SPORTING NEWS

Woman Fan Injured At Saint John, Halifax Game; Beavers Score 5-2 Win

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Dec. 26 — (CP) — Reported to have been hit on the head by a player's stick, a young woman fan was taken to hospital for X-ray examination tonight after Saint John Beavers defeated Halifax St. Mary's 5-2 in a Maritime Senior Hockey League fixture.

A brief brawl occurred late in the third period, started by a fight between Santamarian Bill Ford and Beaver Nick Nicolle.

One version was that a fan then grabbed Ford's stick. Halifax goalie Jack Donlevy left his cage, apparently to aid Ford. He swung his stick lustily at the spectator and missed. Sticks were high and it was said that Miss Katheryn Wood, a Beaver fan, was hit by the stick of some player during the squabble.

Players of both teams swarmed in to break up the affair, which ended with majors to Nicolle and Ford and a 10-minute misconduct to Donlevy. George McGregor served the goalie's term, with less than three minutes of play to go.

Earlier in the last period, Donlevy suffered a facial cut from a driven puck. The game was held up while he received first aid.

In the general play the teams maintained a fast pace and there was little to choose between them as Beavers snapped a losing streak and reduced St. Mary's lead to four points.

Saint John gained a 2-0 lead in the first period, added a goal in the second and shot a brace in the last. Halifax counted in the second and third with tallies by Ron Gaudet and Ford.

Dick Wray fired two for Beavers. Gordon Drillon, Vic Jackson and Buck Whitlock were the other Saint John scorers. Jackson had three assists and Croucher, Dowling and Legere two each.

Beavers opened the scoring after a brilliant passing attack from one end of the rink to the other. It was a Wray-Dowling-Jackson combination, with Wray shooting.

Only one second remained in the first period when Drillon made the count 2-0. Ralph Croucher started the play with a pass to Art Legere. Drillon picked up the puck in mid-ice and went through two defencemen.

Gaudet put Halifax into the scoring column early in the middle frame. The tally came during a scramble around the net and Gordie Armstrong was given an assist. Several Saint John Players claimed the puck had been batted in while the stick was over Gaudet's shoulder but the claim was not allowed.

Whitlock lengthened the Saint John lead in a nice end to end play with Jackson and Croucher.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Saint John, Wray (Dowling, Jackson) 7.14
2—Saint John, Drillon (Legere, Croucher) 15.59
Penalties — Heon, Armstrong

Second Period

3—Halifax, Gaudet (Armstrong) 1.45
4—Saint John, Whitlock (Jackson, Corucher) 13.25
Penalties — MacDonald, Nicolle, Armstrong

Third Period

5—Saint John, Wray (Jackson, Dowling) 5.12
6—Saint John, Jackson (Drillon, Legere) 17.03
7—Halifax, Ford (Grabowski) 17.23
Penalties — Nicolle (major), Ford (major), Donlevy (10-minute misconduct).

Pick Ezzard Charles As Fighter Of The Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 — (CP) — Ezzard Charles, recognized by the National Boxing Association as world heavyweight boxing champion, is Ring Magazine's "fighter of the year" for 1949.

The honor for the Cincinnati Negro follows his recent selection for the Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque by the New York Boxing Writers for the greatest contribution to the sport.

Editor Nat Fleischer of Ring Magazine announced his annual boxing ratings in copyrighted articles in the February issue of the periodical.

In naming Charles, Fleischer said he considered his high rating as a technician and his fine record with the fans as a credit to boxing.

Fleischer came up with a couple of surprises in his ratings. Freddie Mills, world light-heavyweight champion, is placed third behind Joey Maxim and Archie Moore. Sugar Ray Robinson, the welter king, and undisputed leader of the 147-pound class, also is ranked second with the middleweights behind world champion Jake Lamotta. Robert Villemain, who is expected to get a title shot in February after the 10-round licking he handed Lamotta, is set in fifth place. Dave Sands, Australian triple crown holder, and Steve Belloise hold the No. 4 and 5 slots.

