

BILLIARDS

Frank Acorn and Harry Redmond will battle it out on Friday night at the Sunnyside Billiard Parlor for the championship of the first section of the provincial billiard tournament. This match is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Last night Acorn won from Bill Lawlor by a margin of 78 points. The scores being 500 to 422. The officials were Peterson, referee and Ford marker.

BOWLING RESULTS

CHARLOTTETOWN ALLEYS

Mixed League
Reds: 214 258 205
179 213 137
204 248 273
179 156 118
176 200 229
136 308 266

Dodgers: 213 188 156
203 131 223
133 165 239
159 174 177
172 211 239
267 226 174

Bees: 202 271 241
225 181 108
168 217 175
161 234 199
142 131 196
193 151 168

Cubs: 201 241 129
128 152 142
205 209 180
138 166 517
229 206 168
149 148 208

Ladies High Single, S. Smith
Ladies High Three, S. Smith
Gents High Single, P. McInnis
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Ladies High Single, Mrs. J. McArthur
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GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS



"BIG FOUR" RINK LEAVES THIS MORNING TO TAKE PART IN DOMINION CURLING CH'SHIP



Reading from left to right: J. A. Fraser, 1st stone; R. R. Bell, 2nd stone; G. G. Hughes, Mate, F. R. McLaine, Skip.

Rankine McLaine's Big Four curling rink, champions for the third successive year of the Island Curlers, leave this morning for Winnipeg where they will take part in the annual Macdonald-Brier Dominion Tankard which opens in Winnipeg Monday next.

It will be the third season in a row that the Big Four has been the Island representatives at the outstanding event of the Dominion curling season and the rink, playing in the eyes of observers their best game are confident of giving the other Provincial champions they will meet a battle of it all the way.

Organized nearly ten years ago Rankine, together with his mate Gordon Hughes are the original members left the other two members of this years squad being R. R. Bell and J. A. Fraser, second and first stone players respectively.

It will be the Island's fifth year in the competition with Charlottetown Club rinks representing the Province in four of them, a Montague Club having won the title in 1936, but this season the winners had to go to the most grueling schedule of games yet to be played before they won the crown. Winners of 12 out of 15 club competition matches the Big Four had to keep up their stiff pace to emerge the Island titlists winning four out of five matches pitted against Summerside and Montague rinks in the final playoff and at that they just decided through with a victory over Montague after a playoff was forced when the first day's play ended with Big Four and Montague tied with three wins apiece.

However, the strenuous schedule has put the rink right at the top of its form and in practice sessions since winning the title they have proved to be nearly invincible. Steadiness no matter how badly the game happens to be going against them has been one of the keynotes of their success and Island curling followers are confident that the Big Four will provide plenty of competition for the other provincial winners when they start the competition in far-off Winnipeg on Monday next for the Dominion's highest curling award.

As the rink leaves for the scene of the competition the best wishes of Island Curlers and sports followers in general will go with them and wish them every success and good fortune in their attempt to capture the trophy for the Island a Dominion Curling Championship.

Following is a brief record of the rinks personnel:

J. A. (Jack) Fraser: The veteran, 12 out of 15 club competition matches as a curler Jack will be making his second start in the Dominion competition having played with the Big Four in Toronto in 1938, Jack broke into the curling province in 1909 at the old Curling rink and in the succeeding years has played in practically every rink in the Maritimes. He skipped and played mates for various club teams but in his two seasons with the Big Four has played lead, 1st President of the Prince Edward Island Curling Association.

R. P. (Reg) Bell: A newcomer to the rink, four this season Reg's playing has been steady throughout all matches. Broke into the game over 12 years ago and has also played in numerous rinks throughout the Maritimes. This his fourth year in the Macdonald-Brier competition but will be his first on an Island Championship rink. Last year he was with A. Belcher but in his competition the rink finishing in the runner-up position. Plays second stone this year after playing lead for the Moguls last season.

G. Gordon (Dick) Hughes: Is taking part in his 26th season in the curling game. Broke into the game in the local competition in 1914 and is one of the originals of the Big Four. He's Dick's third successive season to be taking part in the Dominion Championship and his fourth as a member of the Big Four, a rink which he has always captained. Has also played in every rink in the Maritimes and has loads of club medals to show for his visits. He has skipped numerous teams throughout his career but with the Big Four has always played the mate position. This year however while still playing mate he has carried the last stones for his rink and has been a leading light in the Big Four's march to the Island title.

