

Bonspiel Postponed

Mild weather forced postponement Saturday of the Prize Bonspiel at the Curling rink, the ice committing after inspecting the ice deciding that the surface was too soft for the lengthy schedule of matches that was on the program.

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Halifax Wins

HALIFAX, Feb. 18 (CP)—Halifax Wolves won the Eastern Hockey league championship here Saturday night when they defeated the Kentville Wildcats, 5-2 in a bruising, penalty-punctuated game. Halifax won three games in the best-of-five series while Kentville won one. One game was played to a draw.

SAINTS & P. W. C. BATTLE TO 2-ALL DRAW



Prince of Wales hockey squad today threw a big scare into the ranks of the favored S. D. U. team in the first encounter for the Island intercollegiate title when they held the Saints to a 2-all draw on Saturday night, in a game that was pleasing from every angle to the large crowd of fans present.

At times outplayed by a big margin Prince of Wales called on every corner of their defensive ability to hold their opponents in check. That they succeeded is now well known and the next game of the series should be another exciting battle such as the two teams staged Saturday night.

A lot of credit for P. W. C.'s great stand rests on the shoulders of their defence and goalie particularly the latter. McArthur, the net guardian, handled himself like a veteran every minute of the encounter and some of his saves were of the phenomenal. The younger certainly impressed with his performance and looks like one of the best goaling prospects to make an appearance in a long while.

Evidently Glace Bay hockey officials are finding it an expensive proposition to run their league much the same as the "Big Four" did. Just recently it was announced that prices of games for play-off matches would be raised to help the competing clubs out of the red and here now Glace Bay writer views the question:

How much are you willing to pay to see the playoffs? Would you think it exorbitant? If the price went up ten cents so that rush seats were 50c and reserved seats 65c? That is one of the angles that the playoffs have produced. It seems that the Forum is ready and willing to agree to that price but the directors of the Miners Forum have turned it down flat.

Now why the reason for the increase? The clubs are in the hole. The increase wouldn't bring them out but it would decrease their deficit a great deal. Any help that can be given the clubs financially would be greatly appreciated.

The crowds have been good this year. Fans everywhere, and especially in Glace Bay, have followed their team very well. But with all that the red ink on the books shows that the fans were getting more expensive hockey than they were paying for. The men who are footing the hockey bills aren't wealthy. They can't afford the loss they are being called upon to bear.

It looks as if the whole future of the game is at stake. Sydney is just about as bad off. If both or either of these clubs find that they can't any longer foster a team the Cape Breton hockey league as we know it is finished unless some others will take their place. And judging by the way the baseball franchise hasn't been snapped up the outlook isn't hopeful.

As senior hockey is the Forum's mainstay the Forum directors should be concerned in doing everything to keep the league afloat and successfully if possible. For that reason we feel that in this case it should fall in line with the request of the hockey league for the small increase in price for a time this season. The increase wouldn't be a very great hardship on anybody, it wouldn't be liable to keep anybody away

Charlottetown Players Make Good Showing

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 18 (CP)—Tony Gruboski, of Hersey, Pa., versatile forward with Sydney Millionaires, led the Cape Breton hockey league in scoring this year, according to tonight's final league statistics for the season. Gruboski scored 29 goals and got 27 assists for a point total of 56, leading the circuit in both departments. He beat out a teammate, Doug Fritz of Listowel, Ont., whose 49 points were made up of 24 goals and 25 assists.

The other leading scorers with their home towns bracketed:—The Williams, Sydney (Charlottetown) 27 20 47; Johnny Atchison, Sydney (Winnipeg) 26 20 46; M. Kelly, Glace Bay (Guelph, Ont.) 19 23 42; Irving McGibbon, Glace Bay (Antigonish, N. S.) 25 15 40; B. Craig, North Sydney (Winnipeg) 20 13 33; Johnny Squarebriggs, Glace Bay (Charlottetown) 18 15 33; Boots Baird, Glace Bay (Hamilton, Ont.) 18 13 31; W. Clifton, North Sydney (Kenora, Ont.) 22 10 32.

