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Navy And Saints Open City League Finals At The Forum Tonight

The City Hockey League finals open at the Forum with Saints and Navy tangling in the first game of a best out of five series to determine the City champion and holders of the Dr. F.C. Dougan Trophy won last year by the Legionaires. Winners of their semi-finals series against the Summerside All Stars and Prince of Wales both teams will be at full strength for tonight's important opening clash and the consensus of opinion among the fans is that the game should produce a hard-hitting, close checking struggle all the way.

Saints will be slight favorites to win the honors but there is no underestimating the strength contained in the Navy lineup. They will be probably overshadowed by the faster skating University crew but will make up for that deficiency in the rugged, hard-hitting style of play they are adept at, a style that is figured will bother the fast breaking University team considerably.

Game time is set at 8.30 and Forum officials announced yesterday the encounter would get underway sharp on time. Fans, are asked to co-operate in obeying the non-smoking rule which has been in effect all season long.

Here is how the Navy will lineup: goal, Davis; defence, Carmichael, Pound, McDonald; forwards, Jay, Higson, Perry LeClair, Strain, Kelly, McGregor.

Chicago Scores 4-1 Victory Over Detroit

CHICAGO, March 9 —(AP) — Chicago Black Hawks defeated Detroit Red Wings 4-1 tonight for their first victory here this season over the League-Leading Wings. Goalie Emil Francis was well on his way toward a shutout when Sid Abel blasted one in for the Wings with only 67 seconds to play.

The victory enabled the Hawks to move into fifth place in the N.H.L. race one-half game ahead of Montreal, idle tonight. They still have some mathematical chance of overhauling the fourth-place Boston Bruins to get in the Stanley Cup play-offs, but a very slim one at best.

Tomorrow, the same two teams meet at Detroit with the Wings sporting four victories in the five previous clashes.

The Hawk victory enabled Bud Poile, Gaye Stewart and Doug Bentley each to close ground on the league's leading point-maker, Buddy O'Connor, of New York Rangers. Poile scored one of the four goals and now is in second place with 54 points, two behind O'Connor. Stewart and Bentley are tied for third place with 53 each.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Chicago, R. Conacher (Bentley) 11:33
Penalties — Horeck, Nattrass.

Second Period

2—Chicago, Bentley (Moslenko) 11:31
Penalties — Gadsby, Guidolin.

Third Period

3—Chicago, Poile (Stewart, Bodnar) 9:22
4—Chicago, Moslenko (Bentley) 9.-46
5—Detroit, Abel (Howe) 18:33
Penalty — Kaleta.

Bathurst Plays At Summerside Friday

The Bathurst Papermakers will meet the Summerside All-Stars at the Crystal Rink, Summerside, Friday night in the first game of a home and home total points series for the N.B.-P.E.I. intermediate hockey championship, it was announced at Summerside last night. The second game will be played at Bathurst on Tuesday, March 16.

Sydney Sunbeams In Junior Semi-finals

(By The Canadian Press)

SYDNEY, N. S., March 9—Sydney Sunbeams advanced to the Maritime junior hockey semi-finals tonight with a 6-2 victory over St. Francis Xavier University Juniors.

St. F. X. won the first game of the two-game total-goal series 5-3 and at the end of 60 minutes tonight Sydney led 4-2. With the series tied 7-7 Sunbeams potted two goals in overtime.

Sydney now will face Halifax St. Mary's in the Nova Scotia final and the winner will take on the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island champion—Saint John Marroons or Charlottetown Abegweits.

Practice For Kinsmen Team

There will be practice for the Juvenile Kinsmen at the Forum this evening from 6 o'clock until 6.45. All members of the squad are asked to make it a point to be on hand for the workout.

The final chapter in this season's City Hockey League story will get underway tonight at the Forum with the Navy and Saints clashing in the first game of a best out of five series for the league title and Dr. F. C. Dougan Trophy, and according to all indications the series should be just as hard fought as any that have been witnessed here since City League competition got underway back in the war years.

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Still the favorites, Saints are very liable to meet up with stiff competition from the hard fighting, close checking Navy squad. Although they did not appear at their best in their series against Prince of Wales, which incidentally is not meant as any reflection on the City collegians' showing, the "Tars," judging by the opinion of a great many fans are being looked upon as being able to give the Kane-coached crew a whale of a battle and it will not be a bit surprising if the series goes the full limit of five games.

