LADIES BONSPIEL GETS UNDERWAY

Skips of the seven ladies curling teams from four Island centres looked on as Premier A. W. Matheson gets set to throw the first rock that officially opened the provincial curling bonspiel at the Charlottetown Club yesterday. Ready on the right to sweep the rock on a smooth course towards the house at the far end of the rink are Charlottetown Mayor Edwin C. Johnstone and Mayor Bruce Yeo of Montague .Skips are left to right, Anna Hayes, Summerside; Bessie Prowse and Mary MacLennan of Charlottetown; Margaret Perry, Alberton; Evelyn Cudmore and Blanche Smith of Montague and Irene Silliphant of Summerside. Each of the three dignitaries addressed the 28 lady curlers before the bonspiel got underway and piper Bruce MacLaren marshalled the group in a parade around the rink. The round-robin bonspiel will last through Thursday.

Criticism Of Macs Goes Better With Grain Of Salt

LONDON CP — As every Canadian knows, a pinch of salt applied to a hamburger brings out the full flavour. The same procedure is recommended for the article in the Bild Zeitung of Hamburg which describes Canada's world hockey championship contenders as "a bunch of hoodlums."

As many a Canadian hockey club has discovered in past years, the road to the championships is paved with dreadful press notices. The 1959 tourists got their baptism of fire in Helsinki last week when they were advised to "Go home and learn the ABC of sportsmanship."

PRE—TOUR LECTURES

Presumably someone lectured the Belleville players on the so-called "international" regulations before they crossed the Atlantic. They were told never to bodycheck the puck carrier outside their own blue lines and to refrain from bouncing anyone into the boards. But old habits die hard.

In due time, the travellers will learn to curb their reflexes and play the game the European way. In the meantime, the application of a robust Canadian hip to an unsuspecting Finnish or German torso is likely to pain the recipient and infuriate the spectator.

Even within the framework of their own rules, most European players use their bodies sparingly, concentrating on the gentler arts of stickhandling and skating. In consequence, many spectators and some referees think a crime has been committed every time they see two men collide.

CZECHS MORE TOLERANT

The Canadians are lucky that this year's tournament, which starts March 5, is being played in Czechoslovakia. The Czechs are probably the most vigorous bodycheckers in Europe and their crowds are likely to prove more tolerant.

Belleville also did well to play two games in Stockholm last week without drawing undue critical notice from the Swedish press, which bore down heavily when the United States team hit town a few days later.

Swedish reporters mercilessly protested Toronto East York when the championships were held in Stockholm in 1954. The Germans weren't much kinder to Penticton Vs the following year and even Whitby's 1958 champions, a reasonably sedate crew, drew their share of blame from the Oslo newspapers last March.

Entry List Of Queen's County Ice Meet Is Growing Steadily

Last evening Physical Fitness officials announced that entries are coming in steadily for Friday night's big Queens County ice meet at Sports Arena.

Queens County schools are allowed two entries each in each age, open or relay race and winners of first and second places in each event Friday evening will qualify to skate against winners of similar positions in the Prince and Kings County meets already held last week.

A slate of dependable, experienced officials is being lined up to handle this Queens County meet in which representatives of many schools will compete.

Principals and leaders of schools are reminded that entries close Thursday, February 26th at midnight and all that will be necessary to make the evening a success will be a good turnout of fellow students, parents and friends to cheer on the youthful competitors.

Annandale Tops Hampshire 8-4

Annandale, last evening romped to an 8-4 win over Hampshire to capture a best of five series 3 games to 2. Hampshire now advances to Island Intermediate finals.

Scoring for the winners were Jenkins 3, Duffy 2, and Carl Peters 2.

Hampshire snipers were MacLean, Watts, McHarris, Long

Referees Jack Jane Sr., and Jack Kane Jr. called a total of seven penalties, 4 going to Annandale.

Today's Hockey At Sports Arena

Only activity scheduled today will be a practice at Sports Arena this evening at 6 o'clock for Junior MacLeod's Juvenile Abbies. All members of the team are asked to be on hand promptly on time for this special workout preparatory to Thursday afternoon's game at Saint Dunstans at 4:15 p.m.

Beavers Edge Silver Wings

New Annan Beavers edged Kinkora Silver Wings 7-5 last night at Bedeque in a best of three series to cop the series 2 straight.

New Annan now enters the third round against Kensington with the first game taking place Friday.

R. McMurdo paced the winners with 5 goals with N. Kennedy and Clayton Mills each scoring once.

Kinkora snipers were J. Dorsey 2, Arsenault 2, E. Roberts 1.

