

Saints Clinch Top Spot In City Hockey League

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Welshmen Make Great Bid But Are Beaten Back By 7 To 4 Score

Jackie Kane's power-laden St. Dunstan's hockey squad last night clinched top spot in the City Hockey League standing as they swept to a 7-4 victory over Prince of Wales Welshmen in the league's last scheduled encounter. The victory kept the Saints undefeated in a best two of three semi-finals with Navy meeting Welshmen in the other semi-final round. Saints and Summerside are expected to clash in the play-off opener on Thursday night.

But despite their three goal margin at the finish last night, Saints had to fight every step of the way against Johnny Squarebriggs' Welshmen who, showing their best form of the season forced the winners to come from behind to gain their verdict.

TWO GOAL LEAD

Racing in for two quick goals with less than seven minutes of the game played the Welshmen, using close checking tactics and with their defencemen handing out punishment to incoming forwards, yielded but one goal in the opening session to leave the ice with a 2-1 margin. But the fans' vision of the Welshmen repeating their upset victory of last season was shattered in the middle canto as the winners outscored their opponents 4-1 to take a 5-3 lead. The margin was sufficient. Saints ran their lead to 7-3 in the first fifteen minutes of the third session before Welshmen gathered their forces to snap in the final goal of the game in the last 55 seconds of play.

But in between the scoring efforts the two teams produced some of the best hockey of the season with the scoring punch of the winners showing up like a sore thumb. Again the Welshmen lost half a dozen chances by poor marksmanship and when they got on the target they found a stumbling block in "Shorty" McKinnon, Saints' goalie who particularly in the last period robbed the losers of at least three goals with spectacular saves.

Saints' punch line of McDonald, Mahar and McIsaac again played a prominent part in their team's win. Five of the seven goals rattled off their sticks with mercury-footed Joe Mahar getting four of them and McDonald the other as Ledwell and Houde shot the other two. Beer, McKenzie, Duffy and Carver had one counter-attack for the Welshmen.

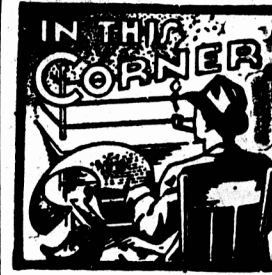
In the first thirty seconds of play Welshmen forced McKinnon to a great save as they jumped to the attack and when Angie McDonald was waved for holding, Welshmen kept up the offensive, paying off with the first goal at 1:58 as Beer, sent into the clear on a long forward by Dalziel, slid the disc into the net off McKinnon's skate. It was nip and tuck for the next five minutes as play raged from one end to the other and again the Welshmen hit pay dirt, this time McKenzie, after serving down the left boards and after reaching to the other side of the ice, picked the open corner with a beautiful drive to make it 2-0.

See-Saw Battle

Again the game reverted to a see-saw battle with both squads missing great chances but a Saints' gang attack paid off as Rodgers slipped a pass across to Ledwell just inside the blue line and the latter screened shot beat Oudmore cleanly. Both goals were coming through with great saves as the period neared its end and in the final three minutes McIsaac and Douglas were banished for roughing in a flareup that for a minute threatened to embroil both teams but calmed down with the offenders getting minor sentences. Action slowed down as the teams played five a side with Prince of Wales getting the only shot on goal while the culprits finished out their sentences, getting back into the fray seconds before the rest period.

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Juvenile hockeyists hold forth at the Forum tonight with Reece Ablett and P. W. C. clashing in a tilt that can have a lot of bearing on both squads' standing in the schedule, a fact that assures an other evening of the fast, action-packed hockey entertainment the minor leaguers have handed out in their two league struggles to date.

For the first eight minutes of the middle canto Welshmen's defence combinations broke up Saints attacks regularly with stiff body checks and pokechecks, with A. J. McAdam of the winners performing in a like role for the Saints. Welshmen missed a great chance as McKinnon robbed Richards from point blank range and suddenly the roof fell in on the losers.

Joe Mahar, taking a pass from Cart McDonald at the line, raced in to drill the equalizer behind Oudmore and a minute and thirteen seconds later the duo repeated their act. McDonald poke-checked the disc from an opposing player to whip a pass over to the uncovered Mahar and again the red light blinked to give the Saints the lead for the first time. Welshmen took but 52 seconds to tie it up as Duffy backhanded the disc in on a pass from Dalziel as Downe of the Welshmen was serving a penalty, but before the period had ended the winners came through with two additional counters. At 13:05 of the period Joe Mahar stole the puck from a Welshmen player, rounded the net on the blind side to slide it into the cage. Seventy-five seconds later McDonald made it 5-3 as he slapped in McIsaac's pass while standing at the edge of the crease to give Saints a two goal lead.

