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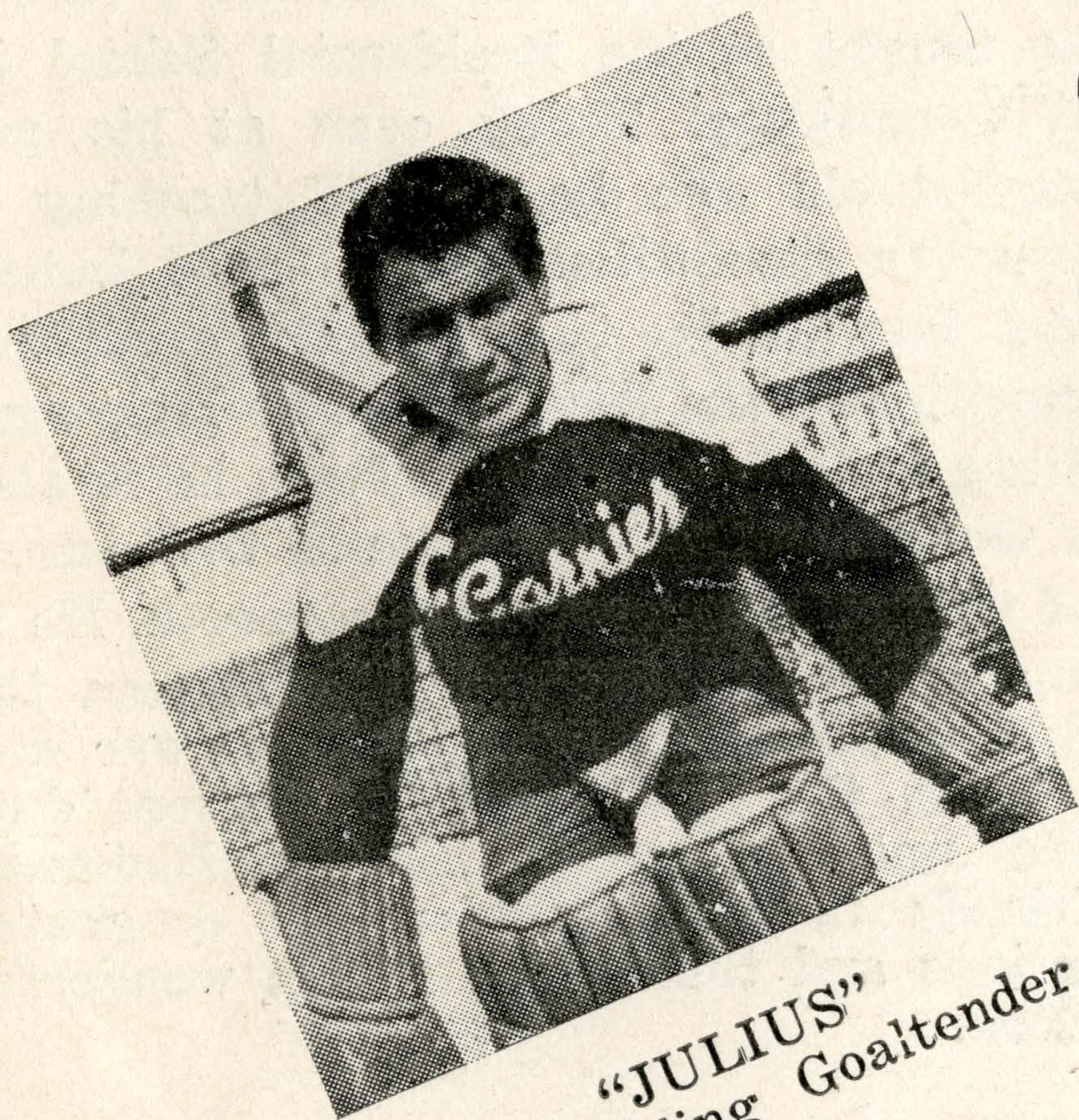
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