GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Leafs Win 3-2 Saturday; Rangers Win 3-2 Sunday

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—(CP)—The Colvilles and the Patricks tonight led New York Rangers to a 3-2 victory over Toronto Maple Leafs in a fast National Hockey League game before 15,562 spectators, Madison Square Garden's best crowd of the season.

The victory was revenge for Toronto's win by the same score at Toronto Saturday night and evening the series between the clubs at two victories each. Rangers hurdled the idle Montreal Canadiens into fifth place.

Neil and Mac Colville each scored a neat goal, with Lynn Patrick assisting on both of them, as this Ranger line gave fresh evidence that it is becoming one of the most potent trios in the league.

Clint Smith scored the other, on a play in which Murray Patrick pushed a pass to him while flat on the ice from a heavy check.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Toronto, Goldup 13:05
2—New York, C. Smith (Pike, M. Patrick) 17:39
3—New York, N. Colville (L. Patrick) 18:52
Penalties—Davidson, Fuller, Hamilton, Stepowski 2 (minors), Watson (major).

Second Period

Scoring—None.
Penalties—Hamilton, Watson.

Third Period

4—New York, M. Colville (L. Patrick) 2:42
5—Toronto, Apps (Taylor) 17:31
Penalties—None.

SATURDAY'S GAME

TORONTO, Dec. 29—(CP)—The world champion New York Rangers moved into the National Hockey League cellar Saturday night in company with New York Americans. Rated one of the smoothest puck machines in history last season, the blueshirts sank to the basement as they dropped a 3-2 decision to Toronto Maple Leafs.

Two goals down early in the second period, the Leafs fought an uphill battle to break the "13th" jinx that has been traling them. The leaders won their 13th game of the campaign in Chicago Dec. 15 and since then they've played four times without gaining a decision.

An argument near the Rangers bench added spice to the usual hockey menu and the New Yorkers consoled themselves in loss of points by the fact they earned the nod in the dispute. It all started when Coach Frankie Boucher objected to Manager Conn Smythe of the Leafs walking behind the New York bench "annoying my players."

After a deluge of quick penalties, two to each club, Boucher ordered Captain Art Coulter to the ice to protest Smythe's actions to Referee Bill Stewart. When the arbiter reached the boards the argument grew hot and Red Horner, Leafs' goodwill ambassador, joined in. Coulter took a swipe at Smythe with his gloves over the boards but only hit the air. The Rangers finally won their point and Smythe paraded elsewhere.

Rex Chisholm, hard-working winger who scored only once previously this season, proved hero of the tussle. Early in the third period he accepted a shovel pass from Billy Taylor near the New York net and lifted the puck past Goalie Dave Kerr for the deciding goal.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Rangers, Pratt 3:40
Penalties—Heller, Hamilton, Davidson, (minor and major), Pike (major), Taylor.

Second Period

2—Rangers, Hextall (Watson) :55
3—Toronto, Apps (Schriner) 10:10
4—Toronto, Taylor (Schriner) 15:21
Penalties—None

Third Period

5—Toronto, Chisholm (Taylor) 7:07
Penalties—Hamilton, N. Colville, Pratt (misconduct).

Canadiens Whitewash Amerks 3-0

MONTREAL, Dec. 29—(CP)—Whatever doubts New York Americans had about the durability of Coach Dick Irvin's streamlined Montreal Canadiens were dispelled here Saturday night as the youthful Habitants walloped the Amerks, 3-0, in a bruising National Hockey League tilt.

The Canadiens showed a crowd of 8,722 that there had been no toughness sacrificed for speed in their construction. Taking a 1-0 lead in the initial period, they withstood a wildly argumentative second frame to increase the margin with a pair of third-period tallies.

Playing their ninth game in 17 days, the jaded Americans sought to slow down their opponents after Elmer Lach scored 1:14 minutes after the game started. The tactics worked until the final session when Jack Adams and Polly Drouin both scored to clinch the victory that lifted Montreal into fifth place alone in the standings.

Jack Egan was the main figure in the second-period arguments and the rugged defenceman drew a match penalty, calling for a $100 fine, for his pains. After an earlier fistic encounter with rookie Johnny Quilty of Canadiens, Egan drew the match penalty when his stick clipped Montreal's Ken Reardon and started another fracas.

Reardon, who drew a major penalty for fighting, suffered a gashed head that needed four stitches but was able to return to action in the last period. On the other hand, Egan's match penalty left the Amerks shorthanded for 20 minutes before a substitute was permitted.

It was the first shutout of the season for Gardiner and the Montreal goalie at times had to be brilliant for it.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Canadiens, Lach (Adams, Demers) 1:14
Penalties—Field, Boll, Singbush, Portland.

