

Neil Memorial Trophy Awarded Ezzard Charles

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP) — By unanimous vote, the New York Boxing Writers' Association today awarded the Edward J. Neil Memorial Boxing Plaque for 1949 to the National Boxing Association heavyweight champion, Ezzard Charles.

Since 1938 the award has been given annually to the boxer or boxing figure who, in the opinion of the writers, has done the most for the sport during the year. Sportsmanship and clean living, in addition to ring performance, is also considered.

Neil, Associated Press boxing writer in the early '30s, was killed in 1937 while serving as a war correspondent in Spain, and the award was set up in his memory.

Charles, a Cincinnati Negro, and Jersey Joe Walcott were named by the N.B.A. to meet for the title vacated by Joe Louis. He defeated Walcott this year and was recognized as champion by the national body, although the New York State Commission has refused to name him titleholder.

Subsequently Charles turned back two challengers, winning both fights by knockouts. He first defeated Gus Lesnevich, who had been prominently mentioned as a challenger to Joe Louis before Louis' announced retirement, and then disposed of the bushy-haired Californian, Pat Valentin.

Charles is the third heavyweight fighter to receive the award in the 12 years it was originated. Jack Dempsey received the first award. Others honored included Billy Conn, Henry Armstrong, Joe Louis, Barney Ross, Benny Leonard, James J. Walker (the late mayor of New York), Tony Zale, Gus Lesnevich and Ike Williams, who received the plaque last year. In 1943 the award was made to "all the fighters in the armed service."

Charles will receive the plaque at the annual boxing writers' dinner here next month.

Nat Fleischer, editor of Ring Magazine, was re-elected president of the Boxing Writers' Association.

North Sydney Victorias Dump Millionaires 4-2

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 12 (CP) — North Sydney Victorias travelled fast and hard tonight to dump Sydney Millionaires 4-2 before 2,145 Cape Breton Senior Hockey League fans.

The win over the league leaders boosted Vics within one point of middle-place Glace Bay Miners. Millionaires have a six-point advantage on Miners.

It was the biggest crowd in the northside rink in five weeks. The North Sydney club said last week it was \$9,000 in the red after eight weeks of operations this season. The team has been allowed to take on three new players. One of them, Jean Paul Jeanneau, performed capably tonight and started the play that ended in North Sydney's second goal.

First Period
1—Sydney, Hildebrand (McRae) 7:48
2—North Sydney, Verrier (Bangay, Medynski) 19:42
Penalties—McRae, Bowness.

Second Period
3—North Sydney, Hall (Storey, Jeanneau) 9:22
4—North Sydney, Kornek (Bangay, Verrier) 10:44
5—North Sydney, Storky (Menzies) 14:14
Penalties—Bowness.

Third Period
6—Sydney, Hildebrand (Birukow, Mykctyn) 12:26
Penalties—None.

Looking back over the Charlotte-town Abegweits 6-4 victory over Saint Dunstan's University last Saturday night at the Forum in the opening tilt of this year's sixteen Island Physical Fitness Intermediate Hockey League, one must admit that the victory came as a bit of a surprise to most local hockey fans, and an even greater one to Saint Dunstan's supporters.

Although admittedly we didn't know very much about the capabilities of these new youngsters that are coming up from the juvenile ranks, this column for one didn't think that they would stand much of a chance against the more experienced S.D.U. boys, although we did allow for the possibility of youth outskating experience.

And that is exactly what happened, at least in this writer's opinion. The Abbie youngsters (not forgetting of course the experienced support back on the defence of Art Perry and Ralph Jossey) were skating in at top speed coming and going, which proved to be just a little too much strain on the conditioning of the older S.D.U. boys, who every time they relaxed were swarming all around their goalmouth.

However, we are by no means discounting the potent power that is wrapped up within the S.D.U. ranks and will be unleashed just as soon as the boys get into a little better condition, and may well perform entirely different results the next time the two teams meet.

