



SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

And Still Champions

HEARTIEST congratulations to the Elizabeth Macdonald rink of Charlottetown on retaining the Prince Edward Island curling championship.

The champions went through the week without a loss and clinched the crown with a thrilling comeback Thursday night on the final end. It took a three-ender in the tenth to keep Pauline Burden's Charlottetown rink from sending the competition into a sudden death playoff.

The victory was sweeter for the Macdonald quartet because of the fact that skip, Elizabeth Macdonald, was not allowed to skip in that final game. Mrs. Macdonald had injured herself in the first match of the week and had been given permission to skip her rink without throwing her stones the rest of the competition. However, just previous to the last game, Mrs. Macdonald was informed that she would not be allowed to direct her rink without throwing her stones.

This put a big load on her three associates but this trio was equal to the challenge and they kept their unbeaten record intact with their 8-6 triumph.

WE aren't taking sides on this matter but it seems a mighty strange thing that Mrs. Macdonald was allowed to skip all week and then at the most crucial time have it announced that she was ineligible.

It's only natural that such a happening would cause unpleasantness and we think such a decision was mighty late in arriving. The announcement came as a complete surprise to most participants and spectators in Mrs. Macdonald and her companions who had no idea they would curl their final game without the services of their valuable skip.

We aren't professing to be experts on the matter—far from it—but with curling supposed to be such an outstanding sport, it seems a pity that things like this happen at such critical times. At any rate, the Macdonald rink has come through again and their victory is all the more noteworthy because of their handicap.

Good going, Liz, Nora, Ev and Sally.

S'ide Boys To Halifax

The Canadian Schoolboy Curling championships open Monday at Halifax.

Representing this province will be a Summerside foursome that won the crown a couple of weeks ago at the western capital.

Members of the rink are: Wayne Matheson, skip; Ronald Ramsay, mate; Bob Ramsay, second and Allan Morrison, 16 lead.

The Summerside boys are probably a bit shy on experience but they can be expected to give a good account of themselves in the week-long competition.

All provinces will be represented with two rinks coming from the big province of Ontario. One of these foursomes will represent Northern Ontario, always a hot bed of curling.

These championships are becoming spectacular affairs and the winners of these championships could possibly worry some of the Brier participants. A great many of those going to the Brier these years are products of schoolboy curling.

Here's wishing the Matheson rink the best of curling throughout the week.

NHL Activity On Weekend

CHICAGO Black Hawks visit Montreal Canadiens tonight and they are hoping to move closer to second place Toronto when the night has ended. The Leafs will entertain the New York Rangers at Maple Leaf Gardens. We see the Canadiens and Leafs both emerging as victors.

Sunday night all six teams get into action. Leafs re-visit to New York. Canadiens go travelling into Detroit and Chicago is at home to the lowly Bruins. We like Canadiens, New York and Chicago in these contests.

Check up on us the first of the week.

Patterson, Liston To Fight Says Paper

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Record-American said Friday night it has learned that heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson will defend his crown against top contender Sonny Liston in California in mid-June.

Sports writer Bill McSweeney writes: "A source very close to the champion—in fact the same connection which tipped the Tom McNesley-Patterson match exclusively last summer—said said that Patterson is handling

the negotiations for the bout himself and that the deal is tied up."

The paper reports the unidentified source as saying:

"You can't close these things in a day. It involves an awful lot of behind-the-scenes dealing and that's what is going on now. They have the agreement for the match. Now they have to clean up the angles."

The Record-American says Patterson has sent his lawyer, Julius November, to California for exploratory talks with promoter George Parnassus. The paper says the fight will be promoted by Championship Sports, Incorporated, Tom Belan, president.

York Club Holds Shoot

Following are the results of the shoot held at York on Feb. 14, 1962.

