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ABBIES CREEP UP ON LEAGUE LEADERS

Hawks Again Bow To Local Squad In Rugged Game

See-saw Battle Sees Gross-coached Team Get Margin In Third Period.

Two third period goals from the stick of "Hickey" Nicholson broke a 3-3 deadlock at the Forum last night that had existed from the second session and enabled the local Abbie crew to skate off the ice with a 5 to 3 victory over Moncton Hawks in a regular Mercantile League fixture.

The victory was all the more pleasing to local fans, for it put an end to a four game Abbie slump that had sent them from first to third place in the standing. But as a result of Beavers victory over the British Consuls they are now very much in the picture again and should they win Friday night's game will be sure of a second place berth.

Almost taken for granted before the game started the encounter developed into another of those typical Abbie-Hawks battles, with bruising, rugged and at times brilliant hockey predominating. At times it took on a rather dull tinge as the teams played a tenacious, close-checking game, but these lapses were more than made up for as a score would send the teams wide-open in search of the equalizer.

Just as the tide of battle was shifting so was the score board changing. Twice before the third period started Abbies gained a hard-earned lead only to have the Hawks tie it up, at one time at the start of the second period going into a lead after taking advantage of two Abbie penalties. But Nicholson's first score of the final session saw them hang on to the advantage this time and when the Hawks attacked savagely to tie it up met the surge with a counter attack that gave them their final tally.

Abbies missed two great chances shortly after the five minute mark on Kane to Nicholson plays with the latter shooting wild in each case. Previous to this the Hawks line of Campbell, Miller and McDonald had played a close checking game with the Abbie line of Kelly, Marshall and neither netminder had any dangerous shots to handle.

Frank Currie, Nicholson was playing a great game behind the Abbie line, using his body freely on almost every man that came within his reach and then he paved the way for the Abbies opening goal, feeding Gettiffe at the end of a rush down the left boards but the play was called back with an Abbie player in the crease. The Abbies took no longer than half a minute to get it back however, Gettiffe taking Brennenman's pass and forcing his way in to beat Foster. The same player was in again seconds later but was over-scared before getting his shot away.

With Gill serving the first penalty of the game Kane, Kelly and Nicholson were rushed to the attack and Foster was given an anxious two minutes but managed to hold on until the big defenseman returned. Gill nearly made it 1-1 on a brilliant solo effort and the Abbies took no longer than a counter called back as Burrage stood within the crease on Muckle's shot that beat Sargent.

Gettiffe and Nicholson went to the penalty box within 15 seconds of each other and the Hawks having a two man advantage made it 1-1. Burrage drilling one past Sargent on McDonald's pass from well inside the line just eighteen seconds before the bell. Burrage was lucky to get away with tripping Kelly right after Gettiffe's penalty but Davin squarely in front of the play failed to while it down.

Still playing four men against the visitors' six, Hawks made it 2-1 eighteen seconds after the start. Burrage centering out to Miller, the latter's sliding shot giving Sargent no chance. Miller broke through alone right after the Abbies were at full strength but Sargent saved spectacularly.

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WOLVERINES LOSE TO SAINT JOHN CLUB 2-1

Joe Shields Scores Winning Goal on Donald's Pass.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) SAINT JOHN, N. B. Dec. 19.—Goals by Jack Draper, and Joe Shields, against an orphan crowd by "Chummy" Lawlor, gave Saint John Beavers a 2-1 victory over Halifax tonight before the smallest crowd to attend a "Big Four" hockey match here this season. The result left Halifax still tied with Moncton Hawks for leadership of the Maritime Mercantile League. After climbing to a position only two points below the leaders, Charlottetown Abegweits remained four points ahead of the cellar-place Beavers.

Shields Scores Winner
Saint John and Halifax were tied at the end of the first period, Draper having equalized Lawlor's goal. Shields, making good on "Peck" Donald's pass in the middle session, was serving time for minutes of the third period, with the visitors trying desperately to even the count.

During a Beaver gang attack while Frank Lavigne, chunky Halifax defenseman, was serving time for dumping "Ike" Houston, Lawlor broke away with the puck. "Hawse" Marsh, local goalie, fell in trying to stop the rubber. It deflected from his glove into the cage. While the Halifaxians were milling around the Saint John cage in the last minute of the opening period, Draper snatched the puck and raced alone towards the opposing goalie, "Daddy" Bubar, who looked sheepish when Draper's low shot rolled over the crease. Play continued, however, when the goal judge decided against flashing the red light. He was removed following an argument, and the goal was allowed.

Lennon Penalized
Owen Lennon incurred the second penalty for slashing Houston. During the left winger's absence Beavers showed their power plays but were ineffective.

Bubar had no chance to prevent the deciding goal. After Donald carried over the blue line and passed to Joe Shields, the latter's lightning shot flashed high past the veteran goalie. Shields came in like an expert, unable to stop after shooting, he crashed into the boards but arose grinning over the score. Lavigne had just returned to the ice after upstaging Walker. Three other penalties were imposed in the period. Donald held Houston and Farrell tripped Lennon when the latter seemed to have a good chance for scoring. Lennon, who crashed into the boards while "Ike" Marsh was carrying the puck towards Bubar, occupied the penalty box at the start of the third period.