Keith Hooper, the Abbies' new goaltender, was also a strong reason why they came out on the winning end of the regular season. The very creditable performance, and made the opposing forwards work for every goal they got past him. Hooper, a native of this Province has been residing in the Canadian West for the past seven years and has been a goalie for both the Moose Jaw Canucks' and Saskatoon Quakers Hockey Clubs during his residence there.

Tonight's game between the Prince of Wales College squad and the Charlottetown Victorias in the second scheduled tilt of the Island Hockey League schedule, will be more or less of another case of youth against experience, when the youthful collegians pit their strength against the older and more experienced Vic hockeyists.

Whether or not it will have the same outcome as the Saturday night clash did between Abbies and Saints remains to be seen, but it is a cinch that the Gornowits' encounter showed little of Greco's former talent as a hard-hitting slugger.

A crowd of 5,912 contributed a gross gate of \$17,415—considered a small gate in Montreal fight circles.

Beavers And St. Mary's In 4-All Tie

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Dec. 12 (CP)—The close battle of Saint John Beavers and Halifax St. Mary's atop the Maritime Senior Hockey League continued tonight when they played another tie, this time 4-4. The draw left Beavers still two points ahead.

Although the game was considered one of the roughest played here in recent years, no penalties were imposed by referees Moe Walsh and Neil Sanford.

Alan (Rocky) Sullivan, of St. Mary's, was absent, fighting a bout with flu. Beaver Vic Jackson suffered a charley horse in his right leg and left the game in the first period. He returned for the final stanza.

SUMMARY
First Period
1—Saint John, Whitlock (Nicolle, Demchuk) 11:35
2—Halifax, Barrett (McLaughlin) 12:26
3—Saint John, Drillon (Croucher, MacDonald) 14:49
Penalties—None.

Second Period
4—Saint John, Nicolle (Whitlock) 1:10
5—Halifax, Grabowski (Hollett) 2:03
6—Halifax, McGregor (Hannon, Grabowski) 11:42
Penalties—None.

Third Period
7—Saint John, Whitlock (Demchuk, Nicolle) 1:40
8—Halifax, McGregor (Hannon) 6:31
Penalties—None.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—Burt Shotton, manager of the pennant-winning Brooklyn Dodgers, today announced reappointment of Jake Pitler, Clyde Sukeforth and Milt Stock as his 1950 coaches.

Pitler usually works at first base and Stock, who joined the Dodgers board of strategy last season, coaches at third. Sukeforth, senior member, is the man who walks to the mound when it is necessary to take out a pitcher. Sukey was the busiest man on the Dodger club last season.

Island Hockey League Schedule

The following is the schedule of the Island Physical Fitness Intermediate "A" Hockey League up to and including Tuesday, January 10th, 1950:

Tuesday, December 13—Victorias at P.W.C.
Thursday, December 15—R.C.A.F. at Abbies.
Wednesday, December 21—S.D.U. at Victorias.
Tuesday, December 27—Abbies at Crystals.
Thursday, December 29—Crystals at P.W.C.
Tuesday, January 3—R.C.A.F. at Victorias.
Thursday, January 5—Abbies at P.W.C.
Saturday, January 7—Victorias at Crystals.
Tuesday, January 10—Crystals at Victorias.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—Promoter Gus Longaphie informed this column last night that he has made one or two changes in his boxing card scheduled for the Armouries tomorrow night. The main event will see Louis Lafferty meet Soggy Reid in a six-round middleweight bout, which was originally scheduled between Lafferty and Russell MacIntyre of Savage Harbor, while Don Trainor, who was scheduled to meet Johnny Walker, has had to withdraw due to a physical ailment, and Longaphie is endeavoring to match Walker with a Summerside opponent.

A light-heavyweight bout between Don McEachern (170) and curly Heron (165), both of the City, however, and with the semi-final middleweight clash between Jimmy McGuigan and John Russell, as well as some five good preliminary scraps making up a nine-entertainment card, there should be plenty of fast fistic action when Gus gets his program rolling at the Armouries on Wednesday night at eight o'clock.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12 (AP)—Calumet Farm's Coaltown drew even today with Greentree's Capot in their paper racing for "horse of the year."

