

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

NEXT WEDNESDAY the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Curling Association will take place in Summerside. A decade or more ago this group might meet without much stir. Today things are different. The "roarin'" game has made tremendous strides and enjoys a large following. Decisions made at the administrative level are closely followed and provoke plenty of comment.

WEDNESDAY'S MEETING will be presided over by the energetic president Dr. Wen MacDonald and there should be much to discuss. Although from tradition and practice many of the major provincial contests are automatically settled as to site and date, they have to be ruled up and confirmed.

A tentative and partial rundown on some of the major competitions include the provincials playdowns (British Consols) and Confederation bonspiel for Charlottetown; the Dominion Legion, the ladies provincial playdowns, the Maritime Mixed bonspiel and the provincial schoolboys for Summerside. In addition there is the provincial Legion play and other inter-club competitions.

TIME WAS when the ice factor proved a problem but with five clubs all operating with artificial ice, this is no longer true. The increased interest and membership with the resulting boost in competitive entries have made the availability of ice lanes an important consideration.

SPEAKING of the annual curling meeting, there is one person whose absence will be regretted. He is Mr. Curling himself, J. Finlay MacLeod.

Finlay is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital and we know that Finlay's best wishes will go to all curling delegates attending the meeting. Secretary of the provincial governing body for more than 15 years, Finlay has a host of friends who will be looking forward to his recovery.

On and off the ice, Finlay has been a leading exponent of the "roarin'" game and his presence has always added enthusiasm and zest to any enterprise or competition. It is doubtful if any member of the curling fraternity has a greater knowledge of the history of curling in this province than the competent secretary of the provincial association. In Finlay's absence, Gordon Bennett has taken over the secretarial chores.

THE CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE is surely away to a great start with games just as close as they possibly could be.

Saint Dunstan's Seconds played two games thus far and won one by a single point and lost the other by the same margin. Saints' victory came last Saturday night over their arch rivals from Prince of Wales College and their loss was to "Red" Howatt's Junior Basella Youth Club Trotters. Saints weren't happy about the loss because Bert McWade got a basket at the end of things that wasn't counted. However the reason the basket was disallowed was that the timekeeper's horn went out of working order and that the official claimed time was up before McWade let the ball go toward the basket. Instead of grabbing another one-point decision, the Saints were forced to settle for a one-point defeat.

THE WELSHMEN, victims of the one point verdict by the Saints in the opener, fared better on Wednesday and they assumed the role of real giant killers by beating LePage's Trotters 58-54. This was another tight struggle with the outcome in doubt until the very end.

That takes care of three of the four games played to date leaving only the Charlottetown "Y" Junior BYC game to be discussed. This was played last Saturday and resulted in a 48-45 triumph for the Aouth Tubbers.

So there you have it. Four games played to date and the greatest margin of victory was four points. Two of the games were decided by a single point and the other was a three-point spread.

You just couldn't hope for a better balance loop than that. No one team appears to have any edge on the rest of the pack and picking an eventual winner from this quartet should be a mighty difficult chore.

The league has a strong executive headed by that ardent sportsman, Norman Lowther, and there should be nothing but success in store for it.

THE ISLAND HENIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE has several players on the lineups of the four teams that are eligible for as low a bracket as juvenile.

This means that several youngsters are competing against grown men. If, however, they elect to play senior hockey they must expect to be treated as seniors. We know most of these lads personally and they are the type that are not likely to expect any favors thrown their way. This means that they must be ready to take those hard body checks the same as the next fellow. You can't expect opposing defencemen to allow them to roam over their blue-line with a view to scoring goals. If such things were allowed to happen, then the games would lose the great interest they have already established.

HOWEVER, we do think that these rugged defencemen have an obligation that must be remembered. Illegal checking is not part of the game but there always will be some of it creep in when it does, the culprit will be punished as the rule book advises. We are not trying to suggest that such checks should never take place but we are adamant on the point that these bruising defencemen save their bad manners for somebody capable of coping with them. We know defencemen have every right to check these young players and discourage further sallies by them but they should do it according to the book. Surely no defenceman in this league would want to be responsible for serious injury to a young player knowing that he got this youngster by foul means.

Think it over boys.

Penguins Defeat Collegians 10-4

Lorne Hennessey's Perfection Penguins last evening racked up their second victory in three games by defeating Saint Dunstan's 10-4.

This was the first outing for the Saints with only three practices under their belts but they showed promise of being able to hold their own against any of the other teams in league after a few more games.

Penguins opened the scoring early in the first frame with Hughes notching the first goal at the 2:22 mark. The winners counted five goals in this frame to the Saints' one.

PENALTY SHOT Seconds past the half way mark of this period, defenceman Doug Williams, coming in all alone on the Saints goalie was tripped from behind and the Penguins were awarded a penalty shot. Aps Arsenault took the shot and was successful in getting it past goalie Earl Shepherd.

