

Week-end Games In N.H.L. Leave Team Standings Unchanged



DETROIT 2, BOSTON 0
DETROIT, Dec. 28 (AP)—With goalie Harry Lumley marking up his second shutout of the season, Detroit Red Wings tonight defeated Boston Bruins for the fifth straight time this season, 3-0, before 13,256 fans in a National Hockey League contest here.

Local sport activity during this holiday season is at a low ebb. Both hockey and basketball games will not be resumed until the New Year when the regular league schedules will get underway. The heavy fall of snow, however, should give all those interested in skiing or snow shoeing an opportunity to enjoy an outing.

Outdoor rinks throughout the country which usually get going about this time are having their own difficulties in combatting the elements. Reports from many centres, however, state that enthusiasm runs high and that volunteer workers are fast clearing snowed in arenas to enable the carrying on of skating programs and inter-mural hockey games.

Roy Conacher, who wouldn't play hockey for the New York Rangers when they had him, told his story of a change of heart in an interview recently. He said his brother, Lionel, talked him out of retirement to that when the Chicago Black Hawks made a bid for him, he was prompted to come to terms. Conacher's tale is simple enough to gain the credence of anybody who wishes to believe it, but the Ranger front office is openly skeptical. The story is too hot. The Rangers feel they never had a chance of getting Conacher.

Conacher said he had "no comment" with a French accent on the second syllable. He said he wouldn't talk about it until it was over. Then, on being prodded, he gave forth with this yarn.

"Lionel was out shooting in Calgary. He read this story that I was going to quit hockey and had some rushing home to Toronto. He was indignant. He told me I was too young to give up hockey."

"This was the day after Boucher, manager Frank Boucher of the New York Rangers, last visited me. I like Frank. I like New York. But when Boucher saw me I was dead set against coming back to hockey."

"The next day I got an offer from Bill Tobin of the Hawks and I accepted. Not only was I persuaded by Lionel, but my other older brother, Charlie, who was out hunting in Ontario and he also talked me out of retiring."

However, the Rangers look a little like they were victims of collusion. They feel they got a raw deal, not only injurious to New York hockey, but personally to Boucher, who never tried harder in his life to satisfy a player.

The fact is they know them as these: About the time Conacher agreed to terms with Jack Adams of Detroit for a reported \$7000 Boucher called the Red Wings and consummated the deal for Conacher. Adams told Boucher that Conacher was heading for his home in Toronto. He asked Boucher to reach the player there and make a final settlement. When Boucher saw Conacher in Toronto, Roy apparently had decided to quit.

Something, it seems, made Conacher change his mind between the time of his departure from Detroit and his arrival in Toronto. What that was the Rangers do not know. But they don't like it.

Hockey, as everyone in the sport knows, is a syndicate business. There is a financial tie-up between the Hawks and the Red Wings. Jim Norris, Sr., president of the Wings, also controls the Chicago Stadium.

Johnny Gottselig, coach of the Black Hawks, was unable to shed much light on the deal. All he knows about it is that Tobin told him the day the Hawks arrived in Toronto, that Conacher was on his team.

"One other thing I know," Gottselig said, Conacher's first contract with us was not acceptable to Clarence Campbell, President of the National League, so that before Roy played his first game

DETROIT remained in second place despite the triumph, while Boston failed to gain on idle Montreal in their two-way deadlock for fourth place.

Summary
Scoring—None.
Penalties: Gallinger, McCall, Egan, 3, Stewart (major), Sandford.

Second Period
1—Detroit, Pavlich (Conacher) 13:17.
Penalties: McCall, Lindsay, Gallinger.

Third Period
2—Detroit, Horeck (McPadden, Guidolin) 3:30.
3—Detroit, Conacher (D. Morrison) 19:10.
Penalties: None.

TORONTO 1, NEW YORK 1
NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (CP)—Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Rangers battled to a 1-1 deadlock at Madison Square Garden tonight in a National Hockey League game marked by 15 penalties.

