

# GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

### Picard wins

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Henry Picard of New Orleans won the \$5,000 New Orleans Open today with a score of 278, 22, a record which he set in winning it two years ago. Picard went a par in the last 18 holes with a 39-73, but outlasted a strong bid by Ben Hogan of Purchase, N.Y. who had 39-77 to take second place with 278.

### WINS SNOWSHOE MARATHON

BIDDEFORD, Me., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Gerard Capitant, Manchester N.H., won the five-mile marathon which featured the closing leg of the International Snowshoe convention. His time was 44 minutes.

Nine-hundred members from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont participated through Biddeford's streets to Alumni Field for the snowshoe meet.

## Prince of Wales Beat S.D.U. In Opener

### Close Finishes Feature Six Class Racing Card On Saturday Afternoon

Six classes, featuring close, exciting finishes over a wet track were witnessed on Saturday afternoon as the Victoria Driving Club staged their third race of the season with Juanita Axworthy, Silent Mac, Virginia Kalmuck, Little Peter, Sampson Royal and June Hal being returned the winners. Times made were fast considering conditions with Little Peter turning in the fastest time of the day as he paced the second quarter of the Class A. Pace in 31 1-4 seconds in a sensational drive against Rose Worthy.

Another feature of the meeting occurred in the third heat of the Free-for-All pace when three horses, Direct L. Leland and Albert E. Grattan finished in a dead heat for second place as Silent Mac won the quarter. Finishes however all during the afternoon were close with a large crowd of spectators seeing some of the best racing in years.

The Free-for-All race was the first race called with Juanita Axworthy and Heatherbell coming to the wire. Due to his showing on Wednesday the old campaigner was favored to win but Saturday wasn't Heather's day. His speed was lacking and the Axworthy mare made it a straight heat affair winning each heat handily.

It was a battle royal in the Free-for-All Pace with Silent Mac being returned the winner as Nell Walker's horse driven by Teddy Weir won the final two heats after being second the first trip. The horses went away in a line the first heat with all four finishing closely packed. Direct L. had a nose to the front as they paced out the first line with Silent Mac getting second by a whisker from Albert E. Grattan with Gippy K. fourth.

Direct L. went away in front at the start of the second heat followed closely by Silent Mac, Grattan and Gippy K. Just as they got the word Albert E. Grattan made a break that sent him far back and out of the running. It was a battle halfway down between Direct L. and Silent Mac but here Direct L. made a break that set him back. Silent Mac won by a length over Gippy K. with Albert E. Grattan who finished very fast third and Direct L. fourth.

Silent Mac went to the front at the start of the third and final heat to retain his position right to the wire. Direct L. and Albert E. Grattan again made breaks that spoiled their chances but came on at the last end of the trip to finish in a dead heat with the fast stepping Gippy K.

In Class A Trot Virginia Kalmuck had too much speed for Allset making his first start of the season. The Kalmuck mare won in straight heats with Allset making a great drive in the second heat only to lose by inches with the quarter in 34 seconds.

Little Peter took the Class A. Pace winning the final two heats after finishing third in the first that was won by Rose Worthy driven by the Great K. Tom. The hot six horses entered in the race staged a blanket finish in every heat. In the first quarter Rose Worthy and Rosebud finished sensationally.

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of Rosebud by a whisker. Little Peter was third with Leland fourth.

In the second heat Little Peter went away very fast followed by Rose Worthy and Rosebud and Leland. All the way down the stretch the horses battled it out but at the finish Little Peter showed in front followed by Rose Worthy, Rosebud and Leland.

### Playdowns for N.H.L. released

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—(CP)—The National Hockey League's Board of Governors decided at a meeting here Saturday on tentative dates for all sections of the Stanley Cup playoffs and heard President Frank Calder report a 10 per cent increase in gate receipts this year to date for the league compared to the 1939-40 season.

Calder announced after the meeting that the playoffs will open in three fronts possibly on March 20. That was the date set tentatively for the opening games between the teams that finish the schedule first and second, third and fourth, and fifth and sixth.

