

## Bub Dowling May Refresh His Withering Primroses

The fall-end Montague face-lifting according to rumors is out of the Montague camp. Montague coach Bub Dowling is not at all happy with the present position of the Primroses and is seriously thinking about breaking up his one really high scoring forward line in order to give his squad more balance.

Dick Carroll, Apps Arsenal and Billy Hughes, who have been playing great hockey together for nearly three years now, may not be together when the Primroses hit the ice Monday.

We were talking to two members of this line the other night and they tell us that Montague's highest scorer Billy Hughes may drop back to help out Dowling with Ray Ketch and Red MacFayden on the second line and Sammy Trowman will join up with Arsenault and Carroll.

Coach Dowling has already started revamping his team and Tuesday night at the Arena he had Flick Landry back on the blue-line and had planned to use Warren MacRae on a forward line. However, big Joe Coyle didn't show up for the contest and MacRae had to be used on defense.

Montague stock will take a rise shortly after Christmas when Harley MacLean is expected back and it is also thought that George MacDonald will return to the defense. MacDonald, still in his teens, was voted the outstanding defenseman in the league last year, and if he returns to help but be of great assistance in the Primroses' drive for a playoff spot. It is on the defensive that the Primroses have been noticeably weak this year. Even though five of their players, Carroll, Arsenault, Hughes, Dowling and MacRae are crowding the top of the scoring, the Primroses still find themselves in the cellar and they won't get out tonight.

Goaltending has been a problem. Bobby Dillon was just a little unsteady in the cage, although in all fairness to the lad we might point out that he didn't get the help a goaltender needs from his blue-line brigade. Sheldon Jordan replaced him for the game Tuesday and turned in a solid effort. In fact the entire Montague team looked good and the Flyers had no picnic. It was a battle right down to the wire. Parkdale had the edge in the play, we thought, and deserved the win. Yet Montague certainly was a better team than the one that took severe beatings from the Flyers and B. Y. C. in previous games.

The only two wins owned by the Primroses, by the way, were at Summerside's expense. The fact is that the team, even with their new, improved lineup, have had their hands full every time they clash with Montague. Both games in which the Aces have beaten Primroses were decided by one goal and the last tussle went into sudden-death overtime. Both games were at Civic Stadium.

The Island League heads got together Wednesday night for a scratching session in Charlottetown. The big itch was the old bugaboo finances. Some league fans were quite disturbed by ru-

mors that have been flying about but the whole thing was nothing but a mole hill trying its best to look like a mountain. It didn't take any time at all to iron out the problems once certain things were made clear to the bosses of the teams and everything boiled down to nothing but a misunderstanding.

We will try to make it clear to our readers so if you will follow me, here we go. Taking Montague and Aces to help us out in our explanation it goes like this. The Primroses only play eight games in Summerside while Aces face Montague only twice at Charlottetown. By simple subtraction the Primroses make six extra visits to Summerside. In the beginning of the year it was agreed at a meeting that the Montague team would share in three of those six "extra" games at Summerside—getting 25 percent of the total take minus rink expenses and a percentage to the M.A.H.A. which came off the top. The rink got 50 percent of the remainder and the teams shared the remaining fifty percent down the middle.

Now this is the way we understood it. It was also the way the league secretary and president and a couple of the teams' representatives understood it. However, some of the teams thought the agreement was that the visiting Charlottetown teams would get a share in all six of those "extra" games.

This was the big misunderstanding and when this was brought to light at the meeting and the present position of the Aces as a separate unit from Civic Stadium was made clear, the delegates had little trouble in reaching common ground and coming to an agreement. We feel we can advise fans now that they can lay whatever fears that they had for the solidarity of the league aside. From this angle all looks serene and steadfast and a banner year for nearly everybody.

Henceforth the visiting Charlottetown team at Civic Stadium will have a choice of a 25 percent cut of the gate or a guarantee of \$60.00 whichever is the greater—and we have no qualms at all about believing that 25 percent will always be the greater. All playoff games—both in Charlottetown and Summerside—will be cut down the middle after the expenses and 50 percent share of the ice palaces are taken out.

### Metro To Manage Vancouver Mounties

VANCOUVER (CP)—Charlie Metro, 38-year-old former major league outfielder, was named Friday as manager of Vancouver Mounties in the Pacific Coast League. He replaces Lefty O'doul, now manager with the PCL Seattle Rainiers.

### Chicago Assigns Chiti To Richmond

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Yankees announced Friday Chicago Cubs had assigned catcher



THE LONE DEFENDER

Montague Primroses top scoring line give Summerside Aces net-minder, Thane Mann, a tense moment in a recent Island Hockey League clash. The lone defender

made the save. In the picture are highest scorer, Dick Carroll (centre) and Apps Arsenault (no. 9). In the latest league statistics Hughes was second in the league

scoring only to Parkdale's Orin Carver. Both Carroll and Arsenault are well up.

Photo by Wotton



BACK HOME

Buck Whitlock returned to Charlottetown Thursday after a brief sojourn with Miramichi Beavers of the New Brunswick North Shore Hockey League. Buck, now 33, is calling it quits far as hockey is concerned and has no immediate plans for performing with any of the teams in the Island Senior League.

Harry Chitt outright to Richmond Virginians, Yankee farm in the International League, as part of the deal that sent Charlie Silvera to the Cubs. At least one more player will move to the Yankee organization later.

