Abbies Win Intermediate Championship

Maloney Victor---Allan Cup Playdowns

Play-off Dates Announced For The Allan Cup

Quebec Champions Meet Maritime Title Holders In Halifax March 13 and 15 — Finals In Winnipeg.

TORONTO, March 1—W. A. Fry, of Dunnville, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, announces the following branch playdown dates for Eastern Canada. The western playdown dates are being arranged by vice president J. W. Hamilton, of Regina, Sask., and will be announced later:

SENIOR:

Wednesday, March 13—Quebec at Maritimes, Halifax.

Friday, 15—Quebec at Maritimes, Halifax.

Saturday, March 16—Ottawa and district at O. H. A., Toronto.

Monday, March 18—O. H. A. at Ottawa and District, Ottawa.

Wednesday, March 20—O. H. A. or Ottawa and district at Quebec or Maritimes, Montreal.

Friday, March 22—Quebec or Maritimes at O. H. A. or Ottawa and district, Toronto or Ottawa.

Winner leaves for Winnipeg, Saturday, March 23.

Allan cup finals at Winnipeg Tuesday and Thursday, March 26th and 28th, Western Canada vs. Eastern Canada.

JUNIOR:

Monday, March 18—Ottawa and district, Quebec, Montreal.

Wednesday, March 20—Quebec at Ottawa and district, Ottawa.

Saturday, March 23—O. H. A. at Ottawa and district or Quebec, Ottawa or Montreal.

Monday, March 25—Ottawa and district or Quebec at O. H. A. Toronto.

Thursday, March 28 and Saturday March 30—Winners Western Canada v. Eastern Canada at Toronto.

2ND MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

Will Surpass Even the Present New York Structure—To Cost $7,000,000—For Chi.

(Canadian Press)

CHICAGO, Ills., March 1—Patrick "Paddy" Harmon, whose lifetime ambition was to build an indoor amphitheatre larger than Madison Square Garden in New York, will realize his dream when the Chicago Stadium opens its doors this month.

Around the new structure of steel and marble, which cost $7,000,000 and will seat 25,000, is woven Harmon's story of disappointments and rebuffs. The 53-year-old, gray-thatched sports veteran claims he overcame that long series of disappointments by his homely philosophy, "never stay licked."

Every sport, professional and amateur, will be staged in the amphitheatre. Boxing, hockey, bicycle racing, basketball, swimming and even football and baseball may be played in the stadium.

Mr. J. Crocker Concludes Visit

Yesterday morning Mr. Crocker gave a very interesting lecture with slides, on the 1928 Olympic games at Queen Square School. In the afternoon Mr. Crocker met with the Physical Department committee and later had supper with forty of the junior boys. Following supper another talk on the Olympic was given.

In the evening a very interesting illustrated lecture was given showing Canada's part in the Olympics. Many wonderful slides showing the Canadian athletes were displayed and Mr. Crocker impressed upon the audience the importance of training our youths today to prepare themselves for the next Olympiad in 1932.

Mr. Crocker who is Director of Physical Education for Canada and one of Canada's representatives to the Olympics leaves for Sydney this morning.

Boosting Turf Figures

BY QUIN HALL

St. Patrick's Day this year will be emphasized by something aside from the wearing of the green.

In the East and the Middle West and in Canada it will mark the start of the play-off for the Stanley Cup in the hockey leagues— the world series of the ice game.

Down at Tia Juana, Mexico, the day will mark the running of the tenth Coffroth Handicap, an event which "Sunny Jim" has nursed up from a thing in swaddling clothes until today it ranks with the big money turf events of the year.

Jim long has cherished an ambition to make the race named in his honor the richest in the world, but, despite the fact that he has tacked on oodles of extra coin each year he has never yet seen his dream realized and undoubtedly again this year he will find that the Belmont Park Futurity next Fall will outstrip him when it comes to money value.

This year Coffroth is yodeling in terms of six figures for the first time and will contribute $100,000 as his share of the purse. With fifteen starters out of the eighty-six horses entered, which seems to be a reasonable estimate, the handicap to be run over across the border this year will be worth $120,400, with the winner's share $95,400.

That's big money even in Tia Juana, where the boys from the States are apt to scatter heavy dough over the gaming tables and where a bet of a thousand smackers on one flip of the dice doesn't create much more excitement than a stray dog galloping down the street. And stray dogs are plentiful in Tia Juana.