As was the case last season, the first two clubs will play a best-of-seven game series while in the other two groups the series will be best-of-three. Under the tentative set-up the teams which survive and go into the final round for the Stanley Cup will start their best-of-seven round on April 3 and if the series goes the limit the last game would be played on April 17.

Calder revealed that the N.H.L. has had its 1,000,000th customer this season. He said the league that mark possibly some time in the last 10 days. Last season he said, the league had its 1,000,000th spectator about two weeks later.

The N.H.L. president also disclosed he had received a letter from B. C. Butler, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Los Angeles with regard to a proposal that Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs stage a post-season exhibition series in California for the benefit of the British War Relief Association of Southern California.

He said no decision had been reached yet with regard to the proposal, but that it is being studied. Complete tentative dates set for the Stanley cup playoffs:

- Series "A"—March 20, March 22, 23, March 25, March 27, March 29 or 30, April 1 and April 3.
- Series "B"—March 22, March 23, March 25 or 26, March 27, March 29 or 30, April 1.
- Series "C"—April 3, April 5 or 6, April 10, April 12 or 13, April 15, and April 17.

### Leafs Beat Rangers Twice Over Weekend By 4-1 And 4-3 Scores

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—(CP)—The Toronto Maple Leafs, with Dave Schirner scoring two goals to increase his total to 20, best in the league, tonight defeated New York Rangers 4-1 in a fast National Hockey League game.

A crowd of 12,918 in Madison Square Garden saw the Stanley Cup-holding Rangers take their second loss from the Leafs in two nights, and their fourth defeat in a row. The victory put the Leafs just half a game behind the league leading Boston Bruins and first place will be at stake when the Leafs invade Boston Tuesday night.

Schirner's first goal was tainted in that it hopped into the net off the back of a Ranger player, his second—the one that made him the first player to reach 20 goals this season—was scored on a pretty play. He circled the Ranger defence and basted the puck into the short side as goalie Kerr jumped to block it.

Bing Kampann, Toronto's robust defenceman, got his first goal of the season in the first period, leaning on a shot from the blue line that sped straight to the corner while Kerr, his view blocked, made no effort to stop it. The fourth Leaf Center went to Wally Stanowski on a break-away play with Red Heron.

Rangers who reconstructed their point line of the year—the Colvilles and Alex Shibicky—in an effort to stop the run of losses, got their only goal through that line. Mac Colville scored it with the two others drawing assists.

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The big right winger, on the sidelines for about three weeks due to a shoulder-bone separation, gave the game a story-book finish. He streaked down the right boards, using Nick Metz as a decoy, and blazed a shot past goalie Dave Kerr with only 76 seconds of regulation play remaining.

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### Keefe Trophy Play opens Here today

Following is the draw in play for the Keefe Trophy which opens today at the Charlottetown Curling Club. Eight teams are entered and all eight see action today.

- 11:48 Penalties—Apps, N. Colville.
- SATURDAY'S GAME
- TORONTO, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Another broken cog has been mended and Toronto fans are hopeful that the latest repair job to the Maple Leaf machine will add sufficient spark to return their favorites to the National Hockey League's top spot recently taken over by the great Bruins of Boston.

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### City College Team Spring Big Upset By Capturing Intercollegiate Opener

Out played for two periods Prince of Wales hockey squad staged a whirlwind finish at the Forum on Saturday night to defeat a fast-skating, rugged St. Dunstan's University squad 2-1 in the opening game of the Intercollegiate hockey series.

Trailing 1-0 from halfway through the middle session and looking as if they were to drop the opening game, the winners came through with two goals in the final six minutes of the ruggedy fought encounter to cop the match and go in the driver's seat for this year's title. It was a surprising and sensational finish by a team that were considered to have little chance against Father Oswald Murphy's charges. But the Prince of Wales squad, returning blow for blow all through the match and backed up by the sensational goal-tending of MacArthur between the pipes fought back stubbornly and were quick to take advantage of a break that saw them tie the score and then come through with a beautiful piece of combination play to pot the winner with less than three minutes of playing time left.

