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ROYALS CAPTURE JUNIOR LEAGUE TITLE

Three Goal Splurge In Third Period Enables New Champs To Chalk Up Third Win

A torrid third period attack that netted three goals gave Chick Williams' blue and white clad Royals the City junior hockey title and W. R. Aitken Trophy at the Forum Saturday night when for the second night in a row they turned back a fighting Abegweit team that never knew when it was beaten. The score was 4 to 1 as the winners chalked up their third win of the series but the encounter was much closer than the above score would appear to indicate.

Score Three Goals in Third

Fighting desperately with their backs to the wall the losing team more than held their own in the first two periods. Holding their opponents in check they fought back on even terms in the second period by equalizing the Royals first period goal and so smart was their performance that it appeared to many that the series would be forced into a fifth and deciding game. But during the all-important third session the new champions showed their worth. The men of "Little King" came back from the shadows of defeat to take the play away from the Abbies. Before the ten minute mark had been reached they had built up a 3-1 lead on goals by Whalen and Jay to clinch the game and title. Abbies sent wave after wave of attacks racing in for the last half of the period but it was no go. Penalties to them in a bruising, rough final five minutes led to the Royals final score and put an end to their great bid for a playoff position in the Island playdowns.

The game was easily the hardest fought of the series. Playing a semi-defensive brand of hockey the Abbies matched the Royals in speed and wit for two periods. Royals got the only goal of the first session on Carmody's weaving dash down the left boards as the Abbies missed two glorious chances. During the second Abbies evened it up on a Grant to Dowling play, incidentally the smartest goal of the game, but the greater experience of the new champions told heavily in the final frame and after the champions had scored exactly thirty seconds after the start they were in command.

Trophy Presented

Immediately after the game the beautiful W. R. Aitken Trophy was presented to Captain Everett Jay by Mayor P. W. Turner. His Worship heartily congratulated the players and Coach "Chick" Williams on their splendid victory, and expressed the hope that they would go far in their coming playdowns. Mayor Turner also congratulated the losers on the splendid battle they had waged throughout the season and expressed the hope that they would be back again next season, bigger and better than ever.

Mr. W. R. Aitken, donor of the trophy and president of the League, also congratulated both winners and losers. "He had enjoyed the games immensely," the speaker stated and was already looking forward to next season when he hoped the league would be more successful than ever.

Abbies Miss Chances

Getting back to the game. In a close-checking opening ten minutes neither team could get within close scoring range but when Dowling was waved to the penalty timers for hooking Royals rushed five men to the attack. They stormed inside the Abbie line but McAleer although mighty busy, turned the drives aside and the offender returned to ease the pressure. For the next three minutes neither team was dangerous but just after the lines had changed Carmody sent the champions into the lead. Skating fast down the left boards the Royals' left winger weaved in over the Abbie line. From about forty feet out he let drive and the puck squeezed through McAleer's pads to bulge the twines.

Led by the tricky Vince Grant Abbies were breaking up Royals' plays to counter attack dangerously. Twice Grant fed Dowling beautiful passes after drawing the defence but both times no score resulted. On the first attempt Langille came out to make a brilliant save and the second time the Abbie winger shot high over the cage. The bodying was rugged and plentiful as the period progressed and Abbies put on the pressure as Blanchard was waved for a cross-check. Royals however held on and McAleer had to be good on breakaway plays by Cudmore and Jay.

Abbies proved dangerous all through the second period as they took the play away from the Royals with fast, piercing attacks. In the first five minutes Andrew and Pound both came within aces of scoring but Royals managed to clear. However there was no denying the Grant to Dowling play. Grant skated to the Abbie line and after drawing the defence slipped the disc to the uncovered Dowling. "Mousey" made no mistake this time. Racing in close he drew Langille and then cooly backhanded the rubber over his prostrate body. The score came nine minutes and forty-three seconds after the start of the period.

The pace stepped up considerably after the score and Royals pressed hard with Andrew serving a penalty but the score remained unchanged with McAleer robbing Whalen, Jay and Blanchard with sprawling saves inside the crease. As the pace quickened feeling became evident and less than a minute before the end of the period Cudmore and Andrew drew penalties for roughing that left both teams short a man.

Royals in Command

Royals took little time in gaining the upper hand as the crucial third period got underway. Abbies making the first raid were repulsed. Cudmore scooped up the rubber and just at centre ice passed to Jay. Tearing to the line Jay passed short to Whalen and "Widder" after taking a few strides fired hard and accurately to the upper left hand corner of the Abbie cage, the shot beating the Abbie goalie cleanyl. Pressing determinedly Royals gave their opponents no chance to get set and Abbies had close calls as McClintick, Jay and Blanchard skated into close scoring range. Pound of the Abbies drew a penalty for elbowing but while he was off it was his team that had the closest scoring chance, as a Flannigan to Robertson play just missed clicking by inches.

