

Campbellton Foe Is Rugged One

PEMBROKE, Ont. (CP) — The team that Campbellton, N.B., meets here tonight in Eastern Canada Memorial Cup quarter-finals has been something of an overnight sensation.

Coached by a monk, the Pembroke Little Lumber Kings swept through Ottawa District Hockey Association junior playoffs after winding up in third place in the Junior Interprovincial Hockey League.

The club couldn't draw enough fans to pay for equipment in the regular season but has been packing them in for the playoffs and expects full houses for the best-of-three series against Campbellton Tigers.

Behind the success is the driving energy of Brother Paul, a member of the Order of Christian Brothers and principal of St. Columba's Roman Catholic boys' high school here.

Both the Little Kings and the JHL are in their first season of operation. The Pembroke squad was slow getting started but knocked off league-leading Ottawa four games to two in semi-finals. They discarded Hull, Que., in just five games in league

finals and won the district championship by overpowering a Hull high school team in two straight games.

Goalie Artie Hoffman is considered the key to the coming series. If Hoffman is hot the checking Kings will be tough to beat.

Team captain Tom Lesnick is the main scoring threat. He led the club in goals during the regular season and picked up an additional 12 in 11 playoff games.

Butch Drum and Arnie Plummer team with Lesnick to form a high-scoring first line. Big Barry Wagner centres smooth-skating Orv Kranz and diminutive Brian Mohan on the second line.

Fifteen-year-old Mike Fitzpatrick, who has had three NHL offers, pivots Ken Christink and Keith Mathias on the third unit.

Pat Brophy, a smart two-way rearguard, leads the defensive corps. Brian Moore, a solid 185-pound defenceman, is the only replacement baby Kings have added for the series. He played for Ottawa before and was named the league's outstanding defenceman.

SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

The Summerside Aces lived up to their reputation for two things at Allison Gardens in Sackville Wednesday evening: (1) For being a terrific third period club, and (2) for winning playoff games by the margin of one goal. The Aces played ring around the Combines for about five minutes of the opening period, and then looked very bad for a period and three quarters. Their old bugbear, getting the puck out of their zone, haunted them again. The Sackville crew out-skated and out-manoeuvred them consistently. Then the red shirts caught fire in the final frame and looked like read champions again.

The goal tending was not up to the standard of the Island play-offs. Bailey, who is highly regarded over there, blew hot and cold. He made some tremendous saves, but the Williams' drifter trickle through his glove into the net, and he was almost a statue when Benny Grady's quick back-hand won the ball game. Mann also made some good saves but his clearing left something to be desired on two occasions.

In the second period a puck ragging display by Roger Leger stole the show which was put on largely by the Combines in spite of a 11-10 adverse count on them in the matter of shots on the net. With a mate in the

penalty box, Leger got possession of the puck and did everything but eat it. The Aces tagged after him like chickens after a mother hen, but couldn't dispossess him of the wafer for a surprisingly long time. Ragging is pretty much going out of style as there seems to be safer ways of killing off a penalty, but with Leger's gift, ragging is still sound procedure.

One thing the Sackville crew did prove Wednesday night was that they are a long way from being pushovers. With Paul Schurman out for the season, and J. MacKinnon and Polley not playing Wednesday night, they threw a bad scare into the Aces who were lucky to win. Perhaps "lucky" is not quite fair to the Aces, for their tremendous drive in the latter part of the game was a big factor and this "never say die" spirit is a characteristic of this year's Aces. In any case, it was a nip and tuck affair.

Vance Harris who was ill and could not play at Sackville is expected to be in uniform tonight when the teams line-up for their second tussle. The Howatt Gallant twosome missed Harris a lot. Polley will probably be playing with Sackville, so the two teams will be strengthened about the same degree. This should insure another spine-tling contest and a large crowd is expected at Civic Stadium to view it.

HUNTER'S CORNER

'Coon, Skunk, Raven Termed Worse Menaces Than Foxes

Brer Fox made the headlines in our local press this week when the Central Farmer's Institute passed a resolution to request the Legislature now in session that the present bounty on foxes of \$3 be raised to no less than \$5 so that hunters will have more incentive to lower the numbers of this menace. That word "menace" in connection with the red fox hits an off note in this columnist's scale. It is my firm belief that Brer Fox is not the menace that the raccoon, skunk, crow and raven are. On the other hand the fox is a natural mouser and every one is good for over 1,000 field mice a year. A fox has been observed to catch and eat over 30 mice from a single meadow in an hour.