The Saints used two goalies, Earl Shepherd minded the nets for the first half of the game being relieved midway through the second period by MacIsaac, goalie on last year's Nova Scotia Junior championship team.

Gillis, big gun for Saints with two goals, scored the collegians' first marker in the final minute of the period.

Play was quite even in the middle stanza with the Penguins outscoring Father Ledwell's crew two goals to one. However the Saints missed several golden opportunities, shooting and making inaccurate passes.

The tempo increased as the game wore on and near-battles were narrowly avoided in the second and third periods. Referees Spj Ready and Walter Lawlor handed out 13 penalties during the course of the game.

Ryan of the Saints was given



TOP GOALIE

Hank Bassen of Vancouver Canucks displays some of the form that has made him the top goalie in the Western Hockey League. His low goals-against average has kept

(CP Photo)

HUNTER'S CORNER

Southport Sanctuary Seen As Death Trap For Ducks

The sixty-five dollar question at the moment is: Are private waterfowl sanctuaries in reality friends of our ducks and geese or are they factors that eventually lead the birds down the Judas path of betrayal?

Sanctuaries like Black Pond and the National Park are somewhat different from small, inland private places of refuge. They are different because "Pass Shooting" is practically eliminated. The birds come in from the seaward side when they have to run the gauntlet of the guns during their overland flight.

The refuge at Southport was nothing more, or nothing less, than a man-made death trap. I saw it coming a month before the opening date. I told the Southport farmer his set-up was an invitation to murder and advised him to disperse the concentration before it was too late. Upwards of 300 geese were visiting this refuge.

They got so bold they paid no attention to the farmer or his son. Sometimes they fed within a stone's throw from the farm buildings. The "farmer" insisted that hunters wouldn't shoot domesticated geese within a few hundred yards from farm buildings. "Brother," I replied, "you don't know goose hunters like I do. Some of them would shoot a wild goose on your doorstep unless you were standing by with a shotgun in your hands". He found out the hard way how true was this statement.

CASE IN POINT Here is a case in point: Regardless of the fact that it was unlawful under the migratory bird regulations to hunt wild geese within a half mile from this refuge, the farmhouse is a scant 200 yards from the highway and the dam in which the geese wash and get fresh water lies between the house and highway. The dam embankment is less than 50 yards from the Trans-Canada Highway.

One morning about 9.30 a car turned in the farmer's lane entrance and four hunters got out all carrying shotguns. There were approximately 150 geese in the dam at the time. Two walked on the highway to a point opposite the embankment of the dam and waited with their guns at the ready. The other two left their guns standing beside the car and then walked across the farmer's field to the water's edge and put the geese up. They then ran like deer back to the car and grabbed their guns hoping to escape.

One black Monday morning 13 hunters admitted shooting their (Continued on Page 9)

Bruins Edge Rangers 4-3; Habs Increase Loop Lead

BOSTON (AP)—Boston Bruins withstood a third-period New York rally and won their first National Hockey League game since Nov. 8, clipping the Rangers 4-3 Thursday night.

The Bruins forged a 4-1 lead late in the second period, but the Rangers kept it interesting when Camille Henry and Andy Bathgate scored third-period markers and trimmed the Boston lead to one goal.

Bathgate's goal came at 8:28 of the final period, but the Bruins managed to hold on from there. It was New York's sixth game without a victory and snapped a Bruins winless string of seven games.

The Rangers' Ken Schinkel suffered a dislocated shoulder when he was checked by Stan Baluk in the first period. He left immediately for New York.

The Bruins took a 2-0 lead on goals by Leo Boivin and Leo Labine in the first nine minutes. It was only the fourth goal of the season for Boivin, a defenceman, and all have come at the expense of New York.

Harry Howell got one back before the period ended, but Guy Gendron caromed a shot off the forehead of New York goalie Marcel Paille for a 3-1 Boston lead. Paille was not hurt by the shot.

Doug Mohs wrapped up the Bruins scoring at 14:15 of the middle period. **First period:** 1. Boston, Boivin 3:27; 2. Boston, Labine (McKenney, Mohs) 8:28; 3. New York, Howell 9:48. Penalties: Boivin 10:40, Ward 17:45.

Second period: 4. Boston, Gendron (Stasiuk, Erickson) 10:55; 5. Boston, Mohs (McKenney, MacIell) 14:15. Penalties: Howell 12:07, Fontinato 14:05, Ward 15:39.

Third period: 6. New York, Bathgate (Henry, Sullivan) 3:52;

7. New York, Bathgate (Prentice, Bownass) 8:28. Penalties: Baluk 3:48, Ward 16:39, Prentice 17:46.

DETROIT (CP)—Montreal Canadiens, getting two goals from young Phil Goyette, made it 16 straight National Hockey League games without a defeat Thursday night by beating the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 before a standing-room-only crowd of 14,799.