Canadian Fighters

Canadian fighters rated mention only in the lightweight division. Fleischer honored Toronto's Arthur King, British Empire champion, as third-ranking lightweight of the world. Solly Cantor, also of Toronto, stood 11th. The division still was ruled by Ike Williams, the outstanding champion.

Although Fleischer looked with optimism to the future and found hope in new interest in international bouts, he reported "boxing took it on the chin" in 1949. A drastic drop in attendance corresponded to the limited number of high-calibre fighters.

The retirement of Joe Louis as undefeated heavyweight champion left a void that could not easily be filled. Fleischer's heavyweight ratings pointed up the absence of top-flight heavies. Behind Charles, Ring Magazine named Jersey Joe Walcott, the sluggish grandpappy who dropped two title decisions to Louis and one N.B.A. version to Charles; Lee Oma, the former playboy; Bruce Woodcock, the British champion; and Lee Savold. Woodcock and Savold are matched for a championship fight next spring. The winner of that scrap will undoubtedly meet Charles for the undisputed world crown.

Famous Pitcher Seriously Ill

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 —(AP) — Grover Cleveland Alexander, one of baseball's great pitchers, is severely ill in hospital tonight while doctors conduct tests to determine if he is suffering from cancer.

Old Pete, as he came to be known during the 20 seasons his tireless right arm mowed down major league batsmen, underwent a cancer operation in St. Louis two years ago.

He was found lying unconscious Saturday in an alley behind his apartment.

Alexander, now 62, was named to baseball's hall of fame in 1938. From 1911 to 1930 he chalked up 373 triumphs, for an average of 16.4 victories a season.

Antigonish In Second Spot In A-P-C League

STELLARTON, N.S., Dec. 26 — (CP) — Antigonish Bulldogs hurdled into second place in the Antigonish - Pictou - Colchester Senior Hockey League tonight by nipping Stellarton Royals 6-5 with three goals in the last period.

The win moved Bulldogs 1 1-2 points ahead of St. Francis Xavier and within 12 points of the league-leading Royals. It was Stellarton's third loss in 19 games.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Antigonish, Jobie MacDonald 3.17
2—Antigonish, MacMillan (McGill) 18.25
3—Antigonish, Kennedy (C. MacDonald) 19.16
4—Stellarton, Hunter (Legere) 19.49
Penalties — None.

Second Period

5—Stellarton, Higgins (MacDougall) 4.39
6—Stellarton, Higgins (Dorrington) 8.17
7—Stellarton, MacDougall (Hunter and Higgins) 11.52
8—Stellarton, Fahey (Gadd) 17.20
Penalties—None.

Third Period

9—Antigonish, MacMillan (Kennedy) 9.48
10—Antigonish, C. MacGillivray (Kennedy) 10.14
11—Antigonish, C. MacDonald (Kennedy) 11.45
Penalty—C. MacDonald.

Vics Defeat Miners To Take Over 2nd Place

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 26 — (CP) — North Sydney Victorias sprang into second place in the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League tonight with a 4-3 victory over Glace Bay Miners.

Grant Hall's third-period goal—his second of the night — moved Vics within three points of the leading Sydney Millionaires and one point in front of Glace Bay. Miners have a chance of getting back into second spot when they play at Sydney tomorrow night.

Charlie Phillips was back on defence for Miners after being suspended for a couple of days because, reports said, he was slowing down.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—North Sydney, Hall (Menzies, Storey) 11:26
2—Glace Bay, Jodoin (Bolan) 17:16
3—North Sydney, Menzies (Kornek, Hall) 18:05
Penalty — Bolan.

Second Period

4—North Sydney, Storey (Menzies) 2:26
5—Glace Bay, Thaler (Phillips) 8:24
6—Glace Bay, C. Brown (Anderson, Delvecchio) 14.26
Penalties — Simpson (2), Runions.

Third Period

7—North Sydney, Hall (Menzies, Storey) 8:37
Penalty — MacIntosh.

