

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

DETROIT RED WINGS are surely not going to allow the front end of the schedule to be the cause of their missing the Stanley Cup playoffs. The Sid Abel-coached outfit is off to a flying start and after three engagements they were still undefeated after meeting Montreal Canadiens, New York Rangers and Chicago Black Hawks. They downed New York and Chicago and held the defending cup champions, Montreal Canadiens, to a 1-1 tie last Saturday night in Montreal Forum.

LAST SEASON just about everybody had a great time at the expense of the Red Wings. They floundered around from October till March going nowhere but into the basement of the National Hockey League. On occasions, they came up with some good performances but these types of displays were exceptions rather than the general rule. On the last night of the regular schedule, Toronto Maple Leafs used them as a stepping stone into that last playoff spot.

However, apparently Sid Abel is a firm believer of forgetting the past and working away at the things that are at hand. There is absolutely nothing that can be done to erase those horrors of the 1958-59 campaign. These events of the past season are recorded in hockey's history book and that's that.

But the Red Wings are at least desirous of adding another page to that history book and they intend making it more readable to Red Wings' supporters. Most of the hockey experts maintain the story of this present season will have an ending much similar to that of last season. They don't think the Red Wings have the necessary stuff to make the playoffs and they are assigning them fifth or sixth place in the standings.

SUCH QUICK DISPOSAL of the Detroit club has maddened Mr. Abel and his band and they are doing their darndest to make these experts look silly. They may not be able to prove the wise ones wrong but right now they are making a fair try at it.

By the time this column is read, the Wings could have picked up another win at the expense of the Black Hawks. The Chicago team was in Detroit last night repaying the Wings' visit of Wednesday.

Probably Walter Alston's success story with the Los Angeles Dodgers has given Sid Abel some real inspiration. Sid knows what the Dodgers did in their first year on the west coast. They played dead for everybody except their "cousins" from Milwaukee. As a result of their poor display, they wound up deep in the second division of the National League, only one spot removed from the loon's cellar.

This spring just about everybody passed them by when considering who might be the league representative in the world series. After all, there was no use wasting time on this bunch of ballplayers who were utterly hopeless in the 1958 campaign. However, the Dodgers' success story of 1959 has been written and young Larry Sherry was the author of the closing chapter. It was the kind of a story that made really great reading and we have a strong feeling that Sid Abel and his Red Wings just gobbled it up. At any rate, it looks like Abel is trying to do with the Red Wings what Walter Alston did with the Dodgers.

GREAT AS WAS the Dodger story, we are convinced that if Abel is capable of getting his Wings up among the league top brass come next March, he will have an even greater year. We think Detroit has greater opposition than did the Dodgers and therefore it will be much more difficult for the Motor City boys to come through with a 'Cinderella' yarn.

Right now, however, Abel and the Wings are hard at work 'writing' their story. How long they will continue on his masterpiece is the question. Perhaps they will tear up the script in a very short time and get back to their ways of 1958-59.

It would be nice if they continued the work they started so successfully last Saturday night in Montreal. The experts still insist it's only a matter of time until the Wings revert to last year's form. But the experts have the habit of looking bad on many occasions.

They never looked worse than when the Dodgers were crowned champions of the baseball world one week ago. So here's hoping they look bad once again.

SPORT FANS throughout the province were saddened last week by the sudden passing of Mark Delaney of Summerside.

Mark was one of the Island's most promising young athletes until a severe head injury forced him to the sidelines. He had starred at hockey and baseball in particular and showed good promise at both these sports. Even after his accident, Mark didn't give up his participation in these sports. He kept pegging away at hockey and baseball but in very limited degrees.

However the head injury suffered in the car accident in Ontario several years ago robbed Mark of his chance of achieving the top in sports that he loved so well. He never fully recovered from that injury and it was that mishap that finally claimed his life.

Summerside has produced some fine young athletes and Mark Delaney must be included in that number. His was a short career, but one that has left its imprint on the Island sport pages.

SAINT DUNSTAN'S Varsity football team has a mighty huge task on its hands tomorrow afternoon when the University of New Brunswick squad pays a visit to the local gridiron.