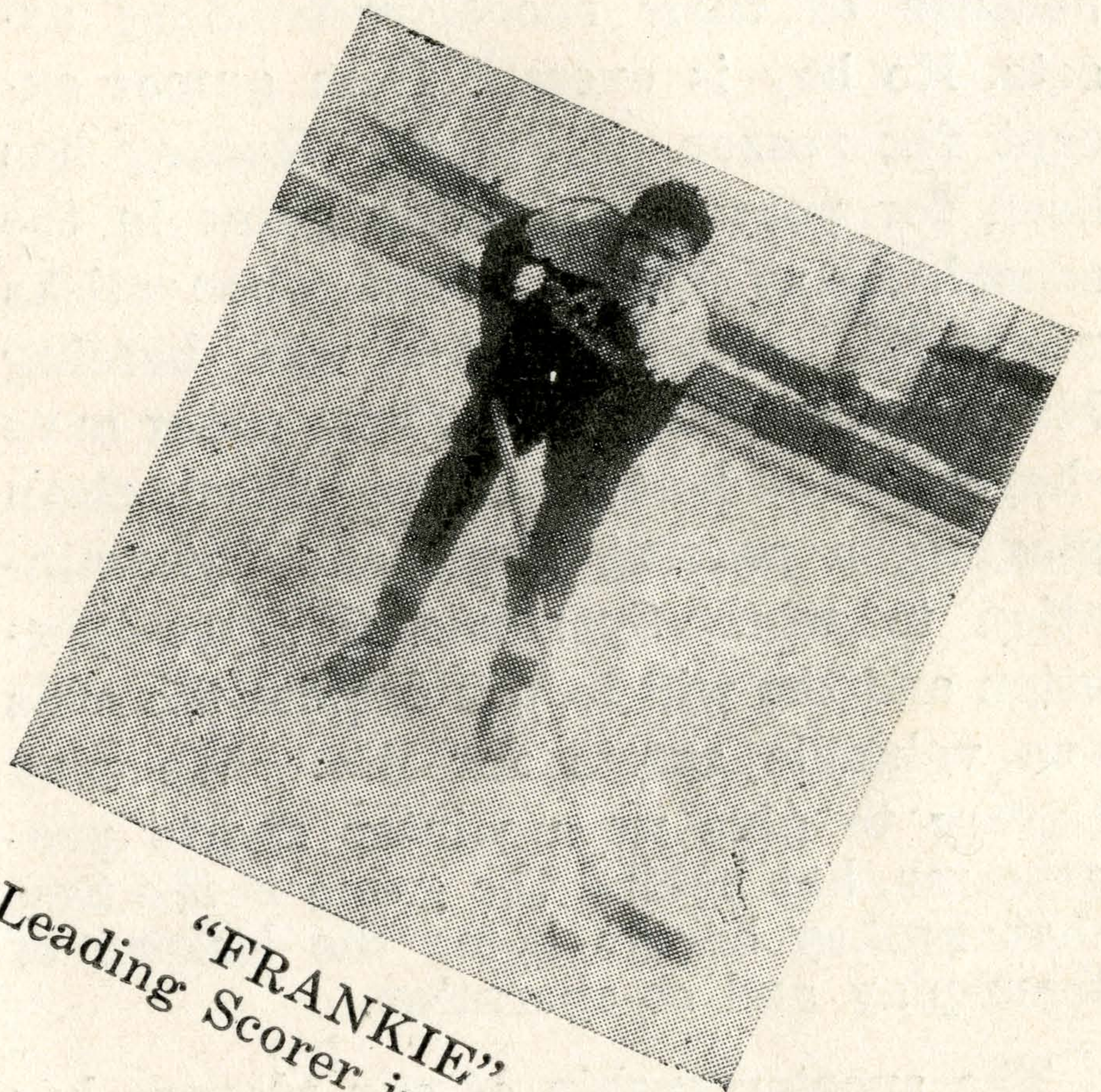
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