Well, we hope that all have enjoyed their first leg of the holiday season festivities and that the local hockeyists aren't suffering from any ill after effects of overeating and will be all set to resume their athletic endeavours this Thursday night at the Forum when the Summerside Crystals will make their first appearance of the season here against the Prince of Wales College pucksters in a regular Island League hockey fixture.

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Although the Crystals were scheduled to open their season at Summerside tonight against the Charlottetown Abegweits, present league leaders, reports from the Western Capital inform us that due to the recent mild weather, it has been impossible to build up the natural ice surface there and that the game will be postponed until later on in the schedule.

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As you will probably remember, it was only a few days ago that we expressed our doubts in this column as to the slim possibility of having ice there for the 27th with such an extended run of mild weather, and that is exactly how it has turned out. Contacting Summerside last night as to the condition of the ice there, it was stated that "the boards are as bare of ice as in mid summer."

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Local hockey officials also stated last night, that it was suggested that the game might be played here instead, but in view of the fact that it was scheduled as a home game for the Crystals, they left it entirely in the hands of the western club to decide on the issue, who decided that it would be better for them to carry it over to a later date on the schedule, but that they will be on hand here on Thursday to meet the P.W.C. team as cheduled.

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In about the only sport that was active over the holiday weekend, local curlers enjoyed a few ends of the "roaring game" during Saturday and Monday when members of the Charlottetown Curling Club turned out for a few impromptu matches to add to the enjoyment of the Christmas festivities. The games were also an opportunity for the members and teams to polish up on their game as the tempo of play will be increased early in the New Year when they expect to launch their extensive curling program into full swing for the remainder of the season.

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We note, too, that many took advantage of the fine sheet of ice at Government Pond over the week-end to enjoy some invigorating outdoor skating, when the youngsters in particular, turned out in large numbers to initiate their new skates and equipment that were no doubt the result of old St. Nick's annual visit, and although we noticed that some of the little ones seemed to be having difficulty keeping both feet moving in the same direction, everyone seemed to be having a good time nevertheless.

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Although this time last year many skiing and tobogganing enthusiasts were wending their way to the snowy slopes of Tea Hill and other favourite runways to indulge in their favorite pastimes, the present weather conditions certainly don't leave much hope for the deep-snow artists at the moment, with nothing but grassy slopes and ploughed fields in evidence everywhere; but cheer up, we have skils too, and are keeping our fingers crossed that it won't be like this all winter.

Vics Shut Out Glace Bay 2-0

GLACE BAY, N.S., Dec. 26 — (CP) — North Sydney Victorias scored single goals in the first and Third periods to whitewash Glace Bay Miners 2-0 here Saturday night and ease within one point of second place in the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League.

As the teams started the 11th week of play in the 19-week schedule, Sydney Millionaires with 43 points were four ahead of Miners.

The shutout was the second in four games for Jack (Dusty) Rhodes and his third of the season. Sydney's Nick Pidsodny with five of the League's 11 shutouts heads that department. Miners have two shutouts and have been blanked twice by North Sydney, which has four.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—North Sydney, Kromm (Storey) 14.29
Penalties—None.

Second Period

Scoring—None.
Penalty—Jeanneau (major)

Third Period

2—North Sydney, Hall (Kromm, Gibson) 6.12
Penalties—None.

Moncton Hawks Blast Amherst Ramblers 8-1

AMHERST, N.S., Dec. 26 — (CP) — Moncton Hawks, gaining speed as the Maritime Senior Hockey League game progressed, blasted Amherst Ramblers 8-1 tonight.

The win kept Hawks within 13 points of second-place Saint John Beavers, who knocked off Halifax St. Mary's 5-2 at Saint John. It was Amherst's 34th loss in 41 games.

Moncton took a 1-0 lead in the first period, increased it slightly to 3-1 in the second and then fired five goals in the last period. Little Willie Agnew spoiled Les Colvin's bid for a third shutout this season.

Rod McKenzie and Vic Auger each tallied twice for Hawks and the other four goals were split among Joe Fitzpatrick, Lou Milani, Manny McIntyre and Frank Imonti. Milani also had two assists for three points, same number as McKenzie, who picked up one assist.