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Coach Walter Lawlor will likely depend upon the same squad that set back the challenge of the Welshmen. Since that time team members have been getting in every available practice session possible in addition to some of them performing with the intermediate Abbies squad, and the team should be about ready to go at full speed throughout the entire sixty minutes of hockey.

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Saints, fresh from a victory over U.N.B. in the N.B.-P. E. I. intercollegiate finals, will likely remain pat on their lineup, a lineup that have yet to meet defeat in Island play. Boasting speed and smart passing plays the University crew, with Jackie Kane at their helm are going to prove tough nuts to crack as they go about seeking a City Hockey League title that so far has eluded their grasp.

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The City Basketball League semi-finals, first bracket, also gets underway this evening at Prince of Wales Auditorium with Navy and Prince of Wales clashing in the first game of a two-game, total points series. Anyone picking a winner of this series would definitely be going out on a limb for in the last few games of the basketball schedule there has been little or no difference noticed in the strength of the two squads.

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Navy, boasting experience and with the addition of Michelson have come along very fast of late after a nearly disastrous slow start. After their last couple of performances during which they won one and lost one they served notice they are distinct threats to retain the title they won handily last season, and it could very well turn out that the winner of this series which is now on tap will go on to win all the honors.

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Prince of Wales, handled by Walter Goss, who has done a remarkable job in whipping his young charges into shape and who at the start of the season appeared destined for the junior league, have been the most surprising team in the league. In their first two or three games they exhibited form that was hardly expected. At that time they were considered as being mere "flashes in the pan" but their steady performances throughout the entire schedule has placed them in a much higher ranking and as we stated above if they get by the Navy team it will not be one bit surprising if they capture all the league honors.

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And the teams will not be battling only for the honor of the league title. Crockett & Storey, Ltd., well-known business firm of the City have donated silver trophies that will go to the members of the winning team. The trophies which stand about nine inches high will be eagerly sought by the players and the donors are to be commended on their generosity and thoughtfulness in endeavoring to further interest in this branch of sport.

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Congratulations are in order to "Windy" Steele's intermediate All Stars on their capturing of the Island intermediate hockey title on Monday night. The squad which were on the receiving end of some tough lickings from the hands of local City League teams early in the season have come along remarkably well of late and Monday night they were certainly deserving of their victory.

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They halted the favored Abbies squad in their tracks time after time and although at times their defensive methods were not to the liking of the fans nevertheless they proved effective and in the final minutes of the game they were masters of the situation and were full credit for their victory.

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Entering the Maritime playdowns the team is apparently at their height. Although they boast no outstanding stars they work well together as a unit. Team work has been the keynote in their rise to the top of Island intermediate hockey ranks and when they start out along their playdown trail they will have the best wishes of every Island hockey fan behind them.

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Coach "Windy" Steele has done a remarkable job. Last year it was this same player who guided Moncton Hawks to the Maritime Big Four League. Electing to stay at home this season he again proved his worth by welding his All Stars into a smooth working outfit. The road was a difficult one at times but his innate hockey acumen plus the co-operation of the players under his charge worked the desired results and again we offer congratulations on a job well done with the wish that the Summerside team progress far along the Maritime playdown trail.

Billy Taylor Has Been Suspended From Hockey For Life

(By The Canadian Press)

LANSING, Mich., March 9—"The Kid" was expelled today from the sport in which he has starred for a decade.

Colorful Billy Taylor's expulsion from hockey was ordered by Clarence S. Campbell, National League president, because of "conduct prejudicial to and against the welfare of hockey." The charge: association with James Tamer, "a criminal and gambler of Detroit," and wagering on the result of a game. Taylor is out for life.

For association with Tamer Don Gallinger of Boston Bruins was suspended pending the result of an investigation that may take months.

In announcing the decisions Campbell emphasized:

1. No other N. H. L. players are involved.

2. No "fix" of a game was attempted by any player.

Taylor New York property since Feb. 6 but never a wearer of the Ranger blue in Madison Square Garden expressed "surprise" at his home in Oshawa Ont., when informed of the drastic action. He said he knew some persons active in gambling but "I never have been asked to bet on the outcome of a game."

In Boston, Gallinger asserted that he is innocent and said that he plans to appeal Campbell's ruling "to clear my name". He said he had met Tamer "a couple of times" with the expelled Taylor.

