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ABBIES EVEN UP ISLAND LEAGUE STANDING

Local Team Overwhelms Crystals In Fast Rugged Encounter By 11-3 Score

A tireless, fast-skating band of Abegweits last night knotted the Island Hockey League standing at a game apiece by decisively and in a workmanlike way defeating the Summerside Crystals by an 11-3 score in a game that was reminiscent of the rugged battles these two teams staged in years gone by.

Handing out 24 penalties with 13 going to the locals, Referee Roy Prowse had a tough assignment in keeping the players under control. But he ruled with an iron hand and as a result the only real flareup occurred in the last minute of the match when Bowness, Crystal defence player, punched an Abbie player after deliberately charging him into the boards.

Goals and penalties came thick and fast and as a result two Abbie players pulled the "hat" trick in a wild and woolly second session after Crystals had matched the Abbies' first period goal Gordon Stewart with the Crystals playing shorthanded slammed in three counters in the space of 58 seconds. He had just left the ice for a rest when Ab McKinnon, the sparkplug of the Abbie team last night, bettered his mate's performance as he went through a goal on three occasions to slam three behind the Crystal goalie in exactly 30 seconds. These were the highlights of a game that saw the Abbie team dominate the play throughout. Crystals were minus the services of Montgomery and Gallant, due to illness, but it would not have mattered much on the outcome. The young Abbie team, with last year's juniors leading the way, were "hot". The forwards continually outskated their rivals and a stiff defence trio and an alert goalie made the balance of a surprisingly strong outfit. Crystals never gave up trying but they just couldn't beat Stull who at times rose to brilliant heights in robbing attackers of goals.

Abbies Get Opener

There was only one goal shot in the first period and it went to the Abbies; there was evidence then of what was to come, and in the penalty-infested middle canto Abbies raced far to the front by shooting seven counters to the Crystals' one. There was no doubt of the outcome of the game then but the torrid, rugged play kept up during the windup period. Crystals came back strong in the early minutes to shoot a pair of tallies, but in the last six minutes of the game the fighting local team poked the volcanic behind the over-worked Crystal goalie three times.

Next Game Tuesday

The next game is scheduled for Summerside Tuesday night next. Crystals with that bad game out of their system will be much tougher from here on. They are no set-ups by any means and the league is anything but decided. It is probable that a special team will be run for the encounter and it is to be hoped that a large crowd of fans will take it in and lend their vocal support to a team that surprised with their showing last night.

Abegweits dominated the play during the first period with the Kelly, McFarlane, Cudmore trio continually harassing the Crystal defence with smooth passing attacks. McFarlane in particular looked mighty good as he displayed a tricky shift coming into the defence that let him into the clear on no less than three occasions, but twice he shot wide of the mark.

The period was only 51 seconds old when the locals shot the opening goal of the session. Crystals raced into Abegweits territory but Johnny Kelly poked the puck away to get a break. Racing to center he shot a forward pass to McFarlane at the blue line and Archie split the Crystal defence wide to beat Larkins with an ankle high drive to the corner.

Dickie drew the first penalty of the game for knocking, but Abegweits did not have a scoring chance. As Dickie returned, however, Bradley was sent into the clear on a lovely pass by Whitlock but the winger was wide with his shot. Seconds later Cudmore missed an open net as Larkins lay sprawled on the ice. Kelly's penalty gave Crystals a chance to press and when Pound and Cahill followed him for high-sticking, Abbies were two short. Crystals kept play in Abbie territory but Stull saved the day by robbing Steele from outside the crease.

McKinnon's penalty left Abbies shorthanded for the third time in the period but Crystals again failed to score and in the last 30 seconds, McFarlane again shot wide as Stewart sent him in on a well-timed pass. A penalty to Hogan left the Crystals a man short ending the period.

Second Period

It was a scoring parade and a penalty parade during the middle session with eight goals being shot and 11 penalties, including a major being handed out. Crystals knotted the score 2 minutes and 42 seconds after the start when Jackie Schurman took a Hogan's pass inside the Abbie defence and drew Stull out for the equalizer.

