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FREDERICTON DEFEATS RANGERS IN OPENER

Poor Ice Halts Rangers Attack As They Lose Early Lead To Home Team

FREDERICTON, March 1—(CP)—Fredericton Capitals outscored Charlottetown Rangers 3-2 in the second period tonight, added another goal in the third and ended with a 4-2 victory over the Island contestants for Interprovincial Senior Hockey honors.

The second game of the home and home total-goal series will be played Friday at Charlottetown. Winners of this series and the Saint John-Edmundston playoff will clash for the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island championship and right to meet Nova Scotia's title-holders for the Maritime crown and a place in Allan Cup competition.

Poor ice practically gave the Caps their win, for while it slowed the attacks of both teams, the fast P. E. I. six suffered more than the locals as the usual speedy Island attack was disorganized.

Lawlor, McClinton, Worth, Star. The flashy lines of the Rangers had little opportunity to display their full wares. Individually they shone, especially Lawlor, McClinton and Worth.

When they could get their plays working right—and these times were few—the Rangers had a decided edge on the Southern League Champions. But most of the time it was ragged, catch as catch can hockey, giving both sides an equal opportunity to cop the tussle.

Charlottetown's eagerness to salt the game away when the score stood two all resulted in victory for Fredericton. Twice when all Rangers but their goals were congregated within the Caps' blue-line the harassed locals broke away with the rubber with only McInnis to beat. Bill McIntyre made the first solo flash late in the second and "Mush" Morehouse repeated his feat in the last stanza.

Charlottetown: Goal, McInnis; defence, Wood, MacDonald, Mac-

Jacobs Signs Galento For Title Fight

By GAYLE TALBOT Associated Press Sports Writer MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 1—Chicago, Philadelphia and Jersey City already have entered strenuous bids for the Joe Louis-Tony Galento heavyweight championship fight in June, the formal announcement of which was made by Promoter Mike Jacobs today.

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Sitting by Mike's side was Tom Foley, representing the Chicago group that bagged the Louis-Jim Braddock tilt. He has been banging away at Mike's ear ever since it became known that Galento, rated the No. 1 challenger by the National Boxing Association, would get the big outdoor shot against the Louis.

"We're prepared to guarantee Mike a net of at least \$400,000," said Foley. "I'm pretty sure he will take it up on it. We'll hold it in Coniskey Park, where we can seat close to 80,000."

Also present and bidding was Herman Taylor, the Philadelphia promoter who held a five-year lien on Galento's services and with him Jacobs had to reach a long-winded compromise before he could pit Tony against Louis. Under the arrangement finally signed late last night, Taylor gets what he called a "nice percentage" of the June battle, as well as any other rights Galento might have under Jacobs' promotion in the next five years.

IN THIS CORNER

On the threshold of recapturing the Island Junior hockey title they held two years ago Royals take on Summerside Capitals at the Forum tonight in the second and deciding game of the Island finals with a 3-goal lead tucked under their belts, result of their hard-earned 5-2 victory in Summerside on Monday night.

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With their backs to the wall and facing that deficit Capitals are expected to hit a new high in effectiveness. They were disappointed after the first game after they held the locals in check for over two periods but tonight they promise there will be no letdown.

Their coach, Charlie Cahill, has instilled plenty of his own fighting spirit into his charges so fans can expect a rough, tough, bruising battle all the way.

Summerside can be expected to go hunting for goals from the opening goal and although Royals hold the lead it was evident in their talk yesterday that they have no intention of playing anything resembling defensive hockey.

Judging from some of our scores this is a strong offense and therefore the game should be a wide-open, wild-swinging affair.

And how about giving the boys the support they are urgently in need of? Don't let the Royals' opening victory give you the impression they can win as they please.

We are going by the boys' own statements, and we have no reason to doubt them at Summerside are the toughest squad they have faced so far this season and that they will have to be at their best tonight in order to hold their goal lead intact.

Remember next week, providing they get by the Islanders, the St. John Pontiacs and that trip costs plenty of money. Tonight will be your last chance to materially help the youngsters who are gunning for a Maritime title and a hundred percent attendance will do the trick and save the team the money it is coming from to make their trip—or perhaps it will be trips-possible.

At any rate Summerside are solidly behind their team and tonight the boys will travel by special train for the game with an expected 800 fans accompanying them so they won't want for supporters.

In addition to the game Joey McDonald, Sporting Club owner is giving the boys a banquet and a dance after the game is over. Both items will be the boys' guests and the affair promises to be an enjoyable one and a fitting way to wind up a series.

Although facing a two-goal deficit in their game here Friday night with Fredericton Capitals, nevertheless the outlook for the Rangers surviving the round playdowns is really bright when all things are considered.

Travelling all day by bus and train and then arriving just in time to take the ice against a fresh team is an iron man stunt; that the Rangers must have been tired and mighty tired at that and by holding the home team to a 4-2 score they certainly have shown that they are still to be reckoned strongly in the running.

On Friday night the shoe will be on the other foot with Fredericton more than likely being the tired squad and the N.B.'s margin in the opening game wasn't a decisive one by any means.

And at that the Rangers made them come from behind to take the verdict and it must have been a mighty tired bunch of boys that were Island colors in that first period last night. But the team has plenty of what is commonly known as "guts" and it didn't need last night's game to bring it out for they have been noted for it all season.