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"Y" Hoopsters Trip PWC 59-42

Y.M.C.A., last evening in an Island Senior Basketball league game at Prince of Wales College, downed the Welshmen 59-42.

The 'Y' hoopsters paced by Wendell MacLean with 20 points, led the way throughout the game but at half-time held a slim 3-point bulge over their opponents.

R. Russell and R. MacLean were top point-getters for the losers, each picking up 13 points.

Mills and R. McGonnell handled the whistles in this encounter. Following are the lineups:

P.W.C.:— R. Russell 13, R. MacLean 13, D. Seller 11, K. MacKenzie 3, H. MacLean 2, B. Lea, P. Murphy, R. MacLeod.

Y.M.C.A.:— W. MacLean 20, C. MacDougall 11, R. Atkinson 10, T. Scantlebury 10, H. Phillips 6, J. Turner 2, B. Doiron, F. Kimball.

VANDALS HIT CHURCH

HAMILTON (CP) — Vandals smashed and looted their way through St. Georges Anglican church Sunday night — stealing $450 cash and causing around $250 damage.

Hayes' Summerside Rink Wins Pair As 'Spiel Opens

Anna Hayes' Sumerside foursome took an early lead in the competition for the provincial ladies curling crown by scoring two straight victories as the three-day bonspiel got underway yesterday at the Charlottetown Club.

The Hayes' skipped quartet defeated its sister rink from the western capital skipped by Irene Silliphant 10-2 in the opening morning match and downed Bessie Prowse's city foursome 14-2 in the aternoon.

The only other rinks emerging unscathed from the day's play were the city rink of Mary MacLennan and Margaret Perry's Alberton aggregation. The MacLennan rink won out over Miss Prowse 10-7 and sat out the afternoon round.

After drawing a bye in the morning, Miss Perry's foursome staged a thrilling comeback to defeat the hard luck Montague rink skipped by Evelyn Cudmore 9-8.

THRILLING BATTLE

The Perry-Cudmore battle was probably the most exciting of the entire day. Mrs. Cudmore fell behind 2-0 in the first end but surged ahead with two in the second and three in the third. Scoring singles in each of the next three ends the Montague team was in comand 8-2 when Alberton began to move.

Two in the seventh and singles in the eighth and ninth put Mrs. Perry within two of her opponent and a big three in the final end pulled out the victory.

Mrs. Cudmore lost another tough match in the morning bowing to Blache Smith's Montague rink 9-7. Behind 2-0 after two ends and 4-2 after four ends, Mrs. Cudmore moved to a 6-4 spread after seven ends. But Mrs. Smith counted two in the eighth and three in the ninth to sew up the contest.

Mrs. Silliphant and Mrs. Smith finished the day's round with 1-1 records. Miss Prowse and Mrs. Cudmore had double losses.

Play continues this morning and afternoon in the round robin competition.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

First Round

Smith (M)	110 200 023 0—9
Cudmore (M)	002 012 100 1—7
MacLennan (C)	110 200 212 1—10
Prowse (C)	001 042 000 0— 7
Hayes (S)	210 130 121 x—11
Silliphant (S)	001 001 000 x— 2

Second Round

Hayes (S)	011 221 104 2—14
Prowse (C)	100 000 010 0— 2
Perry (A)	200 000 211 3—9
Cudmore (M)	023 111 000 0—8
Silliphant (S)	230 002 313 1—15
Smith (M)	001 210 000 0— 4

TODAY'S DRAW

Morning

Smith (M) vs. Hayes (S)
Cudmore (M) vs. MacLennan (C)
Silliphant (S) vs. Perry (A)
Prowse (C) has bye.

Afternoon

Smith (M) vs. Prowse (C)
Cudmore (M) vs. Silliphant (S)
MacLennan (C) vs. Perry (A)
Hayes (S) has bye.

STANDINGS

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Hayes (S)	2	0
MacLennan (C)	1	0
Perry (A)	1	0
Smith (M)	1	1
Silliphant (S)	1	1
Prowse (C)	0	2
Cudmore (N)	0	2

CURLING DRAW

Tonight's draw at the Curling Club will see Beausejour Curling Club Moncton, N.B. vs. Charlottetown Curling Club.

4:45 P.M.

Team 1 — John Squarebriggs, W. Hayward, Bob LeClair, Geo. Anderson.

Team 2 — Bill MacNeill, G. Bennett, S.W. Willis, Bert Fischl

Team 3 — R.C. Parent, Dr. Wen. MacDonald, Ken MacDonald, R. McGregor.

