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# SPORTING NEWS

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## Hawks Retain Big Four Lead With 4-3 Win Over Beavers

(By The Canadian Press)  
MONCTON, N.B., Jan. 27—Saint John Beavers' failed tonight to move into the leadership of the Maritime hockey league as they were defeated 4-3 by the league-leading Moncton Hawks.

It was the nearest Hawks have come to being dislodged from the top spot they have occupied since early in the season. They went into the game tied with Beavers for first place with 36 points.

A second-period drive paced by veteran Sammy McManus with two markers gave Hawks three goals to add to their lone marker in the first period. From then until the end of the game it was a question of Hawks holding off Beavers' determined goal hunt.

Despite Moncton's close checking Beavers managed to break through for one goal in the second and netted the only two markers scored in the final period as Hawks fought desperately to retain their slim margin.

Bastarache opened the scoring for Hawks near the 10-minute mark in the first period when he netted a pass from Agnew. Beavers went scoreless in the period.

McManus extended Hawks' lead six seconds after the start of the second period when he found himself in the receiving end of a smooth passing play engineered by his linemates, Mouse Dowling and Bucko Trainor. Whitlock put Moncton three goals ahead, two



## Graziano Admits Offer Of Being Bribed To Throw Scrap

By JOE HALL  
NEW YORK, Jan. 27—AP—Rocky Graziano, the middleweight fighter with the "rock-a-roy" punch, has admitted he was offered \$100,000 to throw his scheduled Dec. 27 fight with Ruben (Cowboy) Shank of Denver, district attorney Frank S. Hogan said today.

The Madison Square Garden bout was called off Dec. 24 after Graziano reported to the State Athletic Commission that he had suffered a back injury in training.

Hogan declared bluntly the investigation into gambling activities in the New York sports world "is more general than is indicated in this fight. I don't think Graziano has told us everything. I think he even might be able to tell us some names."

Other developments on the gambling front today included:

1. Alvin J. Paris, the dapper playboy convicted last month of trying to "fix" the New York Giants-Chicago Bears National League championship football game, began to "sing" before a grand jury, the district attorney's office disclosed.
2. An indictment on bribery and conspiracy charges was returned against Harvey Stemmer, who now is serving a prison term for a conviction in connection with an attempt to bribe Brooklyn college basketball players two years ago.
3. Hogan announced indictments were handed up against two other men in the football case, but their identities were withheld pending their arrest.

The fighter's grand jury appearance came after he was questioned 12 hours Saturday night and early Sunday in district attorney Frank Graziano told him the \$100,000 bribe offer was made at Stillman's gymnasium by persons whose names he did not know but whom he could identify.

Graziano told this story of the bribe offer:

"The person making the \$100,000 offer said he would see me for a few days. In two or three days, this person and two others saw Graziano again and asked him if he was going 'through with the proposition.'"

Graziano told them he was thinking about it and said "I'll see you." Later, he "made up his mind not to go through with the deal because he was confident he could beat Shank."

The fighter realized, however that in defeating the Denver boxer he "would be double-crossing the persons who would have bet on his opponent on the strength of the two meetings."

As a result, Rocky decided "to pull out of the match and he admitted he used a sore back as an excuse."

## Begins Talking On Eve Of Sentence

(By The Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 27—Alvin J. Paris, convicted of trying to "fix" the New York Giants-Chicago Bears professional football title game last Dec. 15, began "talking" today before a grand jury, the District Attorney's office disclosed.

Shortly after Paris ended his hour's stay in the grand jury room, District Attorney Frank S. Hogan announced that an indictment had been returned against Harvey Stemmer and two other unnamed persons on bribery and conspiracy charges in the football case.

Paris' grand jury appearance came on the eve of his scheduled sentencing on bribery charges in the "fix" attempt. He faces possible maximum penalties of 10 years in prison and \$20,000 in fines on the two counts.

