



8:30 o'clock tonight is the zero hour as Abbots and Crystals open their two game total-goal series for the Island hockey title and the right to enter the Maritime play-downs pitted against either Port Maitland or New Waterford, Nova Scotia finalists.

And on the eve of the struggle the outcome is very much in doubt. Unpredictability of the Summerside squad and the youthfulness of the Abbots make the series anything but an easy one to pick and surprises are apt to be frequent.

Abbots, playing on home ice will likely be the favorites to cop the opening tussle but here again the fact stands out that in the past Crystals have usually turned in their best performances on Forum ice.

Summerside teams seem to take an especial delight in lowering local colors before home fans and tonight will arrive with just that in mind.

They will not be lacking in support either. Close to 400 fans, all dressed in the wool Crystal followers are expected to come down by special train for the tussle which gives the game an added liking to the old Island League "blood and thunder" encounters.

Abbots, calmly confident of pushing aside the Summerside challenge, went through their final workout last night and look to be hitting on high.

They are primed for the tussle and Coach Walter Lawry will see to it that his players are in the best of form. A fast, wide-open action all the way as they go out searching for a substantial lead to carry into the second game at Summerside on Friday night next.

And so tonight once again it will be a youth pitted against the sunning and experience of veterans. "Youth will be served" is an old adage but whether it will hold true here tonight or not will not be known until fans have witnessed a fast, bruising encounter between two squads that never know the meaning of the word beaten.

Be in your seats early. Indications point to one of the largest crowds in recent years.

Juvenile playoffs get underway next week with the City champions meeting the Western Island representatives.

Interest in the kids performances is always keen and the forthcoming play-downs will likely be followed with much interest once they swing into action.

Bill Cowley is 9 points up

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—(CP)—Boston's great centre, Bill Cowley put together five scoring points during the last week to increase his margin at the top of the National Hockey League scoring race. Cowley's two goals and three assists brought his total to 48, for a nine-point margin over Toronto's Syl Apps who picked up four points during the week. Bryan Hextall of Rangers retained third spot with two additional points—both on assists—during the week.

A single point behind Hextall with 32 centre, Boston's Eddie Wiseman who scored two goals and assisted in two others during the week.

(The official figures gave both Hextall and Wiseman one more assist than did unofficial records. League officials said both were credited with assists, which the unofficial tabulation had not recorded, in the Ranger-Boston game

Joe Louis Scores K. O. Over Dorazio In 2nd

CONVENTION HALL, PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Joe Louis successfully defended his heavyweight championship for the 14th time tonight by knocking out Gus Dorazio of Philadelphia in one minute, 30 seconds of the second round of their bout tonight before a sellout crowd of about 15,000. Louis weighed 203 1/2; Dorazio 193 1/2.

A short, smashing right hand shot, flush on the chin, dropped Dorazio on his face near his own corner for the one and only knock-down of the fight. He lay there, his nose buried in the canvas as referee Ivy Kutcher completed the count.

For one round, Gus, fighting out of a crouch, fought back against the Bomber's punches. At the start of the second, a straight left momentarily straightened him up. He tried to return to his crouch, but couldn't duck the vicious right which put him away.

Final practice For juveniles

The following Canadian Juvenile Hockey players are asked to be at Holy Redeemer rink tonight at 6:45. This will be the final practice of this team before the playoffs for the Juvenile title. C. Lund, Sydney Stead, Bud Smith, K. McRae, Bud Bell, E. McCurt, H. McLean, R. McKinnon, M. Hennessy, J. Roop, J. Gallant, Geo. Worth, E. Traitor, Herbert Paquet, B. Crosby, E. Carmichael, E. Bagnalk, E. Christopher, R. Carr.

Jack McCourt—Coach. Chas. E. Worth—Manager. (Patrol Please Copy)

Desilets has Big lead

(By The Canadian Press) Joffe Desilets, picking up four assists during the week, strengthened his position as leading point-getter among Maritimers in the American Hockey League.

The former Charlottetown star who plays with Cleveland Barons lifted his point total to 40, seven more than his former teammate, Pete Kelly of Springfield who is now playing with New York Americans in the National Hockey League. Kelly did not appear in the Springfield uniform during the week.

Crossley Sherwood, formerly of Saint John scored a goal for Providence to increase his total to 22 and Clarence Steele of Pittsburgh got a goal to increase his to 15.

Table with columns: G, A, Pts. Desilets, Cleveland 14, 25, 40. x-Kelly, Springfield 7, 26, 33. Sherwood, Providence 5, 17, 22. Steele, Pittsburgh 9, 6, 15. Currie, Pittsburgh 6, 3, 9. x-Graboski, New Haven 3, 3, 6. x-Hollett, Hershey 3, 1, 4. I. Curley 1, 1, 1. Total—2553.

of last Thursday.) Two goals against Rangers Sunday night brought Sweeney Schriner's total to 20, giving the Toronto player a three-goal margin over his team-mate Apps in this department. Cowley, shooting for a new league record, was far ahead in assists.

