

# GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS



**IN THIS CORNER**  
The opening broadside of the Maritime Junior hockey playdowns will be fired tonight at the Forum with the defending champions, Walter Lawlor's Royals skating out to meet what many consider their most serious threat in the persons of the St. John Beavers, junior champions of New Brunswick.

Beavers, racing through all opposition in their native province have been hailed by St. John writers as the best junior squad ever developed in New Brunswick and their enthusiastic supporters can see nothing but their team entering the Memorial Cup playdowns by hurdling all opposition in the seaside provinces.

And no doubt about it the team headed by Gagey in the nets and Frankie Fortune on defence have built up an impressive list of victories in their season's play. They haven't been running up any big scores but rather have just comfortable victory margins which speak well for their ability.

However all we in this province have to go by is the scores of their games and despatches of their ability. However, if this year's Beavers are as good as last year's Pontiacs who forced the Royals to the limit then the local champions will have to be at their best if they are to draw first blood in the series.

But no matter how good they are this writer and an Island fan still like the chances of the defending champions to come through with honors by high in tonight's battle. It may not be an easy battle and Royals are by no means considering it as such but with the "chips" down as they will be from now on Royals will be at their best.

We have had occasion and were justified in panning the Royals several times this season on some of the performances they staged. It wasn't on a question of ability but rather on the efforts they were putting forth that caused the plain speaking. However now that is "water that has gone under the dam" and as the playoffs have in-sight Royals have snapped out of it and are showing their real worth.

Practice sessions the past few days have seen the team putting forth their best effort in weeks. And fans who have followed the teams' doings have replaced that worried frown with a satisfied grin as they placed their stamp of approval on the team after they had gone through their final skating practice at the Forum last evening.

The fight that characterized their play in last season's playdowns is once again to the front after a short absence and the confidence sound as anxiously awaiting the bell that will send them into action against their challengers to the right to once again represent the Maritimes in the Memorial Cup playdowns.

## Chatham Downs Moncton Eagles 3-1 In Playoff

CHATHAM, N. B., March 5—(CP)—Chatham Consols defeated Moncton Eagles 3-1 tonight in the first of two games for the New Brunswick Senior Hockey Championship. The deciding game, with total goals counting, will be played at Amherst Thursday night and the winners will meet Sydney Millionaires for the Maritime title.

## Badminton Championships Open Today

WINNIPEG, March 5—(CP)—When the Canadian badminton championships get underway here tomorrow two of the hottest rivalries in any national sporting event will be attracted to the main event—the men's and women's singles.

## REMEMBER WHEN

(By The Canadian Press)  
The mile bicycle record held by Torney Peven of Victoria was bettered at Los Angeles five years ago today by Frank Bartell, bewiskered Czech-Slovak, who skidded around a track at 30.84 miles an hour, four miles an hour better than the Canadian record's mark.

## Royals Confident On Eve Of Series Opener With The New Brunswick Champs

"Let's go Royals" will be the chant that a mighty audience will take up at the Forum tonight as the referees whistle sends Charlottetown Junior Royals, starting out in defense of their Maritime title, against the New Brunswick champions, St. John Beavers in the opening game of the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island playdowns to determine the team to meet the Nova Scotia champions for the three-province title. And Royals are expected to respond nobly to the urging of their loyal fans as they meet what is expected to be their biggest threat to continued supremacy in Maritime Junior ranks.

With memories of last year's sensational playdowns still in their minds, interest among the fans has mounted to fever heat and everywhere sport fans gather tonight's game has been the only topic of conversation. Fans are expecting a mighty struggle in tonight's game on the hands of the Royals against a team reputed to be the best that New Brunswick has ever banded together but nevertheless are confident in the ability of the local youngsters to come through with a victory in tonight's all-important encounter.

As for the Royals themselves they breezed through yesterday's workouts in convincing fashion. Three sets of forward lines were skating both ways in lightning-like fashion; their shooting was deadly accurate while pattern plays, checking on aim-st every attempt brought gasps of delight from the tribars who watched. The ideal team go through their final paces.

