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## Knotty Niners Punch Out 3-1 Victory Over Visiting Victoria Team

Breaking away for two goals in the last period to break a stalemate, Charlottetown's Knotty Niners last night defeated Victoria Union 3-1 in an exhibition hockey encounter staged at the Forum, an encounter that saw the two teams stage one of the most thrilling, exciting struggles of the season.

Wide open from the start, the largest crowd of the season witnessed Victoria come from behind to count at 1-0 only to fall victims to their overzealousness in the final period to allow the winners to break away for the deciding counters as the Charlottetown team played shorthanded due to penalties.

With both squads playing at a high pitch throughout, the game turned into a riot. In the last minute of the second period after Flannigan of the winners had drawn a ten-minute sentence for fighting, knocking Lester McLeod to the ice after a shoving match, an overzealous fan scrambled out to engage a Knotty Niner in a wrestling match. With things quieted down they played rugged fast hockey with the winners gaining their lead in between periods but as a climax to the bitterly fought struggle hostilities were on the verge of breaking out in the final minute until cooler heads intervened and quelled the incipient uprising.

With both teams missing chances and the Victoria goalie turning in a what is a game, they battled on scoresless terms the first seven minutes of the period. Then Knotty Niners struck with Beebe slamming in Art Perry's short rebound to give the winners a 1-0 lead. Fighting back and hemming their opponents inside their blue-line, Victoria missed half a dozen chances to score before the season ended in a trail 1-0 at the final whistle.

For the first seven minutes of the second period it was again a scoreless duel but this time Victoria came back for the equalizer. Knox blasted a chest high drive into the corner on a pretty a passing play as was pulled off during the game.

All even coming out for the third, Niners had a chance to go to the front as Knotty Niners played two men short but the losers' all out efforts proved their undoing. Dowling, breaking away at centre passed to Shepherd at the line, with Willie firing, went high drive into the open court to give his team a 2-1 lead. Later Dowling broke away alone to elude two defenders and again beat the sensational Victoria goalie for the final counter of the game.

Lineups:—  
Knotty Niners: Goal, Weeks; defence, A. McDonald, Perry, Hennessey, Andrew; forwards, Carver, Dowling, Shepherd, Kelly, Flannigan, Flannigan, Douglas, Beer.  
Victoria: Goal, Noonan; defence, Sobe, McWilliams, L. McLeod, G. McLeod; forwards, Betts, Taylor, Cutcliffe, McDonald, Bradshaw, F. McWilliams.  
Referee: Gordon Drillon, Roy Prowse.

Summary:—  
First Period  
1—Knotty Niners, Beer (Perry) 7:10  
Penalties: None  
Second Period  
2—Unions, Les McLeod (Knox) 7:20  
Penalties: Betts, Flannigan, (major)  
Third Period  
3—Knotty Niners, Shepherd (Dowling) 6:35  
4—Knotty Niners, Dowling 6:20  
Penalty: Shepherd.



IN THE CORNER



Rocky Graziano, leading American middleweight, whose admission while being grilled by New York's district attorneys, that he was apologetic to throw a fight with Ruben Shanks and pick up \$100,000, Paris and a mob said to be interested in fixing a football game. Graziano is to go before grand jury, it is reported.

## N. S. Provincial Bopsiel Opens

HALIFAX, Feb. 4.—(CP)—Five provincial rinks—River Hebert, Brewick, Wolfville, Dartmouth and Halifax Mayflower—were both of their matches in the annual British Columbia Bopsiel which got underway here today.

At the same time, five other rinks were defeated twice and ousted from further competition. Included was that of Sydney, skipped by L. G. Israel.

## Today's Entries For Ice Races

A four-class ice racing program is planned for this afternoon by the Victoria Driving Club. The races, on harbor ice off Victoria Park, are scheduled to begin at 2:15 p.m.

Following are the classes and the probable starters:

Free-For-All: Lutticia, Peter McKinney, A. Lyons, Calumet Mary.

Class A: Trot and Pace: Miss Brewer, Captain Abbe, George Mac, Bill Kilmuck, Maudine Budlong, Wendell Hanover, Midway Melody, Lily MacLene.

Class A: Trot: Just Bill, Miss Ireland, Northern Scott, Ethel Bunting, King Gratton, Mac Watson.

Class B: Pace: Sampson Budlong, Nellie Watson, Skippy Budlong, Soldier Budlong, Laddie Voss, Honey Gill, Dorothy P.

## New Waterford Bruins In C. B. Hockey Finals

GLACE BAY, N. S., Feb. 4.—(CP)—New Waterford Bruins raced into the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League finals here tonight by skunking a visiting 5-2 win over Sydney Millionaires, taking the best-of-three semi-final round in a straight game.

For Sydney it was a surprise upset as the lowly Bruins had been lagging in the league cellar for more than a month of regular play. Bruins now will meet the Glace Bay Miners who wound up the league play with a comfortable lead.

The final will be a best-of-seven series, with games alternating between Sydney and Glace Bay.