But even with the well-known Coffroth generosity hitting on all six cylinders the event must rank second when it is remembered that when High Strung beat Roguish Eye a head in the Futurity last September his share of the purse amounted to $97,970. And probably the takings in the Futurity this Fall will be even greater than they were last year.

But while the bulk of the small fortune offered in the Coffroth Handicap comes directly out of the pockets of the association, it must be borne in mind that the chief riches, about $100,000 worth, come from the owners of the gee-gees entered in the classic. This is due to the fact that no declaration fees as possible in the Mexican event and the only contribution of the owners are the entry and starting fees, $150 being charged for entrance with $500 added to start.

But the Coffroth Handicap is building up in point of riches and importance in the racing world and this year, barring training accidents, "Sunny Jim" will have the best field in the history of his event. Gifford A. Cochrane is going to make a strong bid in the classic with Genie, winner of the Dwyer Stakes and the Empire City Derby last year and second to Vito in the Belmont Stakes. Edward B. McLean has what is looked upon as a great chance with Jock. Both of these entries will carry the top weight, 126 pounds, in the Coffroth.

Aside from the Futurity and the Coffroth Handicap the riches purses on the turf last year include the Belmont Stakes for three-year-olds, $63,430; Hopeful Stakes, $454,100; Grand National Steeplechase, $35,850; the Preakness, $60,000; the Pimlico Futurity $450,750; the Gadson Bryan Memorial, $43,000; the Kentucky Derby, $$55,375; the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes, $32,800. The most valuable event in Illinois was the Washington Handicap which was worth $27,150. Plenty of big purses and Coffroth, it seems, does well to rank so high up under the circumstances.

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CRYSTALS SISTERS ARE THE WINNERS

Port Elgin Ladies Team Defeated 3 Goals to 1 Thursday Night At Summerside

SUMMERSIDE, March 1—Following up their string of unbroken victories, the Crystal Sisters defeated the Port Elgin, N. B. ladies hockey team in the Crystal Rink, here, on Thursday night, in a well played game by a score of 3-1.

The Sisters had the edge on play throughout the game and but for the phenomenal work of Legere, the Port Elgin girls' goalie, things might have been made worse for the visitors than they were.

Burke, the outstanding player on the visiting team, was most unfortunately hurt in the second period and had to be carried off the ice, to remain off for the balance of the evening.

In the first period Ann Green did the scoring for the Crystal Sisters, making two goals.

In the second period McLellan made a sensational solo run and landed the rubber in the Port Elgin net, a piece of work that nearly brought down the house or raised the roof. Score 3-0, the visitors having failed to tally.

In the final session N. Larson, who was the hit of the evening, scored the visitors' only goal after just one minute of play. The balance of the period was strenuous but scoreless, the game ending 3-1 in the Crystal Sisters favor.

The game was played on an excellent sheet of ice, before a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators. The Port Elgin girls were chaperoned by their manager, Rev. Father Fraser of Port Elgin:

The lineups:

Port Elgin—Goal, Legere; defence, McWilliams, Larson; forwards, Burke, Gladwin, Knight, Corney.

Crystal Sisters—Goal, McNeill; defence, Campbell, Cay; forwards, Leard, McLellan, A. Green, N. Green, Linkletter.

Mr. Ralph Silliphant refereed the game for the ladies.—S

'PEG' CURLERS WIN CH'SHIP

TORONTO, March 1—Gordon Hudson's Winnipeg rink, representing the Province of Manitoba won their ninth straight victory in the MacDonald Brier Tankard here today by defeating Saskatchewan 14-9 and annexed the Canadian Rink Curling Championship for the second consecutive time. Other scores were Alberta 15, Nova Scotia 14, New Brunswick 11, Quebec 10, Northern Ontario 9, Ontario 7.

Large Crowd Expected At Today's Races

Five Classes Including Fast Trotters and Paces On Bill-of-Fare —Ideal Weather Should Show Record Attendance.

Today's ice races should draw the largest attendance of fans ever to glimpse equines in action in the history of the winter pastime of the "Sport of Kings" in this Province.

With the probabilities promising ideal weather conditions both for fans and horses, everything points towards a perfect afternoon's program and a heads-up exhibition of horse racing.

To look over the list of entries appended below, the most sanguine and rabid, even the most blase will be satisfied that horse racing in all its flourishes will be dished out for the approval of the above mentioned "dyed-in-the wool."