Still pressing, Stull saved the day for Abbies by robbing Campbell at the Crystal center raced in close. But here the parades started. Dickie took a tripping penalty and not a minute later Saunders followed him to the cooler. Kelly fed Stewart a pass at the line and the latter played in to pick off the corner. Playing two short Cahill and Campbell were both dangerous for the visitors but couldn't beat the cool Stull. Dickie came back on but Stewart in exactly eight seconds shot two goals to give Abbies a 4-1 lead. The first came from a mix-up and 8 seconds later, McFarlane's pass to again beat the overworked Larkins.

Stewart's three goals came in 58 seconds but immediately after the change of lines Ab McKinnon came out to better his mate's performance. Crystals were 2 short and Abbies one when McKinnon shot three counters in exactly 30 seconds. The first one came as he worked his way out of the corner to slide the disc in. 22 seconds later on a three man break Ab drew Larkins out to score again and eight seconds after that he beat the Crystal goalie with a high, backhand drive. That gave Abbies a 7-1 lead but five minutes from the end Cudmore increased it battling in his own rebound after McFarlane sent him into the clear with a well timed pass between the defencemen.

That was the end of the scoring but in the last five minutes Abbies showed their fighting spirit. Three times they played two short but the Crystals couldn't break through a stubborn defensive system plus the cool, brilliant net-minding of Stull.

Penalty Parade

The penalty parade continued throughout the final period with the Abbies again outscoring their rivals 3-2. A tripping penalty to Ab McKinnon at the five minute mark of the session saw the Crystals take full advantage and in 26 seconds they shot two goals to make the score read 8-3. Steele, outwitting the Abbie defence inside the blue line shot the first as he slid the disc under Stull as Ray went down to save. Clint Howatt was the marksmen for the next as he took Campbell's pass just outside the crease and backhanded the rubber high into the corer.

As the teams continued to play shorthanded Abbies struck back sharply at the 14 minute mark. McKinnon shot his fourth goal of the game at 14:25 taking Carmichael's pass deep in the corner and then working his way out to beat Larkins cleanly. One minute and 16 seconds later this same player fed Bradley a scoring pass at the Crystal line and exactly one minute after that Johnny Kelly breaking away from a Crystal attack waltzed in unmolested to score as the lone Crystal defender fell to the ice as he made to block the Abbie center out of the play.

In the final minute of the game fireworks which had been threatening all night very nearly broke out. Bowness, Crystal defence player, carrying a chip on his shoulder all evening, charged Kelly into the boards; as Referee Prowse blew the play down, for no reason at all he hit Kelly on the jaw. The young Abbie player was dazed by the blow and as he made an effort to retaliate players jumped in between the pair. Bowness received a major for his actions while Kelly took a minor sentence. Both players were in the penalty box when the game ended.

SUMMARY First Period

- 1. Abbies, McFarlane (Kelly) 5:1. Penalties: Dickie, Kelly, Cahill, Pound, McKinnon, Hogan. Second Period 2. Crystals, Schurman (Hogan) 2:42. 3. Abbies, Stewart (Kelly) 6:27. 4. Abbies, Stewart 7:17. 5. Abbies, Stewart (McFarlane) 7:25. 6. Abbies, McKinnon 9:38. 7. Abbies, McKinnon 10:00. 8. Abbies, McKinnon 10:08. 9. Abbies, Cudmore (McFarlane) 14:26. Penalties: Dickie (2), Bowness, Hogan, McFarlane, Saunders, Bradley, (major) McFarlane, Pound, Hogan, Whitlock. Third Period 10. Crystals Steele 6:57. 11. Crystals Howatt (Campbell) 7:23. 12. Abbie, McKinnon (Carmichael) 14:25. 13. Abbie Bradley (McKinnon)

Millionaires And Glace Bay Capture Tilts

(C.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 7.—Second-place Sydney Millionaires cut down North Sydney Monarchs lead in the Cape Breton Hockey League tonight with a 2-1 victory over the pacesetters while Glace Bay strengthened its third-place position with a 7-3 win over Reserve Miners.

