

Gambling Scandal Looms In National Hockey League Circles

DETROIT, Feb. 24 (AP)—Professional hockey braced itself tonight against the threat of a gambling scandal as Detroit Police Commissioner Harry Toy dug into information on the "hot" league's two unnamed players with the suspected head of a betting ring.

Toy said he was seeking a "complete report of the whole affair" but added that the information so far "wasn't of sufficient strength to base an accusation."

The Detroit Times, in a copy-righted story, said that the police information indicated "at least two" players of the National Hockey League made "substantial" bets on games. One of them, the Times said, bet \$550 against his own team and another also placed a wager, implying that part of it was for a teammate.

Toy said at a press conference this afternoon that his information indicated that "Tamer, paroled convict whose actions were closely watched by police, had been in contact last week by telephoning with two players—one a member of the Bruins and the other of New York Rangers."

A call came to Tamer from a member of the Bruins in Chicago telling Tamer that two Boston stars were out and that "two New York Rangers were out in Chicago that night," Toy said.

Tamer used that information for a phone call to New York to a player, suggesting that he place a bet on Chicago against the Bruins. There is no evidence whether or not the Ranger player made the bet, Toy said. "Presumably Tamer acted in a sort of intermediary way would take calls from players regarding weaknesses and strong points and pass it on to other players."

Tamer was paroled from prison in 1944 after serving about five years of a 15-year sentence for his part in the \$35,000 robbery of a Flint, Mich., bank in 1934. Underworld suggestions that Tamer was using gambling connections to make money after his release from prison resulted in the investigation of his activities.

The Times said in its story that Tamer booked the bets for the players and on one occasion was in Feb. 18 when the Bruins were in Chicago to play the Black Hawks.

A player made the bet with Tamer in Detroit with the newspaper said, and told him the Bruins were weakened by mishaps. One player had been injured in a collision with a goal post and would not play that night. Another player might be out of the game because his baby was sick.

"We are going to blow the game," the Times said Tamer was told.

In that particular instance, however, Boston surprised with a 4-2 victory and any bet against his team would have been lost.

"This kind of charge blakens the name of hockey, destroys public support of the game and is exceedingly unfair unless proved," Adams said.

The incident recalled that two years ago Walter (Babe) Pratt, then playing defence with the Leafs, was expelled from the League for two weeks for betting on the outcome of games.

Pratt, first player expelled from the League for gambling since it was formed in 1917, was later reinstated.

Art Ross Calls Reports "Ridiculous"

TORONTO, Feb. 24 (CP)—Reports from Detroit that two members of Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League bet against their own team stirred an intensive investigation here tonight.

President Clarence Campbell of the N. H. L. was due in by plane from Montreal to confer between 9 p.m. and midnight with general manager Art Ross of the Bruins, here for a game tomorrow night with Toronto Maple Leafs.

Ross, grizzled veteran of some 40 years in hockey, described the reports as "ridiculous," but made it known that he is questioning each member of his team and hopes to have the investigation complete in time to make a statement tomorrow.

After the conference here, Campbell was to continue on to Detroit to seek further information on the gambling reports, linked with an ex-convict James Tamer who is said to have handled the bets.

Boston Players Deny Charges

TORONTO, Feb. 24 (CP)—All members of the Boston Bruin hockey team tonight denied charges that linked them with the suspected head of a betting ring in Detroit.

General manager Art Ross of Bruins gathered the players in a Toronto hotel room, read newspaper accounts of charges that one of them had made substantial bets on games and was given a denial by each player.

"They have denied the Detroit charges 100 per cent," Ross said "I believe every one of the boys."

Mrs. F. B. Clarke 239 195 232
Spore 125 125 123
Mrs. Craig 158 118 88
Mrs. MacKinnon 110 93 130
Mrs. Hayward 159 147 187

Points:
High single Mrs. F. B. Clarke 233.
High three Mrs. F. B. Clarke 638.

CHTOWN ALLEYS

Candlepin League

Tigers:

J. Bradley	117	90	118
W. Taylor	96	79	108
J. McCormick	80	79	96
P. Harley	119	106	92
G. Kays	87	110	97

Total—1483.

Blitz:

C. McClair	96	82	91
B. MacDonald	74	82	80
E. Callaghan	101	92	78
R. Whitlock	103	75	86
G. Cudmore	80	83	85

Total—1330.

High single J. Harley 118.
High three J. Bradley 334.
Points: Tigers 5; Blitz 6.

Bowling

HOLY NAME ALLEYS

D. V. A. League

W. A. Henry	149	188	173
E. W. Campbell	113	153	163
Miss Inman	104	108	142
J. G. Lacey	124	113	158
Jas. Coles	203	293	171

Total—2355.

