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Abbies Score 8-1 Win Over Air Force Team In Rugged Game At Forum

In an Island Physical Fitness Hockey League encounter at the Forum last night which produced a rugged first period, mass mayhem in the second and a lopsided battle in the third, the Charlottetown Abbeys scored an 8-1 victory over the Air Force team.

A. F. squad to take sole possession of the league leadership.

Playing against a team whose greatest drawback was an evident lack of condition and practice, the Abbies ran up a 3-0 lead over the Flyers in the first period in a very rugged demonstration of hockey, despite the fact that two of the goals were scored on nice passing attacks and the other on a long driving shot by Art Perry from the blue line which was the opening goal of the game. Kennedy scored the second on a smart play with Glover while McInnis tallied the third on a passing attack with Ralph Sheppard.

Jumping to the attack right from the second-period faceoff, the R.C.A.F. tallied their only counter of the game at the 12:20 mark when Hope scored on a nice passing attack with Hoffman from the blue line. The Airmen continued to play on fairly even terms with the Abbies up to the four-minute mark until defence-man Josey proceeded to try and beat an R.C.A.F. player's head through the ice right down to the pipes, which blew the lid off the game for the rest of the period and kept the penalty box full and saw one of the other short-handed all through the period.

Drawing a five minute penalty for the assault, Josey took Hulme to the box with him for two minutes for being involved in the scrap, and from then on sticks were carried like war clubs, and playing hockey only seemed to be a secondary consideration by the players. Five others also made their way to the penalty box after the initial outburst, with MacDougall of Abbies also taking a five-minute major rap for fighting. Despite the main attraction, however, the Abbies found time to score three goals in less than three minutes while playing one man short. Josey MacGregor picked up two in a row on assists from MacGregor, while Hennessey snared the other on a pass from defence-man Bob Dalziel.

During the rest period, both coaches must have given the "cease fire" order to their teams, as the boys repeated their "no penalty" score of the first period, to endeavour to play hockey instead, and although the Abbies swarmed all around the opposing net for most of the period, goalie Crawford, backed up by defensive tactics of the whole R. C. A. F. team, did a really stand-out job of netminding, and kept the Abbies at bay until the 14:04 mark when LeClair picked up his third of the night by banging in his own rebound shot. Roach MacGregor banged in a long shot from just inside the blue line on an intercepted pass at 16:08 to end the scoring for the night.

The following are the lineups and summary:

Abbies: Goal, Hooper; defence, Perry, MacDougall, Bob Dalziel, Josey; forwards, R. Sheppard,

Moncton Shuts Out Amherst Ramblers 6-0

AMHERST, N.S., Dec. 15 — Moncton Hawks tramped on Amherst Ramblers 6-0 tonight in a Maritime Senior Hockey League game before a small house.

The win drew Moncton within 17 points of second-place Saint John Beavers, who fell 3-1 to St. Mary's at Halifax.

It was the second shutout this season for Les Colvin. He blanked Saint John 2-0 on home ice Nov. 21.

First Period
 1—Moncton, McKenzie 6.42
 2—Moncton, Fleet, (McKenzie) 9.00
 Penalties—Stewart, Robinson.

Second Period
 3—Moncton, Larlee, (Ryan) 16.00
 Penalties—McKenzie, LeBlanc, Gaudet.

Third Period
 4—Moncton, McKenzie, (Fitzpatrick, Fleet) 2.10
 5—Moncton, Barkwell, (Milani) 15.30
 6—Moncton, Porter, (Barkwell, Robinson) 16.20
 Penalty: Knox.

S'side Curling

The following is the result of the second round of the High School preliminaries held at the Curling Rink, Summerside, on Saturday: Robert Ellis 9, Alex Campbell 8; Clive MacDonald 8, Derwin Huestis 5; Thane Baglisle 4, Wymen Miller 5. The third round will be played on Friday, December 16th.—S.

Stanley, McInnis, Hennessey, LeClair, Hughes, MacGregor, Glover, Kennedy, K. Dalziel.
 R. C. A. F.—Gaal, Crawford; defence, Johnson, Greig, Pierce, MacNeill; forwards, Beckett, Roach, Walters, MacLeod, Hulme, Spiers, Hoffman, Hoffstrand, Hope.