The results left Sydney 2 games behind Monarchs, Glace Bay third and Reserve fourth. Resignations of an official and a coach, fights and free scoring featured the doubleheader. Kenzie MacNeil who formerly played with Saint John, quit as Millionaires coach before game time and then went out and scored two goals. Gene Connolly, second referee, refused to act in the second game.

Penalties were drawn by Joe Joseph of Reserve. SUMMARY First Period 1.—Northside, B. Clarke (Murray Quirk) 13:55. Penalties: None.

Second Period 2.—Sydney, K. MacNeil (MacAdam) 8:00. 3.—Sydney, K. MacNeil 8:55. Penalties: None.

Third Period No scoring. Penalties: None.

SECOND GAME GLACE BAY—RESERVE SUMMARY First Period

1.—Reserve, F. Morrison (Williams) 1:06. 2.—Glace Bay, Robert Anderson 2:51. 3.—Glace Bay, S. Brooks 15:10. Penalties: None.

Second Period 4.—Glace Bay, Robert Anderson 1:20. 5.—Glace Bay, Rod Anderson 1:50. 6.—Glace Bay, Joe Joseph 2:40. 7.—Glace Bay, J. MacPhee 16:00. Penalties: Joseph.

Third Period 8.—Reserve, F. Morrison (T. Williams) 1:25. 9.—Reserve, B. MacDonald 5:25. 10.—Glace Bay, R. Anderson 8:05. Penalties: Joe Joseph, K. McInnis (majors). Referee: Allie McEween, New Waterford, Gene Connolly, Sydney.

Black Hawks Purchase New Defenceman

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Chicago Black Hawks, struggling to keep out of the National League's American division cellar, purchased defenceman Virgil Johnson today from St. Paul Saints of the American Association.

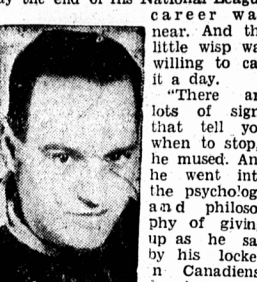
Johnson, 26, will report to the Hawks tomorrow and probably will be used against Montreal Maroons Sunday. He has been with St. Paul four seasons and last year was regarded as one of the Association's standout rear-guard. The sum involved in the straight cash deal was not announced.

15:41. 14. Abbies, Kelly 16:41. Penalties: McKinnon, Pound, Bowness (minor and major), Dickie, Carmichael, Kelly. Referee: Roy Prowse. Lineups: Abbies: Goal, Stull; defence, Saunders, Carmichael, Pound; forwards, Whitlock, McKinnon, Bradley, Kelly, McFarlane, Stewart, Cudmore, Kennedy. Crystals: Goal, Larkins; defence, Cahill, Dickie, Bowness; forwards, Schurman, Steel, Howatt, Campbell, Hogan.

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Veteran Canadian Wingman To Ring Down Curtain On Brilliant Career This Year

(By Jack Calder) (Canadian Press Staff Writer) MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—It took Aurel Joliat 16 years to come to hockey's twilight, but he knew to the end of his National League career that he would stop near. And the little wisp was willing to call it a day.



JOLIAT

"I'm through at the end of this season and everything around me tells me so," Aurel smiled. "Look at those kids now." He pointed to Paul Haynes making George Brown scream under a hot shower by throwing cold water on him.

"I used to be able to mop around and take this game like that—but all that has changed just recently. Some time or other you lose that something that makes you go. You can't move as fast or think as fast. The people want to see youngsters coming along and when you know they're talking that way you just finally decide to quit." It would be hard to leave Canada after 16 years and the little man knew it. "Oh, I can carry my share the rest of this winter, though," he went on. "I couldn't help giving everything for a coach like Cecil Hart.

"I've been pretty lucky at that. I've been in this League longer than anyone ever has. But I remember the day when the defencemen never hit me. Now they bowl me over and don't bother looking to see if I've gone right through the ice." Joliat still fits into the Canadian picture and into Cecil Hart's plans. On a recent night he scored his team's only two goals and he still can pivot on a dime and lay down a pass that's easy to take. When playoff times comes they'll place careful scrutiny over the dangerous dealing wingman—"pesky" they call him.