Hot Shots:

F. G. Leats	202	240	203
D. N. Bell	127	108	151
Mrs. Graham	104	56	111
Miss Stewart	125	217	157
F. B. Conrad	273	222	240

Total—2545.

High single J. Coles 263.
High three F. B. Conrad 735.
Points: Ants 1-2; Hot Shots 3½.

Blue Bloods

E. J. Sullivan	194	146	136
Miss Dowling	130	123	124
G. T. Donovan	102	152	171
J. R. Morris	131	142	211
A. W. Rogers	175	209	224

Total—2375.

Hi-Jinx:

W. L. Jenkins	99	157	148
Miss McMahon	118	153	127
N. R. Larter	206	211	134
R. J. Mahar	160	187	147
L. P. Macdonald	166	175	140

Total—2308.

High single J. R. Morris 218.
High three A. W. Rogers 599.
Points: Blue Bloods 3; Hi-Jinx 2.

Monday Afternoon Ladies League

Team No. 1—

Mrs. J. P. Clarke	152	215	173
Mrs. Hooper	206	163	191
Miss Laird	117	152	149
Mrs. Bell	109	213	111
Mrs. Ley	158	187	134

Points—22.

Team No. 2—

Mrs. Smith	121	154	137
Mrs. Norman	120	169	145
Mrs. Andrew	120	126	205
Mrs. Irving	110	117	131
Mrs. Dalling	105	105	88

Points—11.

Team No. 3—

Mrs. Allan	137	136	153
Mrs. Rogerson	161	126	132
Miss Longworth	178	163	149
Mrs. Clawson	153	134	133
Mrs. Cameron	186	173	124

Points—17.

Team No. 4—

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Sport Echoes from Prince County

It will be some time before hockey fans who attended the match between Borden Nationals and Summerside All-Stars in Bedouk Monday night will be able to get the red light flashes out of their eyes. Twenty-seven goals in one game must be close to a record for play-off games. The way forwards galloped through opposing defences to drive shots, a high percentage of them deadly and accurate, at two overworked goalies was something not often seen in our national pastime. The net guardians made some fine stops in the early stages of the game but as the scoring crescendo advanced most of the shots directed at the cage seemed to sag the twines. Perhaps the fact that there was a six-goal difference between the teams at the start of the game made everybody a little more careless. Possibly defencemen, knowing that the issue had already been decided, and that there was nothing at stake, took no unnecessary chances in trying to repel invaders romping into their territory. Anyway it was a real goal-fest and if the vogue continues, goal judges will be demanding equal pay with referees.

Injuries have been taking their toll of Prince County hockey players in recent games. Arnold Hill, who played on the forward line with Windy Steele's Dodgers sustained a bad knee injury last week and will play no more hockey this season. Freddie Fov, the combination goaler and centreman of the local R.C.A.F. did not play in Monday night's encounter between the Summerside All-Stars and Borden because of facial injuries received in a recent football. Max Murphy, smart forward of the Kensington Juniors, broke his ankle and will not be around when his mates are battling Summerside for juvenile honours. Murphy did not get his injury in a game, however. He was in a wood-sleigh when the accident happened.

Banks, who played for Borden Nationals against Summerside, really unbound himself in the game at Bedouk. He scored the only Borden goal in the first game, but did not show the surprising dash which he uncorked in the second contest. We don't know how long he has been playing hockey, so can't call him a glory. Perhaps most of his hockey is in the past. But certainly he showed plenty of promise in that one play-off game.

In the Summerside Town League there are still two games of the regular schedule to be played and with play-off games and other attractions taking up most of the nights, it is going to be difficult to finish the play-offs before April showers call a halt to proceedings. The schedule called for best two-out-of-three semifinals and best-three-out-of-five finals, but we wouldn't be surprised if sudden-death affairs bring the league to a close.

The Dodgers and R.C.A.F. will be in the semi-finals and the winner will play the league-leading Legionnaires. The rest of the schedule could be scrapped right now only for the fact that there is a prize for the scoring leader and although Emmett Trainor is well out in front at present "can never" can tell how many points one of the runners-up might get in one game.

Bowling

HOLY NAME ALLEYS

Big Four League

Knights:

R. Bradley	203	265	178
L. Murraghan	198	217	227
P. McAdam	178	153	138
R. McDonald	215	236	213
S. Dolron	189	182	306

Total—3077.

All-Stars:

C. LeClair	179	275	187
C. Proude	211	204	240
E. Pineau	165	180	189
R. Cameron	217	198	201
E. Larter	224	162	297

Total—3085.

High single S. Dolron 308.
High three E. Larter 853.
Points: Knights 1-2; All Stars 3-1-2.

City Employees League

Police:

Peter Jay	239	172	237
R. Ellison	186	196	147
S. Webster	128	160	201
J. Nightengale	193	160	118

Total—2127.