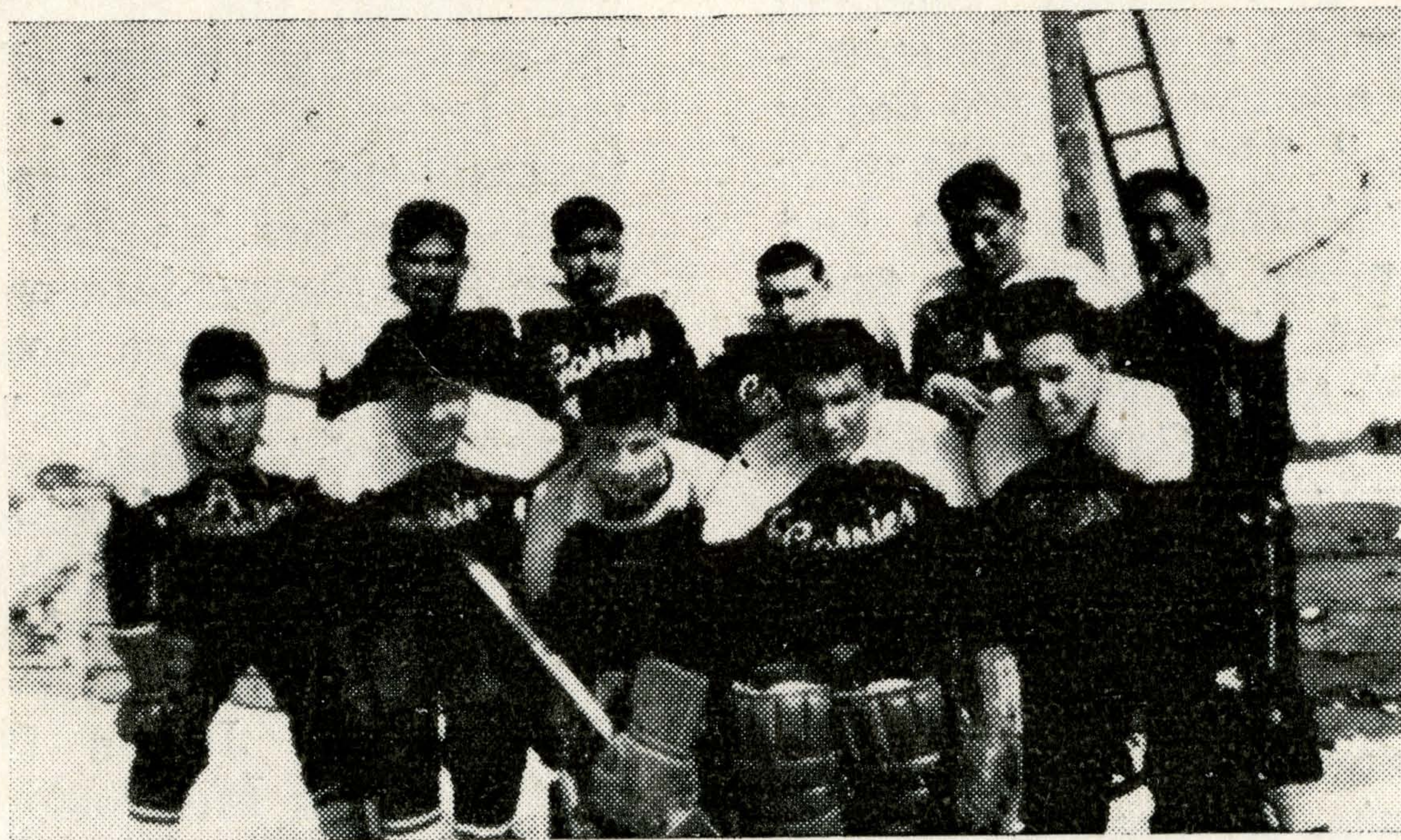
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"JULIUS"
Outstanding Goaltender