Still showing plenty of fire Prince of Wales again took over the offensive but couldn't make the grade, McKinnon making a great save on one attempt and another time the puck hitting the post with the goalie beaten all the way.

McDonald of Saints was still serving a penalty from the second period when the third session got underway but Prince of Wales couldn't get organized, but at full strength McKinnon stood in the breach again as he blocked Douglas' drive from ten feet out, and seconds later McKenzie missed the open corner by inches.

Saints Offensive Pays Off

But the Saints offensive again began to take its toll. Several times their four and five man attacks were thrown back but a McDonald to Mahar play finally clicked as the latter's sliding shot caromed in off Oudmore's skate to make it 6-2. Saints were carrying most of the offensive at this stage with Welshmen's drives always proving dangerous, but it was the Saints who again made the red light flash as Houde, with a beautiful angle shot beat Oudmore for the final 8. D. U. goal from well out, with Elmer Blanchard feeding him the scoring pass.

Battling to the end Prince of Wales sent wave after wave of attacks at the Saints' citadel. Their offence was strengthened when Mike Hennessey, given a minor for grabbing the puck as it lay in the crease, had a ten-minute misconduct tacked onto him for arguing too strenuously, but Saints were back at full strength when Welshmen fired home the final goal of the game. Skipper Carver getting the puck from outside the blue line that trickled through McKinnon's pads after the latter had come through with a couple before the rest period.

Abbie Teams Getting Back Into Competition

Entries For Races Today

Four classes, including a colt race, are scheduled for the Victoria Park Speedway this afternoon. The first heat will be called at 2:15. Following are the classes and probable starters:

Class A trot and pace: Royal Jim, Walt N'See, Jimmy A. C. Albert Budlong.

Class B trot and pace: Sampson Budlong, Nellie Watson, Volo Abbe, Caluget B Long, Lily Bell.

Class C trot and pace: Johnny Kalmuck, Dill Pickles, Fred Direct, Mary's Delight, Soldier Budlong, My Bill, Golden Sobrey.

Colt race: Anyway, Plucky Budlong, Nora Dale, Rosalie H. Just Bill.

Truro Comes From Behind To Win 10-9

TRURO, N.S., Jan. 27 — (CP) — Emerging on top of a 19-goal heap, Truro Bearcats propped up their thin lead at the Maritime Senior Hockey League tonight by defeating Halifax Crescents 10-9. Truro now leads second-place Moncton Hawks by four points.

Truro had to come from way back for their victory. Though they trailed only 2-1 at the end of the first period, they dropped back to 4-1 in the opening two minutes of the second, caught up, fell back again and won in the closing chapter.

Willie Robertson of Charlottetown, who hasn't yet played half a dozen games with Crescents, potted three goals to lead the Halifax marksmen. Jimmy Gray nabbed three assists and a goal.

over Prince of Wales, a game in which they showed decided improvement both offensively and defensively, gained back a lot of followers and will be closely watched from here on. Saints, despite the fact they have lost their last two starts are still to be reckoned with mightily and if both squads' marksmanship is up to par tonight fans should see one of the highest scoring games of the season.

Monday night's opening games in the elimination to decide the two rinks that will represent the Charlottetown Curling Club in the provincial competition for the Consols Trophy and a right to represent the province in the Dominion Curling Tankard at Calgary, Alta., in March, provided more than the usual number of upsets and a promise to be more closely watched than any in previous years.

Ranking rinks felt to the way-side like tenpins as little thought of rinks came through with fine curling efforts that had a packed gallery—the largest, it is said, ever to watch opening night's play—pulling strongly for the underdogs to come through. All the matches proved to be close with the results usually being determined on the last end and if the opening night's winners can continue their "fine efforts" the dog-days are going to take a licking before the thirteen rinks have been pared down to the final two.

Of particular interest on Monday night was the Bill Nicholson-Lem Prowse match. Nicholson was an overwhelming favorite to take the younger team into camp and his advantage was thought even more pronounced when the Prowse rink was forced to play with three men with lead Al Rogers forced to throw four stones.

It looked like a foregone conclusion when the Nicholson rink jumped into a 3-0 lead on the first two ends but here Prowse started out on his upset victory. Five on the next two gave him the lead that he held right up to the eleventh when the favorites came in with three to take a 10-8 lead. It looked to be all over but the underdogs rose up in the twelfth to match Nicholson's three-point effort and eke out a win.

