

Islanders Open Series With Miners Tonight

The battle for third place between the Islanders and the Glace Bay Miners will be continued tonight at the Forum and the Islanders believe that when the game is over sole possession of third place will be theirs to keep and to hold.

And while the battle for third place has raged between the two clubs for these past few weeks, both clubs have moved closer to the second place Sydney Millionaires. At the moment the Miners are seven points behind Sydney and the Islanders eight.

The Islanders go into tonight's game after defeating the league-leading Halifax Atlantics twice this week. On Monday night they dumped the Halifaxians 6-3 here and on Wednesday they turned back the Atlantics 4-3 in Halifax.

The overtime win by the Islanders over the Atlantics was one of the most outstanding victories for the Islanders this season.

The Islanders ask only one favor from the Miners tonight. They want the Glace Bay boys to keep the sticks on the ice. Sticks were coming pretty high here last Friday night in the Islanders-Miners game and the Islanders don't want another injury like that suffered by Don MacLaughlin.

The Islanders and Miners will both be missing one key player. The Miners won't have winger Tommy Fyles who suffered a broken arm in a game against Sydney Wednesday night. The Islanders will be playing without MacLaughlin, injured at Halifax.

The Charlottetown-Glace Bay games have been the best to watch here this year. Both teams play fast, wide-open hockey. Last Friday night's game between the two clubs was rated as the best of the year.

Out of Action



Defenceman Don MacLaughlin (above) is expected to be sidelined for at least a week with a severe cut in the back of his head. MacLaughlin received the gash in the game at Halifax Wednesday night when struck by a stick. 14 stitches were required to close the wound.

Elmer MacDonald Rink Winners Of Points Competition

A Charlottetown rink skipped by Elmer MacDonald won the opening competition during the first session of the Confederation Curling Club.

The MacDonald rink collected a total of 72 points for a seven point edge on the J. F. MacLeod rink. The H. Mitten rink of Moncton was third with 55.

Following is the personnel of the winning rink: Elmer MacDonald, skip; Addison MacDonald, first stone; Dr. K. A. MacEachern, second stone; Barry MacDonald, mate.

The runners-up included J. F. MacLeod, skip; S. R. Beaton, first stone; R. G. Spillart, second stone; Dr. H. MacIntyre, mate.

Semi-Finals In Schurmans School Parade

Semi-finals in the four and over classroom division of the Schurmans School Parade were held yesterday afternoon at the Summerside High School and the semi-finals for the 1 to 3 classroom division will take place this afternoon.

The winners will appear tonight at 7:30 over CURV.

All semi-final contestants were supper guests last evening and will be again tonight of the M. P. Schurman Co. Ltd. at Howard's Restaurant. Splendid and highly enjoyable motion pictures were part of the supper entertainment last night with Mr. Ben Beck acting as projector. About 100 persons were present at last night's supper and it is expected that about 70 others will be guests of the firm at tonight's supper.

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Halifax hockey fans must have many memories of the Islanders Buck Whitlock. The veteran centerman has scored some of his most important goals on the spacious Halifax surface and he showed the other night that he intends to continue that happy practice. We recall watching a game in Halifax a year ago in which goalie Al Miller in favor of the extra forward, Whitlock got the puck from the face-off in the Halifax zone and put the puck in the net before another player could touch him. People were headed for the exits at the time but that goal brought them back into the Forum to watch a first time session. The Islanders lost that game in overtime on Billy Gould's goal.

On Wednesday night Whitlock made certain there was to be no comeback by the other team as he scored a goal which coach Bucko Trainor termed a "master stroke". On a play with Guy Gignac he crossed the Halifax line went around the defense and came out from back of the net to whip the rubber past MacMeekin. It was the 343rd goal of Whitlock's Maritime hockey career and it provided the Islanders with their second win over the Atlantics in as many games. The goal came after one minute and six seconds of overtime play and it proved once more that when it comes to putting the puck in the net Whitlock has no peers.

A fellow who doesn't score too many goals for the Islanders but plays as many important roles as any one else in the league got in on the scoring act at a very opportune time. We refer to team captain Gus Gustavson. Gustavson fired the game tying goal at the 19:13 mark of the third period after coach Trainor had lifted Bessette in favor of an extra forward. Trainor stated last night that Gustavson's goal was a case of do-or-die effort. Gus stickhandled through several players and drilled a short shot to score his first goal of the year. It couldn't have come at a better time.

Gustavson's co-partner on defence, Don MacLaughlin wasn't so fortunate. MacLaughlin was struck on the head by Morrow's stick after he had checked the Halifax player. He was taken to a Halifax hospital where he had 14 stitches inserted in the wound. Don was released from hospital yesterday morning and will return home today. The rugged Islanders defenceman will probably be out of action a week. He needs the rest as he has been playing hard hockey all year but it is very regrettable that he suffered such a nasty head cut.