Team 4 — W.R. Jenkins, Ed Tanton, Cliff Campbell, Jack Johnston.

Team 5 — H.C. Atkinson, Wen MacLaine, L.C. Campbell, Brent Partridge.

7:30 P.M.

Team 1 — Charlie Trainor, Andy Anderson, M. MacMillan, C. Cudmore.

Team 2 — Dr. Chris Gallant, Frank Cox, Ken MacDonald Joe Zakem.

Team 3 — Jim Burden, Carl McLeod, Geo. Kays, Bob McLeod.

Team 4 — Frank Hansen, Fred MacMillan, Don Fraser, K. Ready.

Team 5 — Dr. Wen McDonald, Ralph Jones, Art Wellner, Brian Scott.

POPE SEES CANADIANS

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Tuesday received in private audience Archbishop Marie - Joseph Lemieux of Ottawa and bishop Bruno Desrochers of Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere, Que.

SPORT OF KINGS'

Murray Harbour Six Seen As Possible "C" Contender

Souris Legion fell before the Murray Harbour Bruins in straight games. These Bruins may go quite a way along the "C" playoffs. The Legion players should not feel too badly about losing. In our opinion, they were one of the hardest working teams to play out of Souris in some time. Injuries were hard on them. Bert Paquet suffered a broken ankle, while Frank MacIntosh and Basil LaVie both played with injured ankles. Best of luck to you, Murray Harbour.

High school playoffs should be getting underway soon. On Saturday night in an exhibition game Morell High defeated Souris. The teams will probably meet in the King's County semi-finals. Just whom the winner will play is debatable. Nobody seems to know just what the situation is in lower King's.

Minor hockey playoffs for this sector gets underway this week. Today in Souris, the Bantams meet Murray Harbour in the first game of a two game total goal series. On Friday, the Bantams and Pee Wees journey to Montague for further play.

Souris skaters were the only racers to represent Eastern Kings in the King's County meet in Montague. Montague finished in first place and Souris second. Forty racers represented Souris, and from that group 20 will represent King's County, in the Island meet in Charlottetown.

BOWLING NEWS

In the Souris Womens Bowling League, the season's undefeated Teen Agers were forced to come from behind to eliminate the Pinch Hitters two games to one. The Lucky Six eliminated the Half Pointers in two straight games. In the other elimination round. The Camoes, in an upset victory lead the Sure Shots one game to none.

In the Men's League, a big upset was made when the Lone Roaders eliminated the powerful Lobster Kings in two straight games. The Ramblers knocked off the Matthew and MacLean entry in two straight games. In the other round, the defending champions, the Perfectionists lead the Federals one game to none. The semi-finals in both leagues will get underway towards the last of this week.

Rumors are circulating. Down Morell way, we keep hearing reports that the village will erect a natural ice rink. We certainly hope that this is true. Morell is at a disadvantage, in that they have to place to practice. The only time their teams are on ice are in actual games, and this makes it very hard for them to get their teams in shape by the time playoffs roll around. The other rumor is the possibility of an artificial ice plant in Souris.

Souris definitely needs such a rink. Last season was a total flop as far as minor hockey was concerned because of the mild weather. This year cannot be called a flop, but cannot be termed a complete success. This year a group of men took over minor hockey in Souris. With the amount of ice time available and the great number of chikiren playing the season is too short to get our young players ready for Island playoofs.

There was a time when minor hockey teams from Souris, although they didn't win many titles, commanded respect from other Island centers. However, instead of winning many of their games, they're lucky if they win half. However, this year something may be done about it. We may have more to report next week about both Morell and Souris.

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

A brief survey of the Maritimes leads us to the conclusion that there are more horses in training than in any previous year we can recall. At Saint John, N.B., racing has been so well built up that there are 115 horses wintering in the barns there, which, we can confidently assert, is a Maritime record.

Our hats off to the men who took that track some years ago and have, by their good management, built up so much public appreciation that their attendances have annually increased and they are now operating on a profitable basis.

BIG WINTER

The Charlottetown track has between 50 and 60 horses stabled there, which is perhaps a record for the winter season, and it is kept in good shape for them by the caretaker, and opening date in June should find the horses well conditioned for it.

A despatch from the United States Trotting Association states that the harness racing schedule for 1959 at member pari-mutuel tracks will total 47 meetings of more than ten days' duration.