It was one of the most closely-contested games witnessed at the local Club this season. It held the interest of the large crowd of fans right up until Skip Prowse delivered his last rock, a rock that came into rest on the blue circle for the game winning point, and if the remainder of the matches can produce games such as that one it may be that the Club eliminations will steal a lot of the thunder from the provincial finals when rinks from Summerside, Montague and Alberton will go against the two local winning rinks.

Satisfactory results are being obtained in the drive for members for the Abegweit Amateur Athletic Club, it was learned yesterday. No definite figures were available but these were expected to be forthcoming at a meeting of the membership committee to be held next Friday evening.

In the meantime, Abegweit teams are again coming upon the hockey scene and this season Abegweit teams in barfman, midget, juvenile, junior and intermediate divisions have been getting in workouts and are expected to make fine showings in playdowns. In the midget division the Abegweits should pose a real threat for Maritime honors, as is the case with the intermediates now working out regularly and with the pick of City League players on the roster. Due to crowded conditions at the Forum, practice sessions have been held at St. Dunstan's rink through the co-operation of the faculty and the teams are shaping up remarkably well.

An Abegweit basketball league is also underway with three teams competing and it is the intention of the Club to have an Abegweit team enter in Maritime intermediate playdowns.

Next Spring Abegweit teams will appear in baseball and track and field circles and great forward strides are expected. The Memorial Field at Victoria Park will be completely finished with the laying of a cinder track, seeding of the field inside the quarter mile oval and the possibility of the installation of showers and the doubling of the bleachers which were erected last summer.

Dal Tigers To Play Saints Here Tuesday

Dalhousie Tigers, participants in Maritime intercollegiate competition, will meet St. Dunstan's University team, present holders of the intercollegiate title, in an exhibition encounter at the Forum next Tuesday night. It was learned here last night.

Seeking outside competition before the date rolls around for them to meet the New Brunswick champions, Saints, after failing to make negotiations with St. Mary's juniors, had their efforts to get Dalhousie here met with success last night when arrangements were completed with Forum manager Charlie Archer for the Tigers' visit.

Saints will be facing tough opposition in the Dal team. They are said to boast of the fastest line in the Maritimes in Robertson, former P. W. C. star, "Windy" O'Neill and Jimmy Grey, with the rest of the team well balanced. The Tigers will travel by air and thus will assure the game getting underway sharp on time.

Regal Trophy Elimination

The schedule for Regal Trophy elimination play at the Charlottetown Curling Club appears below. In case of tie game, deciding matches will be played Saturday afternoon. If there are no tie games, a sudden death game will take place Saturday night between section winners.

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Bowling

CH'TOWN ALLEYS

Bruce Stewart's League

P. Acorn	161	199	171
L. Gaudet	249	152	131
H. Francis	154	218	227
J. Carmody	226	148	183
Total—2368.			
B. Moore	188	173	153
J. Aylward	231	256	233
J. Garnum	232	200	208
I. Baker	136	118	136
Total—2393.			
W. Fisher	190	189	235
E. Craswell	112	73	141
N. MacDougall	297	146	121
F. Doyle	175	228	266
Total—2173.			
W. Taylor	184	267	179
V. Lund	144	215	146
W. Larter	170	175	246
T. Arsenault	170	140	214
Total—2351.			

Candlepin League

Acorn—
G. McDonald 88 106 27
H. Crazevel 94 93 104
G. Doucette 93 114 102
J. Lawlor 99 90 101
A. MacFarlane 128 105 103
Total—511.

Tigers—
J. McCormack 97 97 108
W. Taylor 81 103 80
P. Perry 108 106 88
W. Acorn 84 99 87
P. Harley 88 81 101
Total—440.

High single A. MacFarlane 128.
High three A. MacFarlane 342.
Points: Aces 5; Tigers 0.
Hits and Misses—
E. Campbell 217 206 204
D. Johnston 67 115 130
R. Younker 184 201 231
P. MacLaine 235 169 210
C. Campbell 174 206 169
B. Barwise 156 128 162
Total—3164.
High single M. Cutcliffe 259.
High three E. Campbell 627.
Trinity Y. P. U.

Saints & Navy In Hoop Game Tonight

Saints and Navy basketball teams clash in a City League encounter at the Prince of Wales Auditorium tonight and hoop fans who have followed the league doings are expecting the closest kind of a battle.

The game gets underway at 7:30 sharp.

The second game of the scheduled doubleheader between Ray's and Prince of Wales has been postponed, league officials stated yesterday, when it was found the College team would be unable to floor a complete lineup for the encounter.