Jimmy Orlando of Detroit went through the week without a penalty, but still remained the league's bad man with 63 minutes in majors and minors in addition to a 10-minute misconduct.

Win Regal Flour trophy

The rink skipped by H. R. Carruthers last night succeeded in winning the second straight game from E. M. Bagnalk's team to win the Regal Flour trophy. The score of the game was 11-8. This gives the Carruthers rink the right to represent the Charlottetown Curling Club in the Provincial Playdowns at Summerside on Friday of this week. Teams from Alberton, Summerside and Charlottetown will compete in this competition.

Increases lead

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—(CP)—Bill Cowley former Halifax Wolverines, who is sparking Boston Bruins' unprecedented winning streak, increased his lead in the National Hockey League scoring race last week and continued to dominate the showing of former Maritimers in the league.

Cowley marked up five scoring points during the period to increase his total to 48. His nearest rival, among former Maritimers, is Eddie Wiseman, also of Boston, who lifted his total to 32 with four points. Wiseman was born in New Brunswick.

Gerde Drillon, Toronto star who hails from Moncton, got a goal and two assists to lift his total to 28, while George Aiken of Chicago, native of Bayfield, N.B., picked up four assists to boost his total to 26.

Table with columns: G, A, Pts. Cowley, Boston 13, 35, 48. Wiseman, Boston 14, 18, 32. Drillon, Toronto 16, 12, 28. Allen, Chicago, 12, 14, 26. Gerry, Canadiens 9, 9, 17. Hollett, Boston 6, 11, 17. Graboski, Canadiens, 3, 2, 5. Kelly, Americans 1, 2, 3.

BOWLING RESULTS

HOLY NAME BOWLING Ladies League

Table with columns: P, G, A, Pts. Pixies: 199, 171, 133. D. Coyle 125, 106, 177. P. Flynn 132, 138, 151. Cowley 86, 131, 149. Curley 124, 160, 154. Total—2553.

Royals: E. Dougan 162, 105, 165. P. Lawlor 105, 136, 82. Duffy 132, 138, 151. P. Rice 151, 109, 217. M. West 86, 105, 133. Total—2006. High single P. Rice 217. High three H. Coyle 539.

NOTE—Next game in this league will be played Thursday night at 8 o'clock instead of Wednesday night.

Tonight at 8:30—Davis & Frasers vs. Central Barbours.

Charlottetown Alleys Enterprise Bakery: J. McLeod 108, 184, 144. J. Durant 208, 188, 131. B. Dunn 233, 133, 255. E. McDonald 232, 175, 156. J. H. Gallant 215, 180, 278. Total—2645.

Central Creameries: J. Simmonds 108, 179, 155. J. McIntyre 165, 118, 140. E. Smith 175, 238, 104. H. S. Williams 165, 177, 183. K. Acorn 263, 259, 222. Total—2645. High single J. H. Gallant 278. High three K. Acorn 743.

George Tulle's "Klutch Hands" team defeated the "Thirsty Five" in a game of duck pins, full of moans and groans. The game was in doubt until George Tulle with unusual skill and masterful bowling emerged with high three and sent his followers home with nothing but highest praise for Capt. Tulle and his Klutch Hands. There will be another game between these two teams in the near future. Fans watch sporting pages for dates.

Table with columns: A, G, P, H, R, B. Klutch Hands: A. O'Flahane 136, 109, 138. G. Tulle 161, 113, 144. D. Purcell 163, 140, 105. E. Robin 114, 128, 130. R. Bradley 145, 120, 124.

Thirsty Five: A. H. Burke 126, 135, 140. B. Nelson 107, 124, 149. C. E. Praught 130, 117, 98. L. Lever 139, 108, 133. N. J. Clow 150, 118, 125. High single D. Purcell 163. High three Geo. Tulle 418.

Tonight 7—City League between Luckies vs. Rooms: At 8:15, Mixed League—Weak Sisters vs. Tanks.

Gyro Bowling A. Lewis 196, 233, 180. A. Hogan 138, 129, 117. Dr. Murchison 159, 183, 148. Dr. Leonard 221, 209, 276. L. Dreyette 203, 227, 141. D. Reals 153, 215, 180. M. Dow 144, 181, 181. High single Dr. Leonard 276. High three Dr. Leonard 708.

Crescents protest Thrown out

MONCTON, N.B., Feb. 17.—(CP) Frank J. Gallagher, President of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, announced tonight that a protest by Halifax Crescents, of the Halifax City Hockey League, had been thrown out by a majority vote of the M.A.H.A. executive and that the decision of Halifax City League officials in allowing the Royal Canadian Air Force team to proceed into the city loop finals against the Royal Canadian Navy had been upheld.

