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Saints And Navy In Sudden-Death Game At Forum Tonight

A pace in the finals against the Legionaires will be the stake as Saints and Navy will be fighting for when they meet tonight at the Forum in a sudden-death encounter in the City Hockey League semi-finals and from all pre-game statements emanating from both camps fans are for a fast, wide-open struggle all the way.

Navy took a jump Sunday when it was learned they would be able to use the services of Cliff Jackson and the presence of the Jim Hunter on one of the Navy's attacking units will add a lot of scoring punch to the "Tar's" attack.

Saints will use the same lineup that recently lifted the Maritime intercollegiate title and although not overly confident—they still remembered the tie they earned against Navy the last time out—feel that they will have earned the right to go against Legion when the final whistle goes, ending tonight's struggle.

City League playdowns have been more or less pushed to the background due to other playdowns but with the semi-final series being decided tonight and the finals getting underway on Thursday, interest is bound to come bounding back and league officials are looking forward to packed crowds from tonight until the winners of the Dr. F. C. Dougan trophy have been declared. The game gets underway at 8:30 sharp.

Following is how the teams will line up for tonight's game:

Saints: Goal, MacKinnon; defence, C. MacDonald, Methot, Bunge; forwards, Maher, Blanchard, McIsaac, Rodgers, Ledwell, D'Amours, McDougall, Thibault, Farmer.

Navy: Goal, Davis; defence, Hennessey, Carmichael, Josey, Stewart; forwards, Higson, Bradley, Jackson, Kelly, Blanchard, Flemming, McGregor.

250 Pheasants Expected Tonight

Two hundred and fifty pheasants are expected to arrive in Charlottetown tonight, it was learned yesterday from officials of Pheasants Unlimited. The birds, purchased in the United States, will be released Wednesday.

Importation of the birds is part of a long-range plan by Pheasants Unlimited to improve the upland shooting in this Province.

Joe Louis To Defend World Title June 26

NEW YORK, March 17 — (AP)—Joe Louis announced today through one of his managers, Marshall Miles, that he will make the 24th defence of his world heavyweight boxing title June 26 in the New York Yankee Stadium.

Although no opponent was announced, Miles said: "Louis is eager to meet the winner of the bout in London between Bruce Woodcock, the British Empire heavyweight champion, and Joe Baksi of Kulpmont, Pa., provided that contest takes place on or about April 15 and provided, too, that satisfactory terms can be arranged."

Miles made the announcement in the absence of Joe himself who has been in Los Angeles since completing his recent exhibition tour of Latin and South America.

The announcement was made by Miles after a conference with Sol Strauss, acting director of the 20th Century Sporting Club during the illness of Promoter Mike Jacobs. The 20th Century Sporting Club will promote the bout.

In addition to the winner of the Woodcock-Baksi match, another possible challenger is Jersey Joe Walcott, Camden, N. J. Negro.

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Junior Canadiens Win Opener 5-4 At Halifax In Overtime Period

Mauriello Is Suspended

BOSTON, March 17 — (AP) — Tami Mauriello, high-ranking New York heavyweight, today was suspended indefinitely by the Massachusetts Boxing Commission for his actions after losing a technical knockout decision to Johnny Skhor of Boston, here Friday night.

The Commission also suspended Johnny Buckley and Lou Schiro of Brooklyn, N. Y., managers of Skhor and Mauriello, for indefinite periods for coaching their boxers during the progress of the bout.

Skhor was awarded the decision when Dr. Isaac Klein, Boxing Commission physician, ruled the New Yorker was unfit to continue after the seventh round because of a deep gash over his left eye.

Boxing Commissioners said Mauriello tried to punch and kick Skhor after the bout was halted. Police stormed the ring to quell the post-bout disorders.

Woodcock Wins Close 10-round Bout

MANCHESTER, England, March 17 — (AP) — Bruce Woodcock, British Empire heavyweight, had to go all out tonight to defeat Stephan Olek of France in a 10-round bout. Woodcock weighed 200 1/4 pounds, Olek 187 1/2.