At the present time Saints and Navy are tied in the standing with Prince of Wales, with one victory apiece. To tonight's winners will go undisputed possession of second place in the league standings and the game should be played at a fast clip throughout.

British Consols Elimination Results

Following are the results of British Consols' elimination play at the Charlottetown Curling Club yesterday:

E. F. Acorn, 17; Jimmy Burden, 7.
J. S. Moore, 7; J. C. McLoughlin, 10.
Col. G.E. Full, 14; W.P. Jenkins, 4.
Dr. Giddings, 14; R.S.P. Jardine, 5.
P. Prowse, 13; P.W. Turner, 11.
George Hawkins, 13; H. R. Carruthers, 7.

Juvenile Game At Forum Tonight

Juvenile Abbies and Juvenile P. W. C. hockey squads meet in a juvenile hockey league encounter at the Forum tonight in a game that gets underway at 8 o'clock sharp. Fans are envisioning a close, keen battle all the way with both teams able to improve their standings by a victory.

Both trail the league leading Kinsmen and with very little difference in strength noted between tonight's contending squads, the game should be a close-knit affair all the way through.

SARNIA, Ont., Jan. 27 — (CP) — Mrs. C.S. Robertson's Toronto Granite rink defeated Mrs. M.C. Code's Toronto High Park quartet 13-4 here this afternoon to win the Ontario ladies tankard. The Northey Trophy, a secondary event, was won by Mrs. G. Philip of Hamilton "Thistles". Her rink defeated Mrs. L.E. Woolley's Sarnia rink 12-4.

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S'ide All Stars Win From Ch'town Navy 4-3

The Summerside All Stars defeated the Charlottetown Navy sextet at the Crystal Rink last night by a score of 4 to 3. "Mooney" Gallant's goal within about eight minutes to go in the final frame proved to be the winning counter. But the Navy, fighting back hard in an effort to deadlock the match again, carried the play through the local defence on several occasions after this to be turned back at the goal mouth.

The local players went into a three-goal lead in the first half of the initial period. After five minutes of play Syl Bernard snapped a pass to "Mooney" Gallant as they crossed the blue line. Mooney's hard shot was stopped by Jordan, but Bernard picked up the cleared puck and his lateral shot sneaked behind the visiting goalie into the twines. Shortly after, with Carmichael off the boarding, Dr. Vince Grant finessed his way through two Navy players, into scoring position and beat Jordan with a rising shot. Trainor made it three in a row, taking a pass from G. Bernard while he was directly in front of the cage. The Navy scored their first one before the period ended, Kelly, squeezing through Steele on the left boarding, went in deep and passed to Higson who beat Schurman from just outside the crease. The second period remained scoreless until a few minutes before the bell when the home forces, after beating off a determined assault when they were a man short, saw the visitors get an easy tally just as Shields skated from the penalty box onto the ice. Carmichael let go a long one from the blue line, which went over Shields' shoulder on its way to the net. Schurman's view was obscured by the lanky centre man and the disc hit his shoulder caroming down into the lower right hand corner of the net.

Amherst Rink Wins Trophy

AMHERST, N. S., Jan. 27 — (CP) — A veteran Amherst rink skipped by Allan Chapman was initial honors today as 60 rink began competition in the Maritime bonspiel.

Scoring 160 points in their three games during the day, the Chapman rink won the Chignecto Curling Trophy, first offered for competition in 1907. Alex Weir of Pictou, N. S., skipped his rink into second place with 130 points. Sixteen rinks will compete tomorrow with the Murdoch Trophy as the major award.

Under the scoring system used, a win counts 25 points and each end won five more.

Rinks with more than 100 points today included I. Horne of Charlottetown, 106 in ninth place.

Figure Skating Classes Underway

Through the co-operation of Col. Reid, Director of Physical Fitness and the Rector of St. Dunstan's University, the figure skating class will be able to carry on for the remainder of this season, skating instructor Wallace Scantlebury stated last night.

Skating sessions for which there will be no charge will be held together with the instruction every Wednesday afternoon as long as weather and ice conditions permit at the St. Dunstan's rink. Transportation is being provided by Col. Reid and anyone desirous of taking up figure skating are welcome. Skaters will meet at the Bike Shop on Wednesday evenings at 5 o'clock for transportation to St. Dunstan's.

HOCKEY CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

We the Kensington Juveniles hereby accept the challenge of Hampshire Juveniles for a friendly game of hockey to be played in Kensington Rink, Friday evening January 30th.

Signed
JACK BERNARD, (Captain).

Referees: E. Arsenault and Stu Martin.—S.

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