

Ike Williams Selected Fighter Of The Year In Ring Magazine Ratings

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP) — Ike Williams is the fighter of the year and Rocky Castellani the rookie of 1948 in the annual ratings of Ring Magazine.

Both awards were announced today in a copyright story appearing in the February issue of Ring which reports an "emphatic rally" by the sport. Editor Nat Flescher says boxing still far below its pre-war level but finds hope in the influx of new faces and numerous title shifts of '48.

Williams took No. 1 honors on the strength of three defenses of his lightweight championship and seven other victories, his rating was based on the calibre of his opponents as he took on the best men in his division.

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Glance Bay Miners Whip Millionaires

GLANCE BAY, N. S., Dec. 26 (CP) — Glance Bay Miners celebrated Christmas by whipping the league-leading Sydney Millionaires 4-2 here Saturday night in a Cape Breton Senior Hockey League game before 2,914 fans to move to within two points of the second-place North Sydney Victorias.

The win, second straight on home ice for Miners, left them seven points back of Millionaires and shattered Sydney's three-game undefeated streak for the week. Miners outshot the losers 31-22 and drew only four of the nine penalties.

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SPORTING NEWS

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Final Plans Made For Visit Of Scottish Curlers

Preparations are being finalized here for the visit of Scottish curlers here for the New Year's Day.

Ten of a party of 50 who will arrive at Halifax December 29th aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of France will fly from Moncton to this Province. They will be guests of the Prince Edward Island Curling Association.

The party of 50 is divided into two groups and they will make an extensive tour of Canadian and United States cities engaging in a series of goodwill matches. Their visit will conclude February 2nd, when they sail for home from Saint John.

The party arriving here will be met at the airport by the Hon. T. A. Campbell and members of the entertaining committee. Following breakfast at the Charlottetown Hotel they will meet rinkmen from Summerside and Montague. Play will commence at 10:30.

A noon luncheon will be held at which all curlers are invited to attend. The afternoon program will include a visit to His Honour Lieutenant-Governor J. A. Bernard and His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonald.

In the evening they will play a series of matches with Charlottetown Club rinks. They leave Sunday forenoon to continue their Dominion-wide tour.

African Sports Promoter Dies

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Dec. 26 — (Reuters) — Samuel Sterling, well-known South African sports promoter, died in hospital here Saturday, a few hours after he was found shot through the head in a night club. Police said they did not suspect foul play.

Sterling flew to Britain last August to sign up Freddie Mills, world light heavyweight champion, for the fight last November in which he knocked out Johnny Ralph, South African heavyweight champion.

N.H.L. Standing

(By The Canadian Press)

Team	P	W	L	T	Pts
Detroit	27	15	11	2	85
Boston	26	14	10	3	84
Chicago	27	13	13	2	80
Montreal	26	10	11	6	58
Toronto	26	9	12	6	58
New York	25	8	12	6	57

15 PERSONS

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12 years to 23 months. By the time neighbors noticed the fire it was impossible to give assistance. It was believed at the time that the family was visiting relatives.

ESTEVAN, Sask., Dec. 26 (CP) — Four persons died early Saturday when flames of unknown origin swept through a Provincial Reconstruction Department building housing 16 families at the airport of this Southern Saskatchewan town.

The dead: Mrs. Pat O'Brien, 35; her two daughters, Leona Jean, two and Lee, six months; and Joyce O'Brien 24. Mr. O'Brien's sister who had arrived for the Christmas holiday season from Regina, Mass., and 10 at New York City.

Most of the 45 persons left homeless saved nothing but the clothes they had on.

Other minimum temperatures Sunday morning included 2 above at Denver, Colo., 7 above at Chicago, 6 above at Detroit, Mich., 8 above at Buffalo, N.Y., 7 above at Boston, Mass., and 10 at New York City.

New York was by-passed Christmas Day by a threatened king-size snow storm. However, intense brief squalls of snow and bone-deep cold hit the city.

In the San Francisco area snow covered parts of the bay area. Records showed it was the first time since the founding of the Weather Bureau there in 1875 that there'd been a white Christmas.

EDMONTON — (CP) — Two Edmonton sisters who moved their belongings from one lodging to another in a taxi — but didn't pay the driver — have found out that you just can't do such things. They were given a week's remand and ordered to bring a receipt for the paid fare.

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artful piece of work. He decoyed the player out of position, looked up and noted that he could skate in fifteen feet before shooting, and let go a bombshell after moving in as far as was safe.

