MINOR HOCKEY AT MONTAGUE

Youthful referee, Ken Fraser, is pictured facing off the puck for the start of the pee wee game at minor hockey night Friday in Montague. The two centermen are Jerry Bell and Charles Murdock. The Montague team went on to win 3-0 with the picture goal of the evening being scored by Garth Beck.

Richardsons Capture Brier In Playoff With Alberta

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Sports Editor

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—Ernie Richardson, who had dismissed curling in his boyhood days as a sport "for old men and muskrats," holds the Canadian championship for a record-equalling third time.

His classic remark was made after he was drafted onto a man-short high school rink in Regina and immediately proceeded to hog—throw short of the hog line in curling parlance—all of his rocks. He took up the game seriously eight years ago and Saturday reached a career high point when his Saskatchewan rink walloped defending champion Hec Gervais of Alberta 14-7 in a sudden-death playoff.

This one was billed as a battle of the world's curling giants—Richardson had won in 1959-60 and Gervais in 1961—but it fizzled early when Saskatchewan piled up a six-end 8-3 lead. There was no doubt that the 260-pound Gervais and his mates were off their usual brilliant game on a day when the Richardsons, strictly a family rink, were putting nearly every stone where 30-year-old skip Ernie wanted it.

Gervais, vice-skip Ron Anton, second Ray Werner and lead Wally Ursuliak, either had too much weight, not enough or were off the broom.

INTO RECORD BOOK

The victory put Ernie in the record books along with Ken Watson of Winnipeg and Matt Baldwin of Edmonton as the only three-time title - winning skips since the classic started back in 1927. Baldwin won it for Alberta in 1954-57-5 8 ndWnsoata for Manitoba in 1936, 1942 and 1949.

The Richardsons — brothers Ernie and Garnet and their cousins, vice-skip Arnold and lead Wes—are scheduled to leave Monday by plane for Falkirk, Scotland, and the world championship against Scotland, the United States and Sweden. They won it in 1959 and 1960 and Gervais took it last year.

Saturday's playoff was set up when Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba ended the 11-rink round - robin competition with eight victories and two losses each. Saskatchewan drew the bye into the final and Alberta beat Manitoba 8-6 in Friday night's semi-final.

A crowd of about 1,500 watched in amazement when Alberta fell behind 8-2 after six ends Saturday. Everybody in the building, including the curlers, knew that Alberta's cause was lost. In this major league of the game, a six-stone margin at the halfway mark is almost positive assurance of a triumph.

FINAL END CONFUSED

Gervais was limited to five singles in the final 11 ends and then, when the players of each got 15 rocks in the house on the 12th, the hulking, six-foot-two potato farmer wound up and crashed a runner into the mass of stones. When the rocks finally settled it appeared that Alberta was lying shot for one.

But the official scorer later made it two shots.

It was all over, anyway, except for the official presentation of the Macdonald's Brier Tankard to the winners and some speech-making.

And it was proof that the West continues to have it all over the East in the besom and stane game.

Saskatchewan's victory made it No. 28 for the west in 33 years. It was Saskatchewan's fourth title and the 11th consecutive for Western rinks since Nova Scotia won the championship fort he second time in 1951. The first Saskatchewan winner was Garnet Campbell from Avonlea in 1955.

Canada Blanks W. Germany 8-0

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Canada's defending champions shut out West Germany 8-0 Saturday night to tie for the world hockey tournament leadership with Sweden, which upset the United States 2-1.

The Canadians and the Swedes were the only unbeaten clubs remaining in the championship Group A.

Joe Malo scored three goals to pace the Canadians, who play once - beaten Switzerland Sunday night. Canada, represented here by Galt Terriers, meet Sweden in a vital match Tuesday night.

The only other important game in the tournament is between Canada and the United States next Sunday.

In other championship games Sunday the U.S. plays Finland while Britain meets Norway. Sweden and West Germany have an open date. In the consolation round France takes on Denmark.

AUSTRIA WINS

Saturday in Group B games, Austria routed Australia 17-0 and The Netherlands defeated Denmark 9-4.

Len Gaudette, general manager of the Galt Club who watched Sweden win, predicted "We're going to beat Sweden by two goals."

"The only man, who bodychecked hard for the Americans was Gordie Tottle. We'll have four men bodychecking like Tottle did—only harder."

Swedish coach Arne Stromberg said his club didn't bodycheck enough. "We must bodycheck hard if we're to have any chance against Canada. And I think we have that chance to win."

Defenceman Roland Stoltz scored the winning goal for the Swedes with less than seven minutes left in the dramatic game. Sven (Tumba) Johansson scored the other goal for Sweden in the first period while Brian MacKay, a native of Montreal, was the only U.S. player to beat the sparkling goaltending of Lennart Haggroth.

