

Legionnaires Down Navy To Tie For League Lead

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THE BIKE SHOP

Three Goals In Final Period Give Winners 5-2 Win In Rugged Game

Rapping in three third period goals to break a 2-2 tie that had existed from the middle of the second period on, Gordie Drillon's Legionnaires last night vaulted into a tie with Saint Dunstan's for leadership in the City Hockey League by defeating Walter Lawlor's Navy team 5-2 in a game that developed in the third period from a close checking struggle into a hand-bumping, rugged affair with Drillon and Keith Carmichael sitting out the last four minutes in the penalty box as they drew majors for fighting. Drillon drew a total of seven minutes, having a tripping penalty tacked on before the fast-paced start.

Outscored 2-0 in the first period by a smart-playing Legion squad, Navy roared back in the middle of the second period to tie the score with two goals in the first ten minutes, but then wilted in the third period to allow the winners to run home three goals and sew up the victory.

But the fair-sized crowd of fans saw the two improved squads dish up some smart hockey when sticking strictly to the rules; it wasn't any pink tea affair at any time but the trouble that had been brewing in the first ten minutes, but then wilted in the third period and the game ended in a close finish.

Scoring throughout the game was evenly divided with Carver Gillespie, Perry, Richard and Drillon getting the Legion counters, and Hieson and Blanchard shooting the Navy goals.

Legion Take Lead
Taking the play away from the losers Legion started boring in with passing attacks right from the opening whistle but young Johnny Davis, guarding the twins for the Navy, was sensational in his defense and it was his out-of-control right from his doorstep, with Able Weeks in the opposite end of the rink coming up with a couple of great saves. Over fourteen minutes had ticked off before the scoring started and it was the kind of line of the Legion who finally broke the ice, Dowling, Shepherd and Carver pulling off a passing attack that took them right in, with Carver firing home a goal and Hieson's pass from the side of the net. In the next couple of minutes both squads missed great chances but at 16:45 Legion struck again, Gillespie snapping the disc in after Davis had stopped McIntyre's close-in attempt.

Navy seeking to get back into the game, went right on the offensive as the middle canto got underway. In the first couple of minutes Weeks had to cope with the risk to his own net but his army was finally denied at 4:30 of the period when Johnny Hieson, standing just at the edge of the end, tipped in Josey's long drive from forty feet to make 2-1.

Both goals performed sensationally in the next six minutes with Davis robbing Drillon on a clean breakaway for a sensational save, and it was the Navy who punched the tie in. Suddenly Drillon got possession at centre ice; he laid a long pass across to Perry and the latter skated into the clear to draw Davis out and backhand a high drive into the goals. It proved to be the winning counter. Five minutes later Legion were back again, Richard finding the range on a pass from

McIntyre and ending the scoring; a minute and 28 seconds later Drillon and Perry combined with Drillon taking Perry's return pass to draw Davis out and slide the disc into the empty cage.

The final nine minutes and 34 seconds were action filled. Players were being strewn all over the ice like tennis balls as the bodying became torrid. Something went wrong to break and break it did. Drillon as he fought for possession of the puck near the Navy net, tripped Carmichael; Carmichael came up swinging with Drillon retreating; for a moment a "Donnybrook" threatened as players piled in from all angles but when the battle cleared Drillon was sent to sinners' avenue with a minor and major and Carmichael a major.

In the final four minutes with both teams playing five a side, Legion broke through on three occasions but again Davis keeping up his sensational performance, outguessed his attackers.

Summary:
First Period
1-Legion, Carver (Dowling, Shegherd) 14:06
2-Legion, Gillespie (McIntyre, Richard) 16:45
Penalty: Kelly.
Second Period
3-Navy, Hieson (Josey) 4:30
4-Navy, Blanchard (Kelly, H. Jay) 10:06
Penalties: Hennessey, Drillon.
Third Period
5-Legion, Perry (Drillon) 3:10
6-Legion, Richard (McIntyre) 8:58
7-Legion, Drillon (major and minor), K. Carmichael (major).

Welterweight Crown Is At Stake Tonight
By D. Hamilton
Canadian Press Staff Writer
NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (CP)—Sugar Ray Robinson—the Harlem dandy with the lethal wallop—gets his chance tomorrow night to win the elusive welterweight crown he has been doggedly pursuing for five years.