Trotters and pacers making up a card of fourteen in all will answer the starter's gong, and from Class A Pace to the final C Trot it looks as though a treat par excellence is on the horizon for all who enjoy the lithe, beautifully muscled, satin-skinned speedsters of the ice and turf.

Speed, grace and the very poetry of motion are personified in these animals. They typify in their particular animal kingdom the physical ideal of athletes from the days of the ancient Greeks. Watch them as they flash down the stretch with every ounce of energy trained upon a single objective, and you'll understand the invisible bond that links them with their human counterparts.

This winter has been an exceptional one, so far as ice racing is concerned, and the Victoria Speedway Club, making up a large percentage of our leading and most influential citizens are to be congratulated on the many successes enjoyed this season.

The following are the entries:

Class A Pace—Major Aubrey, York Ola.

Class A Trot—Bingen Aubrey, Captain Jackson, Peter Verde.

Class B Pace—Jessica the Great, Colorado Mack, Dorothy E.

Class B Trot—Grace Forbes Mary Volo, Bonnie Brook.

Class C Trot—Eva Brook, Dapper Don, The Allie.

Looking Over N. H. L. Youngsters In Big Show

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, March 1—As the National Hockey League teams commence the final drive for a play-off berth and the fans show intense interest regarding the result of each match, a casual glance over the line-up and summaries of the games reveal that few—very few—of the youngsters who graduated from the minors and started pre-season training with the major league teams last fall, have survived the gruelling campaign. Most of them have been shipped back to the minors for further seasoning, but the few who have made the grade stand out as players of first rank.

Four young stars from the minors shine particularly bright this year and there is much dispute as to which of the four is the brightest find of the year. These players are Andy Blair, star centre of the Toronto Maple Leafs; Ralph "Cooney" Welland, brilliant utility forward of the Boston Bruins; Vic Ripley, clever young centre with the Chicago Black Hawks and Herbie Lewis, elusive centre player of the Detroit Cougars.

Never before in the history of the N. H. L., have so many fine centre players been culled out from the lesser leagues in one season for not only does this position require unusual ability as a stickhandler, sure shot and fast skater, but it requires the pivot to have that rare ability for making plays for his wings and above all things, in the words of Lester Patrick, manager of the New York Rangers, "a good centre must have hockey brains."

Andy Blair lives up to these requirements just a little more than the rest of the quartette in the opinion of Lester. He rates Blair on top because of his heady work, even though he is but twenty years of age and fresh from the University of Manitoba. Vic Ripley, however, runs close to Blair for the position of leading rookie, Patrick thinks, because the lightweight Chicago blond has starred with a last place club.

Tommy Gorman, manager of the New York Americans, and Odie Cleghorn, coach of the Pittsburgh Pirates, are emphatic in their declarations that Ripley is the best find of the year, though the above critics all admit that Blair's play so far has been brilliant and that in reality there is little to choose between any of the four rookies mentioned.

Sackville Beats Victorias 4-3.

Intermediate Abbies Defeat Vics To Win City League Title After Playing 90 Minutes of Hockey—Score 4-1

Last night at the Arena Rink the visiting Sackville team defeated the local Vics by a score of 4 to 3.

The game was fast and close throughout, played on fairly good ice. The Sackville team showing more superior combination and better team play, as a whole, scored their four counters during the three periods on individual efforts; boring in tactics being conspicuous throughout the three frames.

The visitors were a more or less rejuvenated aggregation of puck chasers—they showed more superior work on the defense than that which was manifested in their game against the Abegweits on Thursday night; the front line also worked in closer cooperation.

The Victoria team, as a whole, missed golden opportunities due to the sticky ice. Perfect combination and [illegible] on more than several occasions against the clever net-minding of Fry, who demonstrated class and almost super-human endeavors against fast and hard shots which looked like counters but only culminated in clever net minding.

Victorias lost 4 to 3 but, the score by no means indicates the brand of play shown by both line ups over whole route.

Harry "Stonewall" Morgan in the Victoria citadel turned aside almost two shots to one against the opposing goalie; his work was exceptional and praiseworthy.

The Victoria team taken as a whole played lovely hockey, but the proverbial breaks were on the wrong side of the ledger and the score ended as above mentioned.

INTERMEDIATE GAME

Abbies 4; Vics 1.

Playing 90 minutes of hockey before a decision was reached, the intermediate Abbies succeeded in defeating the Intermediate Vics by a score of 4 to 1, getting 3 goals in the last period of over time, and incidentally winning the City League championship.