A sell-out crowd of 15,925 watched the League leading Leafs gain the tie at 6:04 of the second period when Howie Meeker, firing with his back to the cage, drove a 15-footer past Sugar Jim Henry in the New York net.

That goal annulled a 1-0 lead which the Rangers had taken at 12:12 of the first period when Phil Watson pulled Turk Broda out of position and slanted a short shot into an open net on passes from Grant Warwick and Buddy O'Connor. The result left the standings unchanged, Toronto holding first place five points ahead of the runner-up Detroit Red Wings who defeated the Boston Bruins 3-0 in the only other Sunday night game.

12:12 of the first period Montreal behind Detroit and two ahead of Boston and Montreal Canadiens, deadlocked for fourth place.

SUMMARY
1—New York, Watson (Warwick, O'Connor) 12:12.
Penalties—Barliko, Junda, Einlekl, Leswick 2, Klukay, Gardner.

Second Period
2—Toronto, Meeker (Thomson, Kennedy) 6:04.
Penalties—Thomson, Leswick, Meeker, Junda.

Third Period
Scoring—None.
Penalties—Smith, Warwick, N. Metz, Watson.

MONTREAL 3, CHICAGO 1
MONTREAL, Dec. 28 (CP)—Chicago Black Hawks tried their best to make coach Johnny Gottselig's swan song a winning one here Saturday night, but they ran into goalie Bill Durnan on one of his hot nights and dropped a hard-fought 3-1 decision to Montreal.

Fresh from a pair of one-sided victories over New York and Boston last week, the Hawks' luck ran out when they faced Durnan who turned in some remarkable saves, especially in the first period when Chicago held a wide margin in territorial play.

The triumph boosted the Habituants into a temporary fourth place tie with Boston Bruins who dropped a close one at Toronto. The game marked the end of Gottselig's term as bench pilot of the tail-end Hawks. Charlie Conacher will replace him this week when Johnny moves into the front office as manager.

SUMMARY
First Period.
1—Montreal, Campeau (Dussault, Bouchard) 15:50.
2—Chicago, Mosenko (Gee, Dickens) 19:04.
Penalties—Vatiras, Leger.

Second Period
3—Montreal, Leger (Laycoe, Reay) 8:05.
4—Montreal, Blake (Locas, Lach) 19:58.
Penalty—Bouchard.

Third Period
Scoring—None.
Penalty—Laycoe.

TORONTO 2, BOSTON 1
TORONTO, Dec. 28 (CP)—The world's champion Toronto Maple Leafs completed the 1917 portion of their National Hockey League season Saturday and had reason to feel modestly proud of it.

With us, he had to sign a new contract calling for the terms he had agreed with Detroit, less \$100 for each of the six games he missed with the Wings.

SPORTING NEWS

DECEMBER 29, 1947 THE GUARDIAN, CHARLOTTETOWN PAGE SEVEN

Chuck Worthy, Purple Valley In Money At Toronto

TORONTO, Dec. 28 (CP)—Chuck Worthy and Purple Valley, the two Maritime horses entered in Saturday afternoon's Dufferin Park trots were both in the winning money. There was a good crowd and a fast track.

Chuck Worthy driven by Roy Campbell ran third in the \$250 two-heat sixth event with two seconds.

Purple Valley, also driven by Campbell came fourth in the \$300 two-heat second race with a loss and a second.

The Count B. owned by J. W. Brown of New Liskeard, Ont., and driven by Chappy Chapman won the free-for-all \$300 fourth event with a second and a first, setting a season record of 2:18 in the second heat.

their title-defence record, for they led the parade in at least four departments.

A crowd of 14,157 fans saw the Leafs increase their League lead to five points as they downed the fourth-place Boston Bruins 2-1. But it was a costly victory as defenceman Garth Bossch suffered a twisted left knee and will be out of action for a week.

Goalie Turk Broda was less than seven minutes from his fourth shutout of the season but even the puck that slipped by him left him with the best goals-against record in the circuit and rail position in the race for the Vezina Trophy.

