

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Manager Resigns

MONTREAL, Dec. 6 (CP)—Resignation of Burling Grimes as manager of Montreal Royals of the International Baseball League was announced tonight by business manager Guy Moreau.

Remember When

Winnipeg Blue Bombers' stock rose one year ago tonight when they announced Martin Gainer would play in the contest with Toronto Argonauts for the Dominion football title the following day.

NAVY TURNS BACK ARMY TEAM IN OPENER

Three Goal Splurge In Middle Canto Overcomes Army's Team Early Lead

In just as exciting and rugged game as has been witnessed at the Forum in several seasons the Navy squad last night beat out the Army in the opening game of the Commercial-Service League by a 4-2 score but not before the Army team had thrown a mighty scare into the team that had entered the fray favorites to win.

With both teams skating at top speed throughout; with plenty of smart hockey being thrown in for good measure and a brief fist fight and penalties galore dotting the struggle and to climax it all members of the Army making a concerted raid on the goal judge's box in the final canto as the goal judge failed to flash the light on what appeared to be a counter, the fair crowd of fans in attendance saw a great opening struggle in a league that before long promises to go over with a bang. It was really surprising the way those two teams skated last night but in the end experience, heavily in the Navy's favor told the story of the encounter.

Army, outplayed at times but fighting back with that grim, determined nature so emblematic of the uniforms they wear, took a 1-0 lead late in the first period; while both clubs were short-handed as a result of major penalties to Eddie Wares of Detroit and Roy Conacher of Boston for fighting.

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From the opening whistle the Forum, filled with Army and Navy men, resounded to their cries as they attempted to urge their favorites on. In the first few minutes of the game "Red" McInnis, guarding the Navy cage, came through with two sensational saves as snipers rode in close on him. Navy were away at sea in the opening minutes as the Army attacked quickly and efficiently; but gradually they got their bearings.

Three times in a row they rode in on the unprotected Wats in the Army cage; but the sensational Army goalkeeper was not to be beaten—not in that opening session at least. Play ranged back and forth and at the 17 minute mark the Red Wings again threatened as he robbed Johnny Kelly from five feet out. Finally the Army broke through. Gathering in the disc at his own blueline Jimmy Hogan, promptly displaying the blue flag, the centre lane flanked by rugged Doug Saunders; taking Hogan's well-timed pass Saunders swerved around the defence and went in close to beat the Army goalie with a high back hand shot that nestled high into the right hand corner of the net. Army had a 1-0 lead but Wats' last year skated the game turned in two more sensational saves in the minute and a half left of the period.

From the opening going of the second session Navy turned on full steam. Wats was tested right from the face-off as Ev Jay rode in close and then Whalen beat him at 4:47 of the period Navy tied it up. Jay answering and dodging inside the line drew both defencemen and then fed a pass to Eddie Darragh. Darragh was in the clear and he made no mistake as he beat Wats cleanly with a drive from not five feet out. Penalties were beginning to come thick and fast and Wats was again sensational on another close in drive with McInnis performing in a like manner on two attempts by Hogan and Roach from close quarters. Whelan was tight in a minute later but his shot missed the net with the goalie at his mercy.

At 13:58 of the period Navy went into the lead. With the Army pressing Navy got a blue line break. Jay carried to the blueline; Jack Darragh picked up the relay but was skated off to the boards; from there he got a pass out in front and brother Eddie was again the man on the spot as he shot his team into the lead with his second goal of the game.

There was less than three minutes remaining when Navy shot their third goal. The second counter was tinged with hoarse-ness. Forced deep into the corner on an attack Whelan centred the puck out only to have it carried off Wats' skate into the corner of the net. It was a tough break for the Army but it was Whalen, one of the hardest working players on the rink who got credit for the counter.

It was a penalty dotted period throughout the last twenty minutes of the game. Navy again had the edge but the Army's goalies could do was split even on the two goals scored. Just at the halfway mark Ev Jay shot them into a 4-1 lead a she battled his way through the sideboards to fire a zip-ping drive into the far corner of the net. From here on the tempo of the game was fast and furious. Driving with everything they had both teams saw themselves short-handed at various stages with the Navy faring off by far the worst for once for four minutes at a time. The game was again a close one. During one of those minutes Jack Darragh again in the second canto as both drew major penalties for a brief flurry of fist-cuffs. But before the game was over Army scored their second goal. Jack Darragh affair in the second canto as both drew major penalties for a brief flurry of fist-cuffs. But before the game was over Army scored their second goal.