At the conclusion of the regular 60 minutes the teams were dead-locked at one each, the Vics scoring 7 minutes after the start of the third period, with the Abegweits equalizing four minutes before the bell.

The first and second periods of overtime were scoreless with both teams putting forth herculean efforts, but failing to dent the meshes.

One minute after the third overtime started the Abbies scored and the Vics putting 5 men up could not score, while on the other hand the Abbies broke away twice more to plank the rubber behind the Vic goalie, the game ending 4 to 1, with the Abegweits on the large end.

Congratulations Abegweits on the winning of the City League championship.

McLARNIN WINS BOUT

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, March 1—Jimmy McLarnin, sensational puncher from Vancouver, knocked out Joe Glick, Williamsburg Tailor, in the second round of their battle at Madison Square Garden tonight. Glick was knocked down twice for counts of nine before a straight right floored him for the count.

ST. F. X. WINS

(Canadian Press)

ST. JOHNS Nfld., Mar. 1—The St. Francis Xavier University team won the second match of the series with the local players defeating the St. John's team 8 to 6 here tonight. St. John's were victorious last night.

DAL LOSES

(Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, N. S., Mar. 1—The Western Universities debating team supporting the affirmative of the resolution "That this house is opposed to all forms of censorship," was given the decision over debaters from Dalhousie University here tonight.

Italian scientists have found in Albania the ruins of an ancient city mentioned by Vergil, the existence of which was believed to be only legendary.

Local Hockey

Tonight at 6 p. m. the much touted Clarke Bros. hockey team clashes with the Bank of Nova Scotia team, undisputed champions of "Northern Asia"—and even further.

The "Money Kings" have been training faithfully for the past two years and are now at the height of their game.

The following lineup should make things very slippery for the "Banana Kings"—and perhaps turn them into lemons.

Goal, Ficlor; defence, Tibert, Woods; forwards, Owen, DesBorough, Cleveland, Cameron, McFarlane, Logan.

A. J. Oxford, Bottle Popper.

LATER

Clary Cameron, head coach and financial adviser reports all players in A-1 condition and just waiting for the whistle.

French designer's hat for women includes a visor to be turned down when a wearer is riding in an automobile or [illegible]

AT THE L. O. C.

Wednesday night on the League alleys the Invincibles met and defeated the Spuds by a majority of 200 pins. Evan Harley rolled high single of 319 and also had high three of 670. Following are the scores and lineups:

INVINCIBLES			
H. Harley	165	114	207
I. Harley	181	170	319
C. Dillon	238	168	218
V. Pineau	266	109	238
Total—2397.			
SPUDS			
J. Malone	134	162	200
P. Doyle	150	168	157
B. Dooley	164	221	170
F. Prunty	264	143	140
Total—2197.			
VICTORIAS			
Rev. P. McMahon	143	201	179
H. Gregory	123	231	203
J. Martin	297	180	231
J. Gallaghan	189	222	198
W. Halpenny	179	196	183
Total—2955.			
CRESCENTS			
J. D. Webster	187	181	181
W. Coyle	223	196	161
R. Harley	208	248	238
J. A. Bentley	202	235	145
J. Hughes	228	261	213
Total—[illegible]			

Maloney Licks Tom Heeney

BOSTON, Mar. 1—Jimmy Maloney, Boston heavyweight, gave Tom Heeney of New Zealand a bad beating here tonight in a bruising ten round contest. Maloney punished the New Zealander with hard left hooks and jabs in every round. Heeney's face was badly bruised, but he was battling willingly at the final bell. Maloney took eight rounds, Heeney one.

WOLVERINES, 10; RED RAVENS, 2

HALIFAX, MAR., 1-The Halifax Wolverines won the second and final match of a home and home series with the Digby Red Ravens for the amateur hockey championship of Nova Scotia, defeating the Digby team here tonight by a score of 10 to 2 and taking the series by a total of 13 to 3.

Bathurst Wins Two-Province Championship

(Canadian Press)

MONCTON, N. B., March 1.—Bathurst held the Moncton Atlantics to a 2 to 1 victory here tonight and won the N. B. and P. E. I. hockey championship and the right to meet the N. S. champions for the Maritime title.

By virtue of their [illegible] night the North Shore team won the round of two games with the survivors of the southern league and P. E. I. champions by five goals to two.

The last game of the series played tonight was staged on a soft ice surface and slush and puddles of water made good hockey out of the question.