"This happened to be the first goal scored by a Ranger defenseman all season. Nell Colville, Bill Moe, Wally Stanowski and the other backliners had had their chances. But they don't shoot like Stanley.

"The most remarkable aspect of the rookie's showing is that he has withstood so well the pressure of a tremendous buildup. Not only did Stanley hear and read about it, he was right there when it all happened.

"Remember that this 22-year-old kid was sitting at a luncheon table when his new manager, Frank Boucher got up and told a press conference that Stanley cost the Rangers between \$60,000 and \$70,000; that this was the biggest deal ever for a minor leaguer, and that Boucher didn't miss his guess. Stanley would go on to be one of the best players in the game.

"That might have ruined a more impressionable kid. But apparently Boucher knew what he was getting. He must have read the kid's character and decided that he couldn't spoil him with a few glowing adjectives. And apparently he was right."

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The victory, most lopsided one in league play to date, unveiled Millionaire line play and scoring power at its hottest.

The defending Maritime champions carried the play in all three periods and moved five points away from the second place Victorias.

Goals by Bruce Gallagher, Don Whalen, Maurice Dowling and Alex Brukow gave Millionaires a 4-0 edge. The Moneybags extended it to 7-0 before the half way mark in the second period on tallies by Johnny Arundel, Brukow and Bowling.

Vics broke the string at the 10:34 mark when Bob Bangay flipped the disc into an open net with Sydney goal-keeper Jack Gibson drawn after a scramble to the left of the goal.

Vics started the third by bagging their second and final goal at 3:46. Bob Verrier sizzled Jack Dyer's long rebound through Gibson's pads.

Sydney defenceman Doug Fritz trapped one off Rhodes stick on a diagonal shot at the 6:20 mark to make it 8-2. Then diminutive Bernie (Bessie) MacDonald capped it with a hot trick effort in consecutive order.

Of 14 penalties handed out in the game, nine were handed out in the third period. Four of these final period banishments were majors. Sydney rearguard Arundel and Vics centre Doug Runions tangled early in a brief fist exchange. The biggest and best slugfest started at the 11:02 mark with a vicious trade between Sydney's John Myketyan and North Sydney's Mike Janki, the loop's bad man.

Millionaires outshot their harbor rivals 42-16.

SUMMARY

First Period

1-Sydney, Gallagher	46
2-Sydney, Whalen	57
3-Sydney, Dowling	317
4-Sydney, Brukow	1054
Penalties—Dyer (2), B. Fritz.	

Second Period

5-Sydney, Arundel	249
6-Sydney, Brukow	751
7-Sydney, Dowling	835
8-North Sydney, Bangay	1034
Penalties—Russell, Janski.	

Third Period

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Detroit Regains N.H.L. Lead Lost To Boston Bruins Saturday Night

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Detroit climbed back into first place after falling a point behind Boston Saturday night with a 3-1 defeat at Toronto.

The Red Wings scored the first two goals and led all the way to gain their second victory of the season over Montreal in six meetings.

Defenceman Leo Reise skidded the Canadiens' defence to score the first goal unassisted, after just 93 seconds of play and Pete Horek nudged the puck past Montreal goalie Bill Durnan from the corner of the cage a half minute before the opening period ended.

Maurice Richard, who was giving and taking body checks almost all the time he was on the ice, scored Montreal's goal on a tip-in from Doug Harvey's 60-foot shot in the second period.

But Bud Poole of the Red Wings made up for that one early in the third with a 20-footer after getting a perfect pass from teammate Jim McFadden on a face-off.

Ted Lindsay was absent with a recurring shoulder injury and centre George Geoghegan had a twisted knee, both hurt last night in Toronto. Right winger Gord Howe is recovering from an operation on his knee and probably will be out another month.

Montreal's only goal came while Detroit's Lee Fogolin was serving time in the penalty box for tripping.

Richard served three of the game's nine other penalties but none had any effect on the scoring.

First Period

1-Detroit, Reise 1:33
2-Detroit, Horek (Abel, Fogolin) 19:29
Penalties—Richard 2, Fogolin, Pavlich, Horek.

Second Period

3-Montreal, Richard (Riopelle, Harvey) 5:05
Penalties—Fogolin, Reise, Reay, Richard.

Third Period

4-Detroit, Poole (McFadden) 4:31
Penalties—None.

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