

Big "6" Executive Rules Four Teams In Playoffs; Morrow Fined, Suspended

HALIFAX, March 9—(CP)—The executive of the Maritime Major Hockey League met here today and confirmed that only four teams will be allowed in circuit playoffs.

The two bottom teams will be eliminated at the end of regular scheduled games. The executive also decided that the 10 games postponed by weather will be staged before playoffs.

Circuit Secretary Chris McAlden said the executive ruled that all remaining games—including the nine postponed fixtures—will be played not later than March 22.

Fifteen games will be played this week and 12 next week. Semifinals will be best-of-seven series between the first and fourth and second and third teams.

McAlden said present standings of the teams are: Saint John Beavers, 81 games played, 108 points, nine games to play; Halifax St. Mary's, 83 played, 84 points, seven to play; Charlottetown Islanders, 81 played, 83 points, nine to play; Glace Bay Miners, 81 played, 75 points, nine to play; Moncton Hawks, 80 played, 71 points, 10 to play; Sydney Millionaires, 80 played, 65 points, 10 to play.

Beavers are already assured of ending on top of the League at the end of the 90-game schedule even if they lose all remaining games.

A proposal to have all six teams enter the playoffs was placed before the meeting but was turned down when it found support from only two clubs—Sydney and Moncton.

Playoffs will begin March 24 at the home rinks of the first and second place teams.

Protest Withdrawn

At the five-hour meeting, delegates also heard Dr. F. C. Dougan of the Charlottetown Islanders withdraw his protest of a game that was awarded to Sydney Millionaires after a fracas between players of the Island Club and referee Gerry Mathieu.

Extended a vote of confidence to referee Larry Heffering who as one delegate said, "had improved over early season performance to the point where he was now the best referee in the league."

Approved by a 5-1 vote a request by St. Mary's that they be permitted to sponsor St. Mary's Junior "A" team and amended the motion so that all teams in the Big Six be permitted to sponsor teams of a lower category.

Deferred action on the claim of \$700 by the Vancouver Club of the Pacific Coast League against Sydney for players Ronnie Rowe and Frank Bathgate.

Voted down a request by the Charlottetown Club that all fines to date be rescinded wholly or in part and granted an extension of seven days for payment.

Subject to the decision of an executive of the Charlottetown Club, voted to pay to the two clubs finishing out of the playoffs the 10 cents per head tax normally paid to the visiting club in each game. This to apply only in the semi-finals.

The longest topic under discussion was the playoff question. A Moncton delegate moved that the League be terminated as of yesterday and that a round robin series, with each club meeting the other at home, be played. It was seconded by the Sydney representative who said that if a playoff series was still desired after that there would be sufficient time to play such a series.

The Charlottetown delegates were against it as well as Halifax, Saint John and Glace Bay.

The schedule will be played to the end—or at least until March 22. Any games remaining at that date will be wiped out. League semi-finals will get underway March 24 and continue to April 4. The finals, at the discretion of the two clubs involved, may be shortened to assure a winner by April 16 or 17.

In seconding the motion for a six team playoff, the Sydney delegate told the meeting that his club was \$25,000 in the red with no hope of getting any of it back unless they made the playoffs.

HALIFAX, March 9—(CP)—President J. Elliott Hudson of the Maritime Major Hockey League announced tonight he is fining Johnny Morrow of Halifax St. Mary's \$100 and suspending him for five games for injuring a referee.

Referee Lawrence Heffering was struck by the puck in a game here Thursday night between St. Mary's and Saint John Beavers. Morrow was immediately tagged with a match misconduct penalty. The referee's report said: "Just after calling an offside at the Halifax blue line I was waiting for the puck... when Morrow picked it up, skated back about 10 feet,

turned and shot it in an angry mood and hit me on the forehead, cutting it open. "At the time he did not express sorrow... I retired from the ice for a short time and returned after having received two stitches."

Morrow was automatically suspended and already has sat out two games. He will be idle when Halifax plays Charlottetown, Saint John and Moncton, March 10, 11 and 17 respectively.

