

# Navy Squad Edge Out P.W.C. Welshmen 7-6

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## Jay Nets Winning Counter In Last 25 Seconds Of Game

Hollis Jay's counter with but 25 seconds of play remaining last night gave the Navy a 7-6 victory over Prince of Wales Welshmen in the teams' opening game of their semi-final series leading to a place in the City League finals. The goal, Jay's fourth during the encounter, climaxed a great comeback by the Navy after they had been down three goals to the Welshmen late in the second period and established them as favorites to go against the winner of the Saints-Summerside series in the other semi-final bracket.

Played before only a small-sized crowd of fans Welshmen, starting off at a fast clip and controlling the play, appeared to be on their way to an upset victory as they stopped the Navy cold with some fast backchecking and punched in five goals to the Navy's two in the first thirty-five minutes of the game, only to be caught in the backwash of the Navy's closing rush and see apparent victory snatched away from them.

The crowd, braving sub-zero temperature, saw the losers take a 2-1 lead in the first session. Three quarters of the way through the middle canto they had galloped to a 5-2 margin but yielded two goals in a minute and thirty-eight seconds to have their lead cut to one, and then fell victims to their opponents' sustained drive in the closing canto.

The game, failing to live up to the blaring action that was expected, got away to a slow start but warming up to the task they finished it at a fast clip with the game opening wide in the final ten minutes and both goalies being tested both from long and short range.

### Welshmen Have Edge

The encounter was less than three minutes old when Prince of Wales banged in their first counter, Bob Dalziel carrying the length of the ice and passing to Beer who coramed the disc in off Davis' stick. Continuing to force the play Welshmen forced Davis to a couple of nice saves, but just past the halfway mark Navy got the equalizer as Jay accounted for his first goal, slapping in Kelly's short rebound. But before the session ended Douglas gave the Welshmen back the lead when he wound up a play with Beer and Downs by catching the draperies with a shot from ten feet out.

The two teams split a half-dozen goals in the middle canto. Just eleven seconds after the start Downs took Beer's pass in front of the net to make it 3-1. Four minutes later Navy squared matters for the second time as Strain slapped in Hymie Gregory's pass-out from the side of the net. 54 seconds after that Welshmen got goal number four as the Navy goalie pulled the disc into his net as it coramed off the boards. Angie McDonald got credit for the goal and the losers were back with their fifth goal, 23 seconds later as Andrew stickhandled his way through a maze of players after taking a pass from Richard. It made the count 5-2 for the Welshmen and the lead was beginning to loom large as the period went into the final minutes. A penalty to Pound led the Navy short-handed but he was hardly seated in the box when Jay came through, taking a long forward pass from Perry to catch the Welshmen flatfooted. A minute and 23 seconds later the same pair were back again, Jay picking the corner on a drive from the left boards to run the count to 5-4 and put an altogether different complexion on the game.

### Kelly Gets Two

Navy sprang to the attack right from the opening whistle of the third period and Gordie Kelly, hard working winger of the Navy squad finally had his efforts rewarded when he rounded the P.

W.C. net to poke the rubber into the corner of the cage for the equalizer. The stalemate stood for over twelve minutes as both goalies came through with sensational drives on close-up drives but it was the Navy who finally forged the game with Kelly again being the marksmen as he converted Strain's goalmouth pass into a goal to give his team a 6-5 lead.

Still with a kick left, Welshmen were back two minutes and 26 seconds later to make it 6-all as Jackie Brown fired McKenzie's passout into the draperies. With the final seconds ticking off it looked as if the tie would hold but like a bolt out of the blue the winning goal came. From a face-off deep in Welshmen territory Joey LeClair secured possession to work his way to the side of the net and his short passout across the mouth of the cage was slapped in by Jay to end the scoring. Prince of Wales did net the puck in the remaining seconds of play but the goal was called back for an offside at the blue line.

### Lineups:

**P. W. C.:** Goal, Cudmore; defence, A. McDonald, I. McDonald, Dalziel, McRae, Ready; forwards, Beer, Douglas, Downs, Duffy, Andrew, Richard, Brown, Carver, McKenzie.

**Navy:** Goal, Davis; defence, Pound, MacDonald, Carmichael, Gallant; forwards, Perry, Jay, H. Gregory, Strain, Gregory, Kelly, Flannigan, Cameron, LeClair.

### Referees: Jay and McInnis.

### Summary:

**First Period**  
1—P. W. C. Beer (Dalziel)..... 2:23  
2—Navy, Jay (Kelly).....10:57  
3—P. W. C., Douglas.....16:24  
(Beer, Downs).....16:24  
Penalties: None.

### Second Period

4—P. W. C., Downs (Beer)..... 0:11  
5—Navy, Strain (H. Gregory)..... 5:45  
6—P. W. C., A. McDonald..... 6:45  
7—P. W. C., Andrew (Richard)..... 7:11  
8—Navy, Jay (Perry).....15:06  
9—Navy, Jay (Perry).....16:37  
Penalties: A. McDonald, Ready.

