SPORTS FRONT

By NICK FILLMORE

HABS GO RAGS TO RICHES

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS are here again and like most other nutty sport writers across the country we're going to give our two cents worth and make some predictions. We think readers expect some predictions once and a while, and if they don't . . . well here goes anyway.

Youth seasoned with experience and a late surge to win the National League pennant—that's the Montreal Canadiens and we're picking them to take all the marbles. We think there is only one possibility that Les Habs won't win the Stanley Cup.—That is if the Toronto Maple Leafs can pound them so badly in the semi-finals that Montreal won't even make it to the finals. But if they do get by the Leafs roughhouse tactics they will go all the way.

We're counting on little Charlie Hodge as the Habs key player, and think that Bobby Rousseau will be their top scorer. The big man, Jean Beliveau will probably be fast and rugged and so will Laperriere and Harper. Either Boudrias or Cournoyer from the Baby Habs could fill in to give the Canadiens some extra scoring strength.

We'll take Montreal over Toronto in the semi-finals, 4 games to 2.

In the Chicago-Detroit semi-final series we're picking the Hawks in seven games, only because they have a home game advantage. The Red Wings have been the strongest team in the last half of the season but when it comes down to a series against Hull, Hall, Pilotte and the boys, we think it will be good night Gordie Howe Inc. The Red Wings have been very unimpressive on Chicago ice over the season.

If both Chicago and Montreal make it to the finals, we will pick Montreal to win the Cup in seven games—we're not quite sure why. Maybe we like success stories.

There now. We've gone out on a limb and may make a fool of ourself. It's just our luck that Detroit will sweep the whole thing.

EDUCATION DIDN'T HELP BERG

BASEBALL PROBABLY NEVER HAD a more brilliant intellectual than Moe Berg, graduate of Princeton, the Sorbonne and two law stations.

Moe was able to speak a dozen languages, including Scandinavian. He was polished, suave, articulate and highly educated, a distinct rarity in the majors.

Berg was considered such a phenomenon when he joined the White Sox that a Chicago paper carried a feature story on him and his accomplishments. Moe was embarrassed when he discovered his teammates avidly reading the yarn, his embarrassment not being eased by the fact that he'd twice fanned the day before with the bases full, fishing wildly after curves.

The powerfully built young teacher slunk to his locker as quietly as possible and found that his clubhouse neighbor was viewing him with new interest. The neighbor was the other White Sox catcher, Buck Crouse, a tobacco-chewing throwback to the prehistoric days of baseball.

"Moe," said Crouse sagely, "I don't care how many of them college degrees you got. They ain't learned you to hit that curve ball no better than me."

OFF THE CUFF

NORTH RIVER JUNIORS will be without one of their wingpins when they open their best-of-five semi-final series in the Charlottetown Junior Hockey League against St. Dunstan's JV's at the Forum tonight. Team scoring star DAVE LAWLOR suffered an injured knee in the team's last outing and will probably be out of action for the remainder of the season . . . The team we picked several weeks ago to give the CHARLOTTETOWN JUVENILES the most opposition for Maritime honors, East Pictou Regional High School, has won the Nova Scotia Juvenile championship, over teams from Glace Bay, Windsor, Dartmouth and Amherst . . . An unknown Houston Colts outfielder, JOHN PACIOREK, has been hitting Casey Stengle's Met's all over the field. The six-foot-two, 200 pound rookie, not given much of a chance to stick with the Colts, belted a grand-slam homer to beat the Mets in their last hook-up with the Colts. Paciorek, by the way, hit a perfect 1.000 last season, appearing in only one game against—who else—the Mets . . . JEAN-GUY BEDARD of Montreal has proposed a national soccer competition for junior teams under 19 years of age as a means of stimulating greater interest in the sport . . . St. Dunstan's Senior "A" boys basketball win over PRINCE OF WALES, 46-30, was quite a surprise to us. The Welshmen failed to lose a game in the regular schedule but drop their first game in the finals, and by 16 points. Usually the top man for the Welshmen, RONNIE DIAMOND, was held to seven points. The next game in the series should be a real battle . . . RON TAYLOR, the Cardinals southpaw from Leaside, Ont., contributed three scoreless innings in the Cards recent 3-2 win over Kansas City.

SPORT OF KINGS

Island's Hockey Playoffs Drawing To A Conclusion

The hockey season is rapidly drawing to a close. Many hockey playoffs have ended, but a few remain to be played. Notable among those remaining is the Intermediate "B" classification. And we can see no just reason for the hold-up in this division. Each county decided their winner on time, but the delay has occurred in the semi-finals. Hampshire won the Queen's County title, with Tyne Valley annexing top honors in Prince County. These two teams were to play in the semi-finals.