Even the most ardent Saint Dunstan's supporters isn't talking in terms of victory over the boys from the New Brunswick capital. That doesn't mean that A. J. McAdam's men are going into this battle with a pessimistic attitude. They just realize the quality they must face and they are not trying to fool themselves about the facts.

Last Saturday Mount Allison overpowered Acadia Axemen 107-3. That made the Garnet and Gold from Sackville look like a mighty powerful outfit. There's no doubt that they are just that but the Mounties were not able to handle the boys from Fredericton. Considering that Saint Dunstan's didn't exactly run wild on Acadia it makes the Red and White very definite underdogs in the contest tomorrow.

However, McAdam feels his charges will give a good account of themselves against UNB. Naturally he isn't predicting a Red and White victory but he is sure the Saints will give the New Brunswick visitors an interesting afternoon.

And that's all local football fans should expect of the boys from out Malpeque Road.

A MOST SINCERE APOLOGY to Gil Collins who piloted the Saint Dunstan's Junior Varsity to its win over Prince of Wales team on Wednesday afternoon.

The great quarterback could, we feel sure, have accounted for four majors by himself but he showed great usefulness in setting teammates up for touchdowns. Gil did, however, cross the Welshmen's line for the second Red and White major and what do we do but take the credit away from him. We had credited that touchdown to Basil Gillan but it was Gillan who took Collins' pass to make good on the extra point.

We're sorry, Gil.

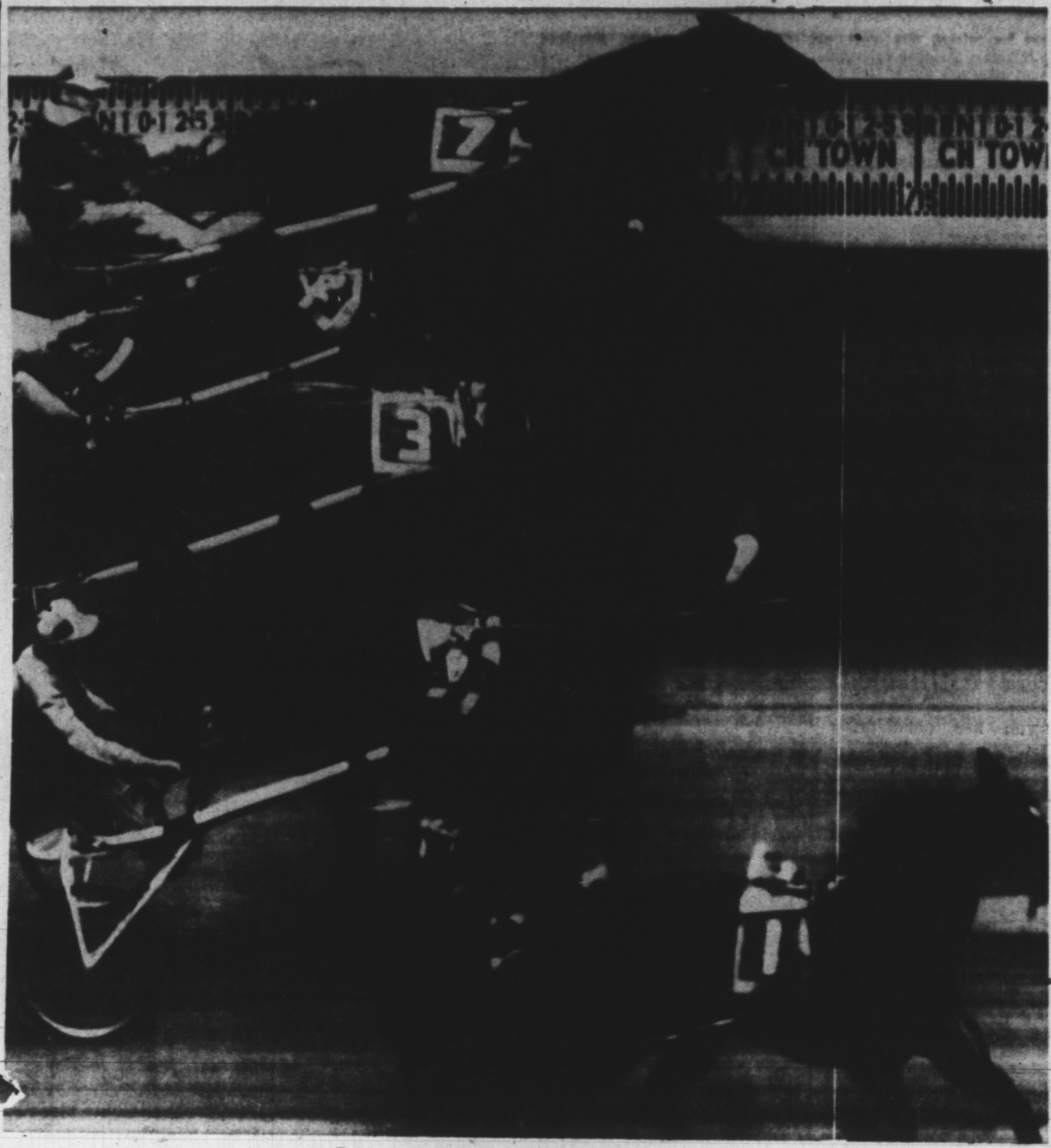
SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