Second Period

Scoring—None.
Penalties—Quilty (major), Reardon (major), Field (minor and misconduct), Egan (minor and match).

Third Period

2—Canadiens, Adams (Portland) 2:54
3—Canadiens, Drouin (Goupille, Chamberlain) 14:46
Penalties—Reardon, Blake (10-minute misconduct).

Conny Smythe Fined $100

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 —(CP) —Conny Smythe got himself fined $100 tonight — he didn't know until told by a reporter after a National Hockey League game here— and then, for the second time within an hour, he became awfully mad.

"I won't pay it," he flared, "I don't care what they do and you can tell that to anyone you want to."

The fine came about when the manager of Toronto Maple Leafs stepped on the ice to attract the attention of referee Mickey Ion after Walter Stanowski, Leaf defenceman, received two minor penalties at the same time after a tangle with Phil Watson of New York Rangers.

Under a league ruling, a team manager who sets foot on the playing surface during a game automatically is fined $100.

Graboski leads Point-getters In C. B. H. L.

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 29—(CP)—Jo-Jo Graboski, the one-eyed hockey marvel, has taken over the niche in the Cape Breton Hockey League that used to be his brother Tony's particular property.

Jo-Jo, who plays for and manages Glace Bay Miners, not only has been keeping hte coaltown men in first place, but tonight's league statistics show him personally as the league's leading point-getter. It was the first time he had landed in the top spot held all last season by Tony, who left Sydney Millionaires for Montreal Canadiens this winter.

Jo-Jo's 10 goals and 14 assists slipped him in ahead of Dick Kowcinak of Sydney, who has been in a slump for the last couple of weeks. Kowcinak has 11 goals and 12 assists, putting him a point up on Johnny McCreedy, his linemate who played with him last year for Kirkland Lake Blue Devils.

Tic Williams of Charlottetown, North Sydney Victorias' forward, is in a tie with McCreedy. Both have 13 goals and nine assists.

Snow in the arctic regions often appears red or green, due to the small microscopic plants which live on it.

Jimmie Roach Stars with Halifax Crescents

Jimmie Roach, who captained the Royals to a Maritime Junior championship last year is playing at present for Halifax Crescents and is doing a good job, it would appear from Halifax stories of a recent game.

Referring to a recent game in which the Crescents defeated the Air Force 11-5, a Halifax sport writer has the following on Roach's performance:

"It was young Jimmie Roach of Charlottetown who was the sensation of the night. The former P.E.I. junior star, playing on defence, put new life into Crescents' rearguards and gave Cy Bowser the protection that had been notably absent in previous games.

"The blocky youngster, hitting hard when the occasion demanded, usually outfoxed the Air Force forwards, teaming with Gundy Hartlen to steer them into the corner. Goalie Bowser responded by turning in a sparkling performance, blocking spectacularly when the Crescents were shorthanded on several occasions."

Roach left here earlier in the season for Truro and was apparently ready to sign with the Truro club. Since that time he has switched to the Halifax club.

REMEMBER WHEN

(By The Canadian Press)

Big Bill Tilden, who won practically every amateur tennis tourney announced his retirement as an amateur nine years ago today. His professional debut at New York Feb. 18, 1931, attracted a crowd of 14,000. He headed the United States ranking list for 10 years — 1920-29.

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Curling plans Disrupted By Mild weather

Mild weather caused cancellation of a scheduled Saturday program of games at the Charlottetown Curling Club. The afternoon was to have been devoted to beginners who were to have been coached in the rudiments of the "roaring game" by veterans of the club. No official schedule of games for senior players was arranged, however.

Wings come From behind To win 2-1

DETROIT, Dec. 29—(AP)—Detroit Red Wings came from behind to score a 2-1 victory over Chicago Black Hawks and improve their hold on second place in the National Hockey League standings. It was Detroit's third straight victory over Chicago, a club the Wings couldn't beat in eight engagements last year.

Eddie Wares delivered the deciding goal of a dull game midway of the third period when he took a pass from Sid Abel and beat Goalie Paul Goodman with a low shot

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Chicago, Thoms (Mariucci, Gottselig) 4:00
Penalty—Mariucci.

Second Period

2—Detroit, Abel (Liscombe, Wares) 19:53
Penalties—None.

Third Period

3—Detroit, Wares (Abel) 9:59
Penalties—Wiebe, Seibert.

Johnny Mize Nat. League's Leading slugger

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—(AP)—Johnny Mize, robust first baseman of St. Louis Cardinals, lost his National League batting championship this year but official averages released Saturday showed he remained the circuit's leading slugger for the third consecutive season.

Mize made 368 total bases in 579 times at bat for a slugging percentage of .635 and batted in the most runs, 137, one of the most important guages to a player's worth.