The four-year-old Coaltown beat out his one-year younger rival in the 14th annual poll of the Turf and Sport Digest, a Baltimore publication.

Capot earlier had been voted the honor by the Daily Racing Form.



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SPORTING NEWS



NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP) — Night baseball gained new ground in the majors today as both the National and American Leagues decided to finish "day" games under the lights when darkness intervenes.

The suspended game, a headache in wartime days, was restored by the National League. Under that rule, games called on account of Sunday curfew or to catch a train will be resumed at the point of interruption at a later date.

The rule caused considerable confusion during the war years when often a game started in May would not be officially won or lost until July or August.

American League executives did not go all the way with the majors in turning on lights to finish day games. They will allow this only in the last series between two clubs at the close of the season.

There appears to be a showdown battle on setting up a uniform playoff system in case of a tie at the end of the regular season. The American votes to stick with its own one-game "sudden death" ending, and the National still wants to play a best-of-three series as in the past. A final decision will be up to Commissioner A.B. Chandler at Wednesday's last session.

Tuesday, July 11 was set as the date for the 1950 All-Star game to be played at Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox.

With trade talk still largely in the negotiating stage, the majors took advantage of the lull to announce official 1949 attendance figures, showing a three-per-cent decrease from 1948.

Official National League figures were 9,484,718 last season as compared to 9,770,743 in 1948.

New York Yankees regained the major-league turnstile lead from Cleveland with 2,283,676 to the Indians' 2,233,771, although both suffered a decline.

American League attendance last season was 10,730,647 as compared to 11,150,069, an all-time high in 1948.

Night Baseball Gains New Ground In Majors

Queen Square School Hockey

In two scheduled games of the Queen Square School Hockey League, played on Saturday and yesterday, the Royals earned a 3-3 tie with the Leafs in yesterday's tilt, while the Thunderbolts took a 7-3 victory over the Leafs in the Saturday encounter.

Yesterday's tie for the Royals increased their lead in the league leadership to five points over their nearest competitors and ran their undefeated winning streak to four games in as many starts.

The following are the summaries of both games:

SATURDAY'S SUMMARY
First Period
1—Thunderbolts, Richard (MacLeod) Penalties—None.
2—Leafs, Kelly (L. LeClair) Penalties—None.
3—Thunderbolts, Richard (MacLeod) Penalties—None.
4—Thunderbolts, Hughes (Duffy) Penalties—None.

Second Period
5—Thunderbolts, Duffy (Gallant) Penalties—None.
6—Thunderbolts, Gallant (MacLeod) Penalties—None.
7—Leafs, Howatt (Kelly, MacDonald) Penalties—None.
8—Leafs, Howatt (Kelly, MacDonald) Penalties—None.
9—Thunderbolts, Carroll (Duffy) Penalties—None.
10—Thunderbolts, Carroll (Duffy) Penalties—None.

MONDAY'S SUMMARY
First Period
1—Royals, C. MacDonald (Burke, LeClair) Penalties—None.
2—Leafs, B. Kelly (Howatt) Penalties—None.
3—Royals, Burke (MacDonald) Penalties—None.
4—Leafs, Howatt (Kelly, MacDonald) Penalties—None.
5—Royals, LeClair (Burke) Penalties—None.
6—Leafs, Howatt (Kelly, MacDonald) Penalties—None.

Juvenile Vics, Ramblers Win Hoop Games

The Juvenile Vics and the Juvenile Ramblers last night won two exhibition basketball games played on the Y.M.C.A. floor before a good sized crowd.

In the first game the Vics continued their winning streak as they walloped the Abbies by a score of 45-19 while the Ramblers walked over the "X" by a score of 39-12.

Ralph MacPherson was the high-point getter for the night as he collected 14 points with Ian MacNevin accounting for eight for the winners. John MacNaught was the high scorer for the losers accounting for seven points in a losing cause.