Dead serious every member of the team is practically eating and sleeping hockey. Their minds are set on one solitary purpose and that is retaining of the title they take so much pride in and a more determined band of junior hockey players never faced on a boat than the Royals will be when they skate out tonight against their mighty-regarded opponents.

Neither coach Walter Lawlor nor Manager Neil Whittick had much to say last night on the outcome of the game to get outside of that they were satisfied with the condition of the team and confident that they would handle the obstacles facing them tonight. Says Lawlor: "I think we can take them and the team will be in there fighting all the way."

There isn't a sore spot on the squad as the players all in perfect health were tucked in early last night awaiting the game. They are grimly determined to down the

## Beavers Boast Of Strong Squad

SAINT JOHN, N. B., March 5—Ted Kierstead and his powerful St. John Beavers leave tomorrow morning for Charlottetown to battle the highly-rated junior Royals in the Maritime semi-final contest that is their year.

This is the third time in a row that Kierstead has piloted a Saint John team to the New Brunswick junior hockey title, and it will be the third consecutive season that they have met the Royals.

In their two previous meetings the Island team has been victorious, and last year followed up their defeat of the Saint John team by going on to win the tri-province crown.

But this year, Kierstead, in an effort to break the Charlottetown jinx and win the Maritime championship went beyond the backyard and school rinks in Saint John to gather his team, and imported six high class junior players—four from Montreal and two from Quebec.

But manager Kierstead's worries were short lived when Bill Gagey returned to the city after a brief stay in Cape Breton. Gagey, who has few peers among Maritime goalies was quite capable of filling Beavers' shoes.

So the junior hockey promoter went about the task of building up his title seeking sextet.

Walter Butler, a whirlwind centre, was picked to pilot the first string forward line. On left wing is Johnny Heenan, an unknown youngster from Parvillie who stands head and shoulders over Dave Smith, last year's number one left wing but in he gained playing ability. Brian McCormack, the veteran performer left from the last edition of the Pontiacs filled the right wing spot, and by going speed, playing brilliant and scoring power.

Centring the second line is the firebrand of the team, Byard Rothwell. A scrappy player who is always in the thick of the play and a dress back-checker. "Butch" Nason and Ray Tracey, third liners last year play the wings. Both have improved greatly, and can hold their own with the best.

"Polly" Poliquin who came to Saint John with Braut as a member of last year's Concord junior team, is the middle man on the third line. Left wing is piloted by Don Cooke, and patrolling the right boards, Eddie MacGibbon, the big siege gun of the team.

With Poliquin setting up the pass-thrasher, this line is a baggy scoring threat. Then the first line, especially when MacGibbon lets fire with his bullet shot, and is Kierstead's "ace in the hole."

Frank Fortune is once again the burk of the defence, and receives able support from Leroy McDonald who along with MacGibbon hails from Antigonish, Jackie Nixon and Larry Prime. This quartet gives Gagey plenty of protection and makes it all the harder to beat him.

**CANCEL FIGHT**  
TORONTO, March 5—(CP)—Two fights which George Pace had contracted for have been cancelled. It was announced today that the fight of an injury suffered by the Cleveland negro in defence of his world's bantamweight crown against Lou Salica, New York veteran.

Gen's High Three, F. W. Boyles 552.  
Tonight at 7.00  
Sterns Vs. C. J. ers  
Royal Packing Co., Vs. S. A. MacDonald.

## Boston Bruins Turn On Power And Defeat Red Wings By 7-2

BOSTON, March 5—(AP)—Needling every possible point in the battle for the National Hockey League leadership with New York Rangers, Boston Bruins threw tremendous power against the weakened Detroit Red Wings and gained a 7-2 victory tonight before 12,000 at the B-ston Garden.

The triumph, which wiped out Sunday's setback in Detroit, moved the Bruins to within a point of Lester Patrick's pacemakers, who have but three more games to play against five for the Stanley Cup title.

