

SPORT ECHOES

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The hockey season is over, and post-mortems are the order of the day. There seems to be something very wrong with our Maritime set-up when such a powerful team as the Bathurst Papermakers did not represent us in the Allan Cup playdowns. Of course, it was their own choice, as they preferred to finish their league and entering the Allan Cup sweepstakes. Since these Allan Cup games must be played so early in February, it's a pity some arrangement could not be made to suspend the several leagues for about two weeks or so, have sudden death elimination contests to pick out the cream of the Maritimes, and then let the leagues resume operation. This is just a thought, given without too much thought behind it, and might be impractical, but it would be fine if something could be done to put our best foot forward in the Allan Cup struggle.

All sports writers seem to agree that our hockey story on the Island last winter could not be classed as a best-seller. Our fling at mainland competition was not a happy one, partly at least because our senior hockey schedule was broken up without ceremony or warning in mid-season. There are bound to be certain risks in the promotion of hockey, but, at least, its promoters should have an idea what to expect in the way of procedure by each of the participating clubs and the governing bodies. If Amherst's sudden breaking away from our league was strictly regular and above the table, then why were not all clubs aware of this possibility when the league was organized in November? Had they known, it is doubtful if the league would have been formed at all. It would seem that among sports governing bodies there is a great deal of irresponsibility and lack of planning that would not be tolerated in business or political set-ups.

What about next year? Suggestions are being offered so here we come with our two cents worth. Three teams from Charlottetown and one from Summerside seems to be the correct proportion with a possible provision that Summerside do without Charlottetown imports and rely on Prince County. To encourage junior hockey...

No Danger of Ruth's Record Being Broken

NEW YORK (AP)—There's no need to get panicky over the Los Angeles Coliseum's 20-foot left-field fence, baseball commissioner have it stipulated that each team must have at least three junior forwards and one junior defenceman on its roster. Then these sixteen after a full season of competitive play could form a team to enter the maritime playdowns. To get over the "home games" problem that arises with three Charlottetown clubs and only one from Summerside one of the capital city teams could play their home games at Civic Stadium being given special consideration financially for travelling expenses.

We don't expect the hockey powers-that-be to explain, "why didn't we think of that?" and proceed to follow the above plan as if it were a law like that of the Medes and Persians. But sports writers and fans alike would offer suggestions for next year's hockey, some of the best of them might be followed by the boys who will be in charge of promoting Island Senior Hockey next fall.

stoner Ford Frick said Wednesday.

"I don't think Babe Ruth's home run record (60) is in any immediate danger — not on account of the fence, anyhow," he said.

Frick attended opening games at San Francisco and Los Angeles and was one of the few who refused to be alarmed by the short foul line in the Dodger's Coliseum where 14 home runs have been hit in four games.

"I feel this situation has been over exaggerated. It is not an ideal condition, that's true, but this is not a permanent park."

"If it were permanent there would be reason for some concern. But Los Angeles plans to build another park. I see no reason to get hysterical about the situation at this time."

EASY HOMERS

The commissioner did not try to deny the soft aspects of the fence with its 42-foot screen.

"There will be easy home runs there sure — in fact, I saw a couple," Frick said. "But a lot of the home runs will be legitimate — balls which would be homers in almost any park. And also hits which might go for home runs in other parks may be just singles at the Coliseum."

"One reason I feel there is no danger to Ruth's home run mark is that the league's home-run hitters are not the pop-ball type of sluggers. They hit the ball on

Rifle Shoot

The following are the results of the Civilian Small Bore Rifle shoot held April 17th. Scores are the aggregate of two targets with a possible of 200. A. M. Johnston and Bill Rogerson were the winners of the chickens for the top score in each class. The next line drives.

"So they won't be making too many home runs at the Coliseum while some others who hit hump-backed fly balls may get homers they ordinarily would not get. But I am not worried."

| CLASS I | |
|-------------------|-----|
| A. M. Johnston | 195 |
| Alf MacDonald | 195 |
| Ted Smith | 195 |
| Leonard MacDonald | 193 |
| G. MacDonald | 192 |
| George MacLennan | 192 |
| Roy Coles | 190 |

| CLASS II | |
|----------------|-----|
| Bill Rogerson | 188 |
| P. T. Hooper | 187 |
| Danny Clark | 168 |
| Bert Patterson | 180 |
| Allison Gillis | 176 |
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St. Pius X Parish Club Awards Prizes At Banquet

The first banquet, which is anticipated to become an annual affair with the members of St. Pius X Parish Club was held last evening in the recreation hall of the church at Parkdale with a large attendance.

Featured at the meeting was the presentation of prizes to the bowling winners as a result of winters activity. Presentations were made to Mrs. Mary McEachern who won both the Ladies High Single and high three. The gentlemen's high single and high three went to Joseph Gallant. High average went to Garnet Livingston. Individual prizes were awarded Joe McEachern (Capt.), Mrs. Mary McEachern, Mrs. Irma

SPORT FORUM

Steele-Ramsay Fight Set For Summerside On May 8

Sir.—Roy "Tiger" Steele, Charlottetown welterweight who recently decided to pay his poll tax in New Glasgow, N. S., in the future, will attempt to continue his climb back into the big money bracket when he fights Bud Ramsay of Alberton, May 8th at Civic Stadium in Summerside. Just in case Steele's presence isn't enough inducement to Island fight fans, promoter Charlie Hogan also matched New Glasgow welterweight contender

Synod Lauds Toe Blake

MONTREAL (CP) — Hockey coach Hector (Toe) Blake of Montreal Canadiens was cited at the 9th Anglican Synod Wednesday as "a model educator."

Rev. Paul Busing, chairman of the adult education committee, told delegates that workers in the field of religious education should emulate Mr. Blake, who Sunday guided the Habs to their third straight Stanley Cup.

"When Toe is coaching the Montreal Canadiens he doesn't just concentrate on the Rocket (Maurice Richard). He concentrates on the whole team, and that is why the Canadiens were so successful."

He said if religious education were to be successful all members of the community must cooperate in the work.

Podres Back Next Week

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ace southpaw Johnny Podres of the Los Angeles Dodgers will be able to pitch next week.

Podres, going in rare form against Chicago Cubs Tuesday night, had to retire in the seventh inning because of pains in his pitching elbow.

Dr. Robert Kerlan, after examination of Podres' arm Wednesday, said he would be able to take his next regular turn.

Podres strained his elbow on a change-up pitch. He has had back, shoulder and elbow ailments for some time.

USEFUL TREE

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