With the clock just at ten minutes Royals went into a two goal lead on an unassisted goal by Jay. Ev stickhandled through from centre and then screened his shot cleverly from in front of a defending player and again McAleer was forced to bend as the disc sailed fast and true to the unprotected corner of the cage. The score was the signal for the Abbies to send every man up. Play was all inside the Royals line for nearly three minutes when Jay broke through with the puck. Backchecking furiously Andrew overtook him but in so doing held the Royal player to draw a two minute sentence. With the pressure eased and having the advantage in man power the winners took full advantage of the break and after a series of raids McLennan banged the puck into the Abbie goal as players milled around the cage.

There was little better than five minutes and a half to go at the time of the score but in the 300 odd seconds left it was action plus. Andrew had just returned when Abbies were left shorthanded again as a result of Flannigan's slashing penalty. Again the Royals sought more counters and their efforts increased two-fold when Kelly took a place beside his mate in the "coop." But there was no further scoring although Abbies were hard pressed as the winners slammed shot after shot at the Abbie cage.

LINEUPS

Royals: Goal, Langille; defence, Darragh, McLennan, Wood; centre, Jay, Blanchard; left wing, Cudmore, Carmody; right wing, Whalen, McClintick.

Abbies: Goal, McAleer; defence, Pound, Robertson; centre, Grant, Kelly, Gallant; left wing, McLeod, Flannigan; right wing, Dowling, Andrew, Williams.

Referee: Pat Power.

SUMMARY

First Period

1. Royals, Carmody, 8.22.

Penalties: Dowling, Blanchard.

Second Period

2. Abbies, Dowling (Grant) 9.43.

Penalties: Andrew 2, Cudmore.

Third Period

3. Royals, Whalen (Jay, Cudmore) 0.30.
4. Royals, Jay, 10.00.
5. Royals, McLennan, 14.22.

Penalties: Pound, Andrew, McLennan, Flannigan, Kelly.

Canadien Midget Hockey Practice

Hockey practice for Midget Canadiens at Upper Queen Street Rink this afternoon, 4 to 5.

JOHN McCOURT,
Coach

Birthday Greetings

(By The Canadian Press)

To King Clancy, veteran defenceman of Toronto Maple Leafs, 1935, National Hockey League champions. Born in Ottawa, February 26, 1903, the King is one of the lightest defencemen in the game and a colorful and popular player. Clancy joined the Leafs in 1931 after starring for years with Ottawa Senators.

CANADIENS WIN WAY INTO MIDGET FINALS

In the best midget hockey game of the season, featured by fast skating, rugged bodying and smart hockey Jack McCourt's Canadiens Saturday afternoon won their way into the finals of the Midget League when they put on a spectacular finish in the final four minutes of play to defeat the Maple Leafs 3 to 2. The game was a sudden death affair between the second and third place teams to decide the squad to meet the Rangers.

Trailing the surprising Maple Leafs 2-1 and making no headway against a stubborn defence Canadiens seemed due for elimination. But here a costly penalty to the losers made its presence felt. Playing six men against five Canadiens slammed home two counters in a minute and a half to cop the verdict. Left unmarked in front of the cage Roach took Coyle's pass to notch the equalizer leaving the stage set for Bert Steele to ring up the winner on a play Wilson to Coyle to Steele. It was a brilliant ending; a great game to win and a tough one to lose, especially when defeat meant elimination.

Right at the start of the game Wilson was right through for the Canadiens only to miss the net with Davis saving brilliantly from Roach on another Canadien attack a minute later. Gradually settling down however, Leafs played on even terms with their opponents and at 8 minutes went into the lead as their second, small but mighty line scored the first goal of the game. Peters scoring on Hooper"s assist.

Early in the second period Canadiens made it one-all on a smart play with Roach converting Coyle's assist but Maple Leafs came right back two minutes later when McGuigan scored on McAleer on a long hoist from the blueline.

With the Leafs playing sound defensive hockey Canadiens carried the play entirely and Davis was called upon to make a half dozen stops in the first few minutes. They held on however, and with but four minutes to go appeared on the way to an upset victory. However such was not to be the case and a penalty to McGuigan saw the Canadiens slam in the two counters that gave them the game and sent them into the best out of three final series against the Rangers.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Maple Leafs, Peters (Hooper) 8.17.