## Leo Lamoureux Out Of Action

(By The Canadian Press)  
MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—Leo Lamoureux, Montreal Canadiens' defenseman, will be out of action when the Montrealers meet Boston Bruins in a National Hockey League game in Boston tomorrow night.

Lamoureux injured early in a game here with Toronto last Thursday, thought his twisted knee had mended enough for him to rejoin the club. He tried out the leg today in a skate about Forum ice and the knee collapsed again. It was doubtful if he would be able to play against Toronto this Thursday when Leafs again visit Montreal.

Kenny Redden, another Canadian defenseman, is also out of action with a shoulder separation and is not expected to play for at least another 10 days.

Coach Dick Irvin said he planned to use wingman George Allen, who took a tumble at the end of the first round of the game with Rangers in New York Sunday night. Allen, who came to Charlottetown last year from Chicago Black Hawks, played both forward and defence positions during his time with the Hawks.

## Bivins Wins From Beckwith

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland heavyweight, knocked out Booker Beckwith, Gary, Ind., in the fourth round of the scheduled 10-round bout in the Coliseum last night.

Bivins, with a 14-1-2 record, had no trouble with Beckwith, who had no trouble with the Gary lightweight and scored five knockdowns.

Bivins floored Beckwith twice in the first round with rights to the chin, but the bell saved him. The second he dropped Beckwith again for counts of seven and eight.

Beckwith was still out when the ring was for the start of the fourth round.

## Ted Williams Signs With Boston Red Sox

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Slugging Ted Williams yesterday signed his own ticket to play left field for Boston Red Sox this coming season and the ticket is figured to call for \$75,000.

Williams signed the agreement after conferring with general manager Eddie Collins for about 15 minutes.

Neither would divulge the amount involved but one Sox official who declined to be quoted by name told a baseball writer:

"Ted's contract will compare with any in baseball."

Asked "How about Bob Feller and Babe Ruth?" This Sox official responded:

"Well, Williams is signed to a straight contract and Feller's contract has several bonus clauses on top of his salary." After a second's hesitation he added that Williams' agreement "can be compared to Ruth's."

Note of the assorted Club officials, players, employees or sports writers present were of the opinion, however, that Williams' 1947 salary would equal the \$80,000 the New York Yankees paid Babe Ruth.

## 14 Artificial Ice Palaces For Ontario

TORONTO, Feb. 4.—(CP)—Ontario plans winter and sponsoring 14 artificial ice palaces for Ontario hockey clubs in these 14 centres will be capable of absorbing the cream of Ontario's crop along with established teams. But they're fearful of Uncle Sam's money-filled palm as it stretches further and further across the border.

George Panter of Gravenhurst, Ont., president of the Ontario Hockey Association, knows the situation isn't peculiar to his province and currently is championing a cause to place all Canadian amateur clubs on a more secure plane.

On behalf of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, the smooth-talking Panter visited New York recently to seek assurance that players would not be taken from Canadian teams without legal transfer being obtained.

There was supposed to have been an understanding reached but players continue to jump across the border while nothing is done about it.

There's also a small matter of U.S. organization refusing to pay a \$100 fee for each player transferred from Canada, but as international hockey is in such a "state of flux" Panter doesn't want to create further discord by discussing that subject publicly now.

## This Referee Doesn't Mind Fans' Jibes

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(CP)—Charles (Rabbit) McVeigh, at 40 probably the world's oldest professional hockey referee in point of age and service, stands pat on at least one additional claim to fame—he isn't disturbed when fans call him a "deaf and dumb so-and-so."

He isn't disturbed, he says slyly, because (a) they're half right and (b) he can't hear them anyway.

The five-foot-six, 142-pound hockey veteran, who travels an estimated 50,000 miles a season as an American League arbiter, has been partially deaf since the First World War when he suffered shell concussion serving in France with the 16th Canadian Scottish.

"It's convenient in some ways," says Rabbit, who recently lost his favorite whistle, a British-made affair with a particularly shrill note. "I only hear what I want to hear."

He doesn't seem to miss the whistle. The little India rubber man, whose aerobic play with Chicago Black Hawks and the old New York Americans made him a National League favorite from 1926 to 1936, is doing so well there are reports that the A. H. L. is paying extra money to keep him from being lured back to the N. H. L.

But refereeing seems pretty

## Probe Of Graziano's Case Is Continuing

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Amid laughter-provoking squabbles between lawyers and witness, the district attorney's rackets investigating chief admitted in testimony today that the district attorney's office made no effort to take up middleweight title contender Rocky Graziano's offer to try to pick out the man who twice tried to bribe him with \$100,000 to throw two fights.

The witness was Alfred J. Scott, assistant district attorney heading the rackets bureau. He was the lone witness today at the State Athletic Commission's hearing for Graziano's failure to report an attempt to have him "go into the tank" against Ruben (Cowboy) Shank in their Dec. 27 fight — a fight which failed to come off when Rocky complained of a sore back. Graziano could be penalized by as much as lifetime banishment from the ring.