- Lorna Vessey 90
- Raymond Vessey 90
- Jack Andrews 90
- Bill Crockett 90
- A. J. Cluney 90
- Gordon Vessey 90
- Ronnie Johnson 97
- Howard Watta 96
- H. I. Vesey 96
- Jean Andrews 95
- Bill Pidgeon 94
- Willard Murray 94
- Lloyd Vessey 94
- Harry Welton 93
- Laken Lewis 94
- Ernest Prowse 92
- Leigh Vessey 91
- Cecil Watta 91
- Alan Brown 91
- Freddie MacLaren 89
- Frank Vessey 89
- Michael MacCabe 82
- Arthur Brown 82
- Stuart Vessey 82
- Nelson Vessey 82
- Lynn Ernst 81
- Cornelius Pater 80
- Jan Pater 80
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OFF FOR WORLD TOURNEY

Members of Galt Terriers boat train for Western Canada and a series of exhibition games before taking part

in the world amateur hockey championships in Colorado Springs, Col., next month. In high spirits as they pulled out

of Toronto's Union Station, players and officials wave goodbye to friends who saw them off.

S'ide Schoolboy Curlers Leave Today For Halifax

A Summerside rink skipped by Wayne Matheson is off for Halifax this morning and the Dominion Schoolboys' championships which commence Monday.

The Matheson rink captured the Prince Edward Island crown back on February 3 in competition with Charlottetown and Montague curlers.

Skip Matheson is 17 years old and has four years curling experience. For the past three years, he has been a member of the Summerside High School rink—the first two as mate. Wayne plays basketball, football, baseball. In fact he is a most enthusiastic participant in all high school sport activities. Wayne, who plans to attend Prince of Wales College next fall, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Matheson.

The mate of the rink is 16-year-old Ron Ramsay and Grade XI student. It is Ron's third year curling. Last year he played with Sum-Hi rink. Besides his curling ability, Ron excels at golfing, basketball and football. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Ramsay.

Throwing second stone is another Ramsay by the name of Bobby. A Grade XI pupil.

PURCHASES UN BONDS CANBERRA (Reuters)—Australia will buy \$4,000,000 worth of United Nations bonds, the government announced Thursday. The figure is 20 per cent more than Australia's "share" of the regular budget of the world organization.

Bobby never curled before this season. Veteran curlers are amazed at the way the young man came along in his freshman year. Bobby has intentions of going to university when high school is completed. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ramsay.

Alan Morrison throws the first stone. He has three years experience and was second stone on last year's team from Summerside High. He is 16 years of

age and plays a pretty fair game of football. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. William R. Morrison. Alan is also a Grade XI pupil.

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Rangers Face Toronto Twice This Weekend

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
New York Rangers, in danger of slipping out of that vital fourth spot in the National Hockey League standings will face a new power play and a rejuvenated goalie when they move into Toronto tonight.

Rangers burning up the league early in the season, have been caught by the oncoming Detroit Red Wings. Whichever team can hold onto the fourth place spot come semifinal time.

Rangers go twice this weekend—in Toronto tonight and at home to Maple Leafs on Sunday. Chicago Black Hawks visit Montreal Canadiens tonight; the Habs move into Detroit Sunday and Boston Bruins call on Chicago.

In Toronto, with Punch Imlach out of town, King Clancy has been re-assigning the Leafs' power play. Frank Mahovlich is on point, Bob Pulford at centre, George Armstrong on right

and Bert Olmstead on left. Tim Horton is also taking a turn at point.

"We're still looking for a power play that clicks," Clancy said. "This one looks mighty good in practice."

He turned the power squad loose on Johnny Bower in goal and was apparently happy with both.

Bower said he had three days rest and that's about all the time off he wants.

The oldest who won the Vezina Trophy last year as the league's top goalie says he's ready to be benched if Imlach wants it that way, but in his opinion he's about ready to regain his edge.

"It's like a broken record. Every time a team slumps, they say the goalie needs a rest. I felt more tired at this time last season. I honestly feel I'm just starting to pull out of a slump. We've both a battle on our hands to keep second place away from those Black Hawks

and I want to be part of it."

PRESSURE OFF
The pressure is off the Leafs' goalie now that Montreal's masked Jacques Plante has the Vezina locked up.

"However, if Punch thinks a change of goalkeepers will help the team, I'll ride the bench," Frank Mahovlich, native of

the mining town of Timmins, laughed out loud at reports that he had gone home for a bit of skiing.

"I haven't been on skis since I turned pro. That's much to risky a pastime for hockey players. I can see the headline —'Mahovlich breaks leg skiing.'"

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