Penalty: Wilson.

Second Period

2—Canadiens, Roach (Coyle) 3.00
3—Maple Leafs, McGuigan 5.50

Penalties: MacDonald 2, Carmichael, Darragh.

Third Period

4—Canadiens Roach (Coyle) 8.00
5—Canadiens, Steele (Wilson, Coyle) 9.30.

Penalties: Burke, MacGuigan.

Navy Defeats P.W.C. Hoop Team 36 - 17

At the "Y" Saturday night before a fair sized crowd of spectators the Navy hoop team kept their winning streak of seven games intact by defeating the youthful P. W. C. team by the wide margin of 19 points.

Gaudet and McMahon were standouts for the Navy while Larter starred for the collegians. In their showing to date the Navy men have established themselves as strong threats to lift the Kelly and McInnis Trophy.

Lineups:—

R. C. N. V. R.—McIsaac, Capt, 6; Doyle 0; Gaudet 16; Connelly 0; McMahon 10; McLean 0; Harley 2; Hughes 0; McGuigan 2.

P. W. C.—Larter, Capt, 11; W. Johnson 2; Stewart 1; Godkin 2; F. Johnson 0; B. Johnson 0; F. Johnson 0; O'Brien 1. Total 17.

ON THE SIDELINES

JUNIOR ROYALS DRESSING room was a scene of much jubilation Saturday night as the tired but happy players trooped in with the league trophy in their possession. Fatigue was forgotten as they showered praise on their coach Chick Williams (Chick's big smile was very conspicuous as he had a quiet word of praise for the boys) and in the next breath began talking about the impending playdowns with Summerside. Royals are worthy successors to the Abbies as City champions and should retain the Island title and prove an even bet to capture the Maritime flag. It is a strong, well-balanced club with no outstanding player. Combination has been their keynote in their march to the title and although at times they have been more or less off color, for the most part they have displayed mighty smart hockey. Their record this season is also one to be proud of. They have lost but three games, numbering among their victims the Moncton City champions, Acadians, and also played two draws with Amherst St. Pats at Amherst, a team that is looked upon as possible Nova Scotia champs. Congratulations to Royals and their coach and here's hoping that you go far in your playdowns that are just around the corner.

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NOW A WORD about the losers. Although defeated the Abbies deserve high credit for their showing. Many were of the opinion that they weren't to be compared to the Royals but in the series just finished they proved to those who doubted their ability how far astray they were.

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OUTSIDE OF the first game the encounters were all nip and tuck affairs and last night's game in particular was a hard struggle to lose. Coach Harry Richardson is to be commended on the manner in which he has brought the team along. At the start he was faced with the problem of blending into a team players with little or no experience. That he has made a good job is now well known and next year with the majority of his players still eligible he should have a team that will prove a mighty formidable threat for the Island title.

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SUMMERSIDE Crystals and Borden Nationals meet at Borden tonight in the second game of their semi-final series leading to the Island intermediate title. Crystals hold a one-goal lead going into the struggle but it is a slim margin to carry judging by the first game.

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IN THE Summerside game Nationals surprised by their persistent attacking and forced Crystals to the limit. On home ice tonight they should prove even more dangerous and their supporters feel that they will come through. Crystals however, have always proved strong opponents away from home which leads to the conclusion that the game will be a thriller from start to finish.

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NEW YORK Giants having repurchased Sam Leslie, whom they sold to the Brooklyn Dodgers three years ago, it may be assumed that Manager Bill Terry does not expect to play as a regular this season. Terry had intended remaining out of the games entirely, but his batting mark of .340, and the fact that his fielding record is the best of any first baseman in the league has made him decide not to bench himself.

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HOWEVER, HE doesn't expect to play in more than 100 games, and he says that if he shows any signs of slumping he will turn over his playing duties to Leslie as a regular assignment. Terry, who caused subsequent grief for himself with his query as to whether the Dodgers were still in the league —that was in 1934—apparently realized where they were to be found when he wanted to buy Leslie.

"White Hope" Boxer Dies

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

TORONTO, Feb. 23—Fred Matthews, Arntfield, Que., amateur boxer, injured in last Wednesday night's "white hope" tournament here, died in hospital late Saturday night. An inquest will be held after a pathologist's report, probably in about 10 days.

Pat Flanagan of London, Ont., who knocked the 206-pound Matthews out in the first round of a bout that both fighters hoped might lead to ring stardom, will not be held on any charge at present. Matthews did not regain consciousness and Saturday morning a serious operation was performed to relieve pressufe on his brain.