Mark Delaney, who at one time was one of Summerside's most promising athletes, has passed away. While coming home from a hockey match in Ontario some years ago, Mark was involved in a car crash which caused serious injuries to his head, and cut short his hopes of going up the ladder of hockey achievement, perhaps to the top. Mark continued to play hockey but only a shadow of the fast-skating, quick-shifting, hard-shooting star was left. Mark's laughing spirit hadn't been a casualty to the accident, however. Not one of our acquaintances has endured the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" with a gay and more courageous heart than Mark Delaney. It must be a bitter experience for a young athlete to lose his ability to excel in sports right in the prime of his youth. But Mark laughed it off as he laughed of other misfortunes. He had his weaknesses, (which of us has not?) but he had the gift of making people like him, and many people did. Colorful as a participant in sports, as an umpire, and as a spectator, Mark never failed to make people laugh at his hilarious antics. We shall all miss him very much.

Sports fans who watch football on television, and who saw the Argos recently execute the "statue of Liberty" play, must have been struck with the aptness of the name. A real genius must have named this play. The quarter-back drops back to throw a forward pass, and while he is set to throw, one of his backs reverses his field and slips behind him to take the ball out of his hand, and leave him there still in the position of threatening to throw that forward pass, and looking indeed quite a bit like the Statue of Liberty.

The Detroit Red Wings are the biggest surprise package of the young N.H.L. hockey season. Fans expected the Leafs would be tougher this fall, and the Bruins were considered formidable. But everybody was busy cleaning out the cellar to give Gordie Howe and his mates a nice comfortable home for the winter. Anyone offering to bet that they would notch up five points in their first three games and tie the Canadiens in the Forum would have been trampled under foot by the mad rush to cover his money. The Wings may still settle down in the basement, and no one doubts



Here is a battle for place in a recent race at Charlottetown Driving Park. McGee Volo won the dash and is not shown in this photo but five other horses needed the camera to pry them apart. On the outside is Myrtle E. (L. Kelly) finishing second. On the rail and third is Nell's Lad with Horace Willis on the sulky. Fourth is Here An I (Lem Neill) alongside Myrtle E. Fifth and sixth are Cathy Clegg (E. Bonness) who is carrying no. 3 and Rav-

Red Wings Are In Front; Canadiens Top Leafs 4-2

DETROIT (AP) — A pair of second-period goals by Alex Delvecchio, his first of the season, gave Detroit a 2-1 triumph over Chicago Black Hawks Thursday night and lifted the Red Wings into first place in the National Hockey League.

Goalie Terry Sawchuk had a spectacular night in the nets, turning back 29 shots by the Black Hawks. Fifteen of his saves came in a hectic final period as the Black Hawks fought desperately to extract at least a tie.

Sawchuk made two great saves on ex-teammate Ted Lindsay and in the last two minutes dropped to the ice just in time to stop straight-on drives by Ed Litzenberger and Phil Maloney.

