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IN THIS CORNER

With the elimination of the Junior Abbies from the Maritime playdown picture hockey on the Island for this season has been sung its swan song but before passing it by we would like to extend a deserving bouquet to the carry band of youngsters who carried the Abbie colors so far in search of a Maritime junior title.

One of the best squads ever assembled here the locals made a host of friends everywhere they played by their fine sportsmanship both on and off the ice. All season long they won continuously but when the time came that they had to face defeat they took their setback as only real sports could.

And by an odd twist of fate that one defeat they suffered all season proved sufficient to send them out of the playoffs. But they went down fighting hard to the last. Travel-weary, sporting several injuries after playing six games in 12 days with tough travelling conditions existing the team skated out for their last game on sheer courage alone.

That isn't an alibi for them but there was no doubting the fact that the Abbies were away below the form they had shown in their previous games. Pish and blood could only stand so much and just when the team needed a little extra energy it wasn't there. The city Halifax team ran rough shod over them but in defeat every hockey follower on the Island was just as proud of them as if they had won.

It was a gallant bid and one that will mean a lot to junior hockey in the years to come. Never since the days of the "Big Four" has the Forum been so completely packed as it was on the night Canadians played here. And it is to be hoped that the seed that is now planted will bear plenty fruit when next season rolls along.

And to the Junior Abbies of 1953, congratulations on your wonderful showing.

Before closing the doors for the season Manager Archer of the Forum has another special attraction to offer his patrons namely the staging for an event which the Island of the Maritime Amateur Speedskating Championships and Provincial Championships with entries already in from some of the outlying speed skating centers on the North American Continent and with an entry list that now has reached well over a hundred.

For the past two weeks the hockey playoffs have more or less shaded this event but now with the play offs out of the way skating fans are beginning to talk about the last big ice event of the season and it will be an event well worth witnessing. No effort has been spared to have the best possible skaters here for the meet. For the past six weeks now Manager Archer has been working steadily on the project.

And it is no new work he is undertaking. Several times in past years Charlie has put on just such events and is a pastmaster at the art of ironing out the numerous details that go with an event of this kind and yesterday stated he was all set for the two-day meet. He is expecting attendance records to go by the board on both nights, the meet runs and with such a starry list of performers performing it would not be at all surprising if this did take place.

Not only though will the main-line entries be watched closely. Our own Island boys, 60 of them will be in the line-up, and they will be vying for titles not only in the closed Island events but also in the Maritime. Up against the stiffest opposition they have ever experienced the locals will have to be at their best.

But their cause is a far way from being hopeless as one would think at a first glance. With the ever-increasing popularity of speed skating making itself felt over boys have come along remarkably well and year after year have given improved performances. At present there are three who can hold their own in any company and will likely be strong factors in the events they enter.

While most gardeners are familiar with the All-America flowers, the vegetable selections are important too. They are the best of the new ones for 1953.

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(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) MONTREAL, March 21—Montreal Canadiens, preparing for their 12th National Hockey League playoff series in 15 years, skated through a fast two-hour practice today and at the finish Manager Cecil Hart announced his team would go "all out" in an attempt to complete the first round with Chicago Black Hawks in two straight games.

Hawks, led by their high scoring wingman Paul Thompson, arrived in town tonight and immediately went to their hotel to rest up for tomorrow's opening game. The Habitsants too turned in early, figuring they would need plenty of rest if they are to lick the scrappy if not very powerful Chicago.

Hart, who is leading the Canadiens into the playoffs for the eighth time, does not favor a limit series. "We'll try to take them in two straight games in order to have more rest, if possible, before we move into the semi-final," he said tonight. Second game between the third place teams will be in Chicago Thursday with the third game, if necessary, here next Saturday.

Canadians, their front lines and defense weakened by injuries, will dress two rookies for the playoffs. Don Willson who broke into professional hockey in mid-season will replace Armand Mondou as centre on the Rod Lorrain-George Mantha line and Armand Raymond will serve as utility defenceman. Mondou saw action against New York Rangers Saturday night for the first time since he fractured an ankle last November. He still was wobbly on his feet and Hart decided to keep him out of the playoffs.