Four majors were handed out in the first period when Gene Poirier and Bill MacDonald of Amherst took on Bill Robinson and Don Larlee of Hawks. There were five minor penalties during the rest of the game, Moncton drawing three.

In the last period, McIntyre, McKenzie and Auger scored within two minutes and 27 seconds.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Moncton, Fitzpatrick (Milani) 9:34
Penalties — Poirier (major), Robinson (major), W. MacDonald (major), Larlee (major).

Second Period

2—Moncton, Auger (Barkwell, McIntyre) 3:30
3—Amherst, Agnew (Mitchell, Legere) 9:12
4—Moncton, Imonti (Ryan) 16:24
Penalties — W. MacDonald, Agnew.

Third Period

5—Moncton, McIntyre 1:20
6—Moncton, McKenzie (Milani) 2:18
7—Moncton, Auger (Porter) 3:47
8—Moncton, Milani (McKenzie) 10:30
9—Moncton, McKenzie (Fitzpatrick) 18:40
Penalties — Leckie, Imonti (2).

Halifax Horse Racing Results

HALIFAX, Dec. 26—(CP)—Frank Daniels of Lawrencetown, N. S., drove two winners at the Halifax Harness Club's two-day, Christmas-holiday meet on the North Commons here.

George Gardner of Dartmouth shared driving honors with the valley driver. Saturday he piloted Walter Johnson's mare Calumet Pearl to a win, while today he drove Mac Fingo to victory.

Lew McKinney, free-for-aller formerly owned in Moncton, and Luther Hanover, recently imported by Jimmy Given of Halifax made their first appearance on the Commons Saturday. Both failed to land a win or place in the Class A, won by Cinzanno.

Summary Monday

Class A

Cinzano (Cruickshanks) 1 1 2
Previous (Turner) 2 2 1
Luther Hanover (Given) 3 3 3
Lew McKinney (Walter) 4 4 4
Winning owner: Craig Stable, Sackville.

Class B

Royal Tell (Daniels) 1 1 3
Eva's Guy (MacAlpine) 3 4 1
Grattan Peters (L. Walker) 2 2 2
Merle Direct (W. Walker) 4 3 4
Winning owner: Frank Daniels, Lawrencetown.

Class C

Mac Fingo (Gardner) 1 1 1
Miss Admiral Mac (R. Isnor-H. Yorke) 4 1 2
Evelyn Worthy (Boutillier) 2 3 3
Tom Volo (Hector) 3 4 4
Winning owner: George Gardner.

Class D

Lina Signal (Daniels) 2 1 1
Calumet Pearl (Gardner) 1 3 2
Del Grattan (Washington) 3 2 3
Winning owner: Frank Daniels, Lawrencetown.

Summary (Saturday)

Class A

Jacob Withrow (Carroll) 3 1 1
Royal Tell (Daniels) 1 3 4
Previous (Turner) 2 4 2
Grattan Peters (L. Walker) 4 2 3
Winning owner: Cyril Dauphinee, Halifax.

Class B

Evelyn Worthy, Boutilier) .. 1 31 1
Mac Fingo (Garner) 4 1 3
Helen Signal (Daniels) 2 2 2
Miss Admiral Mac (F. Daniels) 3 4 4
Winning owner: Jack Morris

Class C

Calumet Pearl (Gardner) 3 5 1 1
Top Hat (Kidney) 2 1 5 2
Senator's Son (Campbell) 1 2 2 3
Lina Signal (Daniels) 4 3 3
Lady Allan Peters 5 4 4
Winning owner: Walter Johnson, Tihberlia.
(No official times taken).

U. S. Wonder Boy In Chess Tourney

HASTINGS, Sussex, England, Dec. 26 —(Reuters)—An American "wonder boy" of chess will compete against masters from The Netherlands, Norway, Hungary, France and Britain in the premier section of the 25th Hastings international chess congress opening Thursday.