West Germany battled Galt on even terms for almost half the first period, but the powerful Canadians exploded for five goals before the period was over. Besides, Malo, Tod Sloan, Jack McLeod, Floyd Martin, Bob Brown and Bob McKnight scored for Canada.

Sloan, a 34-year-old former professional, suffered a gashed eyebrow early in the third period. Twelve stitches had to be taken to close the wound.

Del Saint John, a native of Edmonton who became an Austrian citizen last year, scored five goals in Austria's rout of the Aussies. Saint John also had five assists. Linemates Walter Znehnalik and Hegman Knoll each scored four goals.

Leo Loret and Johan Manuel each tallied three goals to give The Netherlands its second straight win.

EASTERN BRIEFS

FROM MONCTON

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell and their young sons, Ian and Robbie, Moncton, N.B., spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Les Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacLaren, Montague.

SELLS FARM HOME

Mrs. Dan Stewart has returned to her home in Brudenell after a most enjoyable two months visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Campbell, Indian River. Mrs. Stewart has sold her farm home in Brudenell and will later take up permanent residence in Montague.

IN P.E.I. HOSPITAL

Mrs. John Gaudet, Montague, entered the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Wednesday for treatment and observation.

PARTRIDGE FUNERAL — Funeral service for Mrs. John Partridge, Church Road, was held Saturday afternoon from the Marie United Church, under the direction of the Montague Funeral Home. Service was conducted by Rev. Donald MacLennan. The choir sang "The Lord's My Shepherd", "Safe In The Arms of Jesus", and "In The Sweet Bye and Bye". Flower bearers were: Colin Jackson, Allan Cobb, Vernon MacEwen, Stewart Shaw and Curtis Beaton. Pallbearers were: Russell Webster, Earl James, Thomas Cullen, Charles James, James Beaton, Lloyd James. Interment was made in the Marie cemetery.

ISLAND NEWS PAGE

Montague, Souris, Kings County

Ma'es Lead In Births, Deaths In P.E.I. In 1961

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More boys than girls are born in this province each year, and more men than women die.

In both cases, the percentage ratios are maintained with 52 per cent of births being of males and 55 per cent of the deaths, as well.

Of the 904 deaths reported last year by the keepers of vital statistics, 501 were males while 1,442 of the 2,783 births were boy babies.

So, if the population growth of Prince Edward Island is slow, at least it is a steady, natural growth.

DEATHS BREAKDOWN

There were 496 deaths in hospitals last year; with 301 of them in Queens County, 149 in Prince, and 46 in Kings. Total deaths by counties were Queens 523, Prince 262 and Kings 119.

Of the total, 86 were infant deaths; that is, of children under the age of one year.

It is strange and interesting that practically all classifications used in keeping vital statistics remain almost constant. This is indicated by comparing figures given in the different groups with the five-year average.

The classifications and 1961 totals, with the five-year average in brackets, are as follows: births 2,783 (2,691); twin births 54 (56) illegitimate births 122 (120); stillbirths 46 (46); marriages 619 (639); deaths 904 (941); infant deaths 86 (82).

NO MATERNAL DEATHS

There were no maternal deaths last year, nor have there been any for the past three years. Only three such deaths have been noted in the past five years-two of them in 1957 and the other in 1958.

A total of 66 violent or accidental deaths was reported for last year in a wide variety of classifications ranging from suicides to poisoning. The greatest number came as a result of fires, which were responsible for 19 deaths, while falls accounted for 13. Motor vehicle accidents were the cause of 11, and drownings took 7 lives. Under the heading 'suicide and self-inflicted injuries' there were 6 deaths, with two from fire arms, one poisoning, one asphyxiation, and two from strangulation.

In the case of children, pneumonia caused more deaths than any other disease with 30. Prematurity was the cause of 25, while congenital malformation caused 8.

CANCER DEATHS

Cancer caused 132 deaths last year, but tuberculosis claimed only 6 lives.

The provincial department of health has noted in its interim report that influenza with 1.922 reported cases led all others in the notifiable disease classification. Second place was held by sore throats etc. with 1,349.

Whooping cough was far back with 264 cases, followed by 220 malignant neaplasms, and 141 cases of infectious hepatitis.

Although deaths from tuberculosis were low last year, they were higher than in the previous four years but were among "a back-log of patients, all males, since the beginning of the wonder drug era."

However, the health department was disturbed to note an increase in teen-agers admitted to the sanitorium last year.

Gov't Action Is Sought On Spillway

MONTAGUE — A request to have the spillway of the Cardigan causeway lowered is to be made to the provincial government. This decision has made late last week at Cardigan at a meeting of the executive of the Cardigan Commission and the Southern Kings Fish and Game Association.