Canadians have been weakened further by a knee injury to Babe Siebert, their key defenceman. The Babe will be in uniform for the series but in case his knee fails to hold up under the heavy going Raymond will be held in reserve.

REVAL MANAGERS CONFIDENT NEW YORK, March 21—Both managers were confident as the Rangers and Americans rested tonight awaiting the National Hockey League's "subway" playoff series which opens here tomorrow night.

Although his team will be seriously handicapped by injuries, boss Lester Patrick through his two rookies and Larry Molyneux would prove playoff timber and send the Rangers into the Stanley Cup series. The two Philadelphia Ramblers' stars replace the injured Art Coulter and Babe Pratt.

On the other side of the rink the Americans will be at full strength. Ching Johnson, veteran defenceman who played against Toronto Maple Leafs Sunday night with his ailing right elbow packed in a casualty. Al Murray's broken toe is not bothering him.

Red Dutton figures the advantage his club holds over Rangers in experience, will give the A's enough margin to win the best-of-three game round.

Girls' Teams Play To Draw The Prince Street girls hockey team paid a visit to Summerside on Saturday for a return game with the Summerside High School girls.

After a very close game all through the score at the end of the third period was three-all. Ruth Rogers scored two goals for Summerside one in the first period and one in the third. Mary Bernard also scored for Summerside in the second period. The goals for Charlottetown were made by Marjorie Taylor in the first period, one and in the second period. Irma Andrews was responsible for the third goal which was made in the second period.

Charlie Hogan refereed the game.

LINUPS Summerside, Goal, Ada MacLeod; Defence, Ruth Rogers, Frances Walsh, Forwards, Betty Todd, Evelyn Walker, Joyce Bernard, Marjorie Bernard, Connie Denny, Anna Pope, Marjorie Leureux, Mary Moore.

Prince Street, Goal, Sylvia Partridge; Defence, Mary Hill, Isabel Stinson, Forwards, Irma Andrews, Jean Miller, Marion Taylor, Marion Mathieson, Olga Walsh, Mary Hooper.

Babe Siebert May Not See Action Tonight (By The Canadian Press) MONTREAL, March 21—Babe Siebert's injured leg is still bothering the big Montreal Canadian defenceman, and Manager Cecil Hart plans to dress four other defencemen for tomorrow night's opening National Hockey League playoff clash against Chicago Black Hawks.

104 Canadians Draw Tickets In Sweepstakes

DUBLIN, March 21—(CP)—Ireland spun more than £1,000,000 (\$6,000,000) around the world today in the 23rd drawing of the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes—and a considerable part of it appeared likely to land in Canada.

Twenty nurses pulled 1,284 names, of which 104 were Canadians, from the sweepstakes revolving drum assuring each £460 (\$2,300) and giving half of them a chance to win £30,000 apiece when the Grand National race is run at Aintree March 25.

Fifty-one of the lucky Canadians have a chance for the major prizes; the other 53 draw non-starters and will receive the £2,300 minimum.

Of the total of £2,746,000 (\$13,730,010) paid into this world's largest lottery, £1,911,520 will be returned in prizes ranging from £100 to £30,000. The prize fund is divided into 16 units of £100,000 each. The balance of £11,520 is divided into residual prizes which will be drawn tomorrow.

The Grand National will decide winners of the £30,000, £15,000 and £10,000 prizes, respectively, on the horses finishing first, second and third at Aintree.

DUBLIN, March 21—Canadians drawing horses in the 23rd Irish Hospital Sweepstakes today were as follows: On Royal Daniel: "Norman," D944263; "Stalbridge Park (25 to 1); "Mug," H42479; "RAG," NY38500.

On Scotch Wood (non-starter): "Noch A Moll," M930237; "Two in One," L533850; "XEB3049. On a pair of 15: "1888 Maybe," P507001. On Red Knight II: "Jove," DV79117; "Kookle," JF43129; "Fremian Star," MN36086; "Door Bunn," EX77460.