Baseball To Open June 5

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 18 (CP)—Directors of the Cape Breton Colliery Baseball League, only professional league in the Maritimes, decided today to open the league's 1940 schedule June 5 at Sydney.

League Leading N. Y. Rangers Go Down To Defeat By Red Wings

DETROIT, Feb. 18 (CP)—A pair of goals in the second half of the third period gave Detroit Red Wings a 2-0 victory over the leading New York Rangers in a National Hockey League game here tonight. The contest, last between the clubs during the regular campaign, produced a free-for-all fight in the second period.

The fight broke out between Eddie West of Detroit and Al Pike of the Rangers, and got so wild with others joining in that police finally broke it up. West and Pike received minor penalties.

In the third period, while New York was short-handed because of a penalty, Alex Mottler scored on a shot from 10 feet out. Less than a minute later Detroit scored again as a result of the Rangers' desperate effort to tie the count. Syd Howe obtained the puck near the Detroit net, skated down the ice and passed to Modere Bruneteau who sent the rubber whizzing over goalie Dave Kerr's shoulder.

Both rinks have come through a long schedule and are the lone survivors of the forty rinks that started in the competition. Tonight's game promises to be a keen, hard-fought match throughout.

Following is the personnel of the two rinks: A Rattenbury, C. N. Earle, G. M. Avar, W. R. Cruickshanks, Skip

Maple Leafs Down Canadiens In Two Games Over Week-end

TORONTO, Feb. 18 (CP)—It seemed like old times at the Gardens Saturday night with Regis (Pep) Kelly punching in the goals and Reginad (Red) Horner just punching as Toronto Maple Leafs beat Montreal Canadiens 3-1 before 11,000 customers.

Kelly picked off two quick goals late in the second period to break a 1-1 deadlock while the red-headed defenceman staged a one-man riot in the first that held up the game for nearly 10 minutes. The victory gave the third-place Leafs two badly needed points in the National Hockey League race to help stave off the rush of Chicago's hungry Hawks. Canadiens nullified their chance to catch New York's idle Americans and remained in the cellar.

As the players tripped, bumped, fought in corners and along the boards, major penalties were handed out to Murph Chamberlain, Gus Marker, Red Goupille, Red Horner, and Toe Blake. All but Chamberlain's major came in the third period when, at one time, there were eight men in the penalty box.

Beaten 2-1 in Toronto by the Leafs Saturday night, the Habits, fighting like fury to make the last playoff spot, had to play without the services of defenceman Walter Buswell and centreman Armand Mondou.

Buswell suffered an ankle injury in the Saturday contest while Mondou aggravated an old knee injury. Smiley Metonek, recently signed amateur who suffered an attack of influenza a day after leaving the amateur ranks, made his N. H. L. debut on a line with Blake and Tony Demers.

In the second period defenceman Doug Young suffered a knee injury when Kamppan fell atop him in a corner. Between the seconds, fighting like fury to make the last playoff spot, had to play without the services of defenceman Walter Buswell and centreman Armand Mondou.

At the peak of the penalty parade, when Marker, Goupille, Bob Davidson, Rhye Thompson, Horner, Blake, Stankowski and Chisholm were off at the same time, it wasn't enough room to accommodate them in the penalty box.

It was the last time that one of the culprits and another for the harassed timekeeper.

Next Saturday another race program will be held and a new course is to be laid out. Club officials announced on Saturday.

Class A Trot & Pace
Mille Kalmuck (Kelly) 1 1 1
Plucky Scott (McNeil) 2 2 2
McEwain the Great (Walker) 3 3 3
Time: 32 1-2, 31, 33
The winning horse is owned by Archie Murley, Argyle Shore.

Victoria Driving Club Stage Races

Despite a track made heavy by mild weather Victoria Driving Club staged their usual Saturday race meet on Saturday with three classes being run off Mille Kalmuck, King Spruce and June Set being returned the winners after each class provided close finishes and fast times considering the condition of the track.