Referee: Roy Fournier.
SUMMARY
First Period
1. Army, Saunders, (Hogan) 18:30
Penalties: E. Darragh, J. Roach.
Second Period
2. Navy, E. Darragh (Jay) 1:47.
3. Navy, E. Darragh (J. Darragh, E. Jay) 13:58.
4. Navy, Whalen 17:22.
Penalties: E. Jay, J. Darragh, (major), Saunders (major), J. Roach.
Third Period
5. Navy, E. Jay 10:00.
6. Army, Hogan 13:41.
Penalties: J. Darragh, Toombs, Chander, L. Jay, Blaquiere, Cudmore.

Wings Bow To Defeat By Bruins

DETROIT, Dec. 8 (CP)—The World Champion Boston Bruins defeated Detroit Red Wings 3-0 tonight to gain a first place tie with Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs in the National Hockey League standings.

It was Detroit's fourth consecutive defeat. All the scoring developed in a hurry-burly final 10 minutes after previous listless play before 4,000 fans, smallest crowd of the season.

The Bruins went into the lead while both clubs were short-handed as a result of major penalties to Eddie Wares of Detroit and Roy Conacher of Boston for fighting. Players of both teams had tumbled in and at one stage referee Mickey Ion was flat on his back on the bottom of a pile-up of players.

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'Fixed' Fight Investigation To Continue

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—The investigation concerning the published statement of Harry Thomas that he had participated in a "fixed" fight with Max Schmeling here Dec. 19, 1937, was placed in the hands of District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey's office today.

The New York state athletic commission, thwarted in its attempts to gain information from Thomas unless he was granted immunity and unable to grant this immunity turned the investigation over to Dewey's office for such action as it may see fit.

Thomas, who at previous hearings had refused to answer questions on the grounds that might incriminate him, did not testify at today's hearing. But stated through his attorney, John Daley, Jr., that he would talk if granted immunity from any punishment that might result from his testimony.

It is a criminal offence to "throw" a fight in New York. Today's hearing was given over entirely to the testimony of Arch Ward, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, who published Thomas' statements that he had "thrown" his fight with Schmeling, as well as one with Tony Galento in Philadelphia last year.

Ward said, "I was satisfied in my own mind that Thomas' statements were true," and revealed there was a mysterious person who corroborated Thomas' story.

Clinton won the fifth, Pixley with John Dickerson up won the sixth and eighth heats and Pop Geers and the seventh with Nightingale. In that race Walker drove the famous branded horse Ryland T. Ben Walker and John Dickerson are the only surviving drivers of that memorable contest.

Another thrilling race which Walker drove in and with better success was the \$5,000 MacDowell stake raced at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1903. He was race driver there for the "King Maker" Monroe Salisbury and his entry in the MacDowell was the beautifully gaited Californian gelding Monte Carlo.

The first two heats Walker won in 2:07 1/4. Walnut Hal, later a famous sire, was second each trip. The third heat was won by the "demon red" whorner, driven by the demon red head Scot Hudson, at that time at the pinnacle of his fame. Walnut Hal was again second. Hawthorne broke when biting Monte Carlo in the fourth heat and Monte finished first but a foul was claimed. The protest was that Walker's whip had caused Hawthorne to break so the judges took away the heat from Monte Carlo and gave it to Hawthorne.

There was a big row made by the audience in the fifth heat. Dr. Strongs came out fresh and won. Then Monroe Salisbury claimed the "Sunset Rule" and the race was postponed. In the deciding heat next day Monte Carlo landed at the head over Hawthorne and Dr. Strongs in 2:07 1/4, and that still stands as the world's record for the fastest seventh heat.

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BOWLING RESULTS

HOLY NAME BOWLING

Big Four League

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Mixed League

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Blue Birds

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Ladies

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Men's

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Women's

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Gents high single R. Doiron 230.

Gents high three R. Doiron 590.

Spuds

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Ladies high single F. Duffy 248.

Ladies high three F. Duffy 591.

Gents high single V. Pineau 278.