### Third Period

10—Navy, Kelly..... 1:42  
11—Navy, Kelly (Strain).....14:06  
12—P. W. C., Brown (McKenzie).....16:42  
13—Navy, Jay (LeClair).....19:35  
Penalties: Dalziel, Richard, P. McDonald.

## Sydney Rink Wins N. S. Title

(By The Canadian Press)

LUNENBURG, N. S., Feb. 5.—Gerry Glinz, youngest skip in the provincial bonspiel here, today led a rink to a berth in the Dominion finals for the third time when his Sydney quartet captured the Nova Scotia curling championship. The Cape Breton team, led by the young R.C.M.P. officer, and composed of Mike Vallas, mate, P. Rudderham, second stone, and S. MacVicar, lead, clinched the Nova Scotia title by defeating Bridgewater 11-4 in the finals. Glinz's rink is the first team to take the title out of the Halifax-Dartmouth area since Gerry himself started Halifax off to a three-year championship while stationed there during the war.

The Sydney club went through the six rounds of the meet without being defeated by any of the 16 rinks opposing them. In the semi-finals today they defeated Kentville 17-6 while Bridgewater eliminated Truro 14-11, and then met Bridgewater for their 11-4 win in the finals.

### SLEEP WITH EYES OPEN

Fish do not close their eyes during sleep.

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## Olympic Title Within Barbara Ann's Grasp

(By Jack Sullivan)  
ST. MORITZ, Feb. 5 (CP)—The greatest honor for which she has ever competed—the Olympic championship—tonight was within the grasp of Barbara Ann Scott, tiny 19-year-old Canadian skater who is as glamorous as a film star and as unpretentious as the kid around the corner.

Her impending success—she is a 1-100 odds-on favorite with no takers tonight—would bring Canada the first women's figure skating crown in the 24-year history of the winter Olympics. Miss Scott, who will defend her world crown later this month, placed first in the five compulsory figures the last three of which were completed today. She surprised no one. The final phase of the competition, the colorful crowd-pleasing free skating, will be held probably tomorrow or Saturday.

The Ottawa girl's 858.1 point total gave her a clear-cut 16-point margin over Jeannette Altwegg, British champion, with the others trailing in order: Eva Pawlik, Austria, 832.1; Jirina Nekolova, Czechoslovakia, 807.2; Bridget Adams, Britain, 806.5; and Gretchen Merrill, United States, 798.0. Suzanne Morrow of Toronto was 10th with 761.9 and Marilyn Ruth Take, also of Toronto, was 13th with 754.1.

## Playground

## Commission Holds Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Charlottetown Playground Commission was held at the Travel Bureau Tuesday night with chairman T. Roy Cudmore presiding. Much business was discussed with the meeting being held at the open air rink on Connaught Square was now in full swing and that hundreds of boys and girls were taking advantage of the facilities for skating and hockey sessions.

Progress was also reported in the securing of a suitable site for a young people's rink for the 1948-49 season and that a promise of first priority on the old Arena Rink had been obtained from members of the Provincial Government. The meeting approved heartily of the report and the possibilities the arena would furnish in carrying out a more extended program for the young people.

A motion was passed expressing thanks to Prince Street School staff and pupils for the recent donation of fifty dollars to assist in the work of the Commission. The meeting also decided that a ski and toboggan course should be set up to encourage interest in these sports and a committee, composed of J. McConnell, R.A. McDonald and Mrs. Gordon Hutchison, was appointed to look into the matter and report back at a later meeting.

A discussion took place relative to the inviting of other organizations to send representatives to the Commission and it was decided the acting secretary would invite in writing such groups as the B.I.S., Pythian Sisters, Trinity Men's Association, Holy Name Society and other Church men's associations.

Present at the meeting were Messrs T. Roy Cudmore, Roy McGillivray, R.A. McDonald, James McConnell, W.P. MacLeod, Mrs. F.G. Hutchison, Jack Cameron, Bill Boyles and Bill Reid.

### BLACK FOR PARTIES?

The Chinese wear white for mourning.

being noted in strength and it was only a couple of smart plays in the closing seconds that gave Prince of Wales its victory. The loss sent Navy deeper into the cellar but there should be a much brighter future ahead for them.

One of the most capable and popular players on the Northside Vics team, Allie Carver of Charlottetown has been signed on the negotiation list of a professional hockey club, says a Sydney exchange. Details in connection with the signing of the "Spud Islander" cannot be made known at this time.

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## S'ide Hockey Fans Excited Over Game

Summerside hockey fans are all agog about the coming game this Saturday night between the Summerside All Stars and the Charlottetown Abbies. The Abbies will consist of a picked team from the Charlottetown City League and will include such star performers as Carl MacDonald, Joe Mahar, Art Perry, Teddy Strain, Plum MacDonald, Fultie Pound and others.