His absence from the lineup will probably mean that Bucko Trainor will move back on defence for a time. Or if Trainor does not go back it will be Bob Gray. Trainor has had no further word from Tommy Gorman about that Ottawa defenceman. It is our guess that it will be Bill Burega or Johnny Arundel. Burega was not in the Ottawa lineup when the Senators played two games last week-end. Arundel was the fifth defenceman in those games and spent some of his time playing forward. According to reports, Butech Staban was impressive in his debut as a Senator and drew quite a hand from the crowd. Les Cook of the Cleveland Barons was in Ottawa Saturday night to scout Ray Frederick who responded by shutting out Chicoutimi 4-0. Looks like Ray might be moving towards the top.

The report in a mainland newspaper this week which emanated from Sydney about trouble in the Islanders camp caused no little amount of merriment among the Islanders players. The Islanders themselves are at a loss of how to explain these false rumors or how they originated. The heading of the article indicated there was dissension among the players while the article itself intimated that there was a lack of harmony in the organization. Coach Bucko Trainor declared there was no basis whatsoever for the report. He added he had never played with a happier and more contented group of athletes. The only dissension the Islanders will sow will be in the mainland centres of Halifax, Sydney and Glace Bay, he stated.

The Glace Bay Miners will be here tonight and they will be playing without sharp shooting Tommy Fyles. Tommy had his arm broken in the game against Sydney on Wednesday night. The Fyles injury is quite a setback to Don Peniston and the Glace Bay Club. Fyles was the spark-plug in the Miners attack. He played brilliant hockey each time he appeared in Charlottetown as he showed loads of skating power and plenty of goal scoring ability. He lost considerable time earlier in the year through a hand injury but even at that he was well up among the scorers with 35 points. He is likely out for the remainder of the year.

Moncton Curlers Receive Ch'ship Trophy



Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Chief Justice of the Province and Honorary President of the Confederation Curling Club, is pictured above presenting the Maritime Central Airways Trophy to Jim Vance, skip of the Moncton curling rink. The Moncton curlers won the Trophy and the Confederation Bonselpiel curling championship this week at the Charlottetown Curling Club. They defeated a rink skipped by the Chief Justice in the championship finals by a score of 13-10. The M. C. A. Trophy is emblematic of the Bonselpiel Curling Championship. Shown in the picture from left to right are B. H. Steves, second stone of the winning rink; Jim Vance, skip; Ralph Noble, mate; and Chief Justice Campbell. The fourth member of the rink, D. J. McIvor, first stone is missing from the picture.

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More Trophies Won At Confederation Bonselpiel

Two more trophies were claimed yesterday as the curlers at the Confederation Bonselpiel continued plying their skills at the "roarin' game" in the Charlottetown Curling Club.

A rink skipped by Rankin MacLaine of Charlottetown won the R. T. Holman Co. Ltd. trophy by defeating Ed Tanton's rink 13-10 in a twelve end game. The Road Builders Shield was won by the Johnny Squarebriggs rink of Charlottetown. They eliminated the Willard MacDonald rink of Summerside 14-9 in the finals.

Squarebriggs eliminated the Frank Hansen and the Dr. Wendell MacDonald rinks on the way to the finals while the Willard MacDonald rink was defeating the Art Wilkie quartet and the Dr. L. Johnston rink.

Rankin MacLaine defeated W. MacLean 12-8 and Hon. T. A. Campbell 11-8. The Tanton rink defeated W. R. Jenkins 10-6 and Hon. T. W. L. Prowse 12-10 in an extra end game.

Hon. R. R. Bell, Leader of the Opposition and past president of the Charlottetown Curling Club donated a lovely tri-light floor lamp yesterday. This lamp was drawn for among representatives of visiting rinks.

The names of the visiting skips were put into a hat and the draw was made by Bill MacNeill, President of the Charlottetown Curling Club. The lucky skip was Herbert S. Matthews of Alberton who was presented with the lamp for the new Alberton Curling Club.

Following is the personnel of the Squarebriggs rink: Johnny Squarebriggs, skip; Norman Nicholson, first stone; Bob Sutherland, second stone; Doug Cameron, mate.

The F. R. MacLaine rink is composed of F. R. MacLaine, skip; Lee Semple, first stone; Justice M. MacGuigan, second stone; G. G. Hughes, mate.

Following are the results of yesterday's matches: R. T. Holman Co. Ltd. Trophy E. Tanton 10, W. R. Jenkins 6. W. MacLean 12, J. E. Burden 7. T. W. L. Prowse 14, G. J. Hughes 7.