Captain Syl Apps added an assist to continue to head that department with 18 and the effort gave him a total of 31 to lead the point-scoring race.

SUMMARY
First Period
Scoring: None.
Penalties: Flaman, N. Metz, Barliko 2, Egan.

Second Period
1—Toronto, S. Smith (Eskinicki, Apps) 9:54.
Penalties: Henderson, Eskinicki, Gallinger, D. Metz.

Third Period
2—Toronto, Lynn (Kennedy, Meeker) 5:48.
3—Boston, Babando (Henderson) 15:41.
Penalties: Klukay 2, Egan 2, Meeker, Gallinger.

Crescents Edge Saint John Beavers 3-2

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 28 (CP)—Enlivened by fighting between Joe Lay and Tommy O'Neil, with subsequent major and misconduct penalties to both, a winter-time Senior Hockey League fixture here Saturday night ended in a 3-2 edge for Halifax Crescents over Saint John Beavers and bunched the first three teams in the Big Four standing.

Two points now separate Crescents from the second place Moncton Hawks who in turn are two below the leading Truro Bearcats while Beavers remain last, eight behind Crescents.

The Halifaxians rammed home a goal a period, with Beavers opening the scoring in the first and ending it in the third session of the close-checking game. Saint John had more shots on goal but Gummie Gilroy, in the Halifax cage, was hard to beat.

Fast-skating George MacGregor, in on the Halifax plays, was considered the outstanding player of the night.

Summary
First Period
1—Saint John, Wade (Jackson) 29.
2—Halifax, Charlton (MacGregor) 12:02.
Penalties—Lay (major and misconduct), O'Neil (major and misconduct).

Second Period
3—Halifax, MacGregor (Gaudet) 11:57.
Penalty—Gray.

Third Period
4—Halifax, Sullivan (Gray) 10:26.
5—Saint John, Price (Butler) 17:57.
Penalties—Metcalfe, Wade, Redmond.

Pick Lesnevich As Fighter Of The Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—Despite the furor created by Jersey Joe Walcott's 15-round stunner against champion Joe Louis Dec. 5, editor Nat Fleischer of Ring magazine today named Gus Lesnevich the light heavyweight champion, "fighter of the year" in his 23rd annual review of the world's boxers.

In a copyrighted article appearing in the current issue of his magazine, Fleischer gives Walcott credit for having been a "one-night sensation," but contends that Lesnevich, in coming back from a long lull in the United States Coast Guard and winning four important fights during 1947, did more than any other man "to improve the standing of the sport."

However, as balm to Walcott's myriad supporters, Fleischer gives the Camden, N. J. veteran a set of "special awards." First, he has awarded Jersey Joe a medal for "an outstanding performance" and second, he has bracketed Walcott with Louis in group 1 among the world's heavyweights. All the others are in group 2.

Fleischer has created a new award for the "rookie" boxer of the year, to be given to the fighter who makes the greatest slides out of the unknown class this year. First to win the honor is Laverne Roubach, a middleweight.

Two Canadians were mentioned in the ring rankings. Johnny Green, Canadian welterweight champion from Montreal, was ranked No. 5 in group 2 of the 147-pound class and Fernand Gagnon of Quebec City, No. 9 in the bantamweight division.

Name Top Men In Major Ball Leagues

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28 (AP)—Branch Rickey, Brooklyn Dodger president, manager Bucky Harris of New York Yankees and Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox outfielder, were named Saturday as No. 1 men of the year in the major leagues by Sporting News, baseball weekly.

It was the third such award for Williams, who was selected No. 1 player by the newspaper in 1941 and 1942. Rickey also was cited previously, in 1936, when he was vice-president and general manager of St. Louis Cardinals.

Trainer Of Horses Dies At Age Of 85

CLEVELAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—Mike McDevitt, 85, developer of trotting and pacing champions owned by the late Capt. David Shaw of Pittsburgh, died Friday night.

He and Shaw raced such trotters as Prince Loree, Peter Mac Grace, Kentucky futurity winner, Joan, Peter S.