On Royal Prince (non-starter): "Let's Go," P451045. On Airspeed (non-starter): "Francis," M38280; "1935 Maybe," BV35282; "Come Along," NN78284.

On Reinsured (non-starter): "Lucky," FR56533; "Spooky," EL21106. On Lay Lows: "Spagglitte," ME52828; "Mussolini," D.D., DB39733; "Brodie's Bird," PB12287. On Blue Prince: "Susie," F741000. On Silver Bow (non-starter): "Terry," BW4297; "Two Half Bucks shot," OS95711; "Robbie," XE31049.

On Pomper (non-starter): "The Old Gang," CM33394. On Rock Lad: "Joanne," ZW44642. On Oranmore (non-starter): "Double Header," XT73268. On Delachance: "Herfur I Cameron," DV42984.

On Bratton (non-starter): "Newby's Fall," KB79818; "Try Again," DP35479. On Belted Here (non-starter): "Red Seal," DE59218; "The Gang," DV21212.

On Duckhorn (non-starter): "Cousin Jack," NT02022. On Brighton Cottage: "Ah Me," CX43357; "Come Once," NF41141. "Last Chance," PS6124; "Ever Ready," CA29990.

On Dominick's Cross: "Ma Ma Mackie," KH06398; "EPE," JG1680. On Second Act (non-starter): "You O Me," MC26122. On Dhorie: "Thisle Win 70," CN38350; "G.D.," DS4641; "Feeling Better," AS9177. On Young Outhert (non-starter): "Sam Sunstrum," R237086; "Antique," JT32824.

On Bachelor Prince: "Wheat-growers," RH49296; "IOU," BX79669. On Keen Blade (non-starter): "Lucky Four," DT58114; "Half and Half," CZ61590; "Bobby and Babe," SQ36909; "Lucky Strike," R230999. On Takvor Pacha: "Liberty," LS37763. On Workman: "The Shemmaker," DE5742; "Slawa," PG38501. On Brendan's Cottage (non-starter): "The Larks," DR62278; "Some Jam," NT38161. On Bell Boy (non-starter): "Com Hither," CE31596. On Battleline: "Gale," JQ25443. On News Item (non-starter): "Now or Never," JN34494. On Under Bid: "Never Give Up," NI69863. On Flying Minutes (non-starter): "Duggan," JF60592; "Obsolete," B24378.

On Inversible: "The Three Musketeers," DL58922. On Top Top (non-starter): "Hungry," NB37038; "Last Chance," NB74551. On Blue Shirt: "Blue Birds," AB12630; "Omaga," FZ49378. On Top Top (non-starter): "Parrot," EL08598. On Davy Jones: "M Rit," NV9217. On Drimmore Lad (non-starter): "Eckle," CA3110. On D. H.: "Thanks A Lot," DA41512; "Fanny Adams," EP62021. "Hard Pan," PV41053; "For Pete Sake," AZ46116; "Teribus," NJ38913. On Egg (non-starter): "Om Co."

Sophomores Standouts During N. H. L. Season

Sophomores have stolen the show from the freshmen and the seniors during the National Hockey League season and if it weren't for the Thompson boys the trend would be just about a runaway. The brothers Thompson—Dino of Boston and Paul of Chicago—were the stop-gaps in a schedule that nearly was given over to a quiet second year names as Gordon Drillon, Neely, Apps, Turk Broda and Jimmy Fowler of Toronto, Earl Robertson of New York Americans, Clint Smith of New York Rangers and the illustrious Boston sauerkraut line of Bill Schmidt, Porky Dumart and Bobby Bauer.

Wins Vesina Trophy They Thompson closed his days on the league goalending title and the accompanying Georges Vesina trophy as the schedule ended last night. The 36 goals against him were seven less than the total against Dave Kerr of Rangers. At the same time Paul Thompson topped the list of American Division scorers in unofficial records with 22 goals and 22 assists.