F. R. MacLaine 11, T. A. Campbell 5. F. R. MacLaine 12, W. MacLean 8. E. Tanton 12, T. W. L. Prowse 10. F. R. MacLaine 13, E. Tanton 7.

Road Builders Shield J. Squarebriggs 7, F. Hansen 6. W. MacDonald 6, Dr. L. Johnston 4. Dr. W. MacDonald 13, H. Matthews 3.

A. Wilkie 12, E. Cannon 6. W. MacDonald 16, A. Wilkie 8. J. Squarebriggs 9, Dr. W. MacDonald 6. J. Squarebriggs 14, W. MacDonald 9.

Points Competition At MacDonald 15, J. F. MacLeod 13, F. MacLaine 11, T. A. Campbell 5.

Rangers Blank Chicago 2-0

CHICAGO, (AP) — New York Ranger rookie goalie Johnny Bower got his first National Hockey League shutout Thursday night, blanking Chicago Black Hawks 2-0. The crowd of 3,520 was the smallest to see the Hawks play here since they moved to the Stadium in 1929.

Summary: First Period No scoring. Penalties: Zeldel 5:15; Sonmor 17:08.

Second Period 1—New York, Sonmor. (Evans) 6:00. Penalties: Gadsby (2—one major) and Evans major 14:43, Guildolin 15:44, Hergeshelmer 18:36.

Third Period 2—New York, Hergeshelmer. (Irwin) 10:51. Penalties: Evans and Gee (both two) 4:24, Reise 5:50, Irwin 14:59.

Minor Hockey Program Begins At S'Side Tonight

The Summerside Amateur Athletic Association minor hockey program will begin tonight at the new Raceway Stadium. All boys of the respective ages who wish to play hockey will be included in the program and placed on a team. But the boys must turn out for the initial workouts to make a team unless illness prevents them from attending, in which case special consideration will be given.

The following times are scheduled for tonight: 6:00 to 7:15—Pee-wees under 12 years of age, first of August, 1953.

7:15 to 8:30—Paperweights under 10 years of age on same date as above.

8:30 to 9:45—Bantams under 14 years, and 9:45 to 11:00—Midgets under 16 years.

Boys should arrive at rink fifteen minutes before their classes go on the ice. They should bring skates and a stick, and will be supplied with sweaters, goalie equipment, etc.

Tonight the following drills will be under supervision: Skating, stick handling, passing, shooting, and checking. James Hogan, secretary-treasurer, will supervise activities, and the following men have volunteered to be present as coaches, managers, and officials: Jack Schurman, Earl Arsenault, Jim Razavat, Gordon Kelly, Clarence Steele, Glendon DesRoches, Emmett Trainor, Dave Larkin, Elmer Matheson, Bob Clarke, Norm Macdonald, John MacNeill, Bob Schurman, Harry Dickie, Jim Harris, Harry Dye, Vince Grant, Earl Pirtles had traded his daddy to Philadelphia Phillies, Stevie appeared at the home of a playmate and said: "I'm for the Pirates. I've always been for the Pirates. Daddy's for the Pirates. And then some fellows called up and said he had been sold to the Phillies. "I'm really disgusted."

LONDON (CP) — The RAF Flying Review, unofficial air magazine, said in its new year issue that Russia has produced a new swept-wing jet fighter, superior in all respects to the Soviet MIG-15.

Hockey Scores By THE CANADIAN PRESS National League New York 2 Chicago 0 Detroit 2 Boston 1 Quebec League Valleyfield 4 Sherbrooke 3 Quebec 2 Montreal 4 Springfield 1 Chicoutimi 0 New Brunswick Moncton Fredericton 7 APO Senior Trenton 3 Stellarton 3 Ontario-Quebec Junior Hamilton 3 Quebec 6 Northern Ontario Senior Sault, Ont. 7 Sault, Mich. 4

500 Skaters At Opening Of New Raceway Stadium

—500 skaters were on hand last evening for the opening of the new Raceway Stadium in Summerside, and enjoyed the first skating program presented in this excellent new rink.

For several years Summerside has been without an indoor rink, and skating and hockey fans have keenly missed the facilities enabling them to enjoy their favorite winter sports.

The happy smiles and obvious enjoyment indicated by the large crowd in attendance last evening left little doubt that the splendid facilities available in this beautiful new building will make it the most popular recreation centre in Summerside.

Comfortable, heated dressing rooms, canteen service, music, and excellent lighting, together with a well kept ice surface provide the ingredients for fun-filled evenings.

The supervised program prevented any unduly rough action, tag, or speed skating, and made last evening's program the more enjoyable for all skaters present.

