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MARITIME HOCKEY LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED

Big Three League Formed Yesterday

Beavers, Abegweits And Wolverines Compose New Circuit — Schedule Opens November 15th And Closes Jan. 24th.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
MONCTON, Oct. 17.—The big circle of Maritime Province hockey which has passed through various stages from big six to big four, may be down but not out. At a meeting of representatives of hockey clubs in Charlottetown, Saint John and Moncton, with Halifax Wolverines kept in touch with proceedings by long distance telephone, a new Maritime Big Three was organized here tonight.

The new circuit consists of Saint John Beavers, Charlottetown Abegweits and Halifax Wolverines, with Moncton on the outside looking on. The door was left open for an entry from this city which gave birth to the famous Hawks who brought the Allan Cup to the Maritimes for the first time in history but there was no one here tonight who could hold out any hope of Moncton joining the big circle and expanding the Big Three into the Big Four.

Will Have Strong Team

I. J. Yeo, representing the Charlottetown club, gave the assurance that the Abegweits would have a strong team—perfectly capable of offering stiff opposition to anything Halifax or Saint John might toss into the hockey arena against them. While they will rely chiefly on promising youngsters with two or three veterans of former Big Four wars as a nucleus, they will if necessary cast about the hockey field in this section of the country for additional material. J. V. Cunningham and J. V. Montague, representing Saint John Beavers declared they were prepared to make a bid for the Allan Cup but needed every man-jack of their present roster for the campaign. They have only ten reliable stars and no juniors or other promising players to replace their regulars.

St. Pats Reject Invitation From Charlottetown

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
AMHERST, N. S., Oct. 17.—An invitation to Amherst St. Pats, Maritime junior baseball champions, to play the Junior Abegweits in Charlottetown this week was rejected today by Manager S. A. Payne because it was too late in the season. The Island champions have been anxious to meet St. Pats ever since they were ruled out of the play-downs in August for not registering their players with the Maritime Provinces branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada before July 1.

Starke Sold To Pittsburgh

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Joe Starke, substitute goalie, was sold today by Chicago Blackhawks of the National Hockey League to the new Pittsburgh club of the International League. Business Manager Bill Tobin announced.

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SPORTRAITS



Alex Connell Hangs Up Gear For All Time At Height Of Comeback Glory

Hockey's court jester, "Dead-Pan" Alex Connell has strapped on his skates for the last time, faced his final barrage of pucks in a Big League goal cage.

Gorman Wants Him

Tommy Gorman, who signed the great goalie to his first professional contract with Ottawa Senators in 1924, said at New York he had been unable to shake Connell's decision to leave the game as a champion.

Out Of Hockey

After that no big league team wanted Connell and he spent the rest of the season out of hockey. Gorman still had faith in him, and last season used his Irish persuasive powers to induce him to forget the bores and try a comeback.

Beveridge Again

Now Beveridge is succeeding Connell again but under very different circumstances than obtained that night in Ottawa. Connell was a beaten athlete then, unwanted at the end of a long career. If he sticks to his decision now—he has made it before and been won back—he leaves the game as one of its brightest stars.

Connell, teller of tall tales with a grave expression that makes them sound plausible, leaves hockey as its enigma as well as its jester. Sallow, thin, he looks as little like an athlete as anyone you can imagine. Yet he once went six seasons without missing a game and likes it best when the going is heavy.

14 Amateurs Seek Berth With Bruins

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—Fourteen amateur hockey players, all products of last year's Canadian junior and senior teams, report at Saint John, N. B., on Friday for tryouts with the Boston Bruins. All of them have obtained permission from their governing boards and if they fail to meet National Hockey League requirements, their amateur status will not be impaired.

Squad Of 43

Dick Klein, brother of the New York Americans player, from Melville, Sask., Irving McKee from Charlottetown, P.E.I., Robert Gross of Sudbury, Ont., and Bob McCranor of Ft. William are on Manager Frank Patrick's list. The latter, and Fred Hitchman, pilot of the Bruins' Canadian-American League farm team, will have a squad of 43 players when they start the pre-season work.

AMERKS TO START SERIOUS TRAINING

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
OSHAWA, Ont., Oct. 17.—The 36 candidates for positions on the New York Americans' hockey team for the coming season will settle down to serious training tomorrow with "shiny" practice skates to start.

O'MAHONY RETAINS TITLE

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
TORONTO, Oct. 17.—Displaying more aggressiveness, Danno O'Mahony retained his heavyweight wrestling championship of the world here tonight when returned back Jim Browning in straight falls.

Canadiens Leave For Que. Today

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
MONTREAL, Oct. 17.—Canadiens will entrain for Quebec City tomorrow morning and will hold their first light skating exercises on Saturday and Sunday, Manager Sylvio Mantha of the National League squad announced today the players will buckle down to hard work on Monday.

Louis To Meet Spanish Fighter

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Joe Louis will deliver his next package of fistful explosives the night of Dec. 3 when he fights in the feature match of the annual Christmas fund benefit show at the Bronx Coliseum, but it was not definitely decided tonight whether the recipient would be Paulino Uzcudum, the old Spanish woodchopper.

Ace Bailey To Manage Tec's

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
TORONTO, Oct. 17.—Ace Bailey, former Toronto National Hockey League star, said today he would be glad to consider an offer to manage London Tecumehs of the International League, but that so far the London club had not made an offer.

CONACHER AN ABSENTEE

Big Right Winger Fails To Report At Leafs' Camp.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
KITCHENER, Ont., Oct. 17.—With one of their number already relegated to the sidelines through an injury and others nursing sprains and bruises of a less serious nature, the Toronto Maple Leafs and Syracuse Stars tonight looked forward to the second day of training with a bit of misgiving. But they will be ready tomorrow for the second edition of Major Harold Ballard's conditioning process with the pep that characterized their workout today.

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