While piling up their one-sided margin against the Red Wings—who played without Eddie Goodfellow, their star defenceman, and Eddie Wars—the Bruins' goal-makers were Roy Conacher, Herb Cain, Dit Clapper and P-d Hamill. Bobby Bauer topped the Bruins' scorers with two unassisted tallies and Milt Schmidt, the Bruins' leading scorer, celebrated his 22nd birthday by annexing a goal and an assist that boosted his total to 47 points. The other Boston goal-makers were Roy Conacher, Herb Cain, Dit Clapper and P-d Hamill. Goals Frankie Brimek's hopes

of chalking up his sixth shutout died during the second minute of the final session when Syd Abel aimed a shot that struck Clapper on the chest and dropped between his legs. Clapper lost sight of the puck and before he could clear it, Ken Kilrea jabbed it free and tipped it into the Boston net.

Late in the game, Alex Motter got loose on a breakaway play and set up the second Detroit score for the trailing Syd Howe.

**SUMMARY**  
First Period  
1-Boston, Bauer 9:42  
Penalties—None.  
Second Period  
2-Boston, Conacher (Cowiey, Smith) 5:52  
3-Boston, Schmidt (Hamill, Hill) 10:44  
4-Boston, Cain (Crawford, Wiseman) 15:07  
5-Boston, Clapper (Schmidt) 17:17  
Penalties—None.  
Third Period  
6-Detroit, Kilrea (Aber) 1:55  
7-Boston, Hamill (Bauer) 2:39  
8-Detroit, Howe (Mottler) 18:41  
9-Boston, Bauer 19:16  
Penalties—None.

## Western Rinks Step Ahead In Curling Race For Tankard

By Charles Edwards  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
WINNIPEG, March 5—(CP)—Western rinks stepped ahead of the field in the Macdonald's Brier Canadian Curling Championships today.

Manitoba remained unbeaten with four triumphs while Alberta and Saskatchewan occupied second place with three victories and a single loss each.

Northern Ontario, co-leader with Manitoba after yesterday's first two rounds, was beaten twice today but the major surprise was the 15-9 victory scored by 70-year-old Col. Archie Bell of Quebec City on the afternoon draw over the 1939 Brier champions, Bert Hall's Ontario four from Kitchener.

Bell, without a victory when the day began, nosed out the winless Prince Edward Island quartet in the morning but was given little chance to subdue the great Kitchener quartet playing in the Brier for a third consecutive year.

The veteran Nck Thibodeau, New Brunswick skip, gave Howard Wood's Manitobans a real scare in the morning round but the Brier winner counted a four on the last end for a 13-10 decision when Thibodeau missed with his last rock. Wood's 17-4 ro to of the S. S. R. fuse rink from Bridgewater, N. S., this afternoon was the Maritimers' third loss.

In the morning Nova Scotia lost 15-6 to Alberta, skipped by the rest-of-the-world champion, 1933-34 doublet Cliff Mansh, 1933-34 Quebec-Northern Ontario, Manitoba walloped British Columbia, represented by the Billy Finlay rink of Vancouver, 15-4.

In the fourth round Thibodeau scored a hat-trick on the last end as New Brunswick downed the Finlay four 10-9. Manitoba followed Prince Edward Island's desperate bid for an initial win to break a nine-game losing streak by winning 10-6.

The fifth round will be played tomorrow afternoon with these pairings: Prince Edward Island-Ontario; Saskatchewan-Alberta; Quebec-Northern Ontario; Manitoba-British Columbia; New Brunswick-Nova Scotia.

The curlers attended the annual Brier banquet tonight and the annual meeting of the Dominion Curling Association will be held tomorrow morning.

Score by ends:  
Morning  
P. E. Island 301 120 030 100-11  
Quebec 030 001 201 041-12  
Afternoon  
Alberta 000 012 300 112-10  
P. E. Island 111 100 011 000-6

**STANDING**  
Rink W L  
Manitoba 4 0  
Alberta 3 1  
Saskatchewan 3 1  
Northern Ontario 2 2  
Ontario 2 2  
New Brunswick 2 2  
Quebec 2 2  
Nova Scotia 1 3  
British Columbia 1 3  
Prince Edward Island 0 4

**Snooker**  
One match in the Provincial Snooker tournament was run off last evening when J. McDougall won from F. Ranaghan 2 games to one. Tonight two matches are scheduled, first between L. McCoubrey and A. Doyle, and the second between E. Larter and H. Redmond.