The following telegram was sent to M.M.H.L. President J. Elliott Hudson at the Halifax meeting yesterday by Major T. B. Rogers, vice-president of the Maritime Major Hockey League: "Sorry I still can't attend meetings but Frank Elliott has done it again. Friday's game, according to all reports, was as bad as most. I wonder how Elliott's report explains how he faced-off the puck when team captain Trainor was talking to Frederick. I suppose you will explain Goodie's resignation. I wonder if it had anything to do with Hugh Campbell's attack on him. Of course he shook him but no suspension to Campbell. I am awaiting with interest to see what you will do with Morrow after committing a really serious offense against Heffering. Surely you can't do less than you did to Vitale."

14 Minor League Games Played Saturday Night

Fourteen minor league hockey games were played at the Forum Saturday night under the auspices of the Physical Fitness Department. Five of the games were in the paperweight bracket, five in the pee-wee class, three in the bantam group and one in the midgets.

Four of the games in the paperweight class resulted in shutouts. The Bluebirds blanked the Rangers 1-0 with W. Ward scoring the only goal. The Cubs scored a 4-0 win over the Ramblers as Billy MacMillan and David Rogers fired two goals each.

The Tigers ran up the highest paperweight score of the year by blanking the Red Wings 9-0. F. Gauthier fired five for the winners and Frizzell four. The Falcons downed the Bruins 4-0 on goals by D. Currie, B. Arnst, J. Stewart and D. Stewart.

In the fifth game the Springers defeated the Hawks 3-1. MacDougal, Dunford and Morris scored for the winners with Hyndman scoring for the Hawks.

There were also four shutouts in the pee-wee games. The Monarchs obtained a 1-0 win over the Spitfires on Jake Kennedy's goal. A. MacCallum scored the only goal as the Hornets downed the Bulldogs 2-0. The Rangers downed the Canadiens 2-0 with MacDonald and Weatherbie scoring.

The Bulldogs blanked the Tigers 3-0. MacLeod, MacNutt and Foster scored for the Bulldogs. In the fifth game the Royals defeated the Flyers 3-1, with MacDonald, Gregory and O'Brien scoring for the Royals and Buntain for the Flyers.

The bantam Flyers eked out a 3-2 win over the Canucks. Lee scored all three goals for the winners with MacLeod and Peake drawing an assist each. MacDougal scored both goals for the Canucks.

The Ramblers shutout the Bombers 5-0. Gallant scored three goals, Gregory and Coles one. In the third game the Hawks eked out a 2-1 win over the Eagles. Arsenault scored both goals for the Hawks and Dillon fired one for the Eagles.

The Hawks defeated the Bruins 2-1 in the only midget game. Simmonds assisted by Wood, and Wood assisted by Tweel and Simmonds scored for the winners. Cudmore assisted by MacCallum scored for the Bruins. Officials for the games were: J. Richard, J. Davis, A. Perry, F. Strain, B. MacCallum, J. Kane, Jr.

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As expected yesterday the club officials of the Maritime Major Hockey League voted to allow only four teams in the playoffs. It was not known last night how the vote went but judging from pre-meeting statements there were four teams in favor of the decision and two against. Those naturally wanting to allow all six teams in the post-schedule competition would be the Millionaires and Hawks. The fans and officials in the other four centres will undoubtedly be pleased with the action of the league in this regard.

As a result tonight's game with the Halifax Saints looms as one of the big contests of the schedule. The Islanders, after their showing last week coupled with the disastrous road trip of the Saints, are only one point behind the Halifax club and will have their chance tonight to regain second place. The local club has nine games left against seven for Halifax but three of these games are against the Saint John Beavers.

For many players in the M. M. H. L. this week will be remembered as the lean week. According to Elliott Hudson all fines are to be paid up by March 13 or otherwise the players will be ineligible for future play. The Islanders yesterday asked for a change of mind on this matter but were refused. As a result the local players will have to pay up \$490.00. Among the big payers in the league will be Phil Vitale and Johnny Morrow. Vitale, it was estimated owes around \$170 and Morrow a like amount.

Two other players who may receive a fine game suspension and the \$100 fine are Marcel Clements and Tom Rockey of the Hawks. According to reports Clements and Rockey went to work on referee Frank Elliott Saturday night and gave that official quite a beating. It seems that the league will have to take stricter measures than fines and short suspensions in order to insure protection for the referees. True the referees may make some glaring mistakes but they certainly aren't alone in this regard and the sooner the players realize the referee has the last word the better it's going to be for the game.