Leafs Blank Maroons 1-0

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

TORONTO, Feb. 23. — Perennial pace-setters in the National Hockey League's Canadian section, Toronto Maple Leafs were back on even footing with Montreal Maroons today after defeating their arch-rivals 1-0 in one of the season's most bitterly fought battles here last night before a near-capacity crowd of 13,000.

MONTREAL, Feb. 23. — A second period goal by rookie Toe Blake kept Canadiens in the fight for a play-off berth in the National Hockey League's Canadian section tonight as Wilf Cude and a powerful defensive barrier thwarted all efforts of New York Americans to score last night and Habitants won 1-0 to give Cude his sixth shutout of the season, three of them at the expense of the New Yorkers.

The victory brought Canadiens within one point of the third-place Americans in their battle for the last play-off spot. Canadiens have won four and Americans two in the six games played between the clubs this season.

Miniature Rifle Shoot

Friday night's shoot at the Armouries was keenly contested and resulted in some good shooting. Scores as follows:—

Seamen, W.	95
Mayne, D.	95
Burhoe, K. J.	94
Dinnis, W.	94
Smith, Capt.	94
Jenkins, R. E.	93
Pickard, F.	91
Walsh, W.	90
Spillett, A.	89
Horne, H. H.	89
Jenkins, J. D.	88
Eddy, F.	87
Burke, E.	87
McDonald, L.	87
McCormac, H.	87
Cameron, H.	84
Pickard, W.	84
Wonnacott, B.	82
Daly, W.	75
Buote, F.	74
Saunders, C.	73

Next shoot tonight.

Benedicts To Meet Giants In Second Game Of Finals

Determined to equalize the series and secure for themselves an equal chance of copping the honors, Benedicts go into action tonight confident. Their opponents, Giants, who set a dizzy pace in their first engagement, are equally confident.

However, there is a possibility that Upper Queen Street Rink House League champions will be crowned tonight. Should Giants tonight repeat their performance of last Monday night, they will be declared champions. On the other hand, should Benedicts come through with a victory, a third game will be necessary to decide the championship winners.

Tonight's match starts at 7 o'clock sharp, the scene of hostilities being Upper Queen Street Rink.

ALL PROVINCES TO COMPETE IN BONSPEIL

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

TORONTO, Feb. 23—Every province in the Dominion will be represented when play starts in the Macdonald's Brier Trophy, emblematic of Canadian curling supremacy, here March 2-5. It is the first time since the competition was inaugurated in 1927 that every province has entered the 'spiel. Rinks from British Columbia and Prince Edward Island are the new entries.

Although Ontario's representative has not been decided yet it will not be Gordon Campbell's Hamilton Thistles, winners of the Macdonald trophy last year. Campbell's rink was beaten yesterday as play in the Ontario silver tankard started. The tankard winner will be Ontario's entry in the Macdonald's Brier. Campbell's rink won the tankard and represented Ontario the past two years.

Although the personnel of the Prince Edward Island rink is not known yet, the rink comes from Montague. The Nova Scotia rink, piloted by Professor McNeill, is made up of A. L. Harrington, G. J. Burchell and J. R. Murphy. It is a Halifax four.

The 10th renewal of the major competition finds five "originals" prepared to hurl their stones. The five are Professor Murray McNeill of Halifax, R. K. "Red" Shives of Campbellton, N. B., and three members of the Northern Ontario entry, Mel Robb, Dan Miller and Emmett Smith, of Haileybury, were members of rinks when the first Brier competition was conducted. Rev. W. Beecroft is the other member of the northern quartet.

Shives has an experienced rink to work with in his New Brunswick entry. G. W. Perley is lead, and J. J. McRae and E. B. Howatt the other members.

TORONTO, Feb. 23—(C. P.)—A Sarnia rink, skipped by Hector Cowan, will represent Ontario in the Macdonald Brier Trophy competition which starts March 2 here. The trophy represents Dominion curling supremacy and was won by Gordon Campbell's famed Hamilton Thistles last year. The only other time a Sarnia rink has captured the tankard was in 1927.

Top Row Wins Rich Turf Prize

SANTA ANITA PARK, Los Angeles, Feb. 23—Top Row ran a smashing victory in the Santa Anita Handicap to win $104,600, the richest turf prize of the year. Cheered on by close to 60,000 fans, the "little Napoleon" of A. Baroni's stable sneaked through and raced in to beat out Time Supply and Rosemont. The winner's time was 2.04 1-5 for the mile and quarter.