They did manage to play one game, with Hampshire coming out on top 5-4. There is no doubt that road conditions entered into the situation, but this series was to have been finished last Saturday. It is extremely doubtful if the finals will commence before next week.

We can understand road and weather conditions holding things up, but at the same time note from results published in this paper that Hampshire are playing off regularly for the Shaw Trophy. If they regard that trophy more important then they should withdraw from the Island playoffs.

TYNE VALLEY SUPERIOR

Observers from this area who witnessed the first Hampshire-Tyne Valley game seem to agree that Tyne Valley was the better team and should win this round. If that happens, the same two teams, namely Tyne Valley and Souris, will be meeting for the second year in a row for the Intermediate "B" championship.

Last year, Souris won with ease, blanking Tyne Valley in the deciding game 9-0. Tyne Valley is supposed to be much stronger this year, but our observers state quite positively that Souris will once again win the title.

The Island Senior "B" Boys and Girls Basketball championships will be decided this coming Saturday in Morell. They were scheduled for last Saturday, but weather conditions were unfavorable. King's County will be represented by four strong teams, two boys teams, and two girls teams, with one senior, Morell, having an entry in both classes. In the boys division, both Morell and Montague have to be considered as strong contenders. Both teams have done well against teams from the other two counties all season.

MacDONALD LEADS WAY

Morell and Souris will represent the girls. The Souris girls are the defending champions but both teams are pretty evenly matched and have done well against teams from the other two counties. These two teams met last week in Souris in a sudden-death game for first place in the King's County League, and it was a humdinger of a game. At the end of regulation time they were deadlocked 14-14. In the overtime session Roma MacDonald scored with only seconds remaining to give Souris a thrilling victory and first place.

TORONTO TO FINALS

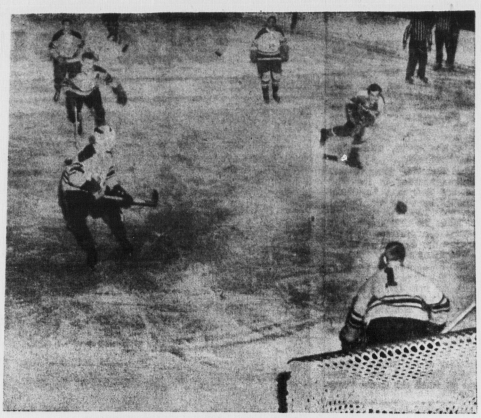
The attention of sports fans across the country will now be focused on the NHL playoffs which start on Thursday. Unfortunately Montreal finished in first place. We say unfortunately, because we would have preferred them to lose out to Toronto in the finals rather than the semi-finals.

After the mess we made with our last predictions, a lot of people have hinted rather strongly that we wouldn't have the nerve to put in print any more predictions. Such, however is not the case. In the Montreal-Toronto series, we'll call it for the Leafs in no more than six games. We'd like to see Detroit knock off Chicago, but, since they haven't got enough strength, we'll call it for the Black Hawks in six or less.

The writer would like to express sincere sympathy to the family of the late Dane Crosby.

PLAN PROJECT

TELKWA, B.C. (CP)—The local chamber of commerce has announced plans to form a limited company to build a $100,000 housing project. It's designed to attract new residents to this community of 450, about 130 miles east of Prince Rupert, and to discourage growth of tar-paper shacks.



COMBINES WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Shown above is a portion of the rough, fast hockey action displayed at the Charlottetown Forum last night between the Summerside Combines and the Flying Hawks. The Combines won the two game total goal series 8-5.

Former NSSHL Player Going Great With Braves

By MIKE RECHT

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Alain (Boom Boom) Caron is the Babe Ruth-plus of professional hockey.

Despite tired legs and unimpressive speed, the 25-year-old French - Canadian has scored more goals in one season than any pro in history—77 in 72 games this season.

"The feat is utterly amazing," said his coach, Gus Kyle of the Central Professional Hockey League's St. Louis Braves. "Those 77 goals are like 77 home runs in baseball.

"If he were spotted in the right place in the National Hockey League, he'd score 40 goals for sure."

The old professional mark of 59 was set in 1961-62 by Orval Tessier when he was playing with Kingston of the now-defunct Eastern Pro Hockey League. Caron broke that record last season when he slammed home 61 goals in 54 matches.

TOPS LEAGUE

Caron also has 48 assists for a total of 125 points, top in the CPHL.

Kyle can't say enough about his right winger from Dolbeau, Quebec, former player with Amherst Ramblers of the Nova Scotia senior circuit.