Crescents protested to the M.A.H.A. concerning a penalty shot in the final game between the Crescents and the R.C.A.F. squad for the right to advance into the City League finals.

The air force scored a goal on the shot.

Crescents contended the goal should not have counted because there were scrapers and other non-players on the ice at the time.

The protest was not filed with the M.A.H.A. head until some days later. He presented it to the various members of the executive by wire and tonight announced a majority vote had ruled against the protest. Meanwhile the league finals have been completed with the Navy team winners over the airmen.

Sydney widens League lead

GLACE BAY, N.S., Feb. 17.—(CP)—Sydney Millionaires widened their Cape Breton Hockey League lead to three points tonight by taking a 4-2 victory from the crippled Glace Bay Miners.

Miners, with playing coach Joe-Jo Graboski laid up because of injuries through dismemberment, managed to make it an even game for two periods, but a couple of last-period goals by Millionaires gave them the game.

Bud McEachern led the Sydney scorers, getting two goals. Johnny Aitchison and Steve Latoski scored the others. Vic Hannebury and George Newbolt accounted for Miners' pair.

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TILLIE THE TOILER — AN ENLIGHTENING SIMILARITY



Bill Cowley Can Break All-time Record For Assists In One Season

By Jack Mitchell Canadian Press Staff Writer

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—(CP)—Take it from the man who intends to be personally responsible, a matter of a game or two will see one more all-time record written into the National Hockey League books under the name of Boston Bruins.

Face-setter of the record-making Boston streak, centre Bill Cowley, whom coach Ralph (Cooney) Wieland describes as the "last of the great stickhandlers"—is within two assists of a 10-year-old individual mark for helping on goals. He still has 11 games to pass it, but Cowley himself thinks "a couple of games should be enough."

"The way things are breaking for me this year, that should do it," he said after helping the Bruins extend their unbeaten streak to 21 games by beating Canadiens, 5-0, here Saturday night. "With a couple of wings like Ray Conacher and Eddie Wiseman, I don't see how I can miss."

The 28-year-old Cowley, having his best season since breaking in from Halifax Wolverines, is leading all N.H.L. point-getters with a total of 13 goals and 35 assists. He needs just two more assists to equal the record set by Joe Primus with Toronto Maple Leafs in the 1931-32 season.

Cowley, a native of Bristol, Que., originally placed one game as his record-breaking estimate—until remembering that the Bruins next opponents were Toronto Maple

Leafs who will be attempting to wrest first place back from the Bruins when they meet in Boston tomorrow night.

"Against Toronto, I'll be happy if we can win without worrying about my personal record," he qualified. "If I don't make it then, we're playing the Americans next and I think I've scored damn near half my points against the Americans."

Coach Wieland, himself holder of an all-time scoring record for his total of 73 points with Boston in the 1929-30 season, thinks Cowley is the "greatest playmaker in the game right now." Although regarding the Bruins as a balanced unit, he credits the 165-pound centre with a major part in their brilliant record.

"Besides being a battler all the way, Bill sets up the smoothest plays you could hope to see," said Wieland. "Whoever plays on the wing with him always finishes well up in the scoring, but Cowley runs a perfect line with Conacher and Wiseman. All are fast, while Conacher is deadly accurate with his shot and Wiseman has an uncanny 'sixth sense' in following the play."

Much of his early hockey was played around Ottawa and Cowley picked an Ottawa boy as the best rookie this season. It's Johnny Quilty of Canadiens and the admiration is mutual, for Quilty follows Hawklike every move that Cowley makes whenever the Canadiens meet Boston.

Three classes For ice races On Wednesday

Taking full advantage of the good racing conditions, the Victoria Driving Club have laid plans for the holding of two meets this week, the first of which takes place on Wednesday afternoon, starting at 2 o'clock sharp, with three classes: the three-year-old, class A pace, and class B pace being scheduled.

Competition promises to be very keen with the close exciting finishes that have marked every race so far this winter again taking place.

On Saturday a four-class meet will be raced, entries for which will be announced in the next couple of days.

Following are the probable entries for Wednesday's meet: Three-year-old: Raymond Budlong, Lusty's First, Maid, June, June Hal, Miss Brewer, Wait 'N' See. Class A Pace: Jippy K., Rose Worth, Rosebud, Neil Cochran, Class B Pace: Lady Frisco, Gale Aubrey, Bessie Kalmuck, Buzz L., Baby Longest.

BILLIARDS

Frank Acorn provincial billiard champion won his way to the second round in the second section of the provincial billiard tournament last night at the Sunnyside Billiard Parlor, when he defeated his opponent by a margin of 105 points. Tonight John Garnum meets Clifford MacDonald. The officials last night were McGee, referee and William J. marker.

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Tony Graboski, the man on the flying trapeze who was the hit of the evening when Canadiens beat New York Rangers. Tony, the new "Of Balance" wizard played a most spectacular if unorthodox type of game.