Outcome of the game puts the University boys on the spot and fans can well look for a real thrilling encounter when the second game takes place Saturday night. The Prince of Wales team, returning blow for blow all through the match and backed up by the sensational goal-tending of MacArthur between the pipes fought back stubbornly and were quick to take advantage of a break that saw them tie the score and then come through with a beautiful piece of combination play to pot the winner with less than three minutes of playing time left.

Over 600 fans in attendance had hardly settled in their seats when the Saints made their first scoring bid. P.W.C. Murnaghan, clever play of the first line going in close only to be stopped cold by MacArthur. Chris Gallant, rangy Saints defenceman on a spectacular rink-length rush missed the second goal as he laid a shot past the open cover. P.W.C. appeared to find it difficult to get going as the Saints bore in time after time only to have MacArthur stand in their way or else miss their chance by erratic shooting. Half way through the session P.W.C. began to look better and Lessard was tested hard as the City College team stepped up their play in Canada's war effort.

This aspect of O.R.F.U. activities was stressed by Rev. M. S. Lynch of Toronto, retiring President, in his address to the 59th annual meeting here Saturday.

He said the incoming executive would have to adjust the work of the Union as it will aid the plan of Military Training that is being carried on through out Canada. In doing this, the Union will be doing its small share, in its own sphere of activity in the united war effort of Canada.

E. Floyd Muirhead, sponsor of Toronto Bantam Hockey Football Club and second vice-president of the Union, succeeded Father Lynch as President.

Saints however struck early in the middle session, springing right to the lead. The first line bore in right from the opening whistle with Chris Gallant after a weaving, rink-length dash passing to Plus Murnaghan who then stepped up cleanly with a hard snap-shot from ten feet out. Fighting back gamely P.W.C. missed a beautiful chance to tie the score as Hooper went in close only to miss his shot with the Saints goalie beaten cleanly. For the remainder of the period it was a battle up and down the rink. Both teams over anxious missed scoring chances aplenty as Prince of Wales looking much better as the game progressed hemming the Saints in at times with fast-skating gang attack. Gallant, one of the spear heads of the Saints attack was another goal in the dying minutes of the period as he shot wide of the mark after breaking through the P.W.C. defence.

Four minutes from the start of the third period, Saints, still missing their scoring plays broke in again but again MacArthur, one of the coolest reminders seen here this season outgassed Plus Murnaghan from inside the crease as he smothered the close in drive. Prince of Wales were again on the defensive but suddenly with only six minutes to go they sprang to the attack. With their one goal deficit looming big on the scoreboard Prince of Wales sent every man up to the attack. Hemming the Saints in, Silmerndt took a pass from Beck right in front of the goal mouth to beat Lessard for the tying goal. Saints came tearing back after the goal but MacArthur came away out of his net to clear a loose puck.

### Chihawks win 5-4 overtime From Amerks

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—(CP)—Doug and Max Bentley, brother team with Chicago Black Hawks, produced the overtime goal tonight that defeated the stubborn New York Americans 5-4 before 13,146 spectators.

The goal, coming in the final two minutes of play, enabled the injury-riddled Hawks to climb back into a fourth-place tie with New York Rangers who lost to Toronto 4-1.

The Americans not only sank deeper into the cellar but lost the services of Wilf Field, star defenceman who suffered a broken leg just above the ankle in the first minute of play when he accidentally collided with teammate Murray Armstrong.

The following matches are scheduled at the Charlottetown Curling Club today in addition to the Keefe Trophy play:

- 1-Toronto, Schirner, 13:17
- 2-Toronto, Kampann (Taylor), 4:45
- Penalty—Hamilton.
- Second Period
- 4-Toronto, Apps (Drillon, Metz), 4:45
- Penalty—Hamilton.
- Third Period
- 5-New York, Heller (C. Smith, Hextall), 6:30
- 6-Toronto, McDonald (Apps, Drillon), 9:51
- 7-Toronto, Drillon (Apps), 18:44
- Penalty—Pratt.