This last two years the price of red fox pelts have been on the up and on recent fur sales fetched as high as \$5. per pelt. The average price was better than \$2. For years it was impossible to give them away. Furriers did not want them at any price even at 25 and 50 cents. A fox hunter if he takes the trouble to skin and flesh the pelts he takes will average at least \$5 for every fox he shoots or traps. Some do not bother but after skinning off the face mask and ears often leave \$5 worth of pelt lying on the ground to rot. The majority of fox hunters who hunt with hounds hunt for the sport and the thrill they get from listening to the music of the hounds.

SOME OF LOSS

Some have admitted that after hunting a specific fox, an old and running character, for the best part of a winter before he fell to their gun, they experienced a sense of loss when it was all over.

Believe it or not there are country trappers who complain about hunters and their dogs running foxes in October before their pelts are prime. A country trapper told me this winter that last spring a vixen reared a litter of five pups under an old haystack on their farm. The stack was on the border of an abandoned farm and the half-grown pups would sit and watch the tractor work as interested as young children. He told me the mother fed them almost entirely on mice as he examined their stool. He had plans of setting out traps around a back field manure pile when winter set in and picking up some

cash from their pelts and bounty but some hunters set hounds on them when they were young and green. They made the first trip during the last week of September and several more later. He found the carcasses of three they shot and figured they got more for them were scarce after that as he only managed to trap one all winter.

AT LOW POINT

It is this columnist's opinion that foxes are at their lowest point in numbers this winter going back for 20 or 25 years. I am speaking specifically of my old stamping ground in Queens County across the river and of the Peakes-Morell area in Kings. This sector was really the home of foxes in the old days. In some swamps they made trails in the snow like so many sheep. From personal observation and conversation with farmers I am of the opinion we haven't trapped or shot for them were present in their usual numbers last spring and appeared to be plentiful until early fall.

Some have expressed the opinion they have migrated elsewhere temporarily at least. I have an idea that nature has taken the fox situation in hand and that the distemper so prevalent this winter among dogs has spread to our foxes. A lot of top dogs died this winter in Charlottetown alone and the toll was heavy in outlying districts as well.

Something has definitely hit the foxes in the areas I know so well. During my woodland jaunts I haven't seen one fox track for every three or four I'd run across in other winters. Now don't get me wrong. There are still a good number of foxes on the rounds and the hunters with dogs are picking up quite a few. Reports from the bounty office indicates the number presented for bounty is approximately the same as last year. This does not mean so much as a hound will only chase one fox at a time and sometimes it takes the best part of a day to shoot this one. Sometimes they'll den soon after started by the hound and this habit appears to be getting more common with each passing season.

PREY ON PHEASANTS

True, the fox will snaffle a pheasant, duck or partridge if the opportunity arises and is not adverse to dining off a farmer's