The "wonder boy" is 17-year-old Larry Evans, champion of the Marshall Chess Club of New York. He is the only American in the premier section.

A special welcome is planned for the Reverend Jacques Mieses, 86, formerly of Germany and now of London, who is the only survivor of the chess masters who competed in the first Hastings congress in 1895. He plays in the premier reserves "A" section.

Other masters playing include Nicholas Rossolimo, champion of France, who won last year's Hastings congress; Dr. Max Euwe, of The Netherlands, former world champion who won the Hastings congress in 1923 and 1930; and L. Szabo, Hungary, twice winner of the Hastings.

Queen Square School Hockey

In a regular Queen Square School Hockey League fixture at the Forum Saturday morning the Hawks skated to an easy victory over the Leafs when they blanked out the cellar dwellers by the lopsided score of 10-0.

The victory puts the Hawks in a second place tie with the Thunderbolts in the league standing, five points behind the league-leading Royals, and sent the Leafs down to their third defeat in four starts.

Running rampant on the scoring all through the game, the Hawks banged in four goals in the first and third periods and chalked up two in the sandwich session to hold their opponents scoreless and take an undisputed victory.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Hawks, Kays (Gillis)
2—Hawks, Revell (Kays, Morgan)
3—Hawks, Kays (Gillis)
4—Hawks, Trainor (Gillis, Kays)
Penalties—None.

Second Period

5—Hawks, R. Kelly
6—Hawks, Gillis
Penalties—None.

Third Period

7—Hawks, Revell (Trainor)
8—Hawks, Gillis (Kays)
9—Hawks, Kays (Trainor, Gillis)
10—Hawks, Gillis (Trainor, Kelly)

N. H. L. Summaries

MONTREAL SATURDAY

First Period

Scoring — None.
Penalties — Lanclen, Gravelle, Shero.

Second Period

Scoring — None.
Penalties — Lanclen, Reardon.

Third Period

Scoring — None.
Penalty — Shero.

TORONTO SATURDAY

First Period

1—Boston, Polle 4:40
2—Boston, Maloney (Dumart, Polle) 13:36
3—Boston, Ronty (Bettio, Peirson) 17:09
4—Toronto, Timgren (Mortson) 17:36
5—Boston, Creighton (Schmidt) 18:21
Penalty — Mortson.

Second Period

6—Toronto, Meeker 8:56
7—Boston, Peirson (Ronty) 11:08
8—Boston, Peirson (Ronty, Bettio) 16:51
9—Boston, Bettio (Kryzanowski, Ronty) 17:24
Penalties — Meeker, Kryzanowski, Harrison, Mortson, Ezinicki.

Third Period

10—Toronto, Lynn (Thomson) 12:45
11—Boston, Schmidt 13:35
12—Toronto, Bentley (Timgren, Boesch) 19:28
Penalties — Bettio, Schmidt, Kryzanowski, Juzda.

DETROIT SUNDAY

First Period

1—Montreal, Gravelle (Leger, Warwick) 7:32
2—Montreal, Reay (Plamondon) 13:40
Penalties — Lindsay, Stewart.

Second Period

3—Detroit, Howe (Abel) 0:17
4—Detroit, Babando (Couture) 8:39
5—Detroit, Carveth (Lindsay, Abel) 11:06
6—Detroit, Lindsay (Abel) 19:06
Penalties — MacKay, Stewart, Reay, Babando, Richard (2), Howe, Reise, Harvey.

Third Period

Scoring — None.
Penalties — Reardon (2), Howe, Pavelich.

NEW YORK SUNDAY

First Period

1—New York, Kaleta (Raleigh) 9:45
Penalties — Leswick (2), Boesch, Mortson (2), Fisher, Meeker.

Second Period

Scoring — None.
Penalties — None.

Third Period

2—Toronto, Meeker (Lynn, Barilko) 7:58
3—New York, Stanowski (Fisher) 14:06
4—New York, Leswick (Laprade) 14:46
Penalties — Mortson (major), Raleigh (major).