REMEMBER WHEN

Gilbert Dodds (The Flying Parson) of Boston was named winner of the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy, four years ago today. The award is made annually to the amateur athlete in the United States judged to have done most to advance the cause of sportsmanship during the year. At the time he was holder of the national indoor mile record and the outdoor 1,500-metre crown.

Think Conacher Will Have Difficult Task With Black Hawks

(By Bert Allen)
MONTREAL, Dec. 28 (CP)—Charlie Conacher has bowed in as a big league coach with Chicago Black Hawks, but whether the old bullet-shot artist of Toronto's famed Kid-line will be able to lift the Hawks into contention will be interesting to watch.

Although the National Hockey League doormats have been showing signs of making it tough for the other clubs lately, Dink (Montreal Gazette) Carroll said his first reaction on learning that Conacher would succeed Johnny Gottselig, was the thought that "big Charlie can't tend goal."

"But he may know where to lay hands on a goalie," said Dink, "and if he does it will help the Hawks a lot."

It's easy to see that Dink is on the right track, for a glance at the standings before the week-end games showed Chicago were the highest scoring team in the circuit, but have had 121 goals scored against them, 31 more than any other team.

Dink thinks that the other N. H. L. teams have a too high personal regard for any goalkeepers within their organizations to deal them to the Hawks and have them try to operate behind that shaky Chicago defence, and gives out with this appropriate little jingle:

"That ain't jam, it must be jelly.
'Cause jam don't shake like.
The Gazette scribe feels the Hawks will play a little better for Conacher for a time, just as they did for Gottselig when he took over, but if they don't get some defensive aid they will settle back to the old level."

Coach Dick Irvin of Canadiens thinks Conacher will help the Hawks, Dink reports.

"He's the driving, forceful type—on or off the ice," was the Montreal mentor's comment.

guson asks how a guy is supposed to rate the N.H.L. clubs on their past performances so far this season. It can't be done, says Fergie citing these games which upset all calculations:

"Leafs, who hadn't scored a goal on Montreal ice previously this season, came to Montreal and blanked Canadiens. . . Rangers, beaten in New York by Canadiens last out, went to Detroit and set down the second-place Wings without a goal. . . Chicago win the weakest goaling in the League, hitherto, betook themselves into Boston and deluged one of the League's greatest netminders, Frankie Brimsek with rubber. . . Before that, Rangers had invaded Toronto, beat the Leafs, then Canadiens went to New York, whipped Rangers, but couldn't score a goal on Leafs last Thursday."

It appears there's no such thing as form in hockey, says Fergie, but at the end of a season, oddly enough, the best team is generally on top.

Sport Shorts From Britain

LONDON, Dec. 28 (CP)—Officials of Bolton Wanderers football club have a beaming smile for the feminine fans. They find the gals—about 4,000 attend home games—restrain the wilder elements.

"The more the merrier," says Manager Walter Rowley. "They (the women) lend tone and grace to football crowds."

But not all the feminine supporters go to the games to "tone down" the more vociferous male fans who can use some choice expressions. The club is tipped about up-and-coming youngsters and the women sign their names to the "this is a coming international player" report.

CURLING NOTICE

MEMBERS CHARLOTTETOWN CURLING CLUB
Supper Meeting—Winchester Banquet Hall
December 29, 1947—6 P.M. Sharp
To elect Skips and Mates and to approve execution of mortgages on property

OVERCOAT SALE

200 Men's Winter Overcoats

The Finest Stock In City

Clearing At 33 1/3% Discount

Velours, Elysians, Crombies, and Fleeces. Sizes 34 to 46.

SALE NOW UNDERWAY

-- An Added Feature --

Men's Suits, Trousers, Sheep-Lined Coats, Parkas, Melton Jackets and Leather Coats at

25% Discount

KELLY & McINNIS

Phone 141 Charlottetown Gt. Geo. St.

THRILL TO SKATING

Week By Week Hundreds Swing
Along On Flashing Steel Blades
Why Not Join The Happy Crowd?
SKATE OR PROMENADE TONIGHT THE FORUM