ALAIN CARON

"A number of our players skate faster than Al, but he has the best shot I've ever seen," Kyle said. "Some players may shoot harder than Al, but he gets his shot away very fast and he's always accurate. No goalie is fast enough to cover."

Caron has been a professional for six years. He was with Chicoutimi in the old Quebec League, Sault Ste. Marie in the EPHL, Quebec City in the American League, and now St. Louis.

But he never has had a chance in the big time.

CONSIDERED NHL

"We've thought about bringing him up in the National Hockey League playoffs," said General Manager Tommy Ivan of the parent Chicago Black Hawks. "But we can't unless we have an emergency or his club is eliminated from the CPHL playoffs.

"He's a natural scorer, but a right sider and we have enough right wingmen at present."

At one time defence may have been the reason Caron never got his chance.

"I work at it," Caron said, "but I've got bad legs. They get tired quickly when I go all out on offence and defence."

But his coach thinks he can do both.

"Sure, Al emphasized offense over defense — until late last season," Kyle said. "But this year he's proved to me he can do everything."

Sandy Frizzell Speaks His Mind

By JIM CULLEN

Sandy Frizzell last night explained that he would like to inform the people on the Island of his side to the story of what went on in Windsor after the Royals received that humiliating 23-0 defeat at the hands of the Windsor Maple Leafs.

Frizzell said that on numerous occasions through the year he was called upon to dish out $10 bills in order to get his players off from work to play for the Royals.

He left Charlottetown with four players for numerous reasons and went on to explain some of the difficulties which led up to this regrettable incident.

The most common problem was that the players couldn't get away from work for the amount of time needed to make the trip. Also some members of the team were attending college and refused to make the trip because they couldn't afford to miss the time from their academic work.

Several players were on the injured list and were not capable of playing. John Kane was suffering from an injured shoulder, and Vince Mulligan's hand was giving him so much pain that he couldn't lift a stick. Bud MacIntyre was nursing a broken nose suffered in previous action with the Leafs in which he made his presence well known.

Sandy also stated that upon departure he thought he would be able to have the services of three of his regular players, Bud MacIntyre, Junior MacLeod and "Apps" Arsenault, who were attending a course on police work in Halifax at the time. Sandy had not yet heard of the seriousness of MacIntyre's injury and said he was unable to locate the other two members of his team upon his arrival in Halifax.

He said that he then phoned Bill Fenton, manager of the Windsor team and informed him of his predicament, and Fenton told him to pick up any players that he wished "just make a game out of it that is all we want."

Sandy then hustled Alfred Flannigan, Fred Burke and Dave MacLeod into Royals uniforms but his efforts were to no avail, as is common knowledge now.

Sandy also said that he would like to mention the fact that in last year's Intermediate competition, also under the supervision of the MAHA, a team from Fredericton showed up at the Forum for a playoff series and put up such a bad show that the numerous fans left the rink and demanded their money back. The Fredericton netminder went so far as to stand at centre ice and strip to the vest. Sandy feels he lost approximately a thousand dollars in the fracas due to the fact that some of the money had to be paid back to the fans and that the next night the crowd was about half the size of the night before, because of the actions of the Fredericton pucksters.

Sandy said he took the loss and never protested and is wondering now whether or not he did the right thing after seeing what an issue the Windsor team is making out of this regrettable event.

He also stated that he would like to publicly congratulate the four regular members of his team that went out on the ice against the Leafs, knowing very well that they were in for a severe beating. They were Angus and Dick Carroll, Eustace Reeves, and Don Frizzell.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Wednesday at the Charlottetown Club. (Spares needed).

6.30 p.m. (points prizes)

Ice 1 — G. Kays, K. Jenkins, D. Douglas, G. Newman vs. R. Ewing, J. Brooks, B. Jones, L. Webster.

Ice 2 — R. Ketch, D. Jardine, D. Wood, W. Carr vs. A. Humphrey, Dr. Kelly, D. Reid, B. Patterson.

Ice 3 — M. Ball, W. MacLaine, C. Flemming, T. Doyle vs. G. Stewart, W. Farrell, D. George, J. MacLean.

Ice 4 — H. Peters, G. Anderson, P. Whitlock, B. Crockett vs. P. O'Rourke, B. Lynch, C. MacInnes, A. Callbeck.

Ice 5 — G. Bennett, H. MacLennan, H. Thomson, R. Ford vs. E. Gillespie, D. Matheson, G. Lidstone, J. MacLean.

8.30 p.m.

Ice 1 — Open.