BOSTON SUNDAY

First Period

1—Chicago, R. Conacher 8:49
2—Chicago, Prystal (Guidolin) 11:31
Penalty — Goldham.

Second Period

3—Boston, Creighton (Quackenbush) 4:20
4—Boston, Maloney (Dumart, Polle) 11:11
5—Chicago, R. Conacher (Gadsby, Bentley) 13:52
Penalties — R. Conacher, Kullman, Bettio.

Third Period

6—Chicago, R. Conacher (Bentley) 6:10
7—Boston, Harrison (Schmidt, Henderson) 7:55
8—Boston, Polle (Dumart, Maloney) 12:33
Penalty — Brimsek (served by J. Conacher).

Maple Leafs Have Black Week-End Losing Games To Bruins And Rangers

By Edgar Simon
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Maybe Toronto Maple Leafs were dreaming of a white Christmas. But it turned out to be a black week-end for the National Hockey League champions.

The Leafs looked good enough in spots, but they couldn't win any hockey games. Their defence played Santa Claus to Boston Bruins on Christmas eve as they took an 8-4 drubbing. Sunday, they dropped their seventh game in eight starts 3-1 to the Rangers at New York.

Everyone gained ground at Toronto's expense. The Rangers, who played a scoreless tie with Montreal Canadiens Saturday, knocked the Leafs out of their place. The Bruins tied the last-place Chicago Black Hawks at Chicago Christmas night to pull into a fourth-place tie with Conn Smythe's faltering blueshirts.

Meanwhile, Detroit Red Wings knocked off the second-place Canadiens 4-2 Sunday to move 11 points ahead of the pack. It was their first victory over the Montrealers on Detroit ice this season.

Smythe was in no holiday mood as he watched his club fall apart. The fiery Leaf managing director, taking active control of the team for the first time in nine years, gave regular goaltender Turk Broda the night off at the end of the first period Saturday and tongue-lashed his players during the intermission.

Smythe explained that he felt the boys had given Broda no support as he let in four goals in the single frame. Rookie Al Rollins took over and allowed four more in the next two periods.

The goaltenders stood out in the other Christmas eve game as Montreal's Bill Durnan racked up his fifth shutout of the year and Chuck Rayner of the Rangers got his third. Raynor had 30 shots to handle to Durnan's 15.

New York's victory Sunday preserved Rangers' record of never losing a Christmas-night game since 1928.

Free-wheeling Roy Conacher scored three times at Chicago, but the Bruins saved a single point when Eddie Harrison and Bud Poile scored late in the final frame to knot the count at 4-4.

The Red Wings had to overcome a two-goal deficit to whip the Canadiens, but they did it convincingly, firing home four tallies in the second period.

Writer Believes "Flying Saucers" Real Objects

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—(AP)—A monthly magazine says the so-called flying saucers are real—vehicles for systematic observation of the earth by visitors from other planets.

The conclusions are contained in an article by Donald E. Keyhoe in the January issue of True, published by Fawcett Publications, Incorporated. Keyhoe is a former information chief for the Aeronautics Branch, United States Commerce Department.

The magazine said the conclusions were based on an eight-month investigation.

Keyhoe says True "learned that a rocket authority stationed at Wright Field has told 'Project Saucer' personnel flatly that the saucers are interplanetary and that no other conclusion is possible."

Last April the Dayton, Ohio, Journal Herald reported that the Air Force, although conceding the saucers were no "joke", had discounted the theory that the discs represented visitations from such planets as Mars, where human life is believed by some to exist.

Today, an Air Force spokesman said that "Air Force studies of 'flying saucers' lend no support to the view that they come from another planet."

True says that 'Project Saucer', operated by Army Air Force investigators and charged with solving the mystery, "are receiving and evaluating sighting reports at the rate of 12 a month."

Cases of reliably reported sightings, the writer says, are closely checked by teams of air intelligence officers and technicians.

The magazine says:

"It is the opinion of True that the flying saucers are real and that they come from no enemy on earth. It is also True's opinion that the Air Forces and Project Saucer are doing a serious, important job to safeguard American security."