The British champion, scheduled to fight Joe Baksi of Kulpmont, Pa., April 15, was in bed with influenza less than two weeks ago. Unable to connect effectively with his right hand, Woodcock appeared bewildered in the late rounds as Olek sometimes retreated and then occasionally held his ground and counter-attacked with uppercuts.

Many of the French heavyweight champion's blows drew blood from Woodcock's mouth.

Woodcock had been expected to register a knockout after a few rounds, in the same quick manner in which he had put away previous continental foes.

Challenge

We, the East End Athletic Club hereby challenge the West End Athletic Club to a series of boxing bouts (five) to be held at the Sporting Club next Monday night. Please answer through this paper, "Soggy" Reid, President.

Canadian middleweights, insists he earned his title by taking a fair and square decision recently from Len Wadsworth, former Hamilton mill-singer, who held the title for 10 years. At the time of the fight, Vic Oliver, Wadsworth's manager, declared the decision was the worst he had seen in years. Why not, protesting his right to the verdict, isn't finding much support.

Ace Foley, of the Halifax Chronicle, says the decision may not have been the worst in Halifax history, but it was certainly the worst in years. Al Nickerson, of the Halifax Herald says he has been besieged by irate fight fans hammering home protests and trying to figure out how the judges and referee had figured it out their way.

Nickerson termed the outcome of the bout a "major disagreement" adding that the reaction of Ontario sports writers would be interesting. "If they beef," he declares, "this corner, for one, will feel they are justified."

Obviously, Why not's victory stirred an odor about Halifax that was more unpleasant than that of the fishing industry there. Meanwhile, Why not says he'll be ready to fight Wadsworth again in a short time. In almost the same breath, however, he declares he would prefer to meet Johnny Greco for the welterweight crown.

For our money Roger had better take it easy. If his fight against Wadsworth was no better than expert opinion would have us believe, he's talking big when he mentions Greco. If he wants to firmly establish himself in the Maritimes, or anywhere else, he'll take Wadsworth again and decide the issue one way or another. His reason for wanting to meet Greco first, as we see it, is probably because he would never get close to Johnny if he meets Wadsworth first.

May Fit Injured Buddy O'Connor With Face Guard

HALIFAX, March 17 — (CP) — A high blooper that slid off goalie Hal Gilfoy's glove and dropped into the net tonight gave Montreal Junior Canadiens a 5-4 overtime victory over the Maritime champion Halifax St. Mary's club in the first game of a best-of-five Memorial Cup series. Second game will be played here Wednesday.

It was a head knock for the youthful Gilfoy who had held Canadiens at bay for a period and a half while his team found its legs. St. Mary's matched Montreal goal for goal down the wire but they couldn't supply the winner for Bob Fryday's lob which came only 40 seconds after the start of the extra session.

The playoff goal was Fryday's second but the little-getter of the evening was point-guard Howie Moranz who scored the opening goal and set up three others.

St. Mary's had already been beaten when overtime started. They had failed in the clutch in the last two minutes of the third period when Canadiens were two men short. And one of the Montrealers off was defenceman Joe Lepine, the brilliant ice general who played 68 minutes, checked almost flawlessly and scored a goal on a solo sprint through the entire Halifax team.

Stanley Cup Playoffs To Open March 25

By JOHN D. HAMILTON (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

NEW YORK, March 17 — (CP) — The National Hockey League's Stanley Cup playoffs will open March 25 in Montreal between the League champion Canadiens and the third-place Boston Bruins, president Clarence Campbell announced today after a meeting here of the Board of Governors.

Dates for the playoff "A" series were settled, Campbell said, but the "B" series between the second and fourth place clubs will have to be decided later due to the closeness of the race for fourth place between New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings.

Wings lead Rangers by five points with but two games to go. The Rangers have three games left and by winning all their games, while Detroit lost two, could get back into fourth place — a position they held most of the year.

Final games of the regular schedule take place next Sunday, March 23.

As Rangers led Detroit by nine points at one time, no playoff dates for Detroit's Olympia rink were arranged. The series "B" between the Wings or Rangers — and Toronto Maple Leafs — assured of second place — must wait until the picture is clarified.