At the time, Dr. Sym Newman, State Athletic Commission physician diagnosed the soreness as a sacro-lilac condition. Scott, however, insisted that Graziano told him he used a "kink in his back" as an excuse to pull out of the fight because "it wasn't in him to take a dive" and he "didn't want to go through with the Shanks bout because those guys might have thought the deal was on" and "might think Graziano was crossing them."

Scott was still on the stand when the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

## Heartbreakers To Play At Borden Tonight

The following members of the Heartbreakers are asked to meet at the Bus Terminal, Queen Street at 6 o'clock this evening from whom they will leave for Borden for their scheduled game with the Borden Nationals, Jordan, D. Larter, Jos. C. Duncan, Morgan, Elphred, D. Dowling, Carver, N. Larter, D. Larter, Gordie Kelly and Clark.

There are several seats left on the bus and anyone desirous of accompanying the team may purchase tickets at the Bus Stop.

## Louis Training

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Joe Louis has resumed training for his second day's play in the Arturo Godoy of Chile. Joe left Los Angeles Jan. 30.

The heavyweight champion said the mile and a half altitude here affected him "just a little bit."

## Five Rinks Remain In N. B. Bopsiel

BATHURST, Feb. 4.—Five rinks remained undefeated tonight at the second day's play in the New Brunswick Bopsiel.

The Bathurst rink skipped by veteran Nick Tiboudou led with four wins and appeared sure to reach the playoffs. In section 2, Reg Shives' Campbellton rink was undefeated with three wins.

An upset occurred when D. P. Connolly's Bathurst quartet lost three straight.

## Chandler Visits Ruth

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Babe Ruth and baseball commissioner A. B. Happy Chandler visited the former home-run king's hospital room yesterday.

"Babe, you are Mr. Baseball," said Chandler as he was ushered in. "I'm going to say a little prayer for you. God bless you, and may you get well soon."

Ruth, thinned by his long hospital stay, turned his head slightly and wept. He pointed to his toothpick arms, but was too choked up to speak.

Chandler, dabbing his eyes with a handkerchief, was ushered out by a nurse.

French Hospital, where Ruth was operated upon, reported his condition still was fair and that he was more cheerful.

On behalf of the visiting Crystals, a return game is scheduled for a later date.

## Royals Defeat Crystals 8-5

A clean fast game of hockey was played in the East Royals Rink Monday evening between the East Royals and the Charlottetown Crystals. Both teams played extra good hockey on a perfect sheet of ice with the Royals having a little too much finish around

## S'side Legion Wins From Port Elgin 9-1

The Summerside Legion defeated Port Elgin last night in an exhibition game at the Crystal rink by the score of 9 to 1. The New Brunswick boys were no match for the local vets as Riley, their net custodian, saved them from being victims of a string line of Deighan, G. Bernard and Trainor accounted for six of the home team's nine goals, Charlie Deighan turning the hat trick by scoring a goal in each period. Casey in the Summer side nets, though not overworked did make some fine saves. Bourque was the pick of the losers.

Summary:—  
First Period  
1—Summerside, S. Bernard (S. Gallant)  
2—Summerside, Deighan (G. Bernard)  
3—Summerside, G. Bernard (Deighan)  
4—Port Elgin, M. Allen (Bourque)  
Penalties: None  
Second Period  
5—Summerside, S. Gallant (G. Bernard)  
6—Summerside, Deighan (G. Bernard)  
7—Summerside, S. Gallant (Grady)  
Penalties: Huestis, G. Bernard  
Third Period  
8—Summerside, G. Bernard (Deighan)  
9—Summerside, Trainor (Deighan)  
10—Summerside, Deighan

## Practice For All Star Team This Evening

Gordon Drillon will have his City League All-Stars out for a practice session at the Forum tonight (Grady) and the following are asked to be on hand for the workout:

Goal, McKinnon, Davis; defence, Hennessey, P. McDonald, Methel, Kenef, Edwards, C. MacDonnell, Blanchard, Mahar, Carver, Dowling, Shepherd, Hizon, Robertson, Perry, Kelly.

## Southern King's Team Beat Souris 3-1

Out scoring their opponents 3-1 in the first twenty minutes of play; battling through a scoreless, hard-fought session and then shooting the only counter of the final period Southern King's All Stars Monday night defeated Souris Legionaires 3-1 in an exhibition game played at the Souris rink.

A crowd that packed the rink to capacity saw the two teams wage a fast, close checking game throughout all three periods of play. All Stars drew opening blood midway through the first period with Len Fitzgerald counting on a pass from H. McLean and the winners went two goals up five minutes later when Frank Fraser denied the twines, Clemens and Stevens drawing assists on the play. Legionaires' final goal came in the 67th minutes of the period McKinnon snaring a loose puck to beat the All Stars goalie.

The goalies, Pierce of Souris and McKay of the All Stars gave stand-out performances throughout the scoreless middle period making a number of great saves that seemed labelled for goals with the All Stars sailing the verdict away halfway through the third twenty minutes of play. J. W. Mavers making the red light flash on a backhand drive that went through a mass of legs before winding up in the net.

Only two penalties were handed out during the cleanly played game, one to each team.

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