Paris, 38, dapper novelty concern officer and Broadway playboy, was convicted Jan. 8 of attempts to bribe two Giants' backfield stars, Merle Hapes and Frank Filchock, to "lay down" in the National League title game. The players testified they refused the offer of a \$2,500 bribe and a \$1,000 bet in their names on the Bears, plus gifts of off-season jobs which would bring them \$15,000.

Harvey Bennett of Hershey Bears who has let in 103 shots in 43 games for an average of 2.39 goals also has five shut-outs to lead the A.H.L. in that department.

Eddie Bush of St. Louis Flyers added eight penalty minutes to stay on top as the league's bad man with 113 minutes in the cooler.

## Juvenile Game At The Forum Tonight

Charlottetown's Juvenile Kinsmen tangle with Summerside Kinsmen in an exhibition game at the Forum tonight and local hockey fans should witness one of the most ruggedly fought contests of the season when the two teams clash.

Billed as an exhibition encounter the two minor teams are expected to go all out in their efforts to be returned the winners. The locals have already chalked up two victories over the Summerside team, and incidentally last year's Maritime champions, so far this season, but tonight's visitors will go all out in an endeavor to cut the Charlottetown team's margin in half.

## Hergesheimer Has Two Point Edge In Scoring

NEW YORK, Jan. 27—(CP)—Philadelphia's Phil Hergesheimer picked up three goals last week in the American Hockey League to continue his dominance of the scoring race for the sixth straight week.

Hergesheimer's total now is 59 points—33 goals and 26 assists in 44 games—which gives him a two point edge over Cliff Simpson of the Indianapolis Caps who has 56 goals and 27 assists in only 38 games.

Top scorer of the league is John Holota of Cleveland Barons who has 34.

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## Crescents Better Position By Beating Bearcats 9-2

HALIFAX, Jan. 27—(CP)—Halifax Crescents bettered their cellar position in the Maritime Senior Hockey League by two points tonight when they turned on Truro Bearcats and lapped them 9-2.

Truro's loss left them two points behind the second-place Saint John Beavers who bowed 4-3 to Moncton Hawks.

It was sweet revenge for Crescents, who were bounced 12-4 by Truro in their last get-together, and almost a replica of the 16-8 pasting Halifax handed Bearcats here two weeks ago.

Crescents, a team which habitually fades as the game lengthens, showed a surprising reversal of form tonight by getting stronger with each period. They snagged one goal in the opening period, tacked on three more in the second and sapped the Truro men with another five in the last lap. Both Beavers' goals were scored in the last period.

Little Rock Sullivan was the big goal-catcher for Halifax. He shovelled in three goals, one of them unassisted, and helped in two others. His rightwing, Linemate, Frank Redmond, potted two tallies, and Spike Larabee, third member of the second-string trio set up four goals.

Coach Sham Hunsahan shuffled his lines and dealt out a winning combination. Carl Ripley, who just recently joined Crescents, moved into the centre spot on the first line, and Jake Wade, the former pivotter, shifted over to the wing. Sullivan was dropped from the Wade-Stanhope-Larabee combination to centre Larabee and Redmond.

Gord Kuhn, Truro mentor, also shuffled his lines but what came out couldn't have beaten a pair of deuces. Big Bud McEachern, who scored both Bearcats goals, and Kink MacDonald, who set them up, were the only effective forwards Truro had to offer.

Late in the third period Sullivan and Truro centre Dalt Barkwell engaged in a brief punching bee

## Kelly Sends Axemen Through First Workout

(CP)—Acadia University tonight became the first Maritime university to use its own artificial ice when coach Fred Kelly sent the varsity squad into its initial workout in the college's new arena.

The new rink and ice plant, working at half capacity because of a shortage of parts, was built at a cost of \$30,000 made possible by a bequest of \$5,000 in the will of the late John F. Lessell, an Acadia graduate. The university board of governors made up the remainder of the cost.



