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Halifax St. Mary's In 3-All Tie With Hawks

HALIFAX, Dec. 6 (CP)—Halifax St. Mary's did a lot of catching up tonight and finally tied Moncton Hawks 3-3 in a slow-moving Maritime Senior Hockey League match.

The draw leaves Halifax four points behind the leading Saint John Beavers, who drew with Amherst Ramblers 5-5. St. Mary's have a 13-point edge on the third-place Hawks.

Moncton moved ahead three times tonight but couldn't hang onto their lead any time.

Joe Fitzpatrick established Hawks first lead halfway through the opening period. He ambled clean through the Halifax defence and beat Jack Donley smartly.

Danny Wilkes tied it up in the second period by flipping a rebound over Les Colvin and near the end of the canto Frank Imonti sent Hawks ahead again by sliding the disc under the sprawling Donley.

The last three goals came within three minutes of the start of the final period. All came from gangling attacks. Tom Brennan evened off the score at 2-2 but 28 seconds later Bob Leckie tallied to put Hawks in front for the third time.

A minute later Halifax caught up once more, Ron Gaudet scoring from Gord Armstrong and Pat Powers.

Moncton had five of the seven penalties. Rocky Sullivan of Halifax and Brian Robinson of Hawks were given misconducts in the last period for giving the referees the lip.

St. Mary's outshot Moncton 34-18.

First Period	Penalties	Score
1—Moncton Fitzpatrick	—Larrie, Crowbowski, Leckie.	6-0
Second Period	2—Halifax, Wilkes (Hollett, Steel)	12-3
3—Moncton, Imonti (LeBlanc, Barkwell)	18-0	
Third Period	4—Halifax, Brennan (Wilkes, Steel)	1-14
5—Moncton, Leckie (Barkwell, Robinson)	1-14	
6—Halifax, Gaudet (Armstrong, Powers)	2-54	

Penalties — Imonti, Ryan (2), Steel, Sullivan (misconduct), Robinson (minor and misconduct).

Toe Blake Having Hard Luck With Hockey Team

SHERBROOKE, Que., Dec. 6 (CP)—Old man Blake, whose dogs ain't what they used to be, brought his Valleyfield Braves into town today and calculated as now he's having lots of luck—all bad.

It's no cinch for the 37-year-old coach to take his regular turn on the ice again. But injuries have played such havoc with his club he's been forced into action again.

It is just two seasons ago that Hector ("Toe") Blake, the "old lamplighter," closed out a brilliant National Hockey League career—practically 12 full seasons with Montreal Canadiens.

A broken leg finally laid him low and broke up the famous Punch Line of Blake, Elmer Lach and Maurice Richard.

He went to Houston of the United States Hockey League and finished out the 1947-48 season. Last season he was coaching Buffalo of the American League until he had a disagreement over policy and left. Then he took over coaching Valleyfield of the Quebec Senior Hockey League.

Blake is a coach who loves to get out on the ice and show his players just what he means. He took the odd turn with the team, sometimes on defence.

He has instilled plenty of spirit into his players and at the moment his team is hanging desperately to third place in a circuit that is plenty tough.

"Hell, no," exploded Blake. "I know where there are any I'd grab them myself."

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With the hockey season scheduled to get underway at the Forum this Saturday night for the 1949-50 season when Saint Dunstan's University and the Charlottetown Abegweits clash in the opening game of the newly formed six-team Island Intermediate "A" Physical Fitness Hockey League, local hockey fans will no doubt be looking forward to the event, which will not only give them their first hockey of the season, but a chance to see how the hockey is going to shape up this year in the way of play and competition.

Although the brand of hockey can hardly be expected to be much different than has been seen here during the past few seasons, due to the fact that practically all the same players who have been performing here during that time, will be the one's who will be seen in action again this year on the various team rosters, with the exception of the younger players who have moved up from the minor groups into intermediate company, the league should nevertheless create a greater interest.

With all the leading teams supplying the best competition available within the Province in one specific league, which will also include the revival of the old rivalry between the Abegweits and Crystals, as well as the usual high spirit of the two colleges, plus the addition of a team from the R. C. A. F. station at Summerside, this winter sees no reason why the present league set-up shouldn't prove a highly successful one, providing the paying customers don't expect too much. After all, you can't expect a "big league" hockey from a "small league" Province.

As far as Saturday night's opening game is concerned, local fans will also have the opportunity of seeing two really top-notch products of the National Hockey League in action on the officiating part of the program, when George Hayes of the N. H. L. staff and Murph Chamberlain, former N. H. L. playing star, will handle the "Four" Hockey League game as an added feature of the opening night.

It looks like the lowly Amherst Ramblers are finally raising their sticks to do battle in earnest for a better position both morally and statistically in the Maritime "Big League" Hockey League race, in which they have been the underdogs since the beginning of the season, 31 games ago.