City Midgets Grab Crown

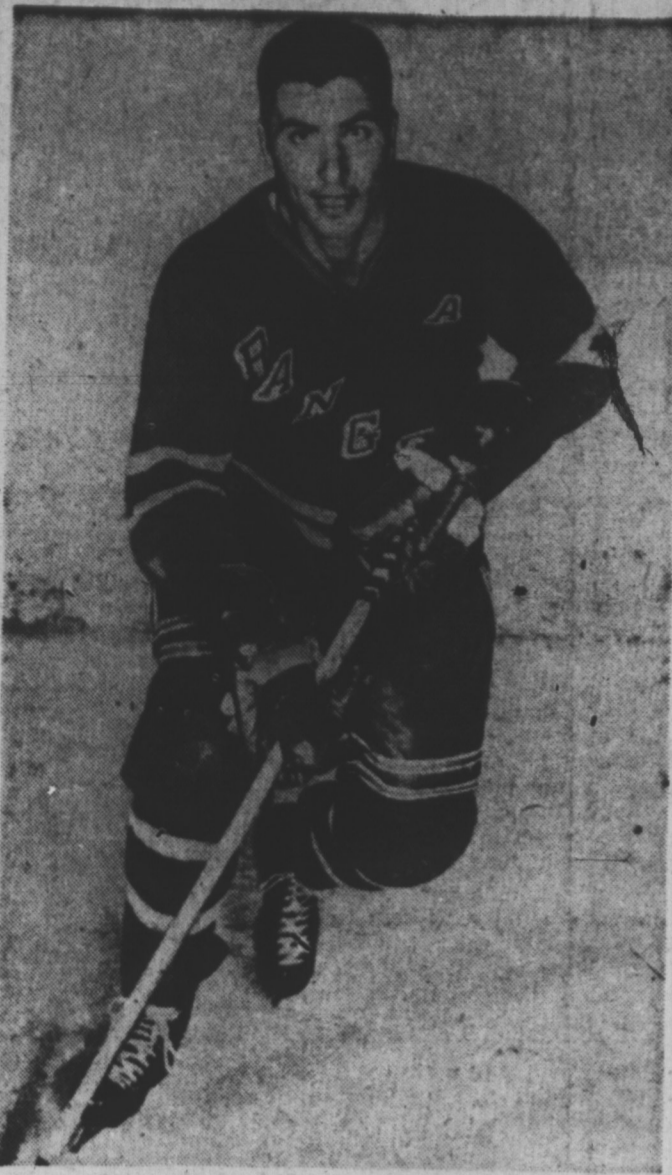
Charlottetown Midget Abbies went on a scoring spree last night at the Sports Arena and whitewashed Crapaud Midgets 20-1 in the second game of a home and home series for the Island Midget Crown and the Enman Drug Trophy, this evening the title by a total goal score of 35-5.

Billy MacMillan was the big gun for the Abbies with five goals, followed close behind by Lee and Whitlock, each with 4 markers. Other goals for the winners were fired by MacPhee 2, Lawlor 2, Pearson, Bigger and Ward.

The Crapaud goalie made a gallant stand but he was unable to cope with the situation as time and time again the Abbies peppered him with rubber. Crockett, Abbies netminder, on the other hand had a very easy night of it.

Lone goal for the Crapaud squad was fired by Green on an assist by Iman.

Referee George Nicholson and Walter Lawlor handed out eight minor penalties, with the Abbies picking up the major share, five.



ANDY IS HANDY

Yanks Lose To Soviet Juniors

MOSCOW (AP) — The United States national hockey team blew a two-goal lead Thursday night and lost 4-3 to a Soviet junior outfit.

It was the second Soviet victory over the American team of college stars that placed fourth in the world championships at Prague last week. The Russian juniors won 6-1 Wednesday night.

The Americans leave today for games in West Germany.

Andy Bathgate has proved to be a handy guy to have around as far as the New York Rangers are concerned. His inspired scoring has kept the faltering Blueshirts in contention for a playoff spot. Coach Phil Watson

will be banking his hopes on Bathgate when the Rangers face Detroit Saturday night in a game that could decide the fourth and final playoff position. Bathgate is third in the scoring race with 40 goals and 45 assists for an 85 point total.

Sackville, S' side Clash At Stadium

SUMMERSIDE — Hockey fans are advised to take advantage of the advance sale of tickets for the Sackville-Summerside match at Civic Stadium tonight.

Another very large crowd is expected and getting the tickets ahead of time will insure quick entry on arrival at the rink.

These two teams play a rugged brand of exciting hockey and seem very evenly matched.

Seeing this boy Roger Leger in action is one attractive feature, and Dick Vassnick is another very colorful performer. The Aces are determined to make it two straight tonight, but the combines will surely go down to defeat without a bitter struggle.

Leafs Whip Canadiens 6-3, Trail Rangers By One Point

MONTREAL (CP) — Toronto Maple Leafs made a big stride toward a National Hockey League playoff spot Thursday night, winning 6-3 over Montreal Canadiens who tossed in two rookie netminders in the absence of ailing Jacques Plante.

The Leafs' win put them only one point behind the fourth-place New York Rangers in the struggle to displace the Rangers and grab a playoff berth. Each team has two games left.

Dick Duff scored two goals in spearheading the Leafs' attack which sent five goals behind jittery Claude Pronovost before he was yanked after the second period and a 20-year-old junior took over.