Campbell said the 28-year-old Taylor, who went to the Rangers from Boston after service with Toronto and Detroit, "knowingly associated with and communicated with James Tamer, a criminal and known gambler." Taylor also, the N. H. L. president said, placed a $500 bet on Chicago with Tamer on the outcome of the Black Hawks - Boston Bruins game Feb. 18. Boston won 4-2.

The charge against Gallinger, 22-year-old Boston forward, was that he had "associations" with Tamer. Further investigation of Gallinger's case will be "vigorously pressed," with the possibility of reinstatement if he is proved innocent.

Tamer's arrest as a parole violator last month sent Campbell off on an investigation that took him to Chicago, New York, Detroit and Montreal. He also visited Tamer last week at Southern Michigan prison.

In New York, Brig.-Gen. John Reed Kilpatrick, president of Madison Square Garden, owner of the Rangers, said that team has no intention of appealing Taylor's expulsion.

However, there is no appeal against Campbell's decision. That was decided upon by the N. H. L. Board of Governors in 1946 as a result of the Babe Pratt case. Pratt, then with Toronto Maple Leafs, was suspended for 16 days in February of that year for betting on games. He was reinstated. The Board then changed the N. H. L. constitution eliminating the right of appeal for any player or official found guilty of wagering on the outcome of a game.

Boston Bruins, in line with Campbell's order, took Gallinger off the payroll immediately but said the club would appeal "if Gally wants it."

Campbell left for his Montreal headquarters after a private conference with Sigler.

This second banishment in the N. H. L.'s 31 years involves one of hockey's best stickhandlers, familiarly known around the six-team circuit as "Billy the Kid." Taylor starred with Oshawa Generals in junior hockey. He played in 1939-40 with Pittsburgh Hornets in the American League before moving up to Toronto.

For four years, Taylor, Lorne Carr and Dave Schriner, formed one of hockey's best forward lines. For two wartime seasons he served in the Canadian Army then returned for the 1945-46 N. H. L. campaign with the Leafs. He was traded in October, 1946, to Detroit Red Wings.

Last season Billy led the league in assists—he compiled 46—and was the third highest point scorer, behind Max Bentley and Maurice Richard, with 63. He set a league record for assists in one game with seven against the Black Hawks in 1947.

Gallinger, who will be 23 in April, was among Boston's best scorers with 10 goals and 21 assists so far this season. He has played with the Bruins since 1942 and has compiled 68 goals and 88 assists in regular league play and five goals and six assists in playoffs. He plans to leave tonight or tomorrow for his home in Port Colborne, Ont.

CHICAGO, March 8—(AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott is using the scientific approach in preparation for his re-match with heavyweight champion Joe Louis June 23.

Walcott, arriving today for a four-round exhibition tomorrow night, said he has studied movies of his near-upset of Louis "11 or 12 times."

"The way it looks to me. I have the style to beat Louis," the 34-year-old Camden, N. J., negro surmised.

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Sport Echoes from Prince County

Our Kinsmen juveniles lost the Prince Edward Island championship once again by being outfought and outplayed in an overtime period. The Charlottetown boys and our locals have been very evenly matched for two years now, and one might say it was the breaks that decided the issue on each occasion. The biggest of these breaks seems to have been that in each series Charlie Hogan's aggregation was forced to play seventy minutes of hockey in Charlottetown and only sixty minutes in Summerside. Nobody can deny that the team that has to face an overtime period away from home is under a disadvantage. We don't know how the sports leaders of Ontario run their playoffs today but some years ago Stratford and Paris were engaged in a home and home series and at the end of regulation time in the second game at the Stratford rink the score was tied. The Paris team insisted that no overtime be played as it would not be fair to their boys, and a third game took place on neutral ice. We doubt if this custom still continues as quite a number of home-and-home series end in ties and it would prolong the playdowns unduly. We do know that this system of a third game has never been tried in the Maritimes. It would seem fair, however, that the rink getting the last game should be decided on an alternating system and this has not been done in the case of Summerside and Charlottetown.

It might be argued that last year's champions should get the privilege of last game, but when Summerside Kinsmen were the Maritime champs they had to go to Charlottetown for the last game just the same. We trust that next year the last game of the series will be played in Summerside, so that in case of a tie at the end of one hundred and twenty minutes' play the boys will have a familiar rink and a cheering crowd of supporters to help them along in the all-important overtime period.