Up until last week, everybody and his brother in the Maritime League had been handing them out beating after beating, and some of them real trouncings to say the least. In fact up until the 26th game mark they had the total sum of one win and one tie to their credit, but came back last week to hand Halifax their first defeat on home ice this season, and so far this week have sent Moncton down to defeat and held the league-leading Saint John Beavers to a tie game on Saint John ice last night, to give their first two games in a row this season without tasting defeat.

Whether or not they can keep up their present pace against the strong opposition they have to contend with, of course remains to be seen, but if the Ramblers can match the ability on the offensive that their stalwart goalie, Sonny MacDonald, has been displaying of late on the defensive, they should be a team to contend with before the season is over.

In last night's game against Saint John, for instance, MacDonald turned aside 52 Beaver shots against only thirteen by the opposing net minder, and only led the same number get past him as did his counterpart at the opposite end of the rink, five apiece. In fact he had only three by him up until the 17:38 mark of the third period when Nick Nicolle, former Island hockeyist, banged two past him in a space of a minute and two seconds.

In any event, whether they can ever push enough wins across from now on or not to still latch onto a berth come playoff time, if they continue their present showing they will keep the official league brass, who have been threatening stern measures from their door and revive the patronage of fandom who have been languishing during their continued slump.

MORECAMBE, Lancashire, England, Dec. 6 (CP)—Joe Davis, retired undefeated world champion of snooker, led Canada's George Chenier by seven frames to five at the end of the second day's play in their three-day, 25-frame tournament.

Davis is giving the Toronto cue-man 10 points a frame.

Amherst Ramblers Hold Saint John To 5-All Tie

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Dec. 6 (CP)—Although they blew three leads in a Maritime Senior Hockey League fixture tonight, tallied Amherst Ramblers held the first place Saint John Beavers to a 5-5 tie. With Halifax St. Mary's and Moncton Hawks tiedlocking 3-3 at the same time, Beavers retained their four-point advantage over the Haligonians.

Two assisted goals by Nick Nicolle late in the third period deprived the lowly Ramblers of a fourth win out of 31 games.

Their brace in the first was equalled by Saint John in the second, which ended, however, with Amherst leading 3-2. After the Beavers again equalized, the visitors made it 5-3 but were unable to protect the lead against repeated attacks.

Mousseau opened and closed the scoring for Amherst. The other successful Rambler marksmen were Percy McDougall, Callanan and Knox. Mousseau Dowling, as well as Nicolle, shot a brace for Saint John, with Dick Wray getting the other.

Amherst generally took it, rather than dishing anything out. Their goalie, Sonny MacDonald, made a high total of 52 stops against only 13 at the Saint John end. That told the story of the play.

Ramblers showed some improvement in acquiring their first period 2-0 lead. Mousseau, opening the scoring after taking a pass from Gene Poirier, worked nicely into position, drew out goalie Floyd Perras and had no trouble in finding the net. The second goal, shot by McDougall, was screened from Perras 11 seconds before the session ended. Paul MacManaman and Burton drew assists.

Beavers fought back to even terms in less than eight minutes of the middle canto. The brace by Dowling and Wray was assisted by Doug Fritz, with Bill Kearns and Gordie Drillon also receiving credit as helpers.

Amherst forged ahead again late in the period when Callanan capitalized on a nice pass from Pete Gaudet in front of the Beaver cage.

Fritz assisted Dowling for the second equalizer after four minutes of the last session. Then Amherst plays with Knox and Mousseau in the shooting end gave the visitors a 3-3 lead. It looked like a Beaver loss until Mike Demchuk set Nicolle up for two quick goals in gangling attacks shortly before the game ended.

Statistics In Ch'Town Alleys Commercial League

The following are the league statistics of the Commercial Bowling League up to and including the week ending November 26th at the Charlottetown Bowling Alleys:

POINTS	Over "200"
Big Five	B. F. 18 284
Town Taxi	A. 21 25
Five Aces	C. T. 3 23
Royals	O. T. 15 234.6
Alerts	T. T. 15 227.5
Maritime Electric	O. T. 18 225.1
Old Timers	A. 21 224.5
Chicker Taxi	M. E. 15 219.6

Games Played and Averages Under "200"