Robinson meets Tommy Bell of Youngstown, Ohio, at Madison Square Garden in a 15-round tilt for both the New York Boxing Commission title and the National Boxing Association championship. The bout climaxes a heart-breaking drive by Robinson to get a shot at the big apple.

It wasn't for Marty Servo's deviated septum—scrambled nose to you—Robinson might still be only the "uncrowned king of the welterweights." Servo won the title from (Red) Cochrane last winter and then was belted around by Rocky Graziano, the tough New York middleweight.

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St. John Edges Out Truro Bearcats 2-1

Jacobs' Condition Shows Improvement

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—Boxing promoter Mike Jacobs, who suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Dec. 3, was reported "showing continued improvement" today although still on the critical list in hospital.

Hockey Programme For Souris Youngsters

Last evening at an enthusiastic and well-attended meeting in Souris, plans were made for an aggressive hockey programme for the next few months. The programme as discussed last evening will ensure that younger players are given the proper opportunity of developing under supervision and the benefit of playing in their proper age groups.

Blind Wrestler Writes Song, Hopes To Buy Farm

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 19 (CP)—A blind wrestler who once held his own with top-flight heavyweights before a ring injury claimed his sight, Rocco Cupolo hopes to buy a little farm with the money he has earned since he was declared to a young son he has never seen.

Hockey Practice

There will be a practice for the Juvenile Abbies at 4 o'clock, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Down The Alleys

CHTHON ALLEYS Commercial League
Michael Bros.—153 266 178
E. Callaghan—179 104 136
E. Michael—196 192 284
L. Doyle—189 146 252
G. Michael—188 132 68
Low Score—188 132 68
Total—2714.

Toombs Bros.—208 215 156
G. Francis—209 192 189
G. Matheson—168 123 146
V. Watts—185 239 251
W. Watts—168 163 98
Total—2700.
High single L. Doyle 284.
High three L. Doyle 672.
Points: Michael Bros 3; Toombs Bros 2.
Tonight at 7:00 Y Grads
Billiards—B. Acorn won from J. Kays. Tonight McKenney vs. C. Head.

D. V. A. Bowling
Hypertension Kids—
C. E. Walker—209 197 116
W. L. Higgins—129 143 149
I. J. Harper—249 228 197
Miss D. Barnall—111 105 98
E. L. Bulman—249 224 189
Low Score—111 105 98
Total—2171.
High single I. J. Harper 272.
Points: Hypertension Kids 4 1-2; Brewers 1 2-2.

Mighty Atoms—
W. F. Duffy—146 144 188
J. T. Kennedy—193 143 171
J. T. Robinson—143 183 172
Miss B. C. Conrad—119 74 77
F. D. Crosby—127 143 130
Total—2044.
Moaning Minnies—
E. L. Hume—185 99 205
F. S. Carbonell—189 228 208
J. P. Spillit—138 172 196
Miss B. C. Jenkins—150 96 139
E. G. Lewis—142 154 137
Total—2347.
High single F. S. Carbonell 223.
High three F. S. Carbonell 591.
Points: Mighty Atoms 0; Moaning Minnies 6.

K. of P. League
Imperials—
P. Rice—192 156 188
A. Affleck—207 193 192
V. Switzer—171 152 131
W. Switzer—118 127 163
D. Brown—178 161 207
Total—2556.
Die Hards—

Maple Leafs Defeat Detroit Red Wings 3-1

TORONTO, Dec. 19 (CP)—Toronto Maple Leafs edged a little further in front in the tight National Hockey League race tonight by defeating Detroit Red Wings 3-1 before 12,864 fans. The Red Wings averted what they have had three times in that string.

The Leafs rolled to a two-goal lead in the first period and got another tally in the second before the Red Wings who had played at Chicago last night came through with a third period score which thwarted goalie Turk Broda's try for his fourth shutout of the league season.

Goalie defenceman Gus Mortenson started the Leafs on the way to victory. He tallied on a shot from inside the blue line shortly after the midway mark in the first period and within two minutes took left wing Joe Klukay got what proved to be the winning counter on a close-in play with veteran Nick Metz. Metz and his brother Don had helped on Mortenson's goal.