This afternoon another program of skating will be enjoyed, while the evening will be devoted to the opening phase of the physical fitness program in which school boys desiring to play hockey will be assigned to particular teams and have their coaches appointed.

On Saturday there will be a Matinee skate in the afternoon and skating again in the evening.

Carrying Richard's farewell column came out with "Richard Gagged" splashed in big type across the tabloid's front page. At the end of the column, carried inside, was "30"—newspaper designation of "the end".

In a statement accompanying Richard's column, the newspaper said Rocket's le Tour du Chapeau (the Hat Trick) will be replaced by another—"J'Pense tout Haut" ("I Think Aloud")—signed by "The Ghost".

The newspaper said "The Ghost" will be Richard's "old pal reporter." "This is my last column as a newspaperman," Richard wrote. "I am sorry about it because it gave me pleasure to express my personal opinions about hockey matters.

"This right is refused me. I no longer have freedom of speech. As a hockey player, I am obliged to obey the orders of my employers. I make no judgment on their decision, leaving that to my friends. Perhaps later on, when my hands are no longer tied behind my back, I will return. Maybe this will be sooner than expected."

Richard also thanked the unnamed "old pal reporter" who helped him with the column. "He wanted to take personal responsibility for the words I wrote last week. I refused. All that he wrote was from me. I repeat it again and I want to take my medicine without having him swallow half the pill.

Says Rocket Gagged The issue of Samedi-Dimanche

Rocket Richard Quits Writing Sports Column

By W. R. Wheatley MONTREAL, (CP) — Maurice Richard abdicated his journalistic job with a flourish Thursday in favor of a pally ghost, while Montreal Canadiens upper councils still pondered what to do about hockey's incomparable Rocket.

It was Richard's bylined column last Friday in the Montreal weekly Samedi-Dimanche that brought down the ire of President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League. Richard's editorial criticism blasted Campbell on several counts and called him a dictator.

An expected conference Thursday between Campbell and managing director Frank Selke of Canadiens failed to materialize.

It was believed that Selke and others of Canadiens' executive or directive group wanted more time to consider the situation. The responsibility of dealing with Richard was placed directly upon Canadiens management by Campbell the day the newspaper came out.

Campbell may have in mind as to punitive or other action by the club has never been made known. Discontinuance of Richard's column—and that of teammate Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffron with a swan-song column Wednesday in Parlois Sports—indicated that an end to column-writing is at least one of the things Campbell expects.

LaStarza Signs To Meet Cockell In Bout March 30

LONDON, (AP) — Roland LaStarza of New York has signed to meet Don Cockell, Britain's heavyweight boxing champion, in a 10-round bout in London March 30.

Notice of the signing was announced by promoter Jack Solomon's office Thursday after Solomon telephoned from Miami, Fla. Cockell previously had agreed to meet any man of Solomon's choosing at Earls Court, an 18,000-seat indoor arena.

Cockell, whose main claim to fame is an autumn victory over Harry Matthews in Seattle, now is in Johannesburg, South Africa. He meets Johnny Arthur there Jan. 30 in defence of his British Empire title.

LaStarza was stopped in 11 rounds by heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano last Sept. 24. The New Yorker currently is ranked at the No. 4 contender while Cockell is ranked sixth.

Abbies Sisters Hockey Meeting

A meeting of the Abwegweit Sisters to discuss the organization of a hockey team will be held in the offices of the Workmen's Compensation Board on Euston Street this evening at 7:45.

Pitcher Dickson's Son Disgusted

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., (AP) — Pitcher Murry Dickson's 14-year-old son, Stevie, is "disgusted." After hearing that Pittsburgh Pirates had traded his daddy to Philadelphia Phillies, Stevie appeared at the home of a playmate and said: "I'm for the Pirates. I've always been for the Pirates. Daddy's for the Pirates. And then some fellows called up and said he had been sold to the Phillies. "I'm really disgusted."

Summary 1st period 1. Crapaud, W. MacLean (S. Ferguson) 2. Crapaud, W. Gardiner (O. Gardiner) 3. New Haven, Williams (MacDougall, Toole) Penalty — H. Ferguson.

2nd period 4. Crapaud, Dickey 5. New Haven, McInnis (Chandler) Penalty — MacLean.

3rd period 6. New Haven, McInnis (Chandler) 7. New Haven, E. MacDougall Penalty — Dickey. Referees — B. McCully, B. Dawson.

FORUM DATES JAN. 12 TO 16

THURSDAY—General Skating 8 to 10

FRIDAY—Children's Skating 4 to 5:34 HOCKEY—GLACE BAY 8:30

SATURDAY—General Skating 3 to 5 Country & City Skating 8 to 10

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