Outside of a 10-minute misconduct penalty handed Chicago's Bobby Hull, there was only one minor penalty in the contest. Hull scored Chicago's only goal in the second period when he converted rookie Stan Mikita's rebound. Delvecchio got the tying goal 43 seconds later. He got the winner in the last minute of the second period when he slapped

in a rebound at the corner of the Chicago net. The Red Wings, only unbeaten team in the NHL, have three straight victories after an opening-game tie.

SUMMARY
First period: No scoring. Penalties: None.
Second period: 1. Chicago, Hull (Nesterenko, Mikita) 12:43. 2. Detroit, Delvecchio (Kennedy, Cullen) 13:26. 3. Detroit, Delvecchio (McKenzie, Ullman) 19:05. Penalty: Hull misconduct 13:26.
Third period: No scoring. Penalty: McKenzie 8:17.

Stops:
Hull 10 13 10-33
Sawchuk 7 7 15-29

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Canadiens scored all their goals in the first period Thursday night and turned back Toronto Maple Leafs 4-2 for the Leafs' first loss in three starts in the National Hockey League season.

Four Montrealers had a hand in the scoring—Henri Richard, Jean Beliveau, Marcel Bonin and Dickie Moore.

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Russ Jackson Chose Big 4 Over Rhodes Scholarship

OTTAWA (CP) — Perhaps the only reason quarterback Russ Jackson isn't playing rigger for Oxford University is that he preferred Big Four football action.

Jackson, the young man who seems to make Ottawa Rough Riders tick, pondered the alternatives of a Rhodes scholarship nomination and a professional football career.

Ottawa's gain was Oxford's loss, it was indicated Thursday in an interview with the 23-year-old McMaster University grad who has found a pass-scoring touch to go with his acknowledged talents as a running quarterback. After five opening losses, Ottawa sits alone in second place with five victories.

"It was in April, 1957, when they asked me whether I'd accept a nomination for the two-year scholarship," said the diffident young high school teacher. "It could have been a difficult decision because after all the prestige and opportunities at Oxford are things you dream about."

But Jackson, who came to Riders last year and took over this term as No. 1 quarterback, had dreamed equally long about playing Big Four football.

WAITE DLONG
"I thought the matter over for a couple of weeks but deep down I honestly think my mind was made up from the start. I'd waited too long for a chance to get into pro sport."

Thus, he commuted from Toronto's Ontario College of Educa-

tion for all Rider games last year and still was one of the 35 students recommended for a teacher's certificate without having to write examinations.

On and off the field, Jackson is credited with a cool confidence. "I feel I can throw the ball as far as any one—not as accurately, of course, but experience should straighten that out."

Jackson's speciality still may be rolling out on the option play but last week he took over the Big Four lead in average passing gains with a mark of 9.5 yards in 65 attempts. He also threw three touchdown passes in weekend action against Montreal and scored a major himself.

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NO. 1 - 5-TROT & PACE
1—Bowery Boy; 2—All Budlong; 3—Miss Joy; S4—Nellie Bangs; 5—Colonel Henry; 6—Sonny Budlong; S7—Dusty Harvest; 8—Rena Bell; also eligible—Mildale, Jolly Cavallero.

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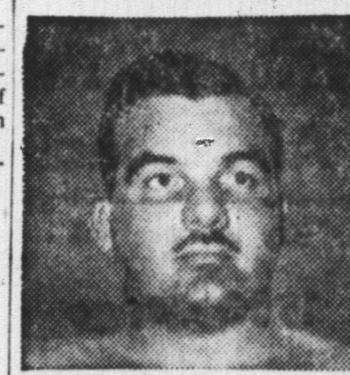


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Athletics Make Player Changes

KANSAS CITY (AP)—The Kansas City Athletics Thursday completed a wholesale shift of player personnel. It involved mostly transfers from farm clubs.

The changes left the club with 38 players on its roster, just two short of the maximum.

Murry Dickson, a veteran pitcher, was given an outright release, and two other veterans, Rev Jablonki, third baseman, and Preston Ward, first baseman, were assigned to Dallas, which has replaced Portland, Ore., in the A's farm system.

Six players, three of them pitchers, were brought up from the farm clubs.

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