Happy Gang:

W. Farmer	255	191	145
L. Smith	132	181	123
T. McKinnon	143	193	234
R. Santner	119	145	116

Total—1090.

Points: Police 3-1-2; Happy Gang 1-1-3.
High single W. Farmer 255.

Crescents Win 9-3 To Deadlock Series With Moncton Hawks

HALIFAX, Feb. 24 (CP)—Halifax Crescents turned a close, hard-fought playoff game into a third-period rout tonight as they dradlock the Maritime Senior Hockey League semi-finals at two games each. Fifth and deciding game of the series will be played at Moncton Thursday.

It was Crescents second victory in two night after they lost the first two games at Moncton, and a spectacular comeback for a team that finished at the bottom of the heap during the regular season.

Halifax was led by two veterans, forward Billy Hannon and rearguard Ray Powell, and by rookie Willie Robertson of Charlottetown. Carl Bacarache was the outstanding member of the New Brunswick club.

Halifax led 2-1 at the end of the first period and it was 2-2 at the end of the second. Hannon started Crescents off to victory with a smart goal early in the closing chapter and from there in Halifax skated the visitors into the ice.

Hannon was the prime producer with three goals and an assist on another. Robertson and Johnny Young each had a goal and two helpers. George MacGregor potted two tallies and Rock Sullivan and Powell got the remaining two.

Babe Gresko, Buck Whitlock and Svede Paulsen scored the Moncton goals, one to a period.

It was a hard-hitting contest with close checking and 12 penalties, including major sentences to Gresko and Powell for fighting in the third period.

Crescents sloved the Moncton attack with a heavy body attack.

Exhibition Games Won By The Underdogs

By BOB JELLISON

HALIFAX, Feb. 24 (CP)—Exhibition games may be fun for the paying guests, but they often knock the stuffings out of a team's ego and reputation. Boston Bruins occasionally sink back from a pre-schedule road trip, highlighted by defeat at the hands of, say the Rideville Glocksapiels, and big-time baseball clubs all know that "dull, listless feeling" following a horrible performance on the East Utopia diamond.

This phenomenon, sometimes known as the back-lot baffle, has cropped up notably this season in Maritime ice halls. Every time a crew from the Maritime Big Four League, purportedly the finest collection of rinksters in the area and at least the most publicized, ventured out against a senior "B" or junior team, the smart money was plunked down on the underdog.

Moncton Hawks and Truro Bears, who finished first and second in Big Four standings, have both gone to their knees before St. John's Royals, a "B" team. Halifax Crescents came out second best against Halifax St. Mary's Juniors, who also topped St. John's Royals. "Just what do exhibition games mean? Are they a fair test of strength? Could you be guided by the actual results?"

That's Ace (Halifax Chronicle) Policy acting as quizmaster and before you can get to an encyclopedia, he's supplied the reply himself: "The general answer is 'no.' That might seem a bit abrupt so we'll stickhandle around a bit and try to make sense out of it."

Big-timers, says Ace, use a non-league match usually to polish up a few plays, earn a bit of pin-money and have an enjoyable evening. Although they may regret the final score no end, they seldom take the game seriously. The lesser lights, on the other hand, have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Such as Ace would like to think so, this doesn't mean that the loss of an exhibition is necessarily the stronger. When the blue chips are down and the trophies are in the offing, the Foley shekels back the big-boys.

In another corner of the rink, Don (Moncton Transcript) Fay has been doing a little stickhandling himself on the subject of exhibition games, but of a less clinical nature. He proposes a match between two spot Moncton Hawks and the Big Four All-Star team compiled by the Canadian Press last week from candidates picked by Maritime sports writers.

Hawks placed only one man — centre Buck Whitlock, the League's top scorer — on the hypothetical aggregation and Don suggests the All-Stars replace him with the second best centre.

He has proposed the match as a benefit game to aid Moncton's big winger, George Bell, who has been in hospital since Feb. 7 with injuries received during a tussle with Saint John Beavers, and for whom hockey days are over for good.

If the requested evidence was tabled "I believe that we shall then be able to make an appraisal of the evidence and come to a better conclusion regarding the Hong Kong affair."

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PRIME MINISTER

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en prisoner when the Japanese conquered the island colony on Christmas Day, 1941, less than three weeks after the Pacific war started. Mr. Power's son, Lieut. Gavan Power of the Royal Rifles, was imprisoned.

The Hong Kong controversy, revived almost a month ago by John Bracken, Progressive Conservative leader, came back into full-scale prominence today as Mr. King read a prepared statement on the Government's decisions regarding publication of evidence.

His statement was in reply to Mr. Bracken's motion for tabling of the evidence and to the Opposition leader's requests that the Government disclose the contents of Mr. Drew's letter.