Ice 2 — H. Dobson, L. Campbell, J. Vautour, N. Dooley vs. R. Carr, V. Mitton, B. MacLennan, J. Shelfoon.

Ice 3 — Old Spain play-off (Sec. B)

Ice 4 — Old Spain Playoff (Sec. A) if needed.

Ice 5 — E. Nicholson, Dr. Webster, Dr. Jelks, H. Coffin vs. Dr. Hooper, L. Blakeney, Dr. MacKay, H. Douglas

College All-Stars Announced

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP) — St. Dunstan's University Saints of Charlottetown and St. Francis Xavier X-Men of Antigonish dominated this year's all-star selections in the Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey League.

The All-Star teams, picked by coaches and team captains in the league, were named Monday.

Saints star centreman Bill MacMillan ran away in the voting by winning the most valuable player award and the trophy for scoring champion of the Maritime loop.

The first all-star team consists of MacMillan, centre, Wayne Synishin, of St. F.X., left wing; Graham Hollihan, St. FX, right wing, and defencemen Vince Mulligan of St. Dunstan's and George Trainor of Nova Scotia Technical College.

First all-star goal position was earned by John Wrigley of UNB Red Devils.

The second team has Bill Bontaim of Dalhousie at centre, Gord Whitlock of St. Dunstan's at left wing; right wing Darrell LeBlanc of UNB; defencemen Don Clark St. FX and Ed Hospodar of St. Thomas University. Dalhousie's George McDonald, goal.

Curling Challenge Issued

We the undersigned hereby challenge the newly formed Doug Cameron Rink to a 12-end game, Saturday night, March 28 for the Charlottetown Easter Baskets. Myron Bell, Doug Bell, Joe Saunders, Clark Llewellyn. The game to be played at the Charlottetown Curling Club.

Civic Stadium Holds Carnival

SUMMERSIDE — Some 200 people attended a centennial ice carnival at the Egmont Bay rink Monday night. The program consisted of hockey games, costume parade and a quadrille on ice performed by couples from Abram's Village.

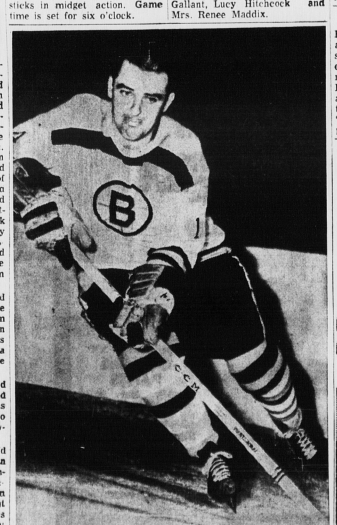
First place finishers in the costume parade were: Mrs. Faustina Richard, Mrs. (Dr.) R. Reid; 2nd — Leo J. Arsenault, Leo P. Gallant; 3 Mr. and Mrs. Felix Leo Gallant.

Judges for the costume parade were: — Rev. Francis Tardif, Leo J. Gallant and Alyre A. Arsenault.

Coffee and doughnuts were served by an Egmont Bay group which included Mrs. Joseph A. Gallant, Lucy Hitchcock and Mrs. Renee Maddix.

Minor Action For Today

Charlottetown minor hockey action resumes tonight at the Charlottetown Forum when the Apaches and Iroquois cross sticks in midget action. Game time is set for six o'clock.



FORBIE RETURNS HOME

Shown above is Forbes Kennedy who has just recently returned to Charlottetown after having spent the winter season in Boston toiling with the Bruins of the National Hockey League. Forbie fired eight goals and assisted on 17 others for a total of 25 points. Forbie will spend his vacation in Charlottetown before returning to the Hockey wars.

FORUM

CH'TOWN DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th—8.15 P.M.

North River Juniors

—VS.—

St. Dunstan's "Jayvees"

Adults 60c; Students 35c

Warren Texaco Combines Capture Hockey Ch'ship

By JIM CULLEN

Johnnies Flying Hawks were near but yet so far to the Island Intermediate hockey championship as they defeated the Summerside Combines 2-1 last night, but lost the two game total goal series 8-5, now the Combines will advance against the New Brunswick champs in an effort to win the Intermediate championship of the Maritimes. The game was played before a crowd of about eight hundred people at the Charlottetown Forum last night.

The play was fairly evenly distributed over the three stanzas, with the Hawks going all out to redeem themselves after their 7-3 loss in Summerside on Monday night; but the Combines were having none of it as they were going about their business of clinching the series.

The Hawks opened the scoring at the 10 minute mark of the first period, when Ralph Shepherd let go with a blistering shot from just inside the blueline that travelled through a mass of players to dent the twines in the Summerside cage. This marker stood up for the Hawks for the remainder of the first period.

