCKEY

The following are the results of games played in the Rural Minor Hockey Bantam - Pee Wee division Tuesday, Feb. 22: Rangers 8 - Gordon Betts, Alan Dowling (3), Kenneth MacDonald (2), Ken Constable (3). Bryans 1 - James Wood. Hawks 6 - David Mathews, Joe Allan Martin, Bob MacGilligan (4). Wings 3 - Ricky Carver, David MacEachern, Gary Campbell. The schedule for the second game of the house league semifinals in the Rural Minor hockey Paperweight division, Saturday, Feb. 26, is as follows: 7:00 a.m. Clippers vs. Bisons. 7:45 a.m. Seals vs. Flyers. ICE NO. 2 7:00 a.m. Aces vs. Barons. 7:45 a.m. Canucks vs. Blades.

Table with 4 columns: Province, Wins, Losses, Points. Alberta 9 6 3, Saskatchewan 9 6 3, Northern Ontario 8 5 3, Nova Scotia 8 5 3, Manitoba 8 5 3, Ontario 8 4 4, Prince Edward Island 8 4 4.

Bantams Start Ch'ship Quest

The Bantam Hornets of the Charlottetown Minor Hockey programme start in quest of the P.E.I. Bantam Hockey Championship tomorrow evening as they host New Haven in a game at the Charlottetown Forum tomorrow evening which is slated to begin at 8:00. After first place has been decided the second and third place teams will play off in a two game total point series and then meet the league champion in a best of three series.

Queen Charlotte Birchwood High Meet Tonight

Queen Charlotte and Birchwood High schools meet in a crucial game at the Charlottetown Forum this evening in a game that will decide first place in the Prince County Interscholastic A hockey league. QCHS fresh off a convincing 5-1 win over the third club in the loop, Charlottetown Regional High School has bowed twice to the BHS crew. After first place has been decided the second and third place teams will play off in a two game total point series and then meet the league champion in a best of three series.

Welshmen Whip Institute To Clinch Junior Crown

By FREDDY MacDONALD

The Prince of Wales hockey team completely outkated and outscored the Provincial Vocational team by the score of 10-4 in a regular Charlottetown junior league game played last night at the Forum before 800 fans.

Hardworking Barry Turner and shiftt Jamie Kennedy paced the Welshmen attack with three goals each, while Tuppy Rogers fired a pair, and Don Ellis and Meryl Stretch scored singles.

Bobby Whitlock scored twice for the losers, with Junior MacDougall and Kenny Squarebriggs picked up one each.

Kevin Smith was a standout for the losers both on the blue-line and offensively, while Kenny Ballem was a tower of strength on the blue-line for the collegians.

The vocational team was without the services of speedy forward Herbie Steele who was sitting out a one game suspension.

Jamie Kennedy opened the scoring for the winners at the 3:14 mark of the first period while his team had a one man advantage. Rugged Carl Duncan started the play when he carried the puck through centre ice and hit Kennedy, on the right wing, with a perfect pass. Kennedy skated over the blue-line and quickly cut to the left wing before firing a backhanded screen shot that beat Institute goalie John Reid cleanly.

Defensive eight winger Junior MacDougall put P.V.I. on the scoreboard at the 11:25 mark to knot the score at 1-1. Bobby Whitlock carried the puck through centre ice and blasted a slap shot that goalie Barry Ellis stopped, but MacDougall stuffed in the rebound.

Jamie Kennedy put the Welshmen one goal ahead on the next goal of the night at the 13:10 mark of the opening period.

Barry Turner, centering for right winger Jamie Kennedy and left winger Bobby Doherty, carried the puck through centre ice and passed to Kennedy flying down right wing. Jamie neatly shifted the right defenceman and beat the round custodian John Reid with a low drive to the left corner.

Tuppy Rogers picked up his first of two goals to push the Welshmen's lead to 3-1 at the 14:40 mark of the initial period. Good forechecking by Gus Houston and Joey Brown paid off in this goal. Joey Brown stole the puck in the Institute end and passed the puck from the right corner to Rogers standing twenty feet in front of Reid. Tuppy took one step and rifled a low drive to the right corner that beat the overworked Reid cleanly.

The goal was the clincher for after that the Spy Ready coached collegians completely dominated the game.

Four goals in the first ten minutes of the second period salted away the victory for the Welshmen who ended the season in first place. Barry Turner, Don Ellis, Tuppy Rogers, and Turner again scored in the second period as they grabbed a big 7-1 lead at the end of two periods.