F. Rankine (Rank) McLaine: Like his mate Rank started the game 26 years ago but in a spot far removed from Charlottetown breaking in with the Winnipeg Elmwood Club in 1914 and was also a member of the Civic Club in Winnipeg. Moved to Charlottetown in 1920 and has been a member of the local club ever since. Originator with Mate Hughes of the Big Four rink. Rank has skipped the team in its four years existence and this year realized an ambition of winning three straight titles. Has played, like his teammate in practically every rink in the Maritimes and is his third year to take part in the Dominion playoff. Rank will renew a host of friendships on his journey to the West and is eagerly looking forward to the play-making Hogan again led Gallant the rubber and the Chicken's blazing drive rustled the cords behind the hard-striving-Borden goal.

But whether or not the game will go into the records is not yet known as Borden have lodged a protest over the number of players in the rink. The protest will be heard while Summerside in turn are protesting the eligibility of Lee Taylor right winger on the Nats first line.

The game was a scintillating exhibition all the way through between two evenly matched squads that skated at top speed all the way with the Crystals superior scoring punch being the deciding factor. There was nothing to choose between the two squads; first one team would have the edge and then the other and as a result, par-jammed rink saw the best exhibition of hockey played in Borden rink since the season's opening.

Lineups: Borden: Goal, Lord; defence, Love, W. Muttart; forwards, Campbell, Currie, Howatt, W. McWilliams, Currie, Howatt, W. Muttart. Crystals: Goal, Peters; defence, E. Bowness, Ellis, Galt, Morrison, Arsenault, Schurman, Wedge, Dickie, Steele. Referee, Earl Arsenault.

SUMMARY: 1st Period: 1-Crystals, Schurman (Hogan) 10:05 2-Borden, Love, Campbell, 15:06. Penalties-Howatt, Ellis.

2nd Period: No scoring. Penalties-None.

3rd Period: 3-Crystals, Gallant (Hogan) 5:06 4-Crystals, Gallant (Hogan) 18:00 Penalties-Taylor, Ellis, Howatt, Dickie.

Ed. Tanton's Dreadnaughts yesterday chalked up their second victory in the Regal Flour competition being staged at the Curling rink when they defeated Stewart Moore's Marines 11 to 6.

Seeing the Marines go into a 3-0 lead on the first two ends Tanton's rink clinched the match on the next two as they chalked up a big four on the third and followed it with a seven on the fourth for a 7-3 lead. For the remaining six ends it was a nip and tuck affair with the losers never recovering their lost ground being outscored by the winners on the last six by a slim 4-3 margin as the Dreadnaughts came back to take the last two ends of the match.

By Ends: Marines 1 2 0 1 1 0 1 0 0-6 Dreadnaughts 0 0 4 3 0 3 0 1 1-11

Mt. Stewart Team Advances In Intermediate Playoffs With 6-5 Win Over Milton

Mt. Stewart Royals last night advanced to the final, semi-final round of the Island Intermediate hockey playdowns when they turned back Milton Hornets in the second game of the two game series 6-5 to take the round 14 to 11 after winning the opening game at Milton by an 8-6 count. Mt. Stewart now meets Montague for the right to enter the final, the opening game to be played at Montague on Friday night with the second and final one being scheduled for the Forum on Monday night.

Last night's game played at Mt. Stewart was a fast, close game all the way with the squads coming through with a seven goal scoring haul in the first period entering the session dejected at 2-2. But it was the home team that got the odd goal that gave them the game after the Hornets displaying plenty of sting had threatened in the first two periods of overtaking the two goal lead the Royals had entered the game with.

Milton shaved the Mt. Stewart margin to one goal in the first period as Ivan Andrews took a pass from Stead at the halfway mark of the session to beat the Mt. Stewart goal. It was the only score of the session as team-play raged up and down the ice with both goals pulling off sensational saves.

In a penalty-less middle canto, Mt. Stewart regained their round margin as C. McDonald scored at four minutes on a pass from Pete Weir and at 15:00 the winners went into the 2-1 as Peters drilled home S. Kelly's pass from the side. Milton knotted the game count at two-all before the period had ended as Dick McKinnon fed a scoring pass to Trainer with just two minutes of the session left.