If they hadn't that intestinal fortitude they would have called it a day long ago with so many obstacles rising up in their path up to as late as a few hours before they left, but that is not the make-up of this year's Island champs. They will have to win the hard way. Friday night and if necessary can turn the trick. Rangers are into the N. B. finals.

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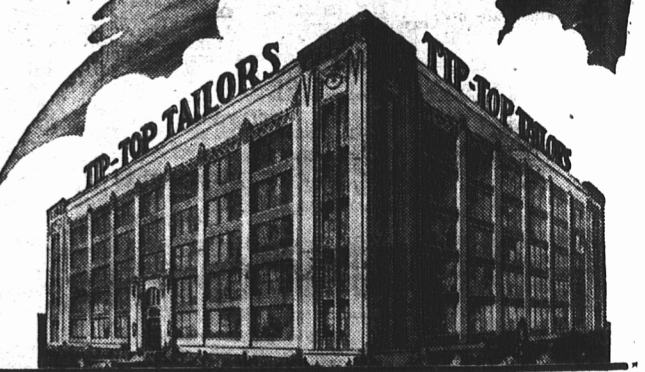
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Unions Retain Island Title As Result Of 4-all Overtime Draw

"Tid" McEwen's surprising Montague Primroses last night just barely missed out in capturing the Island intermediate hockey title when they were defeated by the defending champions Victoria Unions 9-8 on the round score as the teams battled to a 4-all draw last night in the second game after twenty minutes of overtime had been played.

Ahead 4-3 at the end of regulation time and tied with their opponents 4-4 on the round score, Primroses held the desperate Victoria team at bay in the first overtime session but were forced to bow out of the playoffs in the second overtime session as Unions came through with the counter that clinched the series and enabled them to retain possession of their Island title. Victoria now meets Sussex Royals in the semi-finals of the Maritime playdowns.

And it was a veteran Victoria player, smooth-looking, tidy Dannie McLeod, who shot the "million-dollar" goal eight minutes after the second overtime had gotten underway coasting in on a pass from Knox to beat the sensational Montague goalie with a blazing drive to the open corner of the net. The Montague netminder had played seasonally all through the game but was beaten all the way on McLeod's effort, a sniper of the first class when he gets in close.

But the 600 odd fans who packed the rink and who watched the two teams stage the best game ever played there had many a thrill before Victoria finally came through with the winner. In the first period they saw their home forces take a two goal lead on the game and three on the round as Taylor scored 11 minutes and 36 seconds after the start on a pass from Lester McLeod, and George McLeod denied the draperies six minutes later on a pass from Taylor. Then in the middle session the Montague team took the bit in their teeth to score two goals of their own as McKinnon shot two counters, both on passes from McDonald.

The series was all even seven minutes after the third opened as Poole, Montague right winger soloed through alone to give his team a 3-2 lead. Just one minute later McLeod proved to be an other goal that put Primroses in the driver's seat, but here Dannie McLeod began to play his starring role.

With the Unions only seven minutes away from giving up their title Dannie took a pass from brother Lester to again even the round score at eight goals apiece. For the full ten minutes of the first overtime period neither team could bulge the twines behind alert netminders but as stated above McLeod proved to be the Frank Merriwell of the game taking Knox's pass at the eight minute mark for the goal that meant the title, series and a place in the Maritime playdowns.

First Period 1—Victoria, Taylor (L. McLeod) --- 11:35 2—Victoria, G. McLeod (Taylor) --- 17:00 Penalties: None.

Second Period 3—Montague, McKinnon (McDonald) --- 15:50 4—Montague, McKinnon (McDonald) --- 16:00 Penalties: Knox.

Third Period 5—Montague, Poole --- 7:00 6—Montague, Landry --- 8:00 7—Victoria, D. McLeod (L. McLeod) --- 13:00 Penalties: Landry, Martin, Betts, Gaudet.

First Overtime No scoring. Penalties: None. Second Overtime 8—Victoria, D. McLeod (Knox) 8:00 Penalties: None.

"Tic" Williams Scores Seven Goals As Sydney Overwhelms Bearcats 16-1

SYDNEY, N. S., March 1—(CP)—Sydney's rumpaging Millionaires Cape Breton Hockey League champions, ran wild on their own ice tonight and swamped Truro Bearcats 16-1 to win the round 29-3 in the Nova Scotia senior hockey semi-finals. It was the most one-sided game ever seen here.

Bearcats, who fought the Millionaires valiantly in Truro Monday night, were no match for the Cape Bretoners, sparked by centreman Tic Williams, formerly of Charlottetown. The league's leading scorer this year, Williams scored seven goals and got one assist tonight.

Millionaires, who meet the winner of the Halifax-Annapolis series on Sydney ice Friday night, took a four-goal lead in the first period on two goals by George Ampley, formerly of Moncton and one each by Bill Fritz and Williams.

Truro got their only goal at the start of the second period, banking home O'Rourke's assist. Williams tallied four times for Sydney, Irving McEwen got one and Ingram another for the Millionaires.

Bearcats were tied up in their own area in the third period. McEwen, co-captain of Sydney's first goal and Williams scored two more. McEwen, McEwen and Fritz got the others for Sydney.

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Wolves Score Easy Victory. ANNAPOLIS, N. S., March 1—Halifax Wolves defeated Annapolis Tigers 11-6 here tonight to win their semi-final round in the Nova Scotia senior hockey playdowns 17-8. Wolves will meet Sydney Millionaires, winner in the other bracket, in Sydney Friday night in the first game of the finals.

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