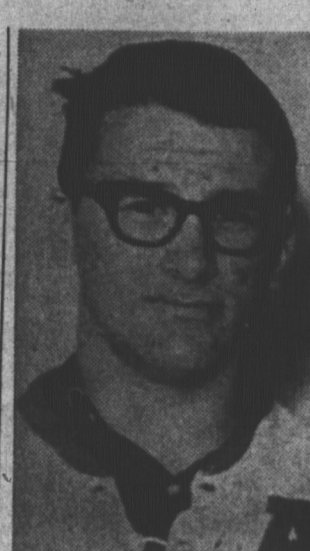
Bobby Whitlock cut the lead to 7-2 at the 37 second mark of the final period. Paul Stanley skated over the P.W.C. blue-line and fired a shot that Ellis stopped, but Bobby Whitlock standing alone in front picked up the rebound and tucked it under the sprawling goalie.

Bobby Whitlock picked up his second goal of the game at the 1:59 mark of the final period, to cut the Welshmen lead to 7-3. Bobby beat Ellis cleanly from close in after taking passes from Pat Walsh and Kevin Smith.

Barry Turner scored his third goal of the game at the 12:17 mark to run the score to 8-3. Jamie Kennedy started the play when he stole the puck deep in the Institute end and passed to Kenny Ballem at the right point. Ballem fired a waist high wrist shot that Turner deflected behind a surprised John Reid.

Kenny Squarebriggs cut the lead to 8-4 at the 15:01 mark on a play with Herman McQuaid. The hardworking McQuaid fugged the puck from deep in his own end to the top of the left faceoff circle in the P.W.C. end before firing a shot that Ellis stopped, however, Squarebriggs skating down the right wing picked up the goalmouth rebound and tucked it into the open corner.

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Paperweights To Start Play

First round play in the Paperweight Provincial Championships playoffs will get underway at the Charlottetown Forum when the Charlottetown Minor Hockey League Jays cross sticks with the Rural Minor Hockey League All Star Paperweights in the first of a two-game, total goal series tonight at 6 p.m.

The second game of the series between these two teams will be played at the Forum tomorrow night Saturday at 6 p.m. The series winners will advance to second round play against the Miramichi Paperweights at a later date.

The following are the lineups of the two teams: R.M.H.L. All Stars - Paul Sullivan, Doug Wheatley, Mark Mullin, David Hennessy, David Livingstone, Gary Wood, John Dowling, Dennis Redmond, John McAuliff, Preston Ellis, Paul McIsaac, Philip Steele, Ken MacIsaac, Mark MacDonald, Lloyd MacLean, Noel McAlister, Gary Moore, Garth MacGilligan, Rod Vessey. Coach - Lloyd Shupard.

C.M.H.L. Jays - Wendell Hume Doug Tweel, Ronald Murphy, John Reay, Wayne Francis, Allan Dow, Tom Trainor, Charles Ayers, Frank Strain, Dan Murphy, Blair Cutcliffe, Joseph Fisher, Doug Carr. Coach - Bob Doherty.

NOTE - Players from both clubs are requested to be in their dressing rooms at the Forum one-half hour before game time each night.

Pope Aces Host Nats

SUMMERSIDE - Tonight the Borden Nationals take on the Pope Motors Aces in the second game of their best-of-nine Prince County Hockey League final. The Aces lead the series 1-0 after taking the first game at Borden on Wednesday night by a score of 6-5.

There is some feeling among Borden fans that the Aces was the first game mainly because of brilliant play by Gerard Smith in the Aces nets and a broad smile from lady luck.

The Motormen hit for two very quick goals in the first period of that game. The betting among those fans is that neither Smith or the Aces' luck will be that good again.

Intercollegiate Basketball FRIDAY, FEB. 25th-8:00 P.M. U. N. B. Red Raiders vs. S. D. U. Saints SATURDAY, FEB. 26th-4:30 P.M. Mr. A. Hawks vs. S. D. U. Saints Admission-Adults 75c; Students 35c

PLAY-OFF HOCKEY CIVIC STADIUM TONIGHT (Friday) 9:15 P. M. Borden Nationals vs. Pope Motors Aces Admission-Adults 75c; Students 50c

PLAY-OFF HOCKEY FORUM SUNDAY, FEB. 27 - 2:00 P.M. SUMMERSIDE JUNIOR LEGIONAIRES vs. CHARLOTTETOWN ROGERS RANGERS Admission: Adults-60; tudents-35c Advance sale of tickets from following: Forum box office; Stead's Pharmacy, Legion, Main Brass, Howald's Grocery (Belvedere), Rogers Hardware, Johannes Mayfair Restaurant.

HOCKEY and SKATING FORUM 7:30 p.m. - TONIGHT - 7:30 p.m. QUEEN CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL vs. BIRCHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL Skating after game Admission to both games and skate for all ages 35c

EXPORT PLAIN OF FILTER TIP CIGARETTES REGULAR and KINGS