### Curling matches Rice falls Short of record

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Blame it on the war and the resulting confusion in international sports, but Greg Rice's two-mile run in eight minutes 53.4 seconds at Madison Square Garden Saturday night is a fifth of a second short of the fastest ever run.

Most spectators thought it was the fastest since Rice's former in-door mark was 8:56.2 by Kili Szabo of Hungary as best outdoors. But in September, 1939, Taisto Maki of Finland ran the distance in 8:52.2. Because of the war there has been no record-conducting meeting of the International Federation since then, so Szabo's time remains the recognized mark.

### Wings edge Canadiens 2-1

DETROIT, Feb. 16.—(CP)—Detroit Red Wings strengthened their hold on third place in the National Hockey League standings tonight when they eked out a 2-1 victory over the sixth-place Montreal Canadiens.

A Cr-wid of 7,079 saw Red Wings square the season's accounts with Canadiens who previously had won three and led one in the six games between the two clubs. It was Canadiens' second defeat in as many nights, as they dropped a 5-0 decision to Boston at home last night.

Detroit scored twice in the second period, on goals by young Don Grosso and Jack Stewart, while Canadiens, obviously weary after their game with Bruins, rallied enough in the third period to spoil goalie Johnny Mowers' bid for his third shutout of the season.

### Veteran Crystals Squad Primed For Clash With Abegweits Tuesday Night

These marches on and with it match several of the old Crystals hockey team who will be seen in action at the Forum Tuesday night as the old rivals Crystals and Abegweits open their intermural play-off series for the Island title.

Headed by Charlie Cahill, Jack Schuman, Dickie, Chick Gallant and several others, all names synonymous with Island hockey wars, this year's Summerside team after a slow start are now playing the brand of hockey that they showed in the old days. Well in the veteran class they are now sparking the youngsters on their lineup and the improvement in their play can well be noted by their recent two victories over the strong E.C.A.F. team stationed in the western end of the Island. The Almen walloped the daylight out of the Crystals in their first two meetings of the season but the Summerside team just stuck it out until the time came to turn the tables; they have now done and Tuesday night they will be seeking to increase their winning streak at the expense of the local team.

Abbies, with veteran Walter Lawlor at the helm—Lawlor is the only one of the present crop who has had experience in the old league—had a young fast skating squad that when tight can make life miserable for opposing goal minders. They proved that conclusively when they came through with a startling victory over the strong E.E.L. Huskies team from Halifax in their first start of the season. That night they looked of championship calibre and on Tuesday with a month's hard work under their belts should be even better.

Hard hitting defencemen and fast skating forwards there are on both squads. Rivalry is of the keenest and till all goes to make a direct possibility of fireworks occurring as the two teams take to the ice. Summerside - Charlottetown encounters may start out in a tame, easy fashion, but it is dollars to doughnuts

### 3 matches Played on Saturday

1-Chicago, Hergeshelmer (Allen, Selbert) 9:14

2-New York, Corrigan (Wycherly, Boli) 11:06

Penalty—Conacher.

3-Chicago, Wikbe (Dahlstrom, Allen) 3:19

Penalty—Hergeshelmer.

4-New York, Armstrong (Jackson, Larsen) 4:29

5-Chicago, M. Bentley (D. Bentley, Papke) 9:21

6-New York, Boll (Carr, Smith) 17:38

Penalties—Slobodan 2, Allen and Cooper.

### Do-or-die year For Dean

LANCASTER, Tex., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Dig Dean set his jaw, quit his farm and headed today for "my last chance" in a fading baseball career.

The great one, stilly greying temple, framing a boyish face, started a slow trip to the Chicago Cubs California training camp.

"Sure, I know this is my do-or-die year," the big fellow smiled. "If I can't win, I'll quit, I wouldn't be doing right by my club if I kept on trying to fool everyone."

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### Hockey Practice

Intermediate Abbies hockey practice this evening 5 o'clock sharp at the Forum. All members are requested to be present.

By Edwina