## S. D. U. Lose To Mt. A.

SACKVILLE, N. B., March 5—(CP)—Mount Allison University defeated St. Dunstan's University 8-2 tonight in the final game of the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island intercollegiate hockey league schedule.

## Sherbrooke Wins First Playoff Game

SHERBROOKE, Que., March 5—(CP)—Sherbrooke Red Raiders drew first blood in their provincial senior hockey league semi-final playoff series with Valleyfield tonight, edging out the Braves 2-1 in a closely contested game. The teams will meet again Thursday at Valleyfield.

## Joe Dimaggio Holds Out On N. Y. Yankees

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 4—(AP)—Joe Dimaggio became the lone holdout of New York Yankees today. Manager Joe McCarthy announced that third baseman Red Rolfe had accepted the Yankees' offer—believed to be \$17,000—and would leave for Florida tomorrow.

## BILLIARDS

Another match in the first round of the second section of the Provincial Billiard tournament was played last night at the Sunnyside Billiard Parlor when W. Lawlor won from E. Stanley by a good margin. Tonight C. McKenna plays T. Campbell. The officials last night were Doyle referee, and Ford Marker.

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## BOWLING RESULTS

**HOLY NAME BOWLING**  
Total—2921  
Challenge Series  
Alleys the second game of Challenge series again went to Michaels Grocery after a very good game being rolled up by the winnecs, on the other hand the Barbers were very close on shaving the four pin center was a little off on the out line but McDougall stuck to massaging the foul line all through the game, the Barbers were over worked in trying to get Gillis to take the cap off. Some of the boys set some new names.

G. Gillis	287	217	204
J. Michael	138	214	181
J. Callaghan	231	197	156
W. Mullins	221	179	239
J. Tierney	248	210	193
Geo. Michael	225	174	197
Total—2911			
Lambros Barbers:			
V. Block	161	150	306
R. McDougall	134	188	207
E. Cudmore	228	171	168
P. Michael	143	148	189
H. Sertner	160	176	230
E. McGee	200	257	185
Total—3365			
High Single, M. Block 306			
High Three, G. Gillis 688			
Mixed League			
Dodgers:			
Low Score	165	165	163
R. Dohron	124	144	210
J. Callaghan	151	135	189
A. Coyne	139	103	150
M. Connolly	189	179	184
A. Walsh	154	128	169
Total—2803			
Royals:			
E. Robin	221	270	163
L. Blanchard	196	202	241
E. Dougan	119	199	159
S. Smith	150	177	166
A. Birch	214	187	136
M. Carragher	101	151	108
Total—3148			
Ladies High Single, A. Birch 214			
Ladies High Three, A. Birch 537			
Gen's High Single, E. Robin 270			
Gen's High Three, E. Robin 654			
Blue Birds:			
R. Ellison	178	125	206
Low Score	146	165	134
R. McFarlane	166	139	138
P. Lawlor	162	133	129
L. Ellison	94	141	162
Total—2249			
Alerts:			
V. Coyle	206	200	134
J. Hughes	146	239	207
Low Score	94	130	129
E. Hessian	128	161	146
G. McCardle	119	142	88
Total—2288			
Ladies High Single, R. McFarlane 166			
Ladies High Three, R. McFarlane 443			
Gen's High Single, J. Hughes 239			
Gen's High Three, J. Hughes 592			
NOTE: There will be no Big Four League game on account of hockey match at the Forum tonight.			
<b>CHARLOTTETOWN ALLEYS</b>			
Store League			
Sterns:			
Low Score	134	133	120
R. McManium	125	136	189
M. Gillis	128	178	148
R. Gallant	127	179	184
P. Smith	172	160	198

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By George McManus

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