

Dept. maintains season highly successful one

Prince Edward Island has always been an active hockey centre and the 1962 season was perhaps one of the most successful for years, due to more participation, an ideal winter, and increased competition. Minor hockey in all centres, and increased competition.

This past season the Island Branch A.A.U. of C. had twenty-eight intermediate clubs registered for Island playdowns. All rinks in the province opened in December or earlier and ran on until April first or later and the Physical Education division of the Department of Education is pleased to report that Minor Hockey which embraces mosquitos, paperweights, pee-wees, bantams, midgets, juveniles and interscholastic hockey had an extremely busy season.

This past season saw the Minors active in Tignish, Alberton, O'Leary, Summerside, Charlottetown, Souris, Georgetown, Montague, and Murray Harbour. In Charlottetown and Summerside a large number of

other ways with these contests) NOTE: The Midget Juvenile and Junior playoffs were run off by the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association. Here is the lineup: Intermediate "B" Parkdale Irving Art Flyers; Intermediate "C" West Royalty Bombers; Junior "A", Charlottetown; Junior "B", Georgetown; Pee-wee "A", Summerside; Paperweight "A", R.C.A.F.; Mosquitoes, Crapaud; Pee-wee "B", Crapaud; Paperweight "B", Montague; Elementary Interscholastic, Summerside Elm Street School; Jr. Interscholastic "B", Parkdale; Jr. H.S.; Jr. Interscholastic "A", Montague and Kensington. These took the form of bringing in authorities on coaching and officiating techniques, distributing rule books, coaching manuals and other helpful material. All were conducted with the past season a provincial hockey school with a record at



NEWCOMERS TO LEAGUE

The Island Senior Hockey League has a newcomer this season in RCAF Eagles. Here three of their own rink Saturday night. They are, Hugh Spicer, Lee Ellis and Gerry Boone. The Eagles open the league Thursday night at the Sports Arena with the defending champions, Sandy's Parkdale Royals as their opponents.

Combines look strong; MacArthur is coaching

There'll be no need for Prince county fans to divide their support this season between Evinrudes and Crystals. The Cape Traverse and Summerside clubs have joined forces under the name of the Prince County Combines.

Promoters found it impossible to ice two teams this season and they got their thinking caps on and came up with the Combines. The result looks good and patrons of Civic Stadium should have plenty to holler about this coming winter.

Both Evinrudes and Crystals (before then it was Aces) gave good entertainment to those frequenting Charlie Fox's rink playground. The Cape boys had an exceptionally 10-1-1 fanbase who followed them from the Stadium to Charlottetown's Sports Arena. The season of 1960-61 Evinrudes went out in easy fashion in the playoffs but last February they turned on their former tormentors, Old Spain Penguins, and ousted them to the sidelines in five games. It was probably the greatest upset the league had ever known but you can be sure Evinrudes and their supporters enjoyed every moment of it.

Cap of the biggest problems facing the Combines' board of strategy will be the deciding who will play and who will watch from the bench. There certainly shouldn't be any lack of material and Combines undoubtedly would like to be able to sign about 25 players.

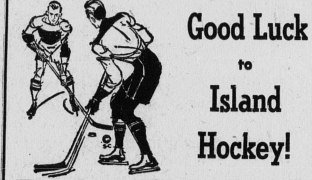
Among the missing will be Grant Grady and Benny Grady, two of the hardest working players ever to perform for a Summerside club. There has been no talking about Benny returning to the ice this season but rumor has it that Grant will try his luck with an intermediate club. Both these boys were great favorites of Prince County fans and their talents naturally were appreciated by those who rooted for other squads.

Managing the Combines will be the Editor Cannon who served in a similar capacity with Evinrudes since they entered the Island Senior Hockey League. Cannon proved just about the most popular guy around the circuit and the decision to have him manage the Combines certainly came as no surprise.

The RCAF Eagles are an unknown. How ever, folks figure the Airman would not have entered if they thought they were ready. They've been practicing faithfully at their own rink and should be in good shape for their opening of a rink against the defending champions, Sandy's Parkdale Royals. That one comes Thursday, November 15 at the Sports Arena in Charlottetown.

Large crowds have been watching all teams in their work-out sessions and if pre-season interest means a thing, they are likely to stay away in droves.

Things have shaped up splendidly and everything seems in readiness for a whale of a good hockey season.



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Island boys going great

Prince Edward Island will be well represented in the Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League this season. Three former members of Sandy's Parkdale Royals are wearing uniforms of Nova Scotia Hockey League team, the Scotia Carol's. Ralph Lee has lined up with Amherst Ramblers, Al Flanagan has gone to Moncton and Freddy Burke will likely return to Windsor now that the Leafs has decided to operate once again.

Ralph 'Boo' Shepherd has returned to Amherst and will perform on the defence for Lou Kiley and company. Ralph suffered a severe eye injury last season in a game at Charlottetown Stadium and was out for the remainder of the season. Ralph was hospitalized for a few days but made an excellent recovery.

There are rumors that George 'Butch' Ward was going to Sydney this season, but 'Butch' is still around in Charlottetown. Ward relieved for the Millionaires in the playoffs last season and the Scotia Carol's liked the style of the Charlottetown defender.

Lloyd 'Toy Toy' Gallant who played last season with the Cape Traverse Evinrudes is back in the Toronto Maple Leafs' chain in Toronto as in Charlottetown's Billy MacMillan.

Forbie Kennedy, of the Detroit Red Wings' organization, is going great guns with the Edmonton Flyers and many are predicting that Forbie will soon get a call from the parent club.

Mentimeters are delighted with the great showing of Sydney's Parker MacDonald who is scoring goals at a great clip for the league leading Detroit gang. Summerside's Alex Faulkner seems right at home with the Motor City boys. The other Mentimeter with Detroit in Lowell MacDonald of New Glasgow. It was this lad who had such an outstanding year with last season's Memorial Cup champions Hamilton Red Wings. At present Lowell is with Pittsburgh.

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