The season actually opened at Bay Meadows, California, on January 17, also at San Mateo, California, and at Ponce de Leon Raceway, Bayard, Florida, which is a newcomer, the first race meeting there being held on February 19. Another newcomer is Aurora Downs, Aurora, Illinois, which will open on Saturday night, February 28.

BEHIND GLASS

No doubt, that announcement on the Aurora track will surprise our readers just as much as we were surprised, ourselves. However, we understand they have a glassed-in grandstand with some type of heating system that makes it comfortable.

The Yonkers, New York, track will open on April 1st, which means that a lot of trainers will have to step up their speed ratings to be ready for that early date. Last year it was Roosevelt Raceway that opened first in the New York area, but by arrangement, they take turn about and Roosevelt will have the later end of this season.

Our readers may be interested

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SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

FOUR PRINCE OF WALES College students are back at their books this week after an eight-day stay in Western Canada. The reason of the invasion of the West was the Canadian Schoolboy Curling championships which were staged in Calgary.

The Welshmen finished the competition with a 6-4 record and narrowly missed grabbing three of the matches that they lost. Two were lost by single points with another by a two-point margin. Had the locals been able to grab those three, they would have been the schoolboy champions of all Canada. That's how close these Charlottetown scholars came to capturing top honors.

THE SHOWING OF the local curlers was indeed a splendid one. This year's rink was not considered by most folks in the know the equal of the 1958 foursome that almost squeezed out a Dominion crown here in Charlottetown last year. For that reason alone, it was felt that this 1959 quartet couldn't be expected to win too many games. But these boys were not a bit worried by what the experts said. They went to Calgary full of determination and that determination paid off handsomely. They managed to curl at a fine .600 clip and were very close indeed to making that percentage read .900.

IT DOESN'T SEEM very long ago that when an Island rink went to a championship such as this or the Brier, nobody expected them to grab many wins. Victories came none too often in those first days of competition. However, of late, the situation has certainly changed. Island rinks now rank with the best of them and no longer is a game with a Prince Edward Island entry a 'soft touch'.

These Welshmen were definitely tough opponents and they had only one bad game in ten. That was the one with Northern Ontario which was a lost cause after three ends. The other nine were 'good' with the locals taking six of them.

And so to these young curlers we extend heartiest congratulations. You did a great job and Prince Edward Island has every reason to be mighty proud of you.

WE BET THERE were four young gentlemen in Montague who followed that curling in Calgary with a special bit of interest.

Of course we are referring to those four boys who gave the Welshmen such a terrific battle before the locals gained the Island crown. Those boys from down east were within one stone of capturing the provincial title. The Welshmen's success must certainly make them feel like mighty important young curlers in this Canada. Their showing this year was a fine one and should certainly make them go all out to try to oust the Welshmen as champions in 1960.

THE ISLAND Basketball league regular schedule is rapidly drawing to a close and there's a red hot battle for that third and fourth playoff spot.

At present Y.M.C.A. occupys the basement and there's little time left for the 'Y' boys to do something about it. Tonight and Wednesday night the present cellar dwellers play their last two games of the schedule. Tonight they meet Welshmen who are presently tied with Saint Dunstan's Seconds for third spot. Saints and Welshmen own five victories in 12 starts while the 'Y' standing is four wins and nine losses. Should the 'Y' drop this one to the city collegians tonight, they would have to win their remaining one game while Saint Dunstan's are losing three. And that would only give them a tie with the Red and White, who are guests of 'Y' Wednesday night.

HOWEVER SAINTS have a rather tough road ahead. Two of their games are against Trotters and P.W.C. and you can't go figuring these soft ones for the boys from out the road. However, Saints played fine ball last week and narrowly missed three victories in as many starts. They did manage over RCAF Sultans and YMCA and had the league-leading Trotters beaten 44-42 with about ten seconds of play remaining. However, the Trotters tied it on Mark Ladner's basket and won in overtime 54-51.

There's no doubt about Trotters finishing on top of the heap. They have 11 wins in 13 attempts. Nobody can even come close now. But the way play has been going of late, any of the three teams making the playoffs should give the Trotters a good series. We are not expecting any team to unseat these Trotters as league champions but we are looking forward to some really good playoff encounters.

BUT BEFORE those playoffs, there are three teams worried about a berth in semi-finals. RCAF Sultans appear sure of second place although they haven't clinched the spot as yet. But PWC, YMCA and Saints are battling tooth and nail to make that third or fourth playoff spot.

We bet any of the three would settle for fourth right now.

Events of the Week At SPORTS ARENA

WEDNESDAY—
Pre-school skate 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Afternoon skate 4 to 5:30
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