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Abbies Edge Crystals 5-4 In Game At Forum To Clinch Top Spot

Jackie Kane's Charlottetown Abbies clinched their eighth victory in nine starts at the Forum last night when they squeezed out a narrow 5-4 victory over the Summerside Crystals in an Island Intermediate Hockey League fixture.

The win puts the Abbies well to the top of the league standing and assures them of first place in regular schedule play. Four points over second place Saint Dunstan's University, the loss for Summerside leaves them deadlocked for fourth place with Prince of Wales College, who improved their standing two points last night at Summerside in a 3-4 victory over R. C. A. F.

The line of Joey LeClair, Ralph Sheppard and Roach MacGregor were the power behind the Abbies forward section to rack up four of their total of five goals. LeClair led with two goals, the other two garnering one each with Sheppard also picking up two assists. "Tuts" Richard got the other tally which turned out to be the winning goal of the night.

The Summerside goals were well spread around with Davis, J. Schurman, Benny Grady and Syl Bernard, all garnering one piece. Davis, Bernard and Grady also snared an assist each.

Getting away to a slow first period, the Abbies held the edge on the play to outshoot Crystals 2-1, and stretched it to another goal early in the second frame, but the Crystals took the upper hand before the period was over to sink home two in a row and deadlock the score at 3-3.

Abbies jumped ahead again at the 36 second mark of the final session, but the Crystals roared back again less than two minutes later to get the equalizer and take a definite edge on the play and make the going really tough for Abbies up until the half-way mark in the period. The visitors forced hard and kept the Abbies pretty well bottled up behind their blue-line, and fired rubber right and left at goalie Hooper, who had to come up with some smart saves to keep the scoring down.

The winning break for the Abbies came at 10:18, when throwing off the pressure being applied by an aggressive Crystal crew, they started to force the attack themselves, and "Tuts" Richard, who was following in with the attack, intercepted a pass to rifle home a hard shot from the blue-line. It was the only goal of the night that goalie Sprague didn't look too good on, who came up with some really smart saves throughout the course of the game.

The game was very cleanly played with referees Charley Hogan and Ivan Frizzell only being called upon to hand out four awards for minor offences, two going to each team.

The following are the line-ups and summary:

Line-ups:
 Abbies: Goal, Hooper; defence, Perry, Dalziel, Stewart, Smith; forwards, Sheppard, LeClair, MacGregor, Stanley, Clark, Melnis, Burke, Flynn, Richard.
 Crystals: Goal, Sprague; defence, G. Bernard, Davis, Woodside, B. Gay; forwards, B. Grady, S. Gay, S. Bernard, Bradshaw, Kelly, Trainor, J. Schurman.
 Referees: Charlie Hogan and Ivan Frizzell.

First Period
 1-Abbies, MacGregor (Dalziel) 10:43.
 2-Abbies, LeClair (Sheppard, Perry) 11:20.
 3-Side, Davis, 17:25.

Juvenile Abbies And Vics Clash At Forum Tonight

The big feature at the Forum tonight will be a hockey clash between the Abbies and Victorias in a regular City Juvenile Hockey League fixture, which is scheduled to get underway at 7:30.

It will be the second clash between the two squads this season in league play, and will be a battle that is expected to come up with plenty of close play and smart hockey.

Although the Abbies handed out a sound trouncing to the Vics in their first meeting the Vics are expected to come up with a much stronger showing tonight, when coach Wally Sheppard sends his team out strengthened by five members from the ranks of the Midget Victorias. The new players will include goalie Thane Doyle, defenceman MacDougall, and forwards Lewis, Cliff Ready, Stull, and Cliff Ready.

The Williams coached Abbies, however, who have been undefeated so far this season in four league starts, will be coming out as strong as ever to try for their fifth straight victory.

The following are the team line-ups:
 Vics—Goal, Thane Doyle; defence, MacLeod, Charles Ready, MacDougall, MacLean; forwards, MacLure, McFadyen, Turner, B. Lewis, Cliff Ready, Stull, MacDonald, Burke, Kelly.
 Abbies: Goal, Gurney; defence, Coyle, Burgess; forwards, Carver, Hennessey, Flanagan, Glover, Kennedy, Dalziel, Gregory, Fields, Howatt.

Victorias Defeat Millionaires 7-4

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 14 —(CP)— North Sydney Victorias earned a second-place deadlock with Glace Bay Miners in the three-team Cape Breton Senior Hockey League by hammering front-running Sydney Millionaires 7-4 here tonight for their first win in five games. A three-goal last-period spree clinched the verdict after Vics blew a 3-0 lead.

Both Vics and Miners now have 66 points, 10 less than Millionaires, with the teams in the second-last week of the 19-week schedule.

Long Creek Juniors Defeat Cornwall

The Long Creek Junior Beavers defeated the Cornwall Junior C.C.'s by the score of 9-5 in Cornwall rink last night.

Penalties: None.

Second Period
 4-Abbies, Sheppard, 3:10.
 5-Side, J. Schurman (Davis, Trainor) 7:06.
 6-Side, B. Grady (S. Bernard) 15:58.
 Penalties: Woodside (2), MacGregor.

Third Period
 7-Abbies, LeClair (Sheppard) :56.
 8-Side, S. Bernard (Grady) 2:50.
 9-Abbies, Richard, 10:18.
 Penalty: Dalziel.

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Sask. Rink Favored To Win School Ch'ship

Four Classes For Today's Races

At the third annual Canadian school curling championship play-downs scheduled for this weekend at 20-23, H. E. Weyman, Quebec's hustling major dome of curling, is busy settling a round-robin draw for 10 Provincial champions due to gather here next Sunday.