A committee consisting of Raymond Acorn, Walter Conohan and Louis Cantelo were appointed to contact the authorities and report back to a joint meeting in Cardigan hall on March 25.

The two main reasons for this request stem from the fact that it was the opinion of both executives that the water becomes stagnant in the summer months, and trout and salmon are not able to gain entrance to the water above the causeway at present.

It was also reported that the fishing last year had been down from previous years and that wells near the pond were also contaminated.

Election Call Sparks Crisis In Rhodesia

SALISBURY (Reuters)—Prime Minister Welensky of the central African federation pressed ahead with plans for an early election despite a threatened boycott of the polls by the federation's overwhelming Negro population.

Welensky dissolved the 44-seat federal parliament and then announced his candidacy for his election district of Broken Hill.

The dissolution was proclaimed Friday morning after Welensky handed in his government's resignation Thursday night to Governor-General Lord Dalhousie.

Sunspots Seen Possible Cause Of Mine Blast

FAENZA, Italy (Reuters) — Sunspots might have been indirectly responsible for Friday's mine explosion at Heessen, West Germany, Bendandi Observatory said here.

It said it had noted a "particularly active" sunspot which was having a powerful effect upon the earth, "upsetting, its magnetic equalibrium and causing outbursts of firedamp and violent meteorological upsets."

Royal Onyx Cops Feature

HALIFAX (CP) — Royal Onyx, owned by Mrs. Andrew Meko of Halifax, captured both ends of the feature race in Halifax Commons harness racing Saturday afternoon.

It was the only double win on the card, reduced to the slowest times of the winter series because of heavy mud.

Two stables had a pair of victories each. Jewell Fingo and Scott Densmore, both owned by Stan Mayhew of Kinkora, P.E.I. had back-to-back wins in the second and third races. Mi Lo's Baron and Pius, owned and driven by Hal "Skip" Yorke of Suburban Lower Sackville, also posted wins.

Other single dash winners included Captain Horgan, owned by Lloyd Salter of Scotch Villlage, N.S.; Lady Hilda Clegg and Basil's Girl, two Halifax area entries; and Joe's Future, owned by Earl Carey of Windsor Junction, N.S.

Joe's Future and Merele's Boy combined to pay $102.20 in the exactor.

Best time over the muddy three-furlong oval was 54 2-5 seconds by Royal Onyx in the opening race.

Minor Hockeyists Continue Playoffs

The Sports Arena was alive with activity Saturday as teams in various age brackets continued along the playdown trail.

Of particular interest to a good crowd of spectators was the snappy brand of hockey dished out by the two high school teams, Queen Charlotte and Birchwood, as they battled furiously in the first game of their Interscholastic best of three playoff series.

The game was won by Birchwood 4-3 late in the third period after Queen Charlotte had come back to tie the game on two occasions.

Very little separated the two teams throughout the game and the rest of the series should provide action aplenty for all interested followers of Interscholastic hockey.

For the winners, goals were scored by Flood, MacDonald, Weatherbie and Affleck Scott counted two goals for Queen Charlotte with a single going to Giggey.

In the Juvenile play-off PWC proved too strong for the Abbies in their tussle, coming out on the long end of a 4-1 score.

For PWC the scorers were MacLeod with two and MacPhail and MacKinnon with singletons.

Affleck triggered the lone Abbie marker.

The PWC victory now advances into the Island finals against Summerside.

Following are results of other Minor hockey action Saturday:—

BANTAMS

BHS Eagles 6 vs BHS Wrens 1: For the Eagles goals scored by Jack Arsenault 2, Ian MacDonald 2, Brian Foley and Mike Campbell: Wrens' goal by Donnie Dunsford.

PAPERWEIGHTS

Parkdale Sparrows 4 vs QSS Snipers 1: Sparrows' goals by John Oraniuk 3, and Jimmy Smallwood; Snipes goal by Bob Judson.

Several exhibition games in the different age groups rounded out an exciting and busy day in Minor Hockey.

TAVERNERS CLUB

TROIS-RIVIERES, Que. (CP) The newly-formed Trois - Rivieres tavern keepers' association, grouping owners of the community's 20 taverns, has received its official charter from the provincial government.

Primroses Top Oilers

MONTAGUE — The Montague Primroses defeated the Irving Oilers 8-4 in a hockey game at Montague on Friday night.

The game was fast and had many thrills for the fans. The game followed the minor hockey night.

Goals for Montague: E. MacLure, 2; F. Burke, 2; Dennis Clory, 2; Dick MacLean, 1; and Jack Murphy 1.

For the Oilers: Cyril Jenkins, 1; L. Shephard, 2; and Brother Peardon 1.

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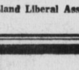

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