We hope the above will not sound like an attempt to take anything from the achievement of the Kinsmen juveniles of Charlottetown. They fought a gallant uphill fight that did not cease until a few minutes before the end of regular play when they finally tied the series. Teams that can come from behind like this must have plenty of heart, and they deserve a lot of credit. We hope they will carry the Island colors as gallantly and successfully against the mainland champs.

Losing their regular goalie through injury was a tough break for the locals as the replacement, Delaney, is said to have let in a couple of soft ones. We're not taking anything from Delaney for his performance. He was in a tough spot if any kid ever was. To put a youngster in the midget division between the pipes when the Island championship hung in the balance was handing him a fairly large slice of responsibility and we can appreciate his being a bit nervous because of this. True, Mark came through under similar circumstances at Sydney last spring but, hang it all, a fellow can't go on being a hero every trip out. Cooky Lavagetto wins a World Series game with a pinch hit one day, and strikes out with the bases full the next.

Flash: — We've just heard that the Summerside All-Stars have won the Island championship, winning the round from the Charlottetown Abbies 16 to 10. Congratulations to "Windy" Steele and his team for a fine achievement.

The West-End scored a double triumph over the East-End at the Kinsmen open-air rink over the week-end, the Paperweights winning 2 to 0, and the Peewees evening up their series with the East-Enders by beating them 8 to 1. Vance Harris scored six of the goals. G. Grady and Leroy Clow scored the other two, and Claude Gaudet scored the lone tally for the East End. For the Paperweights L. DesRoches and J. White were the successful snipers. The games are under the supervision of Jimmie Hogan.

Tens Of Thousands Greet Barbara Ann Scott At Ottawa

By Douglas How

OTTAWA, March 9 —(CP) — Barbara Ann Scott came home today to a tumult of eulogy and adulation.

The pretty figure skating champion bussed and hugged Prime Minister King and Mayor Lewis and later rode in triumph behind 17 Mounties astride their horses—the first such mounted escort seen in the Capital in 10 years.

Tens of thousands, ranging from the very old to the very young, massed in the heart of the Capital to heap their tributes upon the Olympic, world and European women's figure skating champion.

Mayor Lewis told her "the City is yours" and gave her a golden key to prove it. The Prime Minister called her "a bright star shining forth upon a troubled world."

Civic officials called it the greatest welcome in Ottawa's 122 years. Mayor Lewis doubted that anyone had ever surpassed it. One newspaper called her Queen Barbara the First. Columns and columns were devoted to the story.

Despite its scale, the reception ran through its schedule without a hitch. Behind 17 Mounties astride their horses—and behind one of the four bands that greeted her—Barbara Ann rode in triumph along a route that teemed with people and with more than 150 policemen who kept them within bounds. Thousands had been waiting for hours to catch a glimpse.

All other traffic was stopped for the hour it took her to move from the station to a reception stand in front of the City Police Station.

On a bunting bedecked platform, Mayor Lewis made her the first woman to become a member of "the Order of the Freemen of the City of Ottawa." With it went a gilt key carrying the City's colors of blue, red and royal purple.

The only man so far made a freeman is Field Marshal Montgomery.

The press conference followed a civic luncheon at which the Prime Minister extended the congratulations and love of all Canada. Mr. King said the whole country took "infinite pride" in feats which he referred to again and again as "remarkable."

LAKELAND, Fla., March 9—(AP)—Using rookie pitchers and only four of their World Series championship array of last fall, New York Yankees came from behind with five runs in the ninth to beat Detroit Tigers 8-6 in the first 1948 exhibition for each team.

Giddings Rink Is Winner Of Sentner Trophy

The Dr. E.S. Giddings rink last night won the Sentner Trophy by defeating the Russ Spillett rink 12-9.

The Wright Trophy final also scheduled for play was postponed.

Members of the Giddings rink follow:

Dr. E.S. Giddings, skip, Harper MacNeill, mate, R. McCabe, 2nd, stone, R. Nicholson, lead.

St. Mary's Juniors To Play Moncton

HALIFAX, March 9—(CP)—St. Mary's Juniors, defending Maritime champions, will take on Moncton Hawks, Maritime senior hockey finalists, in an exhibition game at Moncton tomorrow night. Hawks will begin their best-of-five series for an Allan Cup berth against Sydney Millionaires at home Friday.

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