But Weyman took time off to say Western Canada entries offer to be the best this year.

Weyman, organizer of Quebec's famed International Bouspiel, is representative for Quebec Province of the Dominion Curling Association's school committee. As such, it's his job to organize the major curling event for Canada's schoolboys.

Nine of Canada's 10 Provinces — all except Newfoundland — will be represented by their Provincial champions. Ontario will have two entries—Ontario and Northern Ontario—as that Province is divided into two curling sections.

Two Canadian school championships, an outgrowth of Manitoba's school bouspiel, was first held in 1948 and won that year by a Franklin, Man., rink. Last year, a foursome from Humbolt, Sask., won the title.

From the Maritimes, there will be Eric Gaskin's Moncton, N. B., high school rink, undefeated in five Provincial school championship games. Nova Scotia will be represented by Bill McCarthy of Truro, while Doug Cameron will skip a Charlottetown rink, Prince Edward Island representatives.

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P. E. I. Curling Championship Games Today

The first matches in the Prince Edward Island Provincial curling championships for the British Consols Trophy will get away this afternoon at three o'clock at the Charlottetown Curling Club when rinks from Alberton, Summerside, Montague and Charlottetown will compete against one another for the right to represent the Province in Dominion curling championship competition.

Eight teams will compete in the play, and although the regular program calls for two rinks from each Club, Montague and Alberton are only being represented by one team each. The remaining two rinks will be made up by the Charlottetown Club, giving them four representative teams in all.

The match draws will be made up at the rink today as the teams make their appearance.

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Thinks Night Racing Will Be Approved

WINGHAM, Ont., Feb. 13 —(CP)— J. W. Brown, president of the Canadian Standard-Bred Horse Society, said tonight he is confident the Ontario Government will approve night harness racing in Ontario.

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(Mr. Frost was not immediately available for comment.)

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Bantam Hockey Play Begins

The first of a series of elimination hockey contests to decide the Charlottetown Bantam Hockey Championships, in which some 15 teams from the City will participate, were run off last night at North River Rink under the supervision of the Department of Physical Fitness.

The following are the results of the night's play, in which the winners will continue on to the sudden-death competitions later on this week, with the final winners to represent the City in Provincial bantam hockey championship play.

Prince Street School Lions defeated Prince Street School Tigers 3-2.

Queen Square School Royals defeated Queen Square School Eagles 2-0.

Queen Square School Hawks defeated Parkdale School Beavers 4-0.

In a fifth game played at North River Rink last night, the Charlottetown Ahegwit Sisters defeated the Holy Redeemer Amazons 7-1 in a sudden death hockey encounter for the right to represent the City in the Island Physical Fitness senior ladies hockey championships.

R. C. A. F. — Goal, Crawford; defence, Pierce, Cox, Dempsey; forwards, Beckett, Hoffman, Caloren, MacDonald, Hume, Beardmore, Lambe, Hoffstrand.

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Intermedia League Standing

The following are the standings in the Island Intermediate Hockey League up to and including last night's games:

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Abbies	9	8	1	0	16
S. D. U.	9	6	3	0	12
Vics	8	5	3	0	10
Crystals	8	3	5	0	6
P. W. C.	9	3	6	0	6
R. C. A. F.	7	0	7	0	0

BERRY BOGS

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P. W. C. Keeps Playoff Hopes Alive With 5-4 Victory Over Meteors

The Prince of Wales College hockey team kept their hopes for a play-off berth alive in Crystal rink last night by edging the improved but luckless R. C. A. F. Meteors by the score of 5 to 4. The Airmen had a decided advantage in play in the first period which ended 1 to 0 in their favor, but the Collegians made many dangerous forays into R. C. A. F. territory during the next two frames and were held at bay on numerous occasions by the brilliant goal tending of Crawford. The Airmen were playing without their ace defenceman, Johnson, and they seemed to tire as the game progressed. Their back-checking was a feature of the first two periods but their puck-clearing in front of Crawford left much to be desired. The line of McDonald-Hume-Beardmore packed the most powerful punch for the Meteors, figuring in all their goals except one.

Early in the first period Beardmore took a pass-out from Chas. MacDonald and beat Simmons with a neat shot. The R. C. A. F. made it 2 to 0 at the four-minute mark in the middle session, Hoffstrand banging a second shot home after Beardmore had got the disk out to him. Nicholson opened the scoring for P. W. C. in the eighth minute of play.

He was parked in front of Crawford and the puck came to him from a melee at the side of the cage. Two minutes later McCallum shot No. 2, accepting a pass from Downe, and 22 seconds after this Jardine blinked the red light again after a wild scramble in front of the Meteor cage. Chas. MacDonald aided it up at 3-1 halfway through the period and McNevin, combining with Downe, put his mates out in front again seconds before the bell to end the sandwich session.

The game was tied up once more early in the final period, Caloren being on the shooting end of a pretty lateral passing bout with Hoffstrand and Beckett. Crawford's work at this stage was little short of sensational as the Welshmen pressed for the winning tally, but half-way through the period he was forced to bow to a two-man team of Jardine and McCallum. The P. W. C. boys held off the determined thrusts of the Airmen for the rest of the period and the score ended 5 to 4 in the visitors' favor.

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Bantams, Midgets At Murray Harbor

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In the second game of the twin bill, the Murray Harbor Midgets came from behind in the dying minutes of the game to earn a 3.5 draw with the Charlottetown Midgets.

FORUM DOINGS
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 Hockey—8 p.m.—Crystals vs. Abbies
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 Vics vs. Abbies—Skating after

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