It seemed out of place to ask him the hackneyed question about career highlights, but Joliat seldom talks as long as he talked today. This time he had to think twice. "I guess I got as big a kick out of my first full year as out of anything. That was 1923-24 and Canada went all the way to the Stanley Cup—the hard way. We had to beat Ottawa, then Vancouver and finally Calgary." That was a good year, even compared with 1933-34 when Joliat won the Hart Trophy as most valuable player in the league.

"Just a minute—that's not right either," he paused. "I'll tell you the biggest thrill I ever got out of hockey. It was when Canadians brought Cecil Hart back as coach last year and bought Howie Morenz back from New York. That put us right back in the league and I felt like a kid again. Say, if Howie hadn't died we'd have won the Stanley Cup last year—he was a great Howie." There was going to be no turning back now that he had made up his mind. "Now this is the last season. Say it this way you like but it's definite to me."

Close Games Feature "Y" Basketball League

Two close games featured last night's contests in the Y.M.C.A. basketball house league. Grads edged out the Y-Knots 23-22, after coming from behind at the opening of the second half, while Prince of Wales College scored a 25-23 win over Esquires. The Collegians led 11-10 at half time. Esquires held the lead until three minutes before the end of the game, but Prince of Wales overtook them.

The line-ups: Y-Knots: Godkin 5, Beer 4, Partridge 0, Glover 1, Harper 0, Matheson 4, Stewart 6, Cullen 2. Grads: Millie 4, Smith 0, Jones 0, Storey 0, Partridge 4, Muirhead 9, Cox 6. Esquires: Rice 6, Young 7, Walker 6, Weeks 2, Langille 2. P. W. C.: Brown 8, Larter 7, MacDonald 6, McKinnon 3, Hughes 1. Referee: Earl Goss.

"Bitsy" Grant Reaches Final

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Drillon To Be Honoured At Game Tonight

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Fred Apostoli Hangs Kayoe On Fred Steele

By EDDIE BRIETZ Associated Press Sports Writer NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Fred Apostoli, former San Francisco bell hop proved his right to be called the No. 1 challenger for Freddie Steele's middleweight crown by stopping the champion in the ninth round of their 12-round non-titl bout in Madison Square Garden.

Referee Arthur Donovan stopped the fight to save a bleeding, battered and dazed Steele from further punishment. Weights were 158 3-4 for Steele and 161 1-2 for Apostoli. Steele was badly whipped and called for Donovan to start the fight at the start of the ninth. The champion's finish came as the climax of a dramatic and extraordinary series of developments in the seventh round. Steele was bowled off his feet at the outset of this round by Apostoli's rush, then given the benefit of approximately a 10-second rest, after claiming foul from a terrific hook to the groin.

No fouls are recognized under the New York State boxing regulations, but Donovan exercised his own judgment in calling a brief halt to the proceedings while Steele writhed in apparent pain. Under the circumstances many ring-siders thought that the rules called for Donovan to start a count, without regard to the effect of the low blow, but the referee gave the champion the benefit of the doubt instead, before the fight continued.

Both judges, Charley Lynch and Marly Monroe, agreed with Donovan's judgment, but the unorthodox proceeding caused howls of protest from the crowd besides provoking arguments among the ring-siders. It was described as an unprecedented occurrence by Brig-Gen. John J. Phelan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission. Donovan said he acted within his discretion in giving the obviously injured Steele a brief respite.

The crowd of nearly 8,000 fans was treated to one of the most savage battles Garden customers have looked at in years. Leather was flung from all directions. It was fairly even until the seventh round turning point. Apostoli dug in with a rushing attack to the head and body and had the champion virtually out on his feet late in the seventh and again in the eighth. At the end of this round, Steele was so groggy he attempted to go to Apostoli's corner.

In the ninth, it became clear that it was only a matter of time. Twice before Donovan stepped between them and waved Steele to his corner, the San Francisco backed the helpless champion into the ropes as he fired away with rights. On the Associated Press score card, Steele was credited with four rounds and Apostoli with five, including the unfinished ninth.