The second game was a rough-hewn affair with the Ramblers leading throughout. Malcolm MacFadyen was the high scorer in the game as he collected nine points. Jackie Turner was next with seven while Seaman had six.

The Vics under Harold "Red" Howatt's coaching have yet to lose a game. In their three games so far this year they scored their wins with about 20 points to spare. They led Abbies 25-9 at the half and had no trouble in earning their win.

In the second game the Ramblers led 18-8 at the half and in the latter half they found the range for 21 more points.

Referee for the first game was George MacLennan while Keith Dalziel, Jack Andrews and Howard Glover shared the whistle in the second encounter.

Lineups:
Vics—MacPherson 14, J. MacAndrew 5, MacNevin 8, B. MacAndrew, Burgess, MacMillan 5, Hine 6, Hurry 5, Cameron 2. Total 45.
Abbies—Glover 2, Taylor, MacNaught 7, Burke 2, Hoyt, Ready, Dalziel 4, Warren, More-side 2, Vessey 2. Total 19.
Ramblers—MacDougall 4, E. Beaton 3, MacFadyen 9, large 4, Birt 4, Turner 1, Cameron 1, Seaman 6, Dyer 1. Total 39.
Y.M.C.A.—D. Wood 2, J. Wood, Underhay 4, Perry, Heustis, Reardon 2, Atkinson 4, Beers, Phillips, K. Beaton, White, Purcell, MacGowan, MacKinnon. Total 12.

Victorias And P. W. C. Pucksters Clash Tonight

Curling At Summerside

Results of matches at the Summerside Curling Club Friday night:
F. O. Cameron 7, F. Folland 7;
T. D. Morrison 9, V. Howatt 4;
Lac. Carlson 7, W. A. Gordon 7;
C. Robinson 6, R. Holman 4.

The following were the winners of the first round of play in the Gaboury Cup eliminations: F. Cameron defeated H. E. Clark; T. A. Campbell defeated P. Keyes; M. B. Bell defeated H. E. Gaudet; G. Hayes defeated F. MacRae.

Second round semi-finals: H. E. Gaudet defeated G. H. Cameron; H. E. Clark defeated M. M. Bell.

Schedule for Tuesday December 13th: Commercial League: 7:30—Bank Managers vs. Air Force; Bank accountants vs. Auto Drivers; Navigators vs. Joseph Reads.

Local Gaboury Cup elimination (final): 9:30—H. E. Gaudet vs. winner of game no. 6; H. E. Clark vs. winner of game no. 8.

Wednesday, December 14th: Gaboury Cup playoffs—Game commences at 2:00 p.m. Eight teams are entered, two each from the following places, Alberton, Charlottetown, Montague, Summerside.—S.

Royals Continue Victory March

ANTIGONISH, N.S., Dec. 12 (CP)—Stellarton Royals kept their unbeaten string running tonight with a 6-4 Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior Hockey League victory over Antigonish Bulldogs.

Royals are undefeated in 12 starts this season. The win pushed them 10 points ahead of the second-place Bulldogs.

Antigonish goalie Gurney Gilroy was injured late in the second period. Leo MacGillivray took over in the nets and played out the rest of the game. Gilroy and MacGillivray made 40 stops between them. Frankie Prozeur had 32 in the Stellarton case.

First Period
1—Stellarton, Fahey 3:50
2—Antigonish, J. MacDonald (MacGillivray) 7:53
3—Antigonish, Kelly (MacDougall) 9:21
4—Stellarton, Fahey 9:21

Second Period
5—Stellarton, MacDougall (Hunter) 19:16
Penalties—None.

Third Period
6—Antigonish, Leroy MacDonald 9:16
7—Stellarton, MacDougall (Kelly) 10:16
8—Stellarton, Legger (Hunter) 17:06
9—Antigonish, C. MacDonald (Kennedy, MacMillan) 18:20
Penalties—Higgins, Minogue, J. MacDonald (2), Gaudet (2).