Four Penalties
Four penalties, all for apparently accidental tripping, were handed out by referee "Sal" Herbert during the final 20 minutes. Two occurred at face-offs, when Donald spilled McDonald's and the latter reciprocated against Walter Monson, Beaver centre and acting coach. Lennon was tripped twice, Farrell and Monson being held responsible.

Play was fast and furious in the last ten minutes, with Halifax launching five-man attacks against the impregnable Beavers. Although the match started later than usual for the convenience of evening Christmas shoppers, comparatively few fans were on hand to see the last game here before the holiday intermission. Before the second half of the "Big Four" schedule opens, the Mercantile League must decide the question of retaining imported players and losing a chance at the Allan Cup, or complying with demands of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association which has ruled the imports ineligible for Maritime play under C. A. H. A. requirements.

Acadia Hoop Team In Victory

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) WOLFVILLE, N. S. Dec. 19.—Bar Harbor hockey, basketball champions of Maine since 1929, suffered the second defeat of their Maritime tour tonight when Acadia University trounced the visitors by a 25-24 score. Bernie Ralston of Saint John, member of the Maritime champion Dalhousie University team last year, gave the home team their victory when he scored nine points in the last ten minutes of play. Bar Harbor came to Wolfville fresh from a trimming at the hands of Mount Allison University last night. With no reserves to rely on, the visitors roughened the play and gave the college boys a chance to even the score on penalty shots. At the half-way mark the score stood 13-15.

Dizzy Dean Named Outstanding Athlete Of Year

(By Alan Gould, Associated Press Sports Editor) NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Selection of Jerome Herman ("Dizzy") Dean, spectacular right-handed pitcher of the world champion Cardinals, as the outstanding athlete of the year, in any sport, gives the name of baseball and the State of Oklahoma in competition with amateur golf championships this year. Little, rated the outstanding amateur, received eight votes for first place and totalled 80 points. Rated in order were Max Baer, the new world heavyweight fistling king, Fred J. Perry, England's world champion tennis player, and Glenn Cunningham, holder of both the indoor and outdoor world records for mile running. Perry and Baer each received five votes for first place and Cunningham three southpaw ace of New York Giants, was voted the outstanding athlete of 1933. On points, for all places, Dizzy led with 274, more than double the total of his nearest rival, W. Lawson Little, Jr., who scored a great "double" by winning both the British and United States amateur golf championships this year. Little, rated the outstanding amateur, received eight votes for first place and totalled 80 points. Rated in order were Max Baer, the new world heavyweight fistling king, Fred J. Perry, England's world champion tennis player, and Glenn Cunningham, holder of both the indoor and outdoor world records for mile running. Perry and Baer each received five votes for first place and Cunningham three

Along The Sidelines

(By Pat Power) ABBIES RESPONDED to the local hopes last night when they snapped out of their losing streak to register their fourth straight victory on home ice over those courageous Hawks. They showed more pep last night than they have exhibited recently and were going just as strong at the finish as they were at the start. The forwards all backed checked like demons and in this writer's opinion the "kid" line was the outstanding trio last night with their mates not far behind although they did miss many scoring chances throughout the tilt. Ray Gettiffe's tricky weaving style at center ice had the visitors guessing last night while "Dizzy" Deslites' goal was a brilliant effort. The defence also turned in a good performance with Frank Currie being particularly effective both on defence and attack while Leo Sargent gave a spectacular performance in the closing 10 minutes, at one time stopping about six drives in a row with the Hawks attacking in a savage manner.

THE HAWKS, like the bird of prey they are named after, lived up to their cognomen last night and they certainly swooped down hard for two quick goals when they caught the locals two shy at one stage of the game. Jimmy Foster was the usual cool customer guarding the cage while Bill Miller, Bud James and Marshall turned in good performances up front. Duke Campbell made his debut before local fans last night and although not being impressive, displayed a barrel of speed at times.

ABBIES SEEM to take a particular delight in high scoring against Jimmy Foster on home ice. Of the forty-eight goals scored against the Hawk janitor in games to date, Abbie snipers have counted 22 of them on Forum ice or more than five per game.

REFEREE DAVIN was again the centre of a lot of criticism last night on his handling of the game. Certainly he let lots get by him in the way of high sticks and goals to date, Abbie snipers have counted 22 of them on Forum ice or more than five per game. FROM THE press box it looks as if the official is paying too much attention to blue line infractions rather than watching the actions of the players.

HERE'S ONE on Lou Marsh, Sports Editor of the Toronto Star, as told by "Silent" George Redding who is now running a column in the Hamilton Herald. George has coached two Hamilton hockey teams to championships and has enjoyed a long career as an amateur and a pro puck-chaser.

WRITES GEORGE: "Did you know that when Lou Marsh was refereeing, he would stuff his ears with cotton wool? All the better not to hear you with my red-faced 'riding' fan, who's explanation, at times, was 'Lou was susceptible to the taunts of the turnstile-tickers.' In a game in Hamilton, Lou was taking a terrific ride one night, a lady spectator in the front line giving him a particularly vitriolic 's'-lacking."