"FRANKIE"
Leading Scorer in N.S.H.L.



GARNIER

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EDITORIAL

Garnier has always emphasized sports because of their character-building assets. No boy is exempt from games except for reason of illness. Hockey has been for years the leading game in the school. Away back in 1924 when sticks were 24c each, Garnier was beating Massey and Webbwood. Three notes have characterized hockey at the school, clean playing, a passing game and determination to win. Sportsmanship, co-operation and the will to win despite the odds are valuable assets for life. We play hockey to give us a winter sports programme, but behind the game is the fact that hockey brings home the lessons of team-play and co-operation.

The sportsmanship of our players has given Garnier a good name in all the local rinks. We play the game and let the other teams fight and quarrel with the referees if they wish. As one local newspaper said, "The dozen Spanish puckchasers are always a welcome sporting unit. They are always in there doing their best possible." This year Garnier was outweighed, outnumbered. We had only a certain number of players good enough to stand the strain of Intermediate N.O.H.A., yet gave every team in the league a good battle. Garnier had no injuries and this was due to one factor. We played clean hockey and every team did the same when playing against us.

Hockey has a definite place in our school schedule because of the formation it gives the students. In the class room the value of co-operation is stressed, the ideal of playing the rules of the game and always giving one's best is taught. On the rink these important lessons are put into practise.

VETERAN MISSIONARY

Father Richard Joseph Richard, S.J., was the recipient of many congratulatory letters and telegrams on Feb. 6. The grand old priest reached his ninety-sixth birthday on that day. He has worked in our district for over sixty years and his parish at one time extended from Byng Inlet to Michipicoten Island. He saw the first train enter the Soo, the first horse and buggy reach Blind River. In the first days of his missionary career he taught at the Residential School in Wikwemikong. Today even at his advanced old age he is still teaching a younger generation how to read Indian and English. He is one of the great authorities on the Ojibway Indian language. Since his memory is excellent, he is also a veritable treasure house of the history of the North Shore and Soo region. He is one of the few living links between the first missionaries who came to our district in the 1850's and the present day. We unite with all Father Richard's friends in offering him our congratulations and thanks for all his wonderful work.

On the night when the Varsity team was away, the remaining Seniors held their skating parties. From all comments the boys and girls certainly enjoyed themselves. It was reported that a few of the skaters blocked traffic by tripping over imaginary bumps on the ice. The St. Joe girls were hosts for the annual Mardi Gras Dance. It was our first dance in 1950 and the first party of the year attended by the members of the hockey team. Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, therefore we celebrated with fitting gaiety. Honorine O'Trudeau, Tilly Mac Wemigwans, Julius O'Neganigijig, Ernest Shamus MacNadjiwan and Cecil O'Halligan King with all the other colleens and bhoys, put their best foot forward in honour of glorious St. Patrick.

Ernest MacNadjiwan and Lillian O'Peltier took the dancing prize.

INTRA-MURAL HOCKEY

When December rolled along with all its mild weather it looked as if there would be very little hockey. This year we had a record number of intra-mural league games because we had only one big snowfall. We could play hockey every day in January and February without wasting time shovelling snow. The Senior teams played 30 games each and the Intermediate teams 24 apiece. There are twelve intra-mural teams in the school, so that makes a great deal of hockey (and we know it by the number of sticks we used).

Senior Play-offs.

Semi-finals — Maple Leafs vs. Red Wings (two games - total goals) Maple Leafs defeated Red Wings 9-4. Black Hawks defeated Canadiens 8-4.

Finals:

Maple Leafs vs. Hawks — Hawks won after a five game series.

Intermediate—

Maple Leafs emerged victorious.

Juniors—

Canadiens captured the title.

Midgets—

Semi-finals — Maple Leafs vs. Canadiens 2-0; Black Hawks vs. Red Wings, 12-5.

Finals — Black Hawks vs. Maple Leafs, 5-.

The Junior and Midget games were perhaps the most interesting. Half the rink was used for their games and the little fellows battled hard. The goalies copied the styles of the big stars and did everything but stand on their heads to stop the puck.

NIGHT HAWK LEAGUE

Two teams led by such stalwarts as Dominic McComber, David Joeko, Ernest Nadjiwan, and Cecil King battled twice weekly for supremacy. The scores of the games were not given to the press but by Dominic's jubilant expressions we can conclude that his team won most of the games.

N.O.H.A. Garnier Hockey Team

Last year Garnier won the district NOSSA (High School) title. In the 1950 season we were faced with a problem. None of the local High Schools were strong enough to face our powerful squad and there were no Juvenile or Junior Associations in our district. Our only alternative was to enter the North Shore Senior Hockey League, which is intermediate. The calibre of the hockey in this league can be judged from the fact that Blind River, the winner, is rated next to the Soo Greyhounds. We lost several games but made an impressive showing for a team whose age average is 17.

Garnier 5, Espanola All Stars 12.

This game was played immediately upon the return of the boys from the Christmas vacations. Lack of practise told heavily against us. Julius was outstanding in goal.

Garnier 5, Espanola All Stars 7.

A week's practise improved our defensive tactics and we outplayed Espanola in the last period. Frankie and Basil were the stars.