Penalty—Chatsoun. 5:14

Johnny Greco Wins Decision

MONTREAL, Dec. 12 (CP) — Welterweight Johnny Greco of Montreal scored the first victory of his comeback campaign here tonight when he racked up a 10-round decision over middleweight Herbie Kronowitz of Brooklyn at the Forum.

Greco weighed 150 3-4 and Kronowitz 156.

The battle was in one of the duller seen here in years with Kronowitz a smart defensive boxer, but a light puncher, back-peddaling throughout most of the 10 rounds.

Greco, welterweight champion of Canada, has been in semi-retirement since he was K.O.'d here last summer by France's Laurent Dauthuille in a non-title bout.

Tonight's encounter showed little of Greco's former talent as a hard-hitting slugger.

A crowd of 5,912 contributed a gross gate of \$17,415—considered a small gate in Montreal fight circles.

Joe Pyle And Billy Fifield Fight To Draw

TORONTO, Dec. 12 (CP) — Jolting Joe Pyle of New Waterford, N.S., and Billy Fifield of Toronto fought to an eight-round draw here tonight in the feature bout of a professional boxing card.

Referee Bobby Lawrence stopped the bout in the eighth round after Pyle suffered a bad cut over his right eye. He declared the bout a draw.

His decision came after 36 seconds of the eighth round. Up to that time the Maritime fighter, who weighed 163 1/4 pounds to Fifield's 159 1-2, appeared to have the edge in five rounds of the bout.

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Gents City Candlepin League
Royals—1489—5 points
Juniors—1365—0 points
High single J. Lawlor 127
High three F. Connors 323

Old Timers—1473—4 1/2 points
North Enders—1410—1/2 point
High single Rev. P. McMahon 119
High three Rev. P. McMahon 317

Ladies City Candlepin League
Dodgers—1232—4 points
Crescents—1267—1 point
High single N. McKenna 100
High three N. McKenna 265

Beavers—1264—3 1/2 points
South Paws—1294—1 1/2 points
High single M. McLennan 122
High three K. Jay 287

Cardinals—1245—3 points
Pirates—1233—2 points
High single E. McLean 113
High three E. McLean 274.

Bearcats Hold Off Meripacs To Win 10-8

TRURO, N.S., Dec. 12 (CP)—Pictou Meripacs made a determined drive here tonight to win their first game of the season, but Truro Bearcats held off their third-period surge to win 10-8.

Meripacs, Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior Hockey League cellar team, drove home six markers in the final frame in an effort to overcome Bearcats lead piled up in the first two periods. Roy Weatherbee in the Truro nets was called on to handle 38 shots, while Jim MacInnis, Pictou goalie, stopped 45 shots.

SUMMARY
First Period
1—Truro, Andrews 6:07
(Heppburn, Gogan) 11:20
2—Pictou, Babineau 11:20
3—Truro, Andrews (Gogan) 13:40
4—Truro, Jackson (Sheppard) 19:00
Penalties—Powers, Penny, Haines, Heppburn, Aikens (minor and misconduct).

Second Period
5—Truro, Heppburn 6:07
6—Truro, Jackson (Dale) 5:14
7—Pictou, McKinnon 7:32
8—Truro, Heppburn 11:01
(Sheppard) 12:12
9—Truro, Mingo (Gogan) 19:24
Penalties—Haines (2), Andrews, Jackson.

Third Period
10—Pictou, Williams (Babineau) 7:30
11—Pictou, McKinnon 8:27
(Babineau) 10:23
12—Pictou, Williams 10:23
13—Pictou, Powers (Aikens) 10:51
14—Pictou, Aikens (Conrad) 11:20
15—Truro, Henderson (Potts) 12:11
16—Truro, Potts (Sheppard, Jackson) 13:16
17—Truro, Henderson (Mingo) 15:37
18—Pictou, Conrad (Penny) 16:40
Penalties—Haines, Henderson, Aikens.

HOCKEY NOTICE

The annual meeting of South Queen's Hockey League will be held in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 7:30 P.M. All teams desiring to enter this League please have representatives at meeting.

Signed—
D. E. HART,
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