## HUNTERS' CORNER

### The Geese Were Hard To Hit

The duck and goose season closed on Saturday, December 8th, on a slightly off note. Sleety, ice coated pavements and gravel roads held up hunters out for a last try for a goose or duck dinner. Friday afternoon I watched black ducks as big as farmyard mallards walking on a snow covered point and hopping into open water. The tide would be right in the morning. Two hunters of my acquaintance planned on rigging out in the Cove above the Point and would have been assured of some good chances for black ducks or Golden-eyes (Whistlers) but ice conditions were so treacherous at the Hillsboro bridge they decided to call the trip off until later. The Orwell hills are tough when icy and one's car can take a beating in a matter of seconds.

They went out about noon but the tide was in and the birds were scattered. As the chill of a winter dusk penetrated through the 17 hunting clothes they decided to walk ashore to the shelter of a spruce wood and restore circulation. Yes you've guessed it—a couple of small bunches of black ducks took advantage of the opportunity to drop in and bob-nob with the wooden decoys. It never fails does it? I honestly believe that wildgeese can sense when the season closes. All open season goose hunters kept a special stubble field across the river under observation for geese. Several hundred were rafted on salt water a few miles distant but sat tight. On Sunday, the day after legal shooting closed, a flock broke away from the flats and after circling the field several times, making more noise than a bunch of children let out from school, settled and had a bang up feed.

SMALL KILL  
The goose kill was this season the lowest in years. I am doubtful if the take was one for every fifteen bagged in 1955. I know hunters who shot from 9 to 11 geese last season who never got hands on one this year. Another party of three got 18 last year and never got close enough to a goose this fall to fire at it let alone bring one home. Most geese shot were picked up incidental with an outing after Huns, ducks or pheasants. Some hunters, working the hard way, managed to pick up a few geese over "rigs" set out on salt water. It looks as if that will be the story from now on.

Geese will only stand so much hunting pressure. This last few years it was only the odd flock would get a chance to feed on stubble unmolested. Spotters were out everywhere. Once a flock of honker landed on a field every-one within sighting or hearing distance ran with a shotgun. A few years ago some large stubble fields at Red Point a mile or so east of Black Pond Sanctuary attracted a large flight of geese. Sanctuary geese fed there for a season before any hunters got wise and had their regular "stubble run". A few years ago a party of goose hunters from Charlottetown got to know of this goose bonanza. They had shooting de-luxe the first few trips but they overdid a good thing. Someone was parked there every day.

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ing a snowstorm. He watched them and they were so nervous they didn't try to feed—just sort of "goose stepped" over the stubble with necks held high for five minutes and then pulled out.

RIFLE FIRE  
Approximately 200 geese stayed on the Sanctuary for a week or so after the season opened. If they had been left unmolested probably some would have tried for a feed of grain. I have it on good authority that on two nights a truck roared past the Sanctuary along the public highway and sprayed the water with 22 cal rifle bullets. I guess the idea behind the raids was that if the geese couldn't feed on the Sanctuary they'd take to the stubble. It didn't work out that way—they left the area for keeps. If one wishes to drive geese out of a district there is no surer way than with a rifle.

From reports sifting in the black ducks didn't suffer any heavy casualties. Hunters were so set on getting a goose the blacks were left out. Cases are on record where ducks piled into the goose "rig" set in shore fields and the hunters didn't fire for fear of disturbing geese feeding on the flats.

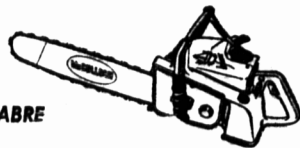
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## U. S. Leads India 2-0 In Cup Finals But Looks Unimpressive

PERTH, Australia (AP)—The American Davis Cup forces met India in doubles today after grabbing a 2-0 lead in the singles of their interzone finals, but they didn't look like a team which would dent Australia's armor in the challenge round later this month.

Herbie Flam of Beverly Hills, Calif., fighting off leg cramps and set points most of the way finally vanquished 19-year-old Ramanathan Krishnan, India's No. 1 player, in a marathon match Friday, 7-5, 4-6, 10-8, 2-6, 6-4.

Then the old reliable Vic Seixas of Philadelphia, in his sixth Davis Cup campaign, whipped past Naresh Kumar, frail-looking captain

of the two-man Indian team, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

The Americans can clinch the series in today's doubles but there is no certainty that the final decision won't be carried into Sunday's final singles.

"These boys have played together a lot and they are tough," said Bill Talbert, U.S. captain who named Seixas and Sam Giammalfa of Houston, Texas, to meet the Indian tandem. Krishnan and Kumar were good enough to carry Seixas and Ham Richardson, a superior team, to five sets at Wimbledon last summer.

"We are happy we are getting into the doubles," said Kumar, a 28-year-old veteran of international competition. "I am sorry we did not split the opening singles, but we should have a good chance in the doubles."

## U. S. Government Grabs Joe Louis Trust Fund

CHICAGO (AP)—A lawyer said Friday a court has approved the federal government's move to seize a \$65,000 trust fund set up by Joe Louis for his two children.

The lawyer, Aaron Payne, said the decision was issued by the United States tax court in Washington. The government has sought to attach the fund set up for the children, Joe Jr. and Jacqueline, as part payment of the former heavyweight boxing champion's tax debt, which was calculated early this year at 1,199,437 in taxes and interest. Payne told reporters that Louis has paid 124,000 on his tax debt in the last three months.

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