## Stanley Bridge Ice Races

The club held their 25th race on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 25th, with a goodly crowd present. Two classes were raced off. Class A had two starters, Alie Burham and King Bellira. In the first heat Alie won just by inches but in the second and third heats Bellira's nose showed in front. Class B had four starters. Dill Pickles winning in three straight heats, Jimmy Dale a splendid three year old trotter finished second, Billy T. third and Kentucky Worthy fourth. The club would like to have more entries for next Saturday. Following is the summary:

Class A  
King Bellira (MacLeod) ..... 2 1 1  
Alie Burham (Paynter) ..... 1 2 2

Class B  
Dill Pickles (E. Taylor) ..... 1 1 1  
Jimmy Dale (Davison) ..... 2 2 3  
Billy T. (F. Taylor) ..... 3 4 2  
Kentucky Worthy (Smith) ..... 4 3 2

Judges—Burney, Fynes, Hold Mayhew, James Hiscott.  
Starter—Dan MacDonald.

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## Meeting Of Horsemen

A meeting of horsemen will be held in the Victoria Driving Club rooms tonight at 8 o'clock, officials disclosed last night. Entries for the four class meeting on Wednesday afternoon will be taken and in addition arrangements will be made for the entries that will participate in the races at Dartmouth and Halifax on Feb. 5th, 6th and 8th.

It is important that all interested be in attendance.

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Probably not obtaining the credit they deserve, tonight will see the Maritime juvenile champions in action. That the local Kinsmen juvenile squad this year could take two games from this same team speaks well for the local team's ability. Tonight they will be gunning for their third straight victory and if they can they will definitely place themselves as strong contenders for the title now held and well deserved by the Summerside team.

Bunny McCloskey, formerly of Charlottetown, started off his latest United States invasion in an auspicious manner when he came through with a win in a bristling 10-round bout.

Here's how a reporter who saw the fight described it:

"Barney McCloskey, 156, of Nova Scotia, and Billy Henderson, 160, of Hackensack, N. J., battled through 10 bristling, bruising and bloody rounds to a draw last night in the feature of the boxing show in Mechanics Hall.

"These two boys whaled the daylight out of one another. McCloskey concentrated on a two-fisted body attack that had Henderson creaking at the mid-section after the first few rounds. But the chocolate-colored New Jersey batter kept up his own blistering attack, scoring so heavily about McCloskey's face that the Nova Scotian seeped blood from a badly cut left eye and a battered nose through the last six rounds.

"There was little to choose between the two at the finish. Henderson pulled up into a draw by scoring continuity on McCloskey's reddened features in the last round.

Referee George (Kid) Lee voted for McCloskey by a 24 to 23 margin. Ed Foley of Pictou and Steve Salek, called it a draw. The Telegram score-sheet gave each fighter five rounds.

"McCloskey, making his first city appearance, brought the crowd to attention in the first minute with a vicious left into Henderson's stomach. He kept up this barrage while Billy was slow warming up, but once the action passed the opening round it was anybody's fight. In fact, in the second Henderson caught McCloskey with a slashing right hook that

## Bowling

CHARLOTTETOWN ALLEYS  
City League

Bombers:

J. McDonald	323	218	179
J. Power	186	150	253
I. Connors	172	212	278
B. McCormack	165	144	178
E. Larier	211	176	236
Total—BOM.	1127	913	1067

Tigers:

B. McCallum	210	269	302
F. Doucette	203	184	250
W. Taylor	187	147	214
H. Foulton	247	209	198
E. Woods	167	164	115
Total—TIG.	963	1013	1079

Points: Bombers 24, Tigers 24 1/2

High single: J. McDonald, 268.  
High three: B. McCallum, 811.

Alerts:

V. Pineau	171	186	208
J. McInnis	185	223	146
F. Doucette	172	186	197
A. Doucette	161	178	131
Total—ALERTS	669	664	662

West Enders:

E. Stanley	187	176	171
S. Ryan	185	160	211
V. Martin	177	227	243
J. McKinnon	188	198	215
J. Kays	233	169	190
Total—WEST	960	840	1000

Points: West Enders 3, Alerts 2.  
High single: F. Doucette, 278.  
High three: F. Doucette, 662.  
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Tonight at 8:15: Imperials vs. Tigers, Candle Pin League.

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