Still trailing by two goals on the round Milton started ganging but their efforts proved a boomerang in the first seven minutes and McDonald rugged Mt. Stewart defence-man shot two goals to give his team a 4-2 lead. McAdam got his first counter unassisted and took a

pass from Weir for the second. Milton roared back two minutes later with a goal from the stick of Johnnie Kelly with P. Kelly duplicating the feat for Mt. Stewart five minutes later. Johnnie Kelly shot his second goal of the period at the 16 minute mark to again put the Hornets in the running but Mt. Stewart came back with another from the stick of Weir a minute later with Milton having the final say in the scoring as Betts slammed the final goal of the game into the Mt. Stewart cage with but two minutes left to play.

Mt. Stewart: Goal, Jay; defence, J. McAdam, McIntyre; forwards, Kelly, P. Kelly, Peters, McDonald, Weir, C. McDonald, E. R. McDonald.

Milton: Goal, Andrews; defence, White, Coles; forwards, I. Andrews, Betts, Stead, Kelly, Curley, Trainer, McKinnon.

Referee: Fred Whalen, Charlottetown.

SUMMARY: First Period: 1-Milton, I. Andrews (Stead) 10:00 Penalty-McAdam.

Second Period: 2-Mt. Stewart, C. McDonald (Weir) 4:00 3-Mt. Stewart, Peters (S. Kelly) 15:00 4-Milton, Trainer (D. McKinnon) 16:00 Penalties-None.

Third Period: 5-Mt. Stewart, McAdam 3:00 6-Mt. Stewart, McAdam (Weir) 7:00 7-Milton, Kelly 9:00 8-Mt. Stewart, P. Kelly 14:00 9-Milton, J. Kelly 16:00 10-Mt. Stewart, Weir (A. McDonald) 17:00 11-Milton, Betts (D. McKinnon) 18:00 Penalty-F. McIntyre.

Set Dates For League Title Games

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (CP) -The board of governors of the National Hockey League today set March 19 as the opening date for the annual Stanley Cup playoffs.

Series A for the league title, between New York Rangers and Detroit Bruins will open at Madison Square Garden no matter which team finishes first in the N. H. L. standings. If the Rangers finish on top, the first two games of the best-of-seven series will be played in New York, the next two in Boston.

Should Boston finish first, the opening game will be played in New York, the next two in Boston, the fourth in New York and teams again will alternate for any additional games.

Notes From North Shore Hockey League

The semi-finals in the North Shore Hockey League gets underway in the Kensington rink this week, when New Annan and Kensington squads take the ice. Action apertly is assured the fans throughout those playoffs. New Annan Stars are favoured to win the Baker Trophy, but the other three teams, having improved a great deal during the regular schedule are not by any means to be lightly taken for all three teams have been giving the Stars plenty of trouble during their last starts against them. Freetown and Margate, with their speed and ruggedness should push the Stars to their limit to eke out a win and beware of this Kensington squad for according to reports and it certainly looks this way too, they have just been coasting in their recent games, as they have always been playing with men short in the ice contests and then they are noted for their coming from behind spirit, to take the trophy.

Rink officials are putting everything in the best of shape for those playoffs and the many fans can rest assured that everything possible will be done to make things comfortable for them.

Following is a resume of the regular schedule of the North Shore Hockey League.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, D, F, A, P, I. Rows: New Annan, Margate, Freetown, Kensington.

High Score: Jabez (Chubby) Mills N. A. 21 3 24 H. Champlon M. 17 3 20 Gerard Mills N. A. 8 7 15 James Mills N. A. 5 9 14 Millar Waite K. 7 6 13

Bad men of the League F. McKay of New Annan with 14 minutes, Hogg of Freetown with 12 minutes.

McInnis, New Annan goalie with only twenty four goals scored against him throughout the schedule proved the outstanding goalie, but was hard pressed for honours by Paynter Freetown goalie who barely twenty four counters chucked up against him in fact Paynter by rights should only have twenty two scored on him as in a recent game, being relieved due to injuries, there was two chucked up against his team, that were scored on Cameron who relieved him.

A number of players in the different teams have the honour of not visiting the penalty timer throughout the schedule. Darrach, Howatt, Larkins and Higgins capably handled all games and are outstanding officials in the refereeing capacity. H.

Will Replay Draw Game

EDMUNSTON, N. B., Feb. 27 (CP) -Arrangements were made today for the Bathurst and Edmundston high schools to replay a hockey game which ended in a 2-2 deadlock after four overtime periods last week. Winners of the replay here Thursday night will meet St. Vincent's High of Saint John for the provincial scholastic title.