But down nearly all the rest of the line the second-season youngsters led the way, to make it appear the 1936-37 crop of new-comers was just about the best in the league's history. There were a few stars around, too, who had only bare starts in 1953-54 and spent their first full seasons in the big show last winter. They included Phil Watson and Neil and Mac Colville of Rangers.

Drillon led the league in scoring from start to finish, coming in with an unofficial total of 26 goals and 26 assists that let him win the Vesina trophy, which was recognized as last winter's best rookie. Apps was the best of the playmakers, though, with 29 assists, two in a game for the total of 111 assists of New York Americans.

Broda and Robertson tied for the lead in shutouts among Canadian players in the league with two. Both incidentally, were one Detroit's property. Broda going to Detroit before the start of the 1953-54 season for the first time of N. H. L. fire and Robertson moving to Americans after helping Red Wings win the world championship when their regular goalie, Normie Smith, was injured. Now Detroit has started to look for a replacement or Smith.

Leads Canadian Division Robertson led the Canadian Division in goals-against, with 111, while Broda was second with 127. They beat every other netminder by a wide margin. Fowler's 22 scoring points placed him second to his captain, Red Horner, among offensive defencemen in the American division. There are critics who would rate Fowler above Horner in value, in that he drew only eight minutes in penalties to and King who tied Art Coulter of Rangers as leader in sentences. And don't be surprised if Fowler becomes the league's regular goalie, Normie Smith, trophy for clean and effective play.

Young Watson headed the American division in assists with 25; he had 17 goals. "The Three Kids," DP-01697; "Please," LB10727. "Pet Son" (non-starter): "Lucky Boy," BT3216; "Maybe," AJ-83488; "Cap," LP79382. On Care Free (non-starter): "Snipper Snapper," A243615. On Bonds and (non-starter): "Jimmy Boy," Q326113. On Dryburgh (non-starter): "Emile," DC45599. On Field Master (non-starter): "March," EX37058; "Happy," NK-37681; "Cariboo Jim," BV42022. On Pucka Belle (non-starter): "Knobby," ZMB4123; "Bucky Seven," IKK45777; "Edith 150,000," CD-7784. On Frobisher: "Two By Six," AV97702; "Jomper," ES02122; "Birger," DQ36412; "Dorothea C," DB-60472.

GAUDES DEFEATS YACK TORONTO, March 21—(CP)—Johnny Gaudes of Winnipeg defeated Norman (Baby) Yack of Toronto, Canadian heavyweight champion in a non-title boxing bout here tonight. Gaudes obtained the decision after 10 fast rounds. Both fighters were over-weight. Gaudes at 119 pounds; Yack 120.

Plant gladiolus bulbs at intervals from the second of bloom, or plant different sizes of bulbs—the big ones will bloom first.

WARRINGTON IS VICTOR KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 21 In one of the best fights ever staged in Jamaica, Torrance "Tige" Warrington, Liverpool, N. S. heavy weight and Canadian title in his class, defeated Juan Herbera, Jamaica champion, on points in a 10 round boxing bout here Saturday night. The decision was close with both men fighting strongly at the finish. It was Herbera's first defeat in four years.

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TINY THOMPSON

was up for a tryout two seasons ago but was around only long enough to bag two assists. Just about the same applies in the case of the Colvilles, who with Alex Shubicky tie another Ranger trio for first place among all forward lines with 49 goals. Clint Smith, who had only a brief trial last winter, was second to Watson in assists and paced the other high-scoring line, flanked by Cecil Dillon and Lynn Patrick.

Sauerkraut Line Good The sauerkraut line from Kitchener, Ont., played a major part in Boston's romp to a division title, outscoring every other Bruin line and placing next to the Ranger combination in the American division. Bauer got 20 goals, Dumart and Schmidt 13 each.

Harvey Jackson was taken from the Bruins in the mid-season to be replaced by Bob Davidson, who scored only twice. Lorne Carr, Art Chapman and Sweeney Schirmer of Americans were the only three forwards in the Canadian division who played together enough to warrant a comparison with the American line leaders.