Garnier 3, Blind River 6.

Blind River had a fight on their hands. We won many friends with that contest. An official of the Sudbury Hockey League was so impressed that he asked us to enter junior competition in the Nickey Belt region. Julius and Eli played outstanding games.

Garnier 8, Thessalon Legionnaires 5.

Thessalon expected a walk-over and felt confident of taking, as they said, "the kids". Frankie rapped in six goals. The last period was rugged, but Garnier stood up well. The first line of Frankie, Eli and Alfie showed speed and style. Rudy played a great game for sixty minutes.

Garnier 8, Massey Seniors 5.

Garnier was over-confident and had an uphill fight before winning. Alfie Cooper was the star of the game.

Garnier 6, Blind River 10.

Blind River had already vanquished every intermediate team in the district and in the Soo by at least five goals. We held them until the third period. Stars—Julius, Frankie and Eli.

Garnier 9, Thessalon Legionnaires 9.

This was the most exciting game of the season. Thessalon played well and got an early lead. Ten minutes overtime was played. Garnier tied the score with 45 seconds left to play. Stars—Rudy and the first line.

Garnier 17, Massey 4.

We could do nothing wrong. The second line was playing well and the defence fed the forwards. Stars—Defence and A. Trudeau and C. Trudeau.

Play-offs.

Garnier landed in the third spot with Thessalon. In a sudden death game, Garnier 7, Thessalon 5.

Semi-Finals.**Garnier 4, Blind River 7.**

The boys jumped into an early lead and had Blind River 2 behind. The teams battled evenly until the third period when Blind River Athletics' superior weight and three good lines plus four defense men tired the school team.

Garnier 3, Blind River 8.

Blind River determined to finish the game in the first period. We came back in the second and the score stood 5-3. Blind River pressed hard in the final period to win.

(Blind River beat Garnier in semi-finals 15-7; Espanola 14-5 and Wawa 18-7.)

League Sharpshooters

Frankie Commanda, Garnier, with 30 goals and 6 assists, won the scoring honours in N.S.H.L. He topped Pitre, Blind River, by 14 points. Garnier's first line averaged the highest number of points in the league — 67.

Stars of Tomorrow

A team depends on the youngsters coming up from the intermediate ranks. Fr. Belyea has had the most promising players among the 12 to 14 year old group learning the fundamentals of hockey. There is some promising material among this group.

David Fox, Peter Armstrong, Arnold Nadjiwan, Terry Jacobs, Raymond Neganigijig, Boniface Abel, Emmett Chiblow, Joe Bonaparte, Jimmy Norton, Stanley Trudeau, Gordon Manitowabi, Gilbert Whiteduck.

Newspaper Comments

Blind River, Feb. 23—Thessalon and Garnier teams of the N.S.H.L., used the local arena to play off. The speedy lads from Spanish despite the fact that their weight was very light compared to their opponents, made a good showing. They were also outnumbered and their defence-men played practically sixty minutes. What they lacked in numbers they made up for in speedy and cagey carrying of the puck."

Massey, Feb. 2.—"The Garnier lads play a classy brand of hockey and are always a welcome sporting unit. Although outclassed in weight and numbers they are always in there fighting."

Blind River, Feb. 25.—In the second period the score stood 5-3 for Blind River. Frankie Commanda had rattled in three quick goals to let Blind River know that Garnier was still in the game. Blind River from then on settled down to play a hold-em game. For the visiting team Frankie and brother Eli with Cooper were a menace to anyone trying to get that puck away or ahead. The Garnier goalie was outstanding all night.

Espanola Standard, Jan. 19—"After a week's practice the Collegians from Spanish bounced back to give the local lads a hard game. In the third period, led by Frankie Commanda, the Spanish team swarmed around the Espanola net, brilliant work by Thompson saved the local team from defeat. The Collegians although light and short of men are a game outfit.

Invitations

Garnier was invited to play against the Soo Juvenile All Stars, but N.S.H.L. schedule prevented an acceptance. After the N.S.H.L. was finished Garnier was invited to enter the Sudbury District Junior play-offs. Visiting Sudbury officials said that Garnier was equal to anything in the Nickel Belt. The offer was declined because it would interfere with class work.