Dates set for Series "A" (best-of-seven games):
March 25 and 27 — Montreal; March 26 and 28 — Boston; April 3 — Montreal; April 5 — Boston; April 6 — Montreal (if necessary).

Should New York manage to squeeze into fourth place, the series "B" dates will be:
March 26 and 29 — Toronto; April 1 and 3 — New York; April 5 — Toronto; April 6 — New York; April 8 — Toronto (if necessary).

Other matters discussed were the eligibility of players for the playoffs, broadcasting rights, amendments of League by-laws and the choosing of neutral officials for the playoffs.

It was decided that 25 players, exclusive of goal-tender, would be eligible for each team.

It was also tentatively decided to hold the N.H.L.'s annual meeting in Montreal the first week in June.

Parkdale Wins Way Into Bantam Finals

Parkdale Bantams, scoring four goals before their opponents found the range yesterday, Boston's Bantam league when they downed Queen Square Terriers 4-1 in a game played at the Forum.

Parkdale now meet Forbes Kennedy's King Square Bantams for the title.

Goals from the sticks of Ready and Cook spaced five minutes apart gave the winners a 2-0 lead in the first period. Still controlling the play, they accounted for the only goal of the second period in the final three minutes of play with Carroll doing the sniping and then scored an early third period counter to end their scoring, with McMillan on the scoring end.

Terriers only goal came from the stick of LeClair on a play with Purcell with less than three minutes of playing time left.

Lineups:
Q.S. Terriers — goal, Tull; defence, LeClair, Willoughby, Monaghan; forwards, Howatt, Leonard, Purcell, McCallum, Kelly, Carmody.
Parkdale — goal, Carroll; defence, McMillan, Ready, Gay; forwards, Gregory, Cook, Cheverie, McLean, Bertram, Carroll, Coles.
Referee — Bill Reid.

1st Period.
1-Parkdale — Ready (Cheverie) 5:08
2-Parkdale, Cook 10:12
2nd Period.
3-Parkdale, Carroll (Gregory) 11:10
3rd Period.
4-Parkdale, McMillan 7:05
5-Q.S. Terriers, LeClair (Purcell) 12:10

Hockey Challenge

We, the Hunter River Royals do hereby challenge the Charlottetown Knotty-Niners to a game of hockey at the Charlottetown Forum, any night between Wednesday and Friday evenings. Answer through the Charlottetown Guardian.

F. R. BOYLE,
Mgr. Hunter River Royals.

REMEMBER WHEN
By The Canadian Press

One of the most exciting races in the history of the Vezeina trophy wound up with Turk Broda of Toronto Maple Leafs capturing the honors six years ago tonight. Bro-

Local Squad Wage Uphill Battle To Win N. B. - P. E. I. Crown

Snapping into high gear after being outplayed and outscored for the first half of the game, Gordie Drillon's Legionaires last night captured the Prince Edward Island-New Brunswick hockey title as they downed the St. Andrew's Senators 9-5 in the second game of the series to take the round by a total score of 20-18. Legionaires now meet the Nova Scotia champions for the Maritime crown the Legion team are defending.

But it was no easy victory the locals scored here last night. Forced to stage an uphill fight after seeing the visiting Senators shoot their series margin to four goals by scoring the first two counters of last night's encounter, the Drillon-coached squad, forcing the play with continuous power attacks shot four counters without a return in the last half of the middle session to start them on their way to victory.

Series Tied

The counters gave them a 5-3 edge on the game and knotted the series count but the visitors still with a kick left scored a goal early in the third session to again take the lead. Nearing the halfway mark of the third and final session the winners sowed matters up again and when Drillon snapped one in from the blueline five minutes later it was the beginning of the end.

In the next five minutes they had raced in for two more counters and a commanding lead before yielding another goal to the St. Andrew's squad in the last eight seconds of play.

But it was as close a call as the big crowd of local fans would want to see. There was nothing in the first 30 minutes of play to indicate that the locals could overcome their goal deficit. Playing smart hockey and backed up by some brilliant goaltending by Ross the St. Andrew's squad kept plugging away with fast breaking attacks to hold the Legionaires at bay but the continuous pressure finally told and at the end the Island team had a big margin, but at that Senators missed some glorious chances as they skated in on top of Cudmore with smart passing attacks.