Clow of the Combines dupicated Shepherd's drive, as he drilled one from the point in the opening minutes of the second stanza that Ward didn't have a chance on.

Willie Dunn put the Hawks in the lead at the 10.20 mark of the second as the hard working centre found the range to blink the twines as they defeated the Hawks their one goal lead which remained at that for the rest of the tilt.

Tempers began to flare as the fast tempo of the game began to take its effect on the tiring players. Ward of the Hawks and "Coke" Grady of the Summerside squad began mixing it up after Ward apparently took exception to Grady's conduct around the front of the Hawks cage.

A short while after he served his penalty "Coke" was doing fisticuffs and this time it was Hawks defenceman, Clee Gillis, who was involved as the opposing party. For their efforts they both received a five minute sentence to the sin-bin and Gillis received an extra two minutes for high sticking the Summerside forward.

The Flying Hawks tried desperately but could not garner the three goals necessary to tie the series up, so the Combines skated off with the Intermediate hockey honors for Prince Edward Island.

Don "Gunner" MacCormack missed a chance to add to his collection of goals for the season as he missed a clean cut breakaway in the dying seconds of the game.

SUMMARY

First Period — 1. Hawks — R. Shepherd (MacCormack, Noonan) 10.11. Penalites Noonan, Gillis, Gallant.

Second Period — Scoring, none. Penalties — Harris, Pollock, Grady.

Third Period — 2. Combines—Clow (Gallant) 5.36; 3. Hawks—W. Dunn (Ward) 10.20. Penalties — Ward (major, served by Noonan) Grady (major) Gallant, R. Shepherd, C. Gillis (major), (minor), C. Grady (major) served by DesRoches.

Montreal Squad Meets Windsor

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Boisclair ice hockey team, reinforced by six veterans from the Eastern Townships, was leaving Tuesday night for Halifax and the first round of Allan Cup play against Windsor, N.S., Maple Leafs. The series starts Thursday.

Boisclair ended the regular season as champion of Montreal's four-team metropolitan senior league, but is entering Allan Cup play largely through default.

In the metropolitan league playoffs, Lachine was leading the final series 2-1 when it was disqualified for failing to pay its assessment to the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association.

Boisclair then took on the powerful Granby Vics, champions of the four-team Eastern Townships senior league, and their series was tied 1-1 when Granby withdrew because of financial difficulties.

The Vics held a wide margin in play, however, outshooting Boisclair 64-29 in the first game —which Boisclair won 3-2—and 71-19 in the second, which Boisclair lost 9-1.

RECRUIT GOALIE

From the Vics, Boisclair picked up goalie Andre Payette —to replace their regular Don Monette who can't make the trip—and Negro forward John Mentis.

They also acquired defenceman Jack Wilton and forward Guy Black from St. Hyacinthe, and defenceman Serge Nadeau and forward Claude Cardin from Sherbrooke.

Leading Boisclair's regulars is Gaetan Veilleux, who won the metropolitan senior scoring title this season. Coach Jean-Guy (Butch) Marchand plays him on a forward line with Eddie Cyr and Claude Vezina.

The second line probably would group Pat O'Meara, another regular, with Black and Cardin.

Also making the trip is Pete Taillefer, an outstanding defenceman who played with Chicoutimi in the old Quebec senior league some years ago.

Harness Racing Dates Announced

Contrary to prevailing rumors, harness racing will be staged at Charlottetown Driving Park from May 2 until the end of November.

This was announced by CDP president, Allison Profitt. The Charlottetown Driving Park has applied for dates from June 1 until Oct. 1. Races in May, Oct. and Nov. will be staged under Covehead Raceway charter.

These various dates have been applied for and the CDP and Covehead Raceway are awaiting confirmation of them by The Prince Edward Island Racing Commission.

DON'T ASK ME

MONTREAL (CP) — Marcel Rioux, a University of Montreal anthropologist, had a ready answer when asked recently if the explosive element of Quebec's nationalists could be contained. He said an interviewing group once asked him to address them on the past and present of society. "For the future, they asked a poet."

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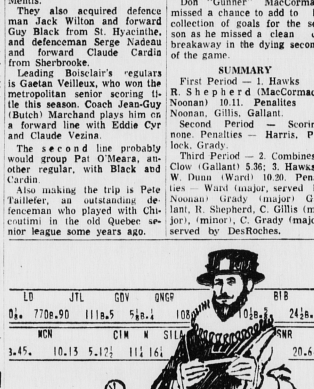

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