Maurice Williams	B. F. 18 243.6
Reg. MacKinnon	M. E. 3 235.6
John Bradley	C. T. 3 235
A. Bisio	O. T. 12 234.6
E. Callaghan	T. T. 15 232.5
A. Doucette	A. 21 229.9
Harry Poulton	B. F. 12 229.3
R. Whitlock	O. T. 18 228.2
Merlin MacKenzie	B. F. 12 227.5
P. Perry	T. T. 15 227.2
J. Ranahan	O. T. 18 225.1
S. Peterson	A. 21 224.5
G. Cudmore	T. T. 15 221.2
T. McAdam	M. E. 15 219.6
G. MacKinnon	F. A. 18 216.7
A. Schleyer	M. E. 21 212.1
R. McCallum	O. T. 12 210.4
B. MacLellan	C. T. 3 208.8
J. McKay	O. T. 18 208.1
R. Dalziel	C. T. 18 207.8
W. Chandler	F. A. 21 207.5
C. Roberts	B. F. 15 206.4
A. MacKenzie	T. T. 12 206.4
E. Clarkin	F. A. 9 206.3
D. Garnham	R. 21 203.7
R. Hughes	M. E. 18 203.5
F. Cox	F. A. 21 202.4
P. MacInnis	B. F. 12 200.7
J. Whitlock	C. T. 21 200.6
E. Stanley	A. 9 200.2

Games Played and Averages Under "200"

A. Chandler	F. A. 12 199.6
B. MacDonald	T. T. 12 198.8
W. Kitson	R. 21 198.5
F. Doyle	O. T. 6 198.3
J. Allen	A. 21 198.1
R. Whitlock	T. T. 6 196.8
E. Pineau	B. F. 9 196.3
W. Duffy	R. 15 195.1
F. Hughes	M. E. 12 194.2
G. Newson	R. 21 191
J. Bradley	C. T. 18 188.9
Bonar Dalziel	C. T. 14 187.9
F. Shanahan	R. 12 187.3
L. Dinty Stanley	A. 18 186.2
W. Halpenny	O. T. 15 184
E. Corrish	O. T. 15 183.6
L. Ladner	F. A. 15 183.1
A. Constable	F. A. 12 182.9
G. Dalziel	C. T. 12 180
J. Brown	M. E. 18 179.5
Jim Bradley	A. 3 174.6
C. MacNeill	F. A. 3 173.3
L. Dunn	A. 9 169.8
B. Taylor	O. T. 3 161.6

High Single
 Merlin MacKenzie B. F. 353

High Three
 Maurice Williams B. F. 828
 Allan Doucette A. 828

Williams Called On Carpet By Commission

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6 (AP)—The Pennsylvania Athletic Commission today called Ike Williams on the carpet to give an official account of his story of a "fix" attempt in his title fight with Freddie Dawson.

Commission chairman George Jones said he wants to know why the lightweight champion suspected he might be robbed of his title.

As it turned out, Williams wasn't robbed. He decided Chicago's Dawson was a 15-round decision bout at Convention Hall last night.

In an unprecedented press conference summoned shortly before the fight, Williams said a telephone informant told him a "fix" was on and that if the bout went the distance, Dawson would win.

Williams wouldn't say who made the call.

He did say, though, that if Dawson won a decision he would have "plenty to tell." After the bout he said he must have been given a "bum steer."

"I'm asking him to appear tomorrow noon and explain the statement he made to newspaper men before the bout," Jones said. "If he had any reasons to mistrust our officials, we want to know what they are."

"So far as we are concerned, we have implicit faith in the ability and integrity of the judges and referees in Philadelphia."

Referee Charley Daggart gave Williams the nod, nine rounds to six, while both judges, Frank Knareborough and Harry Lasky, saw Williams a narrow eight-seventh victor.

Jones said he was aware of reports of heavy gambling on the bout and had asked George Richardson, assistant superintendent of police, "to assign plenty of men to Convention Hall last night and see that everything was right."

Yesterday afternoon Williams was a 12-to-5 favorite to 'lick Dawson. But by fight time the odds had fallen to 7-1-2 to 5.

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Millionaires Come From Behind To Defeat Miners

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 6 (CP)—Sydney Millionaires broke into the clear with four goals in the last period tonight to out-scrammage Glace Bay Miners 7-2 in a rough, tough Cape Breton Senior Hockey League contest.

The victory pushed Millionaires seven points ahead of Miners and North Sydney Victorias, tied for second spot. Vics and Miners tangle tomorrow night.

Glace Bay took a 2-1 lead in the first period but Millionaires caught up and went by in the second. They rattled in four more in the third to put the lid on things.

Proceedings started to get really lively in the middle of the second period. Ed Bolan of Miners drew a misconduct for shoving the referee and then Dunc MacIntyre of Sydney got a major for cutting Paul Platz with his stick.

The rearguards had a tough evening all round. Johnny Mykety of Sydney was sentenced twice in the second period and Bolan drew two minors as well.

Then in the third Bolan tangled with Don (Red) McRae in a pleasing bout. The rest of the players formed a ring around the two and let them get at it for a while. Some of the crowd got on the ice, too.

Bob Bowness scored two for Sydney and the five other goals went to MacIntyre, Cliff Roach, Mykety, Alex Birukow and Bob Gray.

Conny Brown and Doug Runions tallied for Miners.