In winning the Class A Trot and Pace Mille Kalmuck chalked up three straight heats with the fastest time of 31 seconds. Three entries came to the wire for the first heat, Mille Kalmuck, Plucky Scott and McEwain the Great, the latter arriving in the City on Saturday after being purchased by Charlottetown parties. McEwain after finishing third in the first heat was drawn owing to breaking his hocks which cut the field down to Mille and Plucky Scott. In the second heat Plucky Scott forced Mille to the fastest time of the day finishing at her pad in 31 seconds. Willard Kelly's horse won the final heat with a length to spare.

King Spruce returning to an Island track after a long absence delighted his followers by taking three straight heats from the smooth-pacing Gippy K in the Class B race. King Spruce now owned by Archie Murley of Argyle Shore and driven Saturday by Wellington McNeil, a former owner, came from behind in the last 100 yards of each heat to nose out Gippy K.

Going away for the first heat King Spruce got away in front. Gippy K passed him in the first eighth of the quarter only to have driver McNeil win by a neck in the drive to the wire.

In the second heat the most sensational quarter of the meet Gippy K appeared to have the heat won only again King Spruce came fast to win by a head in 32 seconds. King Spruce left all the way during the final heat flashing under the wire a half a length to the good.

Class C was won by June Set, Arnie McPhee's horse winning the final two heats after winding up in third place the first heat. In the first heat, Juanita Axworthy got away in front and maintained the lead to the wire. Leland, the favorite, who going to a break at the eighth mark, finished second.

All three horses got away together for the second heat with June Set heading Juanita to the wire after Leland had again gone to a brief stop at the start. The third heat the horses got away all being bunched again with Leland showing a nose in front but again Leland broke and Juanita Axworthy and June Set staged a great duel.

In the race of the way with the latter showing in front by a head as they bounded under the wire. The heat was the fastest of the three June Set being the quarter in 32 1-2 seconds.

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Class B
King Spruce (McNeil) 1 1 1
Gippy K (McPhee) 2 2 2
Time: 32 1-2, 32, 33 3-4
The winning horse is owned by Archie Murley, Argyle Shore.

S.D.U. Shoot Counter In Third Period To Overcome Challenger's Early Lead

A third period goal by Bert Steele Saturday night gave Saint Dunstan's University sextette a 2-all draw with a surprisingly strong Prince of Wales College squad as the Island intercollegiate series got underway at the Forum before the largest crowd of the season, made up in great part of students from both colleges. Evidently due to some misunderstanding no overtime was played.

Paced by the sensational work of their young goalie and a hard-checking defence duo, Prince of Wales, after seeing the Saints opening the scoring 25 seconds after the start of the first period on a smart goal by Chris Gallant, forged into the lead as they rapped home two counters within three minutes in the dying stages of the session to take a one goal lead that they held till nine minutes before the end of the game when the fleet-footed Steele finally broke through for the tying counter.

As was expected the two squads staged a bruising, blistering battle all the way as they skated at top speed from bell to bell, with the Saints having an edge on the play but unable to break through the hard-hitting duo of Saunders and Gillis and when they did, were out-guessed by the sensational goal-tending of young McArthur in the P. W. C. cage. McArthur gave one of the best performances of the season as he displayed a coolness under fire that both amazed and delighted the big cheering section of the City college.

Fans were hardly seated when rangy Chris Gallant a lower of strength all night to the Saints, raced from his own blue line, struck a hard shot at McArthur that the latter stopped only to have Gallant snare his own rebound to dent the twine with a whistling drive. Time of the goal was 25 seconds and set off the spark for a sustained S. D. U. offensive that very nearly gave them several more goals.

P. W. C. kept fighting back, however, and suddenly as the game started to roughen up with high sticks coming into use the City college set the Saints back on their heels with two fast goals. As Saints ranged Doug Saunders jumped into the clear after a loose puck. He beat the Saints to the disc and with Gallant of the Saints on his heels got away a drive that slid into the corner of the net after the S. D. U. goalie had partially blocked the shot with his hand. Continuing the offensive after the score Saunders made the play for his team's second goal carrying deep into S. D. U. territory before passing to McArthur the latter whipping a high shot into the twine. Saints pressed back mightily after the score and Smith lost a great chance to knot the count in the final seconds as his drive was wide of the net from twenty feet out.