Although the .314 batting average was the big fellow's lowest in 11 years in organized baseball, this was the best year of his career for runs batted in. Previously his best was 113 in 1937 when he batted .364.

Runner-up in the runs-batted-in competition was Frank (Buck) McCormick of Cincinnati Reds with 127. Only three other players produced more than 100—rookie Maurice Van Robays, 116, and Elbie Fletcher, 104, for Pittsburgh; and Babe Young, 101, for New York.

In slugging percentage Bill Nicholsen of Chicago Cubs ranked second with .534 and Dolph Camilli of Brooklyn Dodgers was third with .529

McNeill and Miss Marble Head net Lists

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—(AP)—Topping off a major upheaval in men's tennis ratings, the United States Tennis Association's ranking committee Saturday named Donald McNeill and Alice Marble at the head of the country's net lists.

The rankings (first 10):

Men's singles—1, Donald, McNeill, Oklahoma City; 2, Robert L. Riggs, Chicago; 3, Francis L. Kovacs, Oakland, Calif.; 4, Joseph R. Hunt, Annapolis, Md.; 5, Frank Parker, Altadena, Calif.; 6, John A. Kramer, East Los Angeles; 7, Gardnar Mulloy, Coral Gables, Fla.; 8, Henry J. Prusoff, Seattle; 9, Elwood T. Cooke, Portland, Ore.; 10, Frederick R. Schroeder, Jr., Glendale, Calif.

Women's singles—1, Alice Marble, Beverly Hills, Calif.; 2, Helen Hull Jacobs, Berkeley, Calif.; 3, Pauline Betz, Los Angeles; 4, Dorothy May Bundy, Santa Monica, Calif.; 5, Mrs. Gracyn Wheeler Kelleher, Santa Monica; 6, Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke, Brookline, Mass.; 7, Virginia Wolfenden, San Francisco; 8, Helen Bernhard, New York; 9, Mary Arnold, Los Angeles; 10, Hope Knowles, Philadelphia.

Hockey Results

(By The Canadian Press)

Saturday

National League

Rangers 2; Toronto 3
Americans 0; Montreal 3

American League

Cleveland 3; Hershey 3 (overtime)

O. H. A. Junior "A"

Oshawa 7; Toronto Marlboros 7 (overtime)

Quebec Senior

Saturday

Ottawa 7; Quebec 0

Sunday

Cornwall 4; Concordia 3
Canadiens 8; Verdun 1
Ottawa 5; Quebec 4

Montreal Intermediate

Villeray 3; Shawinigan 2
Joliette 5; St. Jerome 3

West Kootenay Senior

Saturday

Nelson 8; Kimberley 5

Alberta Senior

Saturday

Lethbridge 8; Edmonton 7
Turner Valley 4; Calgary 3

BISONS ON SPREE

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 29—(AP)—Buffalo Bisons went on their largest scoring spree of the season here tonight to humble Hershey Bears 8-4 in an American Hockey League contest. They broke a losing streak which had reached five games.

Hockey Season Is expected To open soon

Hockey fans in the city will be pleased to hear that a team from the Royal Canadian Air Force stationed at Charlottetown has recently been organized and will be seen in action soon. The squad, which boasts some formidable players from other parts of Canada, is slated for a workout at the Forum this evening, it is announced by Mr. C. F. Archer, Manager of the Forum.

Present plans call for the formation of a house league consisting of the R.C.A.F. team, the Intermediates, St. Dunstan's University and possibly a squad from the Commercial team of Holmans. If these planes materialize local fans will see plenty of action down the ice lanes this winter. Any of the groups mentioned are capable of placing a strong team on the ice at short notice and it is expected that the hockey season will swing into action in the near future.

The curtain raiser may take place at the Forum Tuesday if present plans for a game between a team from Holmans in Summerside and a team from the same store in Charlottetown are completed. Efforts are being made to have this match take place and if it materializes local fans will be assured of a bang-up encounter.

All in all the prospects for hockey, which were not the best at the start of this season, have improved and a season as good as 1939, if not better, seems to be in sight.

A.R.H.L. opens Season with Win and draw

AMHERST, N.S., Dec. 29—(CP)—The Amherst Rural Hockey League opened here Saturday night with East Amherst defeating Aulac 2-1 and Point de Bute and Brookdale playing a 4-4 tie in the inaugural doubleheader.

The Brockdale team pulled a major surprise by gaining a draw with Pointe de Bute, which held the league title last year. The Brooks checked closely.

In the other game, Roland Stiles accounted for Amherst's goals, while Lowrison tallied for the losers.

The games were played on soft and heavy ice.

Hockey Practice

R.C.A.F. Hockey Practice tonight at 8 p.m.