Scot Curlers Conclude Visit To Saint John

(By The Canadian Press) SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 7.—Touring Scottish curlers were given an enthusiastic send-off tonight as they left for Sherbrooke, Que., after a three-day stay in Saint John, second port of call in their trans-Canada tour. The visitors dropped four out of five friendly matches with New Brunswick curlers during the afternoon, after winning three and drawing one in five morning contests. They lost all four Strathcona Cup matches yesterday, to trail seven matches to one in contests with rinks across Canada.

Janette Royal 2:04 3-4, daughter of the great pacer sire Gratlan Royal 2:05 1-4, and a very successful performer herself as mentioned above, at one time held the track record at Fredericton. It was the same year in which she had won a \$10,000 pacing stake and a lot of lesser ones for the ex-Canadian horseman Alan J. Wilton, now of Boston. Janette Royal has produced two foals to



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Sampon Hal 2:02 3-4, one a three year-old and the other a two-year-old. The two-year-old has been purchased by George Buntain (Charlottetown, who brought Sampson Hal to this Province. The little fellow is being carefully looked after by Harry Welsh and will likely be pointed for the Provincial Futurity next Exhibition. With his breeding and speed in heritage he should be a very valuable pacer.

Here's a record for our friend Ernest Gallant to shoot at... Jean Clutch of Cleveland, Ohio recalls the time eighteen years ago when he, and a helper shod 220 horses in 36 hours, and he personally shod 52 horses in one day! Believe it or not, as Ripley says.

Decision 2:05, five-year-old stallion by Proctor (3) 1:59 1-4, has been sold for export to far away Rumania. He will be raced, and after his racing days are over it is planned to use him in the stud. Europe is certainly looking up as a market for trotters.

At Orlando, Florida, there are 107 colts in training, distributed as follows:— Ben White, 20, Tommy Berry 11, W. K. Dickerson 11, Fred Egan 7, and the Mc-Namara Stables 7.

Joseph T. Beaudoin, Therefore Mines, Quebec, is offering for sale some 20 highly bred trotters and pacers including the stallion Caretaker (4) 2:05 1-4, Petroguy (3) 2:04, Wedgemere Volo (3) 2:01 1-4 and Prince Hal 2:04 1-4. Caretaker is the sire of a four-year-old that took a record of 2:12 at Brockton last season. His stock is highly thought of in Quebec. Mr. Beaudoin has a number of good brood mares and some ready-to-race material. He is a large buyer at sales such as Indianapolis and New York.

Walker Cox has named one of his colts Christopher, after his friend Dr. F. W. Christopher of Boston. The three-year-old is a full brother to Volomite 2:03 1-4, sensational sire at Walnut Hall Farm. Indications are that Christopher will make a very useful trotter as he is good mannered and has plenty of speed.

It is claimed that horses winter trained at Pinchurst, N.C., win more races than those stabled at any other place in the United States. Prominent among the exhibitors from that region are Dean Hanover 1:58 1-2, world's champion three-year-old, Promoter 2:04 Chief-Courier, 2:02 1-2, Little Pat 1:59 1-4, Lee Hanover 2:00 trotting and Lee Hanover 1:59 1-2 pacing.

A visitor there recently, says that never before has he seen a yearling trot an eighth in 17 seconds prior to January 1st, but that feat was performed by a filly owned by Stacey Smith. There are plenty of other good colts and fillies too, the place is alive with speed. Maritimers have an interest in Pinchurst because of the presence in Dr. Parshall's stable of Jane Azoff 1:59 1-4 and Baronet 2:05 1-2 owned by Hedley T. Fulton, Upper Stewiacke, N.S.

The greatest trotter in Germany is a five-year-old son of the ex-American star, Walter Dear 2:02 3-4. Probet is the five-year-old son. Probet took a record this season of 2:04 1-2 and 4:20 for two miles.

By the way, American trainers are beginning to find out that it pays to work their horses at irregular distances rather than stick to the conventional mile heats continually. The discovery came because of Boston. Janette Royal has produced two foals to

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