The game is very important due to the fact that the Abbies and the All Stars will probably meet in the P.E.I. finals for the Island title. The Abbies will be making their first appearance as a unit this season and local fans will be out in droves just to see what strength the Abbies have in their fold.

Summerside fans are not forgetting the humiliating defeat that was handed out to them recently at the hands of the St. Dunstan's sextette and plan to make up for it by taking it out at the expense of the Abbies.

The All Stars will be at full strength, apart from the injured Bradshaw, and indications point to a record crowd to witness the cream of Island hockey in action. Interest is so high in both centres that a regular scheduled game of the Summerside Hockey League has been postponed.

The Summerside Hockey League will draw the lucky ticket of their lottery for the electric washer and ticket holders will be on hand to see just who will be the lucky winner. — S.

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Feb. 5 — (CP) — Johnny Quigg, Maritime speed skating champion, has entered in both the Maritime championships to be held here Feb. 27-28 and the New Brunswick championships to be staged at Dalhousie this week-end, it was announced today.

In Bucharest the Communist newspaper Scanteia said editorially that the winter Olympics were "a sports carbon copy of the scheming tendencies of American imperialism."

## Wings' Manager Gets Suspended Sentence

(By The Canadian Press)  
DETROIT, Feb. 5 — Manager Jack Adams of Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League, today was under suspended sentence in traffic court for his part in a three-car collision.

Adams was found guilty of following too closely behind the car ahead of him.

A car driven by Joseph Sefernick, 30, struck the car ahead. Sefernick's car was in turn struck by Adams' auto. Sefernick was also given suspended sentence.

## Olympic Idea Takes Beating

(By The Associated Press)  
LONDON, Feb. 5—The Olympic idea, according to newspapers in two different capitals, has taken a beating at St. Moritz.

"The games are staged only to give the hotels the opportunity of exploiting the visitors," reported the St. Moritz correspondent of the Copenhagen newspaper Socialdemokraten. "Wherever you go in St. Moritz you will see hands stretched out for a tip."

"The Olympic idea has changed into a gold mine which is exploited by the sharpest means. Rich Americans make the gold stream and see nothing of the Olympic games but the bars and dancing rooms."

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## No. American Athletes Dominated Events At Olympics Yesterday

ST. MORITZ, Feb. 5 — (CP) — North American athletes dominated the seventh day of the winter Olympics today as Barbara Ann Scott added another chapter in one of sport's greatest success stories and two United States performers captured Olympic gold medals.

While Barbara Ann swept to a 16-point advantage over 25 competitors from 11 countries in the first half of the ladies' figure-skating championships, 18 year old Richard Button of Englewood, N.J. put the finishing touches on a clean-cut victory in the men's division and Mrs. Gretchen Fraser, flying housewife from Vancouver, Wash., flashed home first in the women's special slalom.

Back in the men's figure-skating division, Wally Distelmeyer of Toronto wound up in 12th place with 155.000 points.

Miss Scott will seek to climax her successes tomorrow or possibly Saturday in the free-style section of the ladies' championship. The betting is odds on that Canada's cover girl will add the Olympic title to her world, European and North American crowns.

As the field completed the five compulsory figures today, Miss Scott finished with 858.1 points, 16 ahead of Jeannette Altwegg of Britain. Tenth in the field was Suzanne Morrow of Toronto, three places ahead of another Toronto girl, Marilyn Ruth Take.

The United States vaulted the Americans from seventh to third place in team standing.

The triumphs were the first ever scored by Americans either in skiing or figure skating since the winter Olympics were born in 1924. The team standings tonight were: Switzerland, 69; Sweden, 62;

United States, 52 1/2; Norway, 46 1/2; Austria, 46; France, 39; Finland, 36; Italy, 24; Britain, 7; Holland, 6; Hungary, 5; Belgium, 3; Canada, 1/2.

In between Mrs. Fraser's two breathless descents of Mt. Pilz Nair and Button's almost flawless performance in the free skating, Jack Henton of New Haven, Conn., presented the United States with a second place silver medal in the dangerous Cresta one-man sled race.

One of the day's dramatic moments came as Han Gerschwiler of Switzerland, the world's figureskating champion, sought desperately to overcome the lead Button had taken Monday in compulsory figures. In the midst of a graceful, original manoeuvre, the Swiss star slipped, his skates flew up — and he fell.

At that instant Button became the Olympic champion.

The pretty, shy Mrs. Fraser was the first of 31 girls to plummet down the zig-zag slalom course in the cold early morning, and she threw an additional chill into her rivals by making her first run in 59.7 seconds. The nearest any girl came to equalling it was Erika Mahringer of Austria—1/10th of a second slower.

Then came her second run and the 28-year-old American matron opened the throttle. Cutting the corners crazily, she sped down under perfect control in 57.5. When her time was announced every one knew an Olympic champion had been crowned. Antoinette Meyer of Switzerland finished second with a total of 1:57.7 for her two descents.

In the international hockey tournament here, which is not being recognized as an Olympic event, (Continued on Page 7)

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