IN THIS CORNER

With a spot in the final for the Maritime Intercollegiate title hanging on the result of the two games Father Oswald Murphy led his white warriors of St. Dunstan's swing into action against Mt. Allison University team at the Forum on Friday night in their second last game on the schedule.

At present in the lead saints can clinch the championship of the Western section on Friday night by a victory making it impossible for the Mounties to catch them but if they should happen to lose their home match then they will be forced to take the Mounties in their own rink in next week's game. And that doesn't shape up as an easy job.

But Saints are confident of winning Friday night's game and if hard work will carry them through they are in. Daily the team goes through one and sometimes two practice sessions and the squad is hitting on high on every appearance. Workouts were taken on the resemblance of a real game with the forwards checking like fiends and the defencemen handling out body wallops at every opportunity.

It is a glorious chance the local team has of coming through and it would be considered quite an upset in mainland circles as the U. N. E. team now out of the running were not to repeat the victory of last year. However Saints proved their superiority over them with two clean-cut victories and if they can come through against the Mounties they will have a chance of bringing to the Island the first Maritime intercollegiate title ever taken here.

However, the Mounties are of an unknown quantity here but they can be depended upon to have a smart edge squad far at their home is cagey, hockey-wise Les Lowther of Amherst former National League player and also well-known throughout the Maritimes as an efficient referee.

Lowther has the happy quantity of bringing out the most in players under his guidance and although the Mounties got away to a comparatively slow start at the opening of the season they have come along like a house fire the past two weeks and their 12-5 victory over St. Thomas makes it appear as if the team is hitting on high.

Friday's game cannot be termed anything but "crucial." It will go a long way in determining the team that will meet the Nova Scotia winners in the three-venue college title and Saints and Mounties both with a world of speed at their command are expected to furnish one of the fastest and hard-hitting struggles witnessed in the Forum since the days of the "Big Four."

Johnny Squarbrick joined the ranks of returning hockeyists on Monday night arriving at his home after a highly successful season with Glace Bay Miners in the Cape Breton Hockey League and a season which saw a house fire in the squad from the outset and then go on to coach it and bring it to the finals against the league-winning Millionaires.

"Snag" as he is popularly known had words of praise for the treatment accorded not only himself but all the other Islanders playing in Cape Breton. The winter he enjoyed a good season said Snag and the league was productive of good hockey all the way through.

Snag looks for the Millionaires to capture the Maritime title without too much trouble stating they had a fast rugged team that play a bruising type of hockey every minute. In regards to the final series, Snag said his team showed their best hockey of the season in the playoffs and while giving full credit to the Millionaires said the series despite the scores was close throughout with the last one which Sydney won 3-2 being the highlight of the entire season.

Speaking of Ray Stull net guarding of the Miners, Johnny stated that Ray had a great season and was particularly brilliant in the playoffs against Sydney. Ray hasn't returned home as yet as he is at present coaching an intermediate team in Cape Breton and getting along quite well so we are told.

In speaking of the Sydney team Johnny had high praise of the playing of Tony Graboski. Snag played against Graboski in the Eastern United States Amateur League for three seasons when with his own words, but in Johnny's opinion the Graboski of this season was far advanced from the player he was when with Hershey Bar's. He is fast, and smart said Snag, and able to take and hand out bumps with the best of them, something he had to do all season concluded the Island boy.

Remember When

President E. A. Gilroy of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association landed at Halifax on his way home from the Winter Olympics in Germany four years ago today, denied having protested the inclusion of Jimmy Foster and Alex Archer in the English Olympic hockey team. The C.A.H.A. had suspended Foster and Archer, and Gilroy charged the sudden change in the ruling governing nationality of Olympic competitors was the "worst manipulation in sport history."

MESS MAKES MONEY

LONDON (CP) -The sergeant's mess of a unit in camp "somewhere in England" made money quickly when they fined all members who swore "a penny per curse." At the end of a week they had 16s 11d (\$5.76).

TENSION IN CARLOADS FORUM MARCH 6th MARITIME JUNIOR PLAYDOWNS vs. NEW BRUNSWICK ROYALS vs. Maritime Champions (Probably St. John) SPECIAL SKATE FORUM TO-NIGHT ALSO SPECIAL PRICES AND SPECIAL MUSIC 14-BANDS-14 Adults 20c; Children 10c.