But goalie outguessed goalie Johnny Mowers of Detroit; from close range for Toronto's final goal, early in the second period. Don Metz and Gaye Stewart helped on the play.

But Jack Stewart, thumping Detroit defenceman early in the third period during a terrific Red Wing offensive on a play set by Roy Conacher.

The game proved costly to the Leafs as they lost the services of Happy Emms scout for Buffalo and Director Johnny Smythe said he would be out three or four weeks with a separated shoulder suffered in a first period brush with Detroit's Doug McCaig of Detroit who received an interference penalty on the play.

REMEMBER WHEN
Jerome (Dizzy) Dean, who managed to hit the sports pages all year, was voted sports biggest disappointment of the year, nine years ago today. Twenty of 53 sports writers voted for Dean, then with St. Louis Cardinals.

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Hockey Players Still Held Up At U. S. Border

(By John LeBlanc)
OTTAWA, Dec. 19 (CP)—The affair of the two fugitives from Ottawa Senators' payroll was assuming the proportions of a moderately-hilarious international incident tonight as governments, hockey associations, miscellaneous clubs and the courts became enmeshed in its complexities.

While refugees Jimmy McFadden and Les Hickey waited at the United States border for a loophole in the immigration barrier, Senators were engaged in a court battle to keep them out of the 10 of Buffalo Bisons and to block off further roster raids, all to the tune of a running fire of warm exchanges between assorted hockey moguls.

The seceding couple, among the top-notch players of Ottawa's leading entry in the Quebec Senior Hockey League, withdrew quietly from here Monday after listening to the blandishments of Happy Emms scout for Buffalo of the American Hockey League. They were bound either for Bisons or into the Houston farm outfit in the United States Hockey League.

Amid roars of Ottawa anguish over the Buffalo foray, it was disclosed Senators had obtained a court injunction barring Bisons—until a court hearing on the "junction next Monday—from trying to induce Ottawa players away from a second injunction against Houston—this one good until Jan. 6—to the same effect.

In a third court move, Ottawa got a special order allowing a set of a writ on the defendant clubs in the United States. Scout Emms, named specifically in the Buffalo injunction as a co-defendant, apparently had crossed back into the United States, and those of the Buffalo or Houston management was available in Canada to be tagged with the papers.

That completed the legal end of things for the day but from the border town of Fort Erie, Ont., where they were taking their ease, McFadden and Hickey said they have no intention of returning to Ottawa and have signed one-year contracts with Buffalo.

Two Top Amateur Hockey Teams In '45 Look Good
TORONTO, Dec. 19 (CP)—Two teams that were good enough to win the Eastern Canada hockey championship last spring look good enough to represent their league, if not all Ontario, in international competition again this year.

The two clubs, Hamilton Tigers and Toronto St. Michaels' College Majors of the Ontario Hockey Association's senior and junior "A" divisions respectively, lead their leagues by a wide margin, having lost one game between them in a total of 26 played. They've beaten every team in their leagues at least once. They lead their leagues in goals scored and in low total of goals against them.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—Seventy American sports writers today voted Navy's brilliant performance against Army in the Philadelphia football classic as the no. 1 sports surprise of 1946.

Navy, losing by 21-18 after being stopped on the three-yard line in the final minute of play, drew 26 first-place ballots in The Associated Press year-end poll.

Fifteen more writers gave their near-upset by a team which had won only one game their second choice votes and one picked the midshipman third.

Second place went to the St. Louis Cardinals' defeat of the Boston Red Sox in baseball's World Series.

Twenty-one first-place votes went to the Cardinals' win with 10 second-place and one third-place vote tossed in.

Various other surprises of the World Series also came in for attention, including Ted Williams' failure to hit-mentioned by the experts—Rudy York's home run, Harry Breechen's pitching and Enos Slaughter's running.

Scoring the votes on a 3-3-1 basis, the Navy footballers earned 109 points and the various aspects of the World Series 105 points. Not all the writers cast second and third place ballots.

One listed the Red Sox runaway win over the Yankees as the best pennant race as an even bigger surprise than their defeat in the series and another gave his first choice to "the surprise experienced by Boston's John Peavy as he turned toward home plate in the closing series game to see Enos Slaughter streaking in with the winning run."

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ANNOUNCING FRIDAY'S SKATING SESSION

TONIGHT 8 O'CLOCK The FORUM