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Warrington Is Rematched To Meet Herera

By ALAN RANDAL Canadian Press Staff Writer NEW YORK, March 21—Fight manager Bobby North announced at New York his colored lightweight contender from Nova Scotia, Tige Warrington, has been matched for a return bout at Kingston, Jamaica, with Young Herera, April 2... the Tiger from Liverpool outpointed Herera in Jamaica in 10 hot rounds last Saturday.

Nels Stewart, the high goal man of the National Hockey League, sports less padding than any of his New York American teammates... but "old poison" carries enough excess flesh to make up for this lack of artificial cushioning... shabby boots have forced Ross, winner of the \$100,000 1937 Santa Anita handicap, into retirement.

New York Americans expect to show a clear profit of \$26,000 on this year's operations, some \$15,000 better than last year... by the time the Stanley Cup playoffs are over 800,000 people will have seen hockey in Madison Square Garden this winter...

Enthusiasts scoured this balmy spring day for Manhattan's "subway" Stanley Cup playoff series between New York Rangers and Americans starting tomorrow night... sportsmen talked hockey on every corner... and the Rangers were 3-1 favorites to get past the Americans...

Lester Patrick and Red Dutton viewed the new William J. Macbeth cup, glass-cased in the Garden... said Les: "Hockey writers don't like this for annual competition... but Rangers won Friday night and I bought that case. I think I'll assume a dictator role and say 'There it is, Red, try and get it.' To which Red said, 'winked out next season, but now it's the Stanley cup we want'... and Patrick admitted Dutton's star shirts 'really have a good chance'.

Name Officials For Maritime Skating Meet The list of officials who will control events in the Maritime speed skating championships at the Forum Thursday and Friday of this week were announced last night as follows: Referee: W. A. Gaudet. Assistant Referee: Charles I. Gorman. Starter: Fred M. Shannon. Assistant Starter: Bill Gillespie. Announcer: George Francis. Judges at Finish: Lt. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D. S. O., Dr. I. J. Yeo, Inspector Bridgecombe, Gordon Hughes, J. P. Skinnorns, W. H. V. Dunbar.

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By EDWINA

Maritime Players Bunched For Scoring Honors In The International-American Loop

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) With the International American Hockey League schedule within a week of its close, scoring leadership of the Maritimers in the circuit probably won't be decided until the last game has been played. Statistics today showed three Providence Reds tied for first place with 24 points and a Providence Hornets, Pete Kelly of Charlottetown, just another point behind.

Three points in a week lifted Sammy McManus, former Montreal Hawk, and Jackie Keating, one-time Saint John Beaver, into a first place tie with their Rhode Island teammate, Douglas Kuhn. Kuhn, who was second last week, and Kuhn, were held to a single point.

In the lower scoring bracket, Harry Gaudes of Charlottetown gained two points over the weekend to raise his total to 18 and move one point ahead of Lloyd Jackson, former New Glasgow, N. S., player who now is with Springfield, Currie plays for Pittsburgh.

Another former Charlottetown player, Wood of Saint John, followed with 12 points and Knucker Irvine, Maine's teammate both in Providence and Montreal, brought up the rear with three. Keating still remained out in front of the goal getters with 11 tallies while Kuhn, Kelly and McManus were tied for assists with 16 apiece.

The records:— Keating, Prov 12 12 24; Kuhn, Prov 8 8 16; McManus, Prov 7 7 14; Currie, Pitt 7 7 14; Jackson, Springfield 7 7 14; Irvine, Prov 1 1 3.

Try a few new vegetables this year such as kale or spinach. Ours and salisbury are two fine seasons.

TONIGHT at 8:30— F. Gaudet & A. Sherry, K. Acorn & A. Sherry, A. Taylor & I. Paquet, I. Diamond & A. Goss, I. McDonald & F. Smith, V. Pineau & M. Sapp, J. Lawlor & E. Leppin, C. Prangue & D. McDonald, J. MacLean & F. McKinnon, J. McKinnon & S. Smith, W. McDonald & C. Matheson, L. Fantaud & E. Doutan. Tonight at 10— Sea Gulls vs. Holmans.

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