"IF YOU WERE my husband I'd give you poison," she finally screamed. Lou skated over near the lady, rang his bell, eyed the fanette coldly, and remarked: "If you were my wife, I'd take it."

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WRY ISSUES STATEMENT RE TRANSFERS

All Players Who Altered Place of Residence After October 15th Are Ordered Home. (C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) AMHERST, N. S. Dec. 19.—"All hockey players who altered their place of residence after October 15 are, duly warned that they are ineligible to perform with any new club and must return to their original abode if they desire to enter into hockey this winter," states a bulletin issued tonight by the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association. President James E. Wry and Secretary H. P. Tennant were moving swiftly to clean up the hockey situation in accordance with demands of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, which had been flayed by recent raids on western clubs.

Yesterday President Wry told Moncton, Halifax, Charlottetown and Saint John clubs they were facing suspension and they would have to choose between declaring for mercantile hockey outside the pale of the C. A. H. A. or drop ineligible players and go back to a league looking toward the Allan Cup, under auspices of the C. A. H. A.

"In applications for releases and transfers the positive name of the player seeking such a release must appear, as well as the bonafide names of the club officials entering into the transaction," tonight's bulletin continues. "Juniors who deliberately falsify their age this year will face the possibility of life suspension while club managers who knowingly harbor over-age players on junior teams will receive serious treatment from the branch."

This was signed by Secretary Tennant. Another, signed by President Wry and Secretary Tennant, follows: "All players taking part in junior, intermediate as well as senior

VALLEYFIELD HOCKEY

In the initial game of the season the Valleyfield Wildcats defeated the Victoria Cross Maple Leafs 4-0 in a rugged exhibition of hockey. The combination of the Wildcats spelled defeat for the Leafs, while their best efforts were nullified by a clever working Wildcat defence. A MacDonald figured in all goals for the Wildcats. The game was capably refereed by A. Currie. Following is the line-up: Victoria Cross—Goal, Semple; defence, MacLeod and MacLennan; forwards, Campbell, Nicholson, Pearson, Meilish. Valleyfield—Goal, W. MacPherson; defence, A. MacDonald and J. MacPherson; forwards, L. Campbell, K. MacPherson, W. Martin, G. MacPherson, S. MacDonald.

hockey must hold playing certificates and if such certificates are not on hand, special permission must be obtained from the M. A. H. A. before any such men can legally play. Affiliation with the Maritime Province branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada as well as the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association must be made by all clubs. Only transfers that are absolutely bona fide in their relation to the residence rule will be granted by the M. A. H. A., and a number of transfers actually made prior to Oct. 15 are to be carefully scanned, the officials said tonight.

In obtaining transfers, the name of the president and secretary of the original club must appear on the document, while the positive name of the player making application for the transfer to a second club must appear, together with the names of the president and secretary of the club he wishes to join. President Wry and Secretary Tennant declared that waivers could not be utilized this winter and that the rules with regard to residence would be strictly enforced.

CALGARY, Dec. 18.—Problem of providing school text books for needy children has been solved here with the voluntary subscription of \$360

CITY LEAGUE MAKES FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

Final arrangements were decided upon for this year's City Hockey League at a well-represented meeting held in the Board Room of the City Building last night. Much heated discussion took place on several matters but they were all threshed out satisfactorily to every team concerned. Seven of the nine teams handed in the names of the players composing their rosters with 20 absentees being given a day of grace in which to comply with the ruling. The League opener takes place Dec. 26 with Pirates playing at Highfield and a double-header taking place at the Arena between Navy and Maroons and L. P. U. versus Quakers. The top 15 divided into two sections A and B with the two first place teams in each section playing off, the ultimate winners to meet for the title. In regard to the schedule, 40 games are to be played, with a double-header every Tuesday night in the city and a game at Highfield each Saturday night. The league also adopted a regular meeting night, every second Tuesday being devoted as the best possible evening for everyone concerned.

Following is a summary of the teams composing each section, officials, referees and scorers: A Section: L. P. U. Quakers, Pirates, Stewart's, Highfield. B Section: Superiors, Barkers, Holmans, Navy, Maroons. Referees: J. Hean, M. Diamond, City, and Ambrose Coles, Milton. Scorers: The Cheever, A. D. D. et.

which provided all the texts necessary.

JR. ABBIES PRACTICE

Junior Abegweit practice will be held at the Forum this afternoon at 3:30 sharp. The following players are asked to be on hand: Price, McInnis, Gaudet, MacKinnon, McInnis, Matheson, Simpson, Saunders, Fitzgerald, Darrach, Gilmore, Donovan, Currie, Tom's, Blanchard, Johnson, McMillan, Cousins.

Leads Field At Halfway Mark

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) MASSACHUSETTS, Dec. 19.—Forging to the front as the wave of sub-par golf subsided, Jack Thompson of Youngstown, Ohio, today took a two-stroke lead over the field at the half-way mark of the \$5,000 British Colonial open tournament with a 36-hole score of 132.

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