The theory of flying discs, True says, "varies in no important particular from well-developed American plans for exploration of space expected to come to fruition within the next 50 years. There is reason to believe, however, that some other race of thinking beings is a matter of 2 1-4 centuries ahead of us."

Indians Best Fielding Team

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 —(AP) — Cleveland Indians today officially were adjudged the best fielding team in the American League last season, an honor spiced with a major league record of fewest errors, 103.

Formal disclosure of 1949 defensive figures credited the third-finishing Tribe with a .983 average, matching their own major league club record. The original mark was established in 1947, the same season Cleveland set the old fewest errors record of 104.

Individually, the pennant-winning New York Yankees did best, producing the top-field shortstop and second baseman, Phil Rizzuto and Gerry Coleman, respectively. Rizzuto had a .971 average and Coleman .961.

Best-fielding first baseman was Billy Goodman of second-place Boston Red Sox with .992, while Chicago's Floyd Baker led third baseman with .977.

Cleveland's Dale Mitchell was the leading outfielder defensively, with a hairline decision over Detroit's Hoot Evers, .994 to .993. Mitchell was charged with only two errors in 349 chances and Evers also had two for 333 tries.

Rated best defensive catcher was Washington's Al Evans with .993 for 107 games in which he committed only three errors. No. 1 in the passed ball department was Philadelphia's Mike Guerra with seven.

In team competition, Boston Red Sox with .980 were second behind Cleveland. Cleveland handled a total of 6,068 chances topped only by Chicago White Sox with 6,075. However, the pale hose committed 141 errors, compared with the Tribe's record-setting 103.

Detroit was third with .978 while the White Sox and Yankees tied for fourth with .977. Philadelphia Athletics, who led in double plays with 217, were next with .976, followed by Washington with .73 and St. Louis with .971.

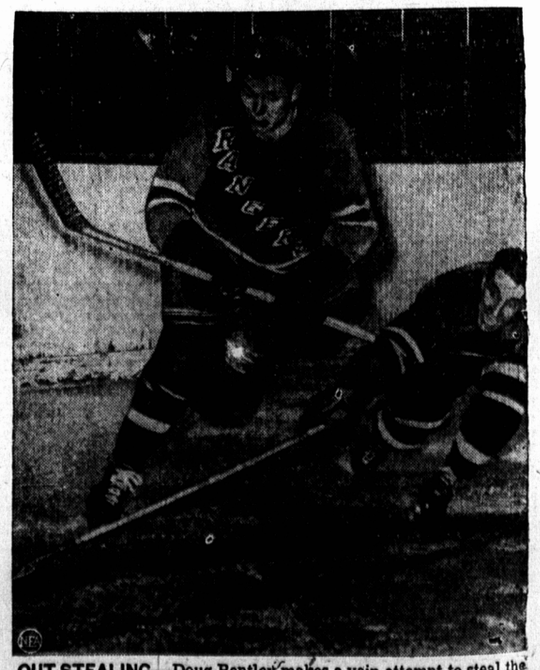
Eddolls Sidelined With Sore Elbow

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 — (AP) — Frank Eddolls of New York Rangers underwent an operation on his left elbow today and should be back in the lineup in about three weeks, officials of the hockey club announced.

WIFELY CONCERN

LONDON — (CP) —Mrs. Irene Nilsen accompanied her sailor husband on a 15,000-mile voyage in his ship, the oil-tanker Jan. She said she just went along "to make sure he had no holes in his socks."

Missing on Atlantic after setting sail in this 33-foot ship he had constructed himself is Wang Rasmussen, farmer and ex-sailor. He left Fox Har bor, Nova Scotia, Sept. 29, bound for Denmark to visit wife. Brother wrote to ask if he had left.



OUT STEALING—Doug Bentley makes a vain attempt to steal the puck from Pentti Lund of the Rangers in the third period at Madison Square Garden. The New York team edged the Chicago Black Hawks, 2-1.