Mr. King said the Government will not table the Drew letter and that sections of the Commission evidence will be paraphrased for security reasons. In addition, "certain confidential reports" would be made available to the leaders of Opposition parties.

He gave no indication when the evidence will be tabled and did not state whether the paraphrasing of still-secret sections has been completed.

Defence Minister Claxton said later that by paraphrasing messages contained in the evidence—rather than decoding them—the Government would be lessening the possibility of codes being broken.

Mr. Bracken and M. J. Coldwell, C.P.F. leader, presented their parties' reactions to the Prime Minister's statement.

Mr. Coldwell said the resolution by Mr. Bracken calls only for the Royal Commission evidence and does not refer to the Drew letter.

WALLACE OFFERS

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denunciation of President Truman's foreign policy and of "big bankers, the monopolists and the militarists."

His plan, Wallace said, would be cheaper in the end since it would bring peace and an end to the cost of preparedness for war, but it would require some sacrifice of freedom at home.

Wallace charged that "big bankers, the monopolists and the militarists" have turned the Marshall Plan into "a blueprint for war" and a "political and economic weapon against the American people."

He testified at his own request in flat opposition to the European recovery program. He said it means "suppressing" the people of Europe and lowering living standards at home.

LAVISH FABRICS AND TRIMMINGS FOR EVENING

NEW YORK — Lavish use of fabric and rich trimmings go into evening gowns. The new skirt length reaches the ankles. Offsetting this point of interest are the lovely necklines, flattering and easy to wear. The cuff treatment at top is a favorite. It may be a matching fabric with tabs at shoulder or it may be of sheer net or tips of d'esprit folded to swathe shoulders as done by Adele Simpson.

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Forecast Debate On Liquor, Labor

(By The Canadian Press)

Legislation designed to do away with Prohibition and to prevent strikes was forecast yesterday in the Speech from the Throne read by Lieutenant-Governor Joseph A. Bernard at the opening of the 21st Legislature of Prince Edward Island.

Eugene Cullen (L-3rd Queens) was named Speaker of the 30-member House in which the Liberal Party, led by Premier J. Walter Jones, holds 24 seats. His first act was to give the Throne Speech second reading.

Political observers predicted the two "L's"—labor and liquor would result in the most active debates in the House.

Proposed elimination of the requirement of a doctor's prescription to buy alcoholic beverages, observers said, would dismiss the last vestiges of prohibition, which has been partially circumvented in this manner for the last three years by the Cullen Amendment.

On the liquor question, the Throne Speech said: "The liquor law embodying the provisions which now exist and a few changes, including the exclusion of the requirement for a doctor's prescription, together with provisions for a plebiscite on prohibition on June 28, 1948, will be proposed."

This proposal went further than the plebiscite pledged by Premier Jones last fall in the Liberal Party manifesto preceding the Dec. 11 general election.

The speech gave no details of the plebiscite but it was understood that endorsement or rejection of the new legislation would form the basis of the referendum questions.

One Government supporter put it this way: "If the legislation passes this session it will then be placed before the electors for approval in the June 28 plebiscite as promised in the Liberal manifesto. If it is endorsed we will be rid of prohibition indefinitely. If it is rejected then I assume new legislation re-instating the script system would have to be re-introduced at the next session."

Islanders now must obtain a "script" from a doctor stating the liquor is to be consumed "for medicinal purposes only." A "script" is valid for six months and costs \$1.

With the "script" a purchaser may obtain a liquor permit—which costs \$1. This entitles the bearer to either a bottle of liquor or case of beer each week provided the same type of beverage is not purchased two weeks consecutively.

When the Cullen amendment, providing for sale by "scripts" was introduced in 1945, Mr. Wright announced he would resign from the Government but later changed his decision.

In a previous liquor referendum in 1941 the drys won by a heavy majority. Many here predicted a similar outcome for the next one.

Other legislation to be introduced included a new assessment plan for rural areas. In recent years suburban settlements have sprung up near Charlottetown but residents have refused to become incorporated with the city because of taxation. The assessment proposal was expected to allow for extension of sanitary facilities to those areas.

Following acceptance of members named to permanent committees by Premier Jones, the body adjourned until today when speeches moving and seconding acceptance of the Throne Speech will be made.

Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan leader of the six-man Progressive Conservative opposition, was scheduled to speak today in reply to the Throne Speech and will open the debate.

HAVE TO BUILD TRACK

LIVERPOOL — (CP) — Mersey Docks and Harbor Board has had to construct a special railway track to accommodate 90 electric railway coaches on order from Brazil, as they are too wide for Britain's narrow-gauge railways. Placed end to end the coaches would stretch almost 1 1/16 miles.

A Short-cut to Smoking Pleasure

TURRET FINE CUT TOBACCO

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