Rangers Increase Lead Over Bruins By Downing Hub Outfit 4-3 At Boston

(A.P. By Guardians Special Wire)

BOSTON, Feb. 23—New York Rangers strengthened their play-off chances by coming from behind for a 4-3 victory over Boston Bruins tonight before 13,000 at the Boston Garden. A three goal burst in less than two minutes of first period play upset the Bruins' morale and gave them their fourth straight setback.

Red Beattie scored twice inside of eight minutes before Rangers settled down. But midway through the period they were in high gear and the Boston lead was wiped out when Alex Shibicky, Bill Cook and Cecil Dillon in turn drove the puck into Tiny Thompson's cage during a one minute and 34 seconds interval.

Bill Cowley tied the score at 3-3 during the second session but a miscue by Eddie Shore, in the third period, enabled Lynn Patrick to score the winning goal with Howie Morenz assistance.

Shore had stopped Patrick's rush before he flubbed a clearing shot that was intercepted by Howie Morenz a few inches inside the Boston blue line. Howie returned the puck to Patrick and the youngster slapped it home.

The Bruins, now two games behind the Rangers in their battle for third and last play-off berth in the American division of the National Hockey League, suffered two costly casualties during the spotty game.

Max Kaminsky hurt his leg and Dit Clapper suffered a torn muscle when given a heavy body check by Ching Johnson, who was a tower of strength on defence.

RED WINGS HALT AMERKS

DETROIT, Feb. 23—Three quick first period goals and Doug Young's fast solo dash in the third gave Detroit Red Wings a 4-3 victory over New York Americans tonight in a National Hockey League game. A crowd of 8,500 saw the game.

The Amerks didn't go down without a fight, scoring twice in the last half of the final period and being halted in their drive to sending the game into overtime only by brilliant goal-tending of Norm Smith.

Doran was off for tripping Howe when Sorrell scored the first goal for Detroit. Within the next six minutes Starr and Bowman tallied, the latter's goal caroming in off Jerwa's skate. In the second period Doran put the visitors in the scoring column for the only goal of the period.

Young's solo dash and successful shot from left wing put Detroit three goals up early in the final frame. Then Eddie Wiseman, former Red Wing, scored on Anderson's pass and Stewart beat Smith in a scramble around the Detroit cage in which Wiseman was credited with an assist.

LEAFS FALL BEFORE HAWKS

CHICAGO, Feb. 23 — Toronto Maple Leafs' hopes of taking over first place in the International division of the National Hockey League tonight were spoiled when the Chicago Black Hawks handed them a 5-1 beating. Leafs remained in a first-place tie with Montreal Maroons.

Paul Thompson scored two Hawk goals, one in the first and one in the second periods, with Earl Seibert, Mush March and Killy Kendall providing the others.

Buzz Boll counted the Leafs' only goal midway of the third period to deprive goalie Mike Karakas of his eighth shutout of the season. The match, watched by 12,000 spectators, was rough most of the way, with March and Harvey Jackson drawing major penalties in the final period for fighting.

The Hawks got the first break early in the first period when they were awarded a penalty shot because King Clancy held March near the Toronto goal. Clancy was penalized and Thompson scored on the free shot. Before the King returned, Seibert made the score 2-0.

Although the Leafs outshot Hawks, they failed to thrust as effectively. March, Thompson and Doc Romnes scored two goals in the second period on neat passing plays, the wingmen doing the shooting, and they held the Leafs on even terms in the third stanza.

Gala Day At Local Curling Rink Saturday

Another gala day in the history of the local curling club was held Saturday when veterans and juniors mingled in keen inter-club competition. Play opened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and continued until the evening when members of the winning rinks received a can of Bee Hive Golden Syrup kindly donated by Mr. G. M. Avard, Manager of the Eastern Hay and Feed Co.

At the regular Saturday night luncheon impromptu speeches were made and high praise showered on the Summerside curlers who were successful in the defence of the Gaboury trophy, emblematic of the Island championship, in their competition with the total rinks last week. The Charlottetown Club has made unsuccessful attempts to lift both the provincial trophies, Gaboury and MacArthur, but in both cases paid high tributes to their opponents convinced that the better rinks won.

The Montague curlers who leave the latter part of the week to represent the province in the Macdonald-Brier bonspeil will carry with them the best wishes of both the local and Summerside clubs for every success.

LONDON—(C P.)—Len Harvey, middle and light-heavyweight English boxer recently underwent a tonsil operation. He expects to resume boxing early in March.

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