Saints had an edge all through the penalty-ridden second period, but could not get up on even terms with their opponents. The first half of the session was tame enough but Grant and Saunders went to the cooler in the 11 minute mark for roughing to be followed by McLeod that left P. W. C. two men short. Saints could not score with the advantage in man power and both squads were two men astide as Saunders and Gallant and then Coyle and Richard were sent to the timers. Leightner of P. W. C. missed the only real scoring chance of the period in the last minute as he missed the net after breaking into the clear.

Saints hemmed their opponents in for the greater part of the final session with four and five man attacks. Chris Gallant was right in only to be stopped by McArthur. Grant's right through only to be tripped. He was awarded a penalty shot but again McArthur filled the breach as he blocked the

Black Hawks Rally To Tie Americans

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (CP)—Chicago Black Hawks rallied for a goal in the third period tonight to tie New Americans 1-1 in a National Hockey League game. The result extended Chicago's undefeated streak to seven, of which four were victories and three ties. Murray Armstrong scored the opening goal early in the second period after hard-working Buzz Boll worried the puck in to the corner and finally passed it out. Will Field banged at Goodman and when the rebound came out Armstrong hammered it home.

The tying score, when it came half way through the third period, was luck-tinged. Bill Thoms let go a high shot from near the blue line. It sailed past the American defencemen, who were screening Robertson's view, and the goalie did not see the puck until it bit into the net behind his left shoulder.

For the remainder of the period Saints continued their drive but although they ganged the P. W. C. net right to the bell they failed to break the deadlock. Before the start of the game a stirring tribute was paid to the memory of the late Councilor A. Hennessey when the larger crowd observed a minutes silence in his memory.

Lineups:
P. W. C.: Goal, McArthur; defence, Gillis, Saunders, MacLean; forwards, MacLeod, Richard, Leightner, Wilson, I. Wilson, Roper.
S. D. U.: Goal, Connolly; defence, Gallant, Smith, Dupont, Gormley; forwards, Coyle, S. Trainor, Steele, Murnaghan, J. Trainor, McInnis.

Referee: Walter Lawlor.
Scoring—None.
Penalties—None.

First Period
1-S. D. U., Gallant 0:25
2-P. W. C., Saunders 15:00
3-P. W. C., MacLeod (Saunders) 18:30
Penalties—Saunders, Trainor, Gillis.

Second Period
Scoring—None.
Penalties—Grant, Saunders (2), MacLeod, Gallant, Coyle, Richard.

Third Period
4-S. D. U., Steele (Smith) 11:00
Penalties—Gillis (2), Steele, Leightner.

Scoring—None.
Penalties—Grant, Saunders (2), MacLeod, Gallant, Coyle, Richard.

Scoring—None.
Penalties—None.

Hockey Practice

Junior Royals hockey practice tonight at the Forum, 5 to 6, attendance requested, Walter Lawlor, coach.

CHALLENGE

Kirk-Scout's hereby challenge the Brackley Midget Bombers to a friendly game of hockey to be played in East Royal Rink Wednesday night. If not fine following Friday night. Accept through this paper or get in touch with Ray Smith, coach 3 Bishop Street.

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YOU BIN SLIDIN' THE TROMBONE ABOUT YOUR DOG, MAJOR? TIP WATSON JUS' CAME HOME WITH SOME CLASSY HOUNDS. WHY DONTCHA WIND UP YOUR SCROOT FOR A MATCH RACE? TIP'LL BETCHA IT'S CHRISTMAS OR BETCHA IT AIN'T!
EGAD, I MAY GET ASIDE A FEW MOMENTS TO INTERVIEW TIP TOMORROW! CHOFF-CHOK! WOULD HE VENTURE AS HIGH AS FOUR FIGURES ON A RACE?
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