Gents high three V. Pineau 707.

Rabbits

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Ladies high single E. Connors 188.

Ladies high three E. Connors 493.

Gents high single Alf Kelly 240.

Gents high three Alf Kelly 639.

Victorias Take Millionaires For 5-2 Win

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 8 (CP)—North Sydney Victorias tripped the league-leading Sydney Millionaires 5-2 tonight in a Cape Breton hockey league match.

Following are the remainder of the officers elected: 1st Vice-president, A. G. Parks; 2nd Vice-president, E. W. Beck; Secretary-Treasurer, M. G. Melish.

Chairman of Ice and Games Committee, R. W. Beck; Chairman of Entertainment Committee, A. G. Parks; Chairman of Membership Committee, M. G. Melish.

Chairman of Building Committee, George McIntyre. 2—North Sydney, Estabrooks (Whitlock) 5:27. 3—North Sydney, Hannan (McKinnon) 9:47.

4—Sydney, VanDaele 19:22. Penalties: Craig, D. Fritz. 5—North Sydney, Price (Hannon, McKinnon) 2:37. 6—North Sydney, Hannan (Clifton) 11:05.

7—Sydney, Wheby 18:28. Penalties: Craig, Whitlock, Van Daele. 8—10 SPECIAL EVENING SKATE. BAND BOTH SESSIONS. ADULTS 25c CHILDREN 11c.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



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With Major Hoople



TWO ARTISTS MEET IN A HOTEL LOBBY. COPR. 1939 BY NEA SERVICE, INC.

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Dr. H. M. Parshall's stable of harness horses led all America in winnings this season rolling up total of \$84,000. A large chunk of this was won by the three-year-old trotting stallion Peter Astra 2:02-1-2.

Ann Vontan 2:02 1-2 season's champion two-year-old pacing filly, will race under the colors of Sep Pain next season. She is a most promising juvenile and horsemen predict better than two minutes for her.

Ben Whitehead, one of the most colorful drivers of recent years who developed and raced Flower Direct 2:00 3-4 in two sensational campaigns, is dead. Ben is one of the last of the "Old Guard."

Vic Fleming, formerly of Dundas, Ontario, and a resident of the United States for the past twelve or more years, who has developed quite an array of two-minute trotters and pacers including the world's champion pacer Billy Direct 1:55 over a mile track, 1:59 3-4 over a half mile track, has three sons, William, Charles and James, who are following in their father's footsteps.

Lastic Gratian 2:04 3-4 by Gratian Wilkes, is top Canadian pacer for this season by virtue of his performances in setting up new track records for six Ontario tracks. Not only that but he really staged a most remarkable performance in the Class A Pace at the Dufferin track, Toronto, November 18th, when he won the first heat in 2:07 1-4 and after dropping the next two won the race. Dufferin track is not a fast track, in fact 2.10 miles over it are very uncommon.

Particulars regarding the death of Mrs. Walter R. Cox have been received. She was returning from New York City with Ted Horan driving. A deer ran across the road in front of a truck which was brought to a sudden stop and Horan was unable to stop his car which crashed into the rear of the truck.

No less than 56 yearlings have been entered for the Fox Stakes, the biggest money award for pacers entered. It will be raced at the Indiana State Fair next September.

We made mention a couple of weeks ago regarding Royal Lady that set a new world's record for yearlings of 2:14 3-4 when she paced the Indianapolis track in that notch the latter part of October. She was purchased at the recent Indianapolis sale by Fred Fleming.

Ben Walker, now over eighty years of age, may be seen at every Grand Circuit track when a race meet is on. Ben's driving days are over and his job is now as gate tender and he is credited with being most efficient so managers are only too glad to hire him.

Tom Gahagan writing in Hoof-Beats, refers to Ben in his hey-day as a resourceful, keen quick-thinking reinsman. At the height of his fiery career he asked no quarter and no favors and on race day took care of himself when the going got tough. He was dubbed by Joe Markey the "Stormy Petrel," and Murray Howe in his Excuse Book for Harness Horse Owners lists Excuse No. 3 as Ben Walker found us," and follows with this explanation: "You must use this one at least once every season because it is fashionable. It is best to wait until your driver pulls on the wrong line going around the first turn and runs over Walker and a couple of other people."

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