Drillon assumed his accustomed role of leading goal-getter when he sniped four behind Ross and singles going to Perry, Carver and Fultie Pound.

H. McNichol and Henderson shot two goals apiece for the St. Andrew's team with the others going to T. McNichol in the New Brunswick champions losing cause.

Slow Start

Neither team opened up to any appreciable extent as the game got underway. Cudmore robbed Miller in close in the first minute of play with Perry shooting wide on a return attack. Checking was very close with both teams covering well especially St. Andrew's as Legionaires kid line of Dowling, Shepherd and Carver hermed the visitors in with the first offensive of the game but they couldn't get the disc behind the tall Senator goal-tender.

The scoreless battle held as the final minutes were ticking off and then came a break for the visitors. McDonald was chased with a major for fighting and while he was serving his sentence Senators opened the scoring as Miller pokechecked the disc deep into the Legion zone fed it to T. McNichol and the latter snapped a shoulder high drive behind Cudmore with a minute and 54 seconds of the period remaining.

Johnny Higson was right in the top of Ross in the first few seconds of the middle session only to have Ross come up with the disc end a minute and a half later the visitors went up two goals as

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Power Attacks Pay Off

Trying desperately to get back in the running Legion sent power attacks up the ice. They hermed the visitors in for minutes on end and finally the attack paid dividends. Perry went through on a lovely individual effort to score and fifteen seconds later Drillon picked up Higson's rebound to knot the game at 3-3. For the next eight minutes the two teams battled scorelessly but in the last minute and 16 seconds Legion shot two quick counters to deadlock the series. Fultie Pound, playing a whole of a game on defence, raced in on a pass from Drillon and when Ross stopped his first attempt slapped his own rebound into the cage to give the Legion the lead for the first time in the game, and with but two seconds of the period remaining Drillon hammered in his third goal of the night after picking up Higson's rebound at the side of the cage.

After missing an open net in the first couple of minutes of the third session, Legion saw their opponents go ahead once more as Henderson on a passing play with Stuart and H. McNichol shot their fourth goal of the game. Play was going from one end of the ice to the other in the even battling without a score until a penalty to T. McNichol paved the way for another Legion goal. Carver sliding in Dowling's short pass at 8:35. For the next five minutes it was a case of the goalies holding sway but then came the break. Drillon snapped one into the cage from the blueline at 13:41 and the heat was on. Roaring to the attack Bubby Dowling shot two counters spaced less than five minutes apart with assists going to Hennessey and Carver for a three-goal lead on the series.

Time was running out on the visitors and the best they could do was shoot another counter. H. McNichol getting it on a pass from Miller with but eight seconds of play remaining.

Line-ups:
Legion: Goal, Cudmore; defence, Hennessey, McDonald, Pound; forwards, Shepherd, Carver, Dowling, Kelly, Perry, Higson, Drillon.
St. Andrew's: Goal, Ross; defence, A. McFarlane, Thomas, Graham, Hausfin; forwards, J. McFarlane, Miller, T. McNichol, Henderson, Stuart, H. McNichol, P. McFarlane.
Referees: Williamson, St. Andrew's; Squarebriggs, Charlottetown.

SUMMARY

First Period
1—St. Andrew's, T. McNichol (Miller) 18:06.
Penalty: P. McDonald (major).

Second Period
2—St. Andrew's, H. McNichol (Stuart) 1:54.
3—Legion, Drillon (Shepherd) 6:58.
4—St. Andrew's, Henderson, 7:58
5—Legion, Perry, 10:27.
6—Legion, Drillon (Higson) 10:42
7—Legion, Pound (Drillon) 18:44
8—Legion, Drillon (Higson) 19:58
Penalty: Miller.

Third Period
9—St. Andrew's, Henderson (H. McNichol, Stuart) 4:06.
10—Legion, Carver (Dowling) 8:38
11—Legion, Drillon, 13:41
12—Legion, Dowling (Carver) 15:14.
13—Legion, Dowling (Hennessey) 19:05.
14—St. Andrew's, H. McNichol (Miller) 19:05.
Penalty: T. McNichol.

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