Referees: Jimmy Hogan and George Newcombe.

Summary:

First Period
 1—Abbies, Perry 8.48
 2—Abbies, Kennedy, (Glover) 10.20
 3—Abbies, McInnis, (Sheppard) 15.15
 Penalties—None.

Second Period
 4—R.C.A.F., Hope, (Hoffman) 12
 5—Abbies, LeClair, (MacGregor) 15.31
 6—Abbies, LeClair, (MacGregor) 15.53
 7—Abbies, Hennessey, (B. Dalziel) 17.27
 Penalties: Josey (major), Hulme, Hughes, Hennessey, Greig, MacDougall (major), Cox.

Third Period
 8—Abbies, LeClair 14.04
 9—Abbies, MacGregor, 16.08
 Penalties—None.

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SPORTING NEWS



Buddy Ramsay, Tiger Steele To Meet At S'side

Top notch bouts are promised fight fans by Mr. George Stewart, who is promoting a boxing card in the old curling rink, Summerside, on Saturday night. The main event, an eight round affair, will be between Buddy Ramsay, 133 pounds of Alberton and Tiger Steele, 135 pounds of Charlottetown.

Ramsay is junior welterweight champion of New Brunswick and has recently returned to Alberton after being in that Province for the past two years. Three weeks ago, in Alberton, he fought Buddy Lund of Charlottetown, Island lightweight champion to a draw. Steele is a former Island featherweight champion and an up-and-coming young fighter.

For the semi-final bout Stewart has matched Louis Kid Lafferty, 158 pounds of Charlottetown and Emmett Gallant, 160 pounds, also of Charlottetown. Those boys also fought on the Alberton card and Lafferty won on a close decision so this fight is rumoured to be of the grudge variety. Both are aggressive fighters.

This card will also bring together again Big Boy Peterson, Island heavyweight champion and Kid Murray in a three-round exhibition fight. It is understood that Murray has been doing some serious training lately, planning a comeback in the spring and although he has been beaten by Peterson previously he is always good for some action.

There will also be three other bouts between Charlottetown fighters and local boys. Promoter Stewart, while making his first appearance in this role has been interested in the sport around Summerside for some time. He has helped greatly in training some of the local boys and has given his services to various organizations starting cards. He is himself, a former semi-finalist in Canadian amateur competition.

Standings

(Including last night's games)

Big Four League

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Halifax	36	23	8	5	51
Saint John	36	21	7	8	50
Moncton	35	14	16	5	33
Amherst	35	3	30	2	8

Cape Breton League

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Sydney	34	17	12	5	39
N. Sydney	35	14	17	4	32
Glace Bay	33	14	16	3	31

North Sydney In 4-2 Win Over Glace Bay

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 15 — (CP) — North Sydney Victorias moved into a second-place tie with Glace Bay Miners tonight by dumping the Coalmen 4-2 before 1,944 Cape Breton Senior Hockey League fans.

The win leaves Vics and Miners both eight points behind the top-dog Sydney Millionaires, who take on Glace Bay tomorrow night.

Two new players made their debut with Vics, Bill Jones in goal and Orville Kelly, formerly with the States Amateur Hockey Association. Kelly made an impressive showing and was the best man on the ice. Jones was called on to make 18 stops while Eddie D'Aoust handled 25 shots.

Durocher's New Team Begins To Shape Up

By Ralph Roden

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 — (AP) — Manager Leo Durocher's "kind of a ball club" is starting to shape up at the Polo Grounds.

Durocher, peppery manager of New York Giants has virtually scrapped the home-run hitting but scrappy team he inherited from Mel Ott in July of 1948.

Convinced that sheer power would not bring a pennant to the Polo Grounds Durocher is importing the type of players that brought title honors at Brooklyn in 1947.

After beginning house cleaning during the last season by disposal of two vaunted sluggers, Johnny Mize and Walker Cooper, Leo made another big move toward his ultimate goal yesterday.

He sent outfielder Willard Marshall, shortstop Buddy Kerr, outfielder-third baseman Sid Gordon and rookie pitcher Sam (Red) Webb to Boston Braves for the keystone combination of Eddie Stanky and Alvin Dark.