Goyette got the tie-breaking goal halfway through the middle period, timing Claude Provost's rebound off the boards perfectly and crashing a 15-footer past substitute goalie Gilles Boisvert.

Detroit's regular goalie, Terry Sawchuk, went into hospital earlier Thursday with neuritis.

Big Jean Beliveau added an insurance tally in the last 63 seconds. He intercepted Warren Godfrey's shot and skated in alone on Boisvert for an easy goal.

The Canadiens, who increased their margin over second-place Detroit to eight points, have not been beaten since Oct. 17 when the New York Rangers captured a 4-2 verdict in Montreal.

Twice the Red Wings bounced back to gain a tie. The Canadiens jumped out to a 1-0 lead after 5 1/2 minutes, Provost starting the scoring with a 10-footer. Andre Provost's shot hit defenceman Red Kell and died at his feet. Provost swept in on the loose puck and knocked it past Boisvert.

Gary Aldcorn tied it for the Wings when he slipped Gordie Howe's rebound past Jacques Plante from close range.

SUMMARY **First period:** 1. Montreal, Provost 1:10; 2. Detroit, Aldcorn (Howe, Oliver) 12:42; 3. Montreal, Goyette (Provost) 14:22; 4. Detroit, Ullman (Delvecchio, Howe) 18:46; Penalties: McDonald 17:10, Har-

vey 18:55, Ullman 18:55, Beliveau 19:46. **Second period:** 5. Montreal, Goyette (Provost, A. Provost) 11:17. Penalties: Lanvois 3:38, Aldcorn 7:48, McIntyre 13:43, Harvey 16:59. **Third period:** 6. Montreal, Beliveau 18:57. Penalty: Morrison 14:41. **Stops:** Plante 12 11 6-2 Boisvert 8 11 7-26

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Rough Player Reputation Denied By Ralph Goldston

By BERNARD DUFRESNE Canadian Press Staff Writer HAMILTON (CP)—Ralph Goldston, Hamilton Tiger-Cats hard-nosed halfback, may be considered as one of the roughest football players in the Big Four—but he says it's not so.

And looking to Saturday's Grey Cup final against Winnipeg Blue Bombers, he said the defending champions from the west will have to score at least three touchdowns to win.

"I don't consider myself a rough player at all," he said in an interview. "I play hard, but not rough."

Goldston, a friendly athlete who smiles easily, could almost be believed as he slumped in an easy chair, his right leg hooked over the arm rest.

SOURCE OF IT ALL "Most of that reputation as a

rough player stems from the fact of my being thrown out of last year's Grey Cup game.

"But, in fact, most of the penalties I take are for pass interference, not for roughness. You can tell those fans I'm not as rough as all that."

Today's Minor Hockey Schedule

11:00-11:30 — Paperweights - WKS Colts vs Redwings.
11:30-12:00 — Pee Wees - WKS Wolves vs Ducks.

STANDING

By THE CANADIAN PRESS National League

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Montreal	15	2	4	76	39	34
Detroit	10	6	6	61	53	26
Toronto	10	5a	5	50	46	25
Boston	9	10	3	74	81	21
New York	3	13	5	56	79	11
Chicago	3	14	3	44	63	9

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GOAL GETTERS Billy Mulligan, Apps Arsenault and Alife Flanagan each scored a couple of goals for the winners with singletons going to Hughes, Kane, Lewis and MacDonald. Other goals for the losers were by Deschamps and Labrie.
Lanky Ray Hache, rearguard for the college crew in the final frame gave Billy Mulligan of the Penguins a hard check that sent the speedy forward flying over the boards in the promenade. For his effort Hache was given a minor for elbowing. Mulligan climbed back onto the ice and right back into action.
SUMMARY **First Period:** 1. Penguins (Hughes, Duffy) 2:22; 2. Penguins - B. Mulligan (W. MacDonald, V. Mulligan) 12:58; 3. Penguins - Arsenault (penalty shot) 10:30; 4. Penguins - Flanagan (Gillis) 7:59; 5. Penguins - Kane (Hughes) 18:41; 6. Saints - Gillis (Ryne, Marshall) 19:14. Penalties: Williams (2); Coyle, Deschamps.
Second Period: 7. Penguins - Lewis (Flanagan, Williams) 5:38; 8. Saints - Labrie (Deschamps) 7:59; 9. Penguins - Flanagan (Hughes, Kane) 14:09. Penalties: Williams, Whalen Longapite, Hache, Flanagan, B. Mulligan.
Third Period: 10. Saints - Gillis (Ryne, Marshall) 3:33; 11. Saints - Deschamps (Demers) 9:30; 12. Penguins - Arsenault (Kane, Hughes) 12:51; 13. Penguins - MacDonald (V. Mulligan, B. Mulligan) 16:08; 14. B. Mulligan (V. Mulligan) 16:25. Penalties: Arsenault, Williams, Flanagan, Ryan (major), Hache (2), V. Mulligan.

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