Claude Cyr, who does the netminding for the Hull - Ottawa Junior Canadiens, was hustled into the Montreal nets. The youngster was a big improvement over Pronovost. He had no chance on the one goal that beat him.

Meanwhile the Leafs threw up such a stubborn defence in the

final period they stopped the National Hockey League champions cold from a scoring standpoint, with help from goalie Johnny Bower.

Phil Goyette, Ab McDonald and Marcel Bonin scored for Montreal. Dickie Moore, setting the NHL scoring pace, picked up one assist, running his total points to 93, six more than teammate Jean Beliveau and seven more than Andy Bathgate of New York Rangers.

Regular goalie Plante was sidelined because of a severe boil infection under his chin. Pronovost was called up from Montreal

Habs Try To Be 'Fair', But Cause Uproar In League

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Canadiens innocently enough announced Thursday they want to be fair, and immediately quite a flap blew up in the National Hockey League.

Canadiens announced that rookie goalie Claude Pronovost would take over for Jacques Plante in Thursday night's game against Toronto Maple Leafs because of a severe boil infection

under Plante's chin. The club's physician ruled out Plante, the league's low-average goalie on goals scored against him.

To be fair, said the club further, Plante will not play in the league win/loss game in New York Sunday against New York Rangers.

"That is the only decision made up to the present. Each game will be dealt with as it occurs. It is a club's responsibility to play its strongest possible team at all times; and that will apply in this situation the same as any other."

Manitoba Wins Legion Bonspiel

LLOYDMINSTER, Sask. (CP) — Manitoba captured the Canadian Legion curling championships Thursday afternoon by defeating Saskatchewan 14-5 and finishing the round-robin series unbeaten.

seventh, Prince Edward Island eighth and Quebec ninth.

In earlier play Thursday, British Columbia beat Saskatchewan 9-6, Alberta beat Quebec 10-7, Manitoba thumped Prince Edward Island 16-8 and Ontario beat New Brunswick 9-4.

STANDINGS

LLOYDMINSTER, Sask. (CP) — Final standings in the Canadian Legion curling championships:

Team	W	L
Manitoba	8	0
British Columbia	7	1
Saskatchewan	6	2
New Brunswick	4	4
Ontario	4	4
Alberta	3	5
Nova Scotia	2	6
Prince Edward Island	2	6
Quebec	0	8

PWC Students Celebrate Annual College Event

A full days of sports events that will be climaxed by a dance is on tap for Prince of Wales College today as the students celebrate their annual College Day.

Hockey games, curling and basketball games for both boys and girls have been scheduled with Kings College of Halifax furnishing the opposition in each case.

The sporting activities will commence at 3 p.m. with the Wetmen ice scotch facing Kings College at the Sports Arena in an exhibition title. At five o'clock

the scene will shift to the Charlottetown Curling Club where Prince of Wales curlers will engage the visitors in a match.

Basketball will hold the spotlight early in the evening with the girls team, recently crowned Island interscholastic champions, taking on Kings College girls at 6:30 and the boys will follow at 7:45. Both hoop games are slated for P.W.C. Auditorium.

A dance at which the visiting athletes will be guests will commence in the auditorium at 9 o'clock.

Events of the Week At SPORTS ARENA

FRIDAY— Interscholastic Hockey at 7:45

SATURDAY— Afternoon Skating 2:30 to 4:15

Royals of the Quebec Hockey League.

First period: 1. Montreal, Goyette (Turner) 12:04; 2. Toronto, Duff (Baun, Armstrong) 13:50; 3. Toronto, Olmstead 17:30. Penalties: Beliveau 1:33, :04, Horton 8:04, Brewer 8:45.

Second period: 4. Toronto, Pulford (Stewart, Horton) 3:25; 5. Toronto, Eixman (Harris, Baun) 5:07; 6. Montreal, McDonald (H. Richard, Backstrom) 7:21; 7. Montreal, Bonin (Moore, Johnson) 8:56; 8. Toronto, Duff (Regan, Brewer) 13:27. Penalty: Baun 2:47.

Third period: 9. Toronto, Armstrong (Baun, Regan) 9:15. Penalties: Olmstead, Bonin 0:50, Johnson 9:25.

Stops: Bower 13 9 7-29, Pronovost 12 5 6-23, Cyr 6-23

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