Marshall, Kerr and Webb were in Durocher's dog house but Gordon, although slow afoot, was counted to remain. However, the Braves insisted that Gordon be included in the deal if the Giants wanted Dark, voted the rookie of the year in an Associated Press poll in 1948.

The Giants greatest need for years has been a good second base combination such as the Dick Bartell-Burgess Whitehead duo that brought pennants to the Polo Ground in 1938-39.

Kerr rated one of the best shortstops in the business, never had a really good partner. Furthermore he got into a jam with the management when he held out for more pay in 1948. He reported late for spring training and later was suspended when he claimed a training camp injury was too serious to warrant his playing.

Kerr commented today that he regrets leaving the Giants but is happy to get away from Durocher. He also said he is eager to play for Boston manager Billy Southworth coming up with his best showing to date.

While on the subject of boxing, promoters Lund and Poulton announced yesterday that they are planning another big bill at the V'hegan Memorial Hall again next Tuesday, which will be their concluding boxing feature for the year 1949. The boys will feature three six-round events as the leading attractions as well as three, four-round preliminary clashes to round off a full-bout card.

Standings In Hoop League

The following are the team standings in the Island Physical Fitness Basketball League at the end of the pre-Christmas schedule including last Wednesday night's games:

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Truro	6	3	2	0	6
St. John's	2	2	0	0	4
S. D. U.	4	2	2	0	4
Army	4	1	3	0	2
Schurman's	2	1	1	0	2
R. C. A. F.	3	1	2	0	2
P. W. C.	3	1	2	0	2

Bearcats Down Stellarton 7-3

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 15 — (CP) — Fourth-place Truro Bearcats stunned Stellarton Royals 7-3 tonight in an Antigonish-Pictou-Colechester Senior Hockey League game.

It was the first loss in 14 starts this season for the league leaders. It was the third win in 11 tries for Truro and advanced them to within seven points of third-place Antigonish Bulldogs.

Hoop Games At S'side Postponed

Officials of the Island Physical Fitness Basketball League announced yesterday that the double hoop bill scheduled for Summerside tonight, has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

The scheduled games were to be between Prince of Wales College and Summerside R.C.A.F. in the first game and Army and Schurman's in the second, and were to be the concluding matches of the schedule until after the Christmas holidays. It is understood that the postponed games will be picked up in the second section of the schedule after Christmas.

Canadiens Score 4-1 Victory Over Maple Leafs; Record Crowd Sees Game

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 — (CP) — Montreal Canadiens defeated Toronto Maple Leafs 4-1 handily tonight and took over sole occupancy of second place in the National Hockey League.

A record crowd of 15,026 saw Canadiens blank the Leafs for 59 minutes when Fleming Mackell broke loose after a long pass from Ray Timgren and drove a hard shot past goalie Bill Durnan from left wing.

Elmer Lach counted twice for the Montreals before retiring in the second period with a cut left foot.

Maurice Richard counted his 22nd goal of the season and the other went to Bobby Fillion, his first of the season.

Canadiens held a safe margin all the way, out-shooting the Leafs 30 to 10 (Timgren).

Previous to tonight's 15,026 record, the biggest N.H.L. crowd was 14,511 a month ago when Toronto played at the Forum which has an enlarged seating capacity, just completed.

St. Mary's Move Back To First Place In League

HALIFAX, Dec. 15 — (CP) — Halifax St. Mary's knocked Saint John Beavers out of first place in the Maritime Senior Hockey League tonight with a 3-1 victory over Beavers before 3,992 hometown fans.

The victory advanced St. Mary's one point ahead of Saint John, who have failed to beat the Halifax Beavers in six tries on Halifax ice this season.

The Halifax defence turned in an expert job tonight, steering most of the Saint John rushes into the corners and covering up well in front of the net. Jack Donley turned aside 23 shots in St. Mary's cage while Floyd Perris stopped 17 at his end.

N. H. L. Standing

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Detroit	27	17	7	3	62
Montreal	27	11	9	7	61
Toronto	28	11	12	5	70
New York	25	9	10	6	64
Chicago	27	9	13	5	73
Boston	28	8	14	6	69

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