First Period

1—Glace Bay, C. Brown	1-51
2—Sydney, MacIntyre	9-25
3—Glace Bay, Runions (Wade, Jodoin)	13-12

Penalties: Gray, White, Matthews, Ross.

Second Period

4—Sydney, Roach (Bowness)	2-36
5—Sydney, Mykety (McRae, Beaton)	19-40

Penalties: Mykety 2, Phillips, Bolan 2 and misconduct, MacIntyre (major), Platz.

Third Period

6—Sydney, Bowness (Roach)	2-07
7—Sydney, Birukow (Gallagher)	5-07
8—Sydney, Bowness (Whalen)	12-36
9—Sydney, Gray (Hildebrand, Beaton)	14-54

Penalties: McRae (minor and major), Bolan (minor and major).

Graziano Takes 10-Round Decision

CLEVELAND, Dec. 6 (AP)—Middleweight champion, won a unanimous 10-round decision tonight from George (Sonny) Horne. Horne looked his best in the final rounds. A record crowd of 14,202 watched the arena card.

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N. Y. Yankees Release Ailing Charlie Keller

By Jack Hand
 BALTIMORE, Dec. 6 (CP)—New York Yankees today cleared the decks for trading by releasing Charlie (King Kong) Keller, an old Stadium standby.

The faded veteran, plagued by a chronic back ailment, was forced to call it a career at the age of 33 when he accepted his unconditional release after a conference with general manager George Weiss.

Once a member of one of baseball's greatest all-round outfielders with Joe DiMaggio and Tommy Henrich, Keller bows out of the Yankee picture after 10 years of service. The Maryland strong bow with a lifetime record of 184 home runs, was a member of five Yankee pennant clubs and appeared in three All-Star games.

With Keller definitely out of the picture, manager Casey Stengel would like to move Tommy Henrich back to the outfield from first base.

Stengel and manager Bucky Harris of Washington held a conference yesterday afternoon, setting up the groundwork for a Yankee-Washington deal that would bring first baseman Eddie Robinson and possibly pitcher Rae Scarborough to the Stadium.

Robinson, traded to Washington by Cleveland at last year's winter meetings, might fill the bill at the Stadium. He hit .294 as a Senator and drove in 77 runs. Scarborough, who led the league in batting average in the league, He can be had—but only for a front-line player and a wad of dough. His 13-11 record with a last place club in 1949 fails to do him justice.

The Yankee-Senators trade talks was the hottest of the National Association (minor league) convention.

Boston Braves and Chicago Cubs have been talking business with no names mentioned. The outcome seems to hinge on the final decision in the Boston-New York Giants proposed swap.

Alvin Dark, brilliant Boston shortstop, is the man the Giants are after, not second baseman Eddy Stanky. The Braves are reluctant to part with Dark unless offered a real star in return.

Don Dillinger, star third baseman for St. John Browns, may wind up in Cleveland although the Indians will not pay the asking price of the moment.

Chicago Cubs lopped Bob Muncrief, 33-year-old righthanded pitcher, off their roster, selling him to the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast League.

While the majors gossiped about trades, the minors continued their draft meeting with the class B and class C teams taking their picks in the player lottery.

Class-B culled 76 men for a total of \$72,400 and the class-C clubs selected 39 men from class-D for \$28,300. The "delayed" selections by any club from class triple-A through class-C may be made tomorrow morning.

During the two-day draft session, 218 players were drafted for an outlay of \$439,850, a record.

Hoop League Games Scheduled Here Tonight

Basketball will again highlight local sporting activities tonight when Summerside Schurman's and Army clash in the opening game of a double hoop bill at Prince of Wales College auditorium in Island Physical Fitness Basketball League competition, with Ray's Millionaires and P.W.C. meeting in the second encounter of the night.

The first game will get underway at seven o'clock and the second will be played immediately following the end of the opening tilt.

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Sport Briefs

LONDON, Dec. 6 (AP)—The British Boxing Board of Control today agreed to recognize Viscount of South Africa as the British Empire bantamweight champion.

Rowan won the title Nov. 12 by outpointing Stan Rowan of Liverpool at Johannesburg but a question arose as to whether Rowan might have weighed more than the 118-pound weight limit.

Rowan since surrendered the title because of difficulty in making the weight.

TORONTO, Dec. 6 (CP)—The City of Toronto should press to have the 1950 Grey Cup football final played at the Canadian National Exhibition Stadium. It was decided today at a joint meeting of the C.N.E. sports committee and the civic park and exhibition committee.

It also was decided to allow soccer, rugby and track and field sports on the field, and to attempt to promote greater use of the stadium throughout the year.

It has been estimated that 40,000 could be accommodated for the East-West fall classic at the C.N.E. This year's game at Varsity Stadium drew about 21,000.