If the Hawks should lose Rockey and Clements and should Morrey Hamilton be sidelined for the remainder of the season with a shoulder injury their chances of making the playoffs are pretty dim. Rockey is the pick of their defencemen. In addition to being a good blocker he is a good offensive agent. Hamilton is the Hawks' highest scorer and best forward and Clements has been a power house of late. The Miners and Hawks meet on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week and the outcome of these games could well decide which team will take over fourth place.

The Hawks first line of Hamilton, George Scholes and Ronnie Rowe was quite impressive in the Moncton club's visit here Friday night. Johnny Horeck has made a slick working unit out of the three players. To us George Scholes has been one of the most improved players in the league along with Marcel Clements. Even if we don't see the Hawks again this season we know that the Horeckmen are capable of playing offensive hockey, a fact which was rather questionable until last Friday night.

Ray Frederick was again outstanding at Moncton in the eyes of those who select the best players of the contest. Frederick was named number one star for his goaltending, which it was stated won the game for the Islanders. The second star was Johnny Dutchak. Big Johnny scored his third goal of the season and was a standout on defense. "Buck" Whitlock, who has been long noted for his scoring ability, has been coming ahead by leaps and bounds in the play making department and his two assists Saturday night gives him a total of 46 for the season, the highest on the Islanders team.

The Islanders this week have a heavy schedule. They play four games at home. Tomorrow night they play the Millionaires and on

Plenty Of Fireworks As Islanders Clip Hawks In Penalty Ridden Contest

MONCTON, N. B., March 9—(CP)—Charlottetown Islanders squeezed to a 3-2 victory over Moncton Hawks in a bruising brawling Maritime Major Hockey League game here Saturday night, featured by a score of penalties, including four misconducts and two match misconducts.

A goal by Jim McKenzie early in the third period proved the winner in the action-packed game witnessed by the largest crowd to attend a M. M. H. L. game here in many weeks.

Hawks played 2-1-2 periods without three key players. Defence stalwart Tom Rockey and high scoring Marcel Clements were tagged with match misconducts following a flareup in which referee Frank Elliott was pushed into the penalty box. Morley Hamilton, Hawks' top point getter, left the game midway through the first period with a shoulder injury which may keep him sidelined several weeks.

Big Johnny Dutchak started Islanders off to victory in an unassisted goal on a long shot. Wall Pawlyshyn made it 2-0 for the Islanders seconds later during a scramble in front of the Moncton cage.

Started Fireworks

A minor penalty to Clements touched off a ruckus which delayed the game 20 minutes. Clements heatedly debated referee Elliott's ruling and was handed a misconduct. Rockey took up the argument and was promptly tagged with a similar sentence. He followed Elliott to the penalty box and Moncton players closed in on the pair. Elliott fell back through the penalty box door and fans surged around the box. When order was restored both Clements and Rockey were banished from the game.

Another flareup occurred when Elliott was coming onto the ice for the start of the second. He was accosted by a fan and another

scuffle broke out but was promptly halted by police. Hawks came back strong in the second period and tied the score on goals by Sandy Milne and Ronnie Rowe while holding Islanders scoreless.

McKenzie's goal early in the third period gave the Islanders a one goal margin which they held despite a desperate offensive by the Hawks. With two minutes to go, coach Johnny Horek yanked goalie Don Lockhart. The manœuvre almost backfired when Bob Gray beat Laurie May in a race for the puck only to shoot wide of the open net.

Charlottetown—Goal, Frederick; defence, Dutchak, Travis, McLagan; forwards, Gray, Trainor, Favero, Marshall, Whitlock, Pawlyshyn, McKenzie, Beaudry.

Moncton—Goal, Lockhart; defence, May, Milne, Olsen, Rocky, Wineaster; forwards, Hamilton, Scholes, Rowe, Marshall, Filion, Robinson, Burman, Kennedy, Clements.

Referees—Heffering and Elliott.

Leafs Trounce Wings As Canucks-Hawks Tie 4-4

TORONTO, March 9—(CP)—Toronto Maple Leafs, struggling to get back into second place with three weeks of the National Hockey League season left, walloped the mighty Detroit Red Wings 6-3 Saturday night before 14,060 fans.

The victory lifted Leafs to within a single point of the second-place Montreal Canadiens, who eked out a 4-4 tie with the Chicago Black Hawks the same night.

Tonight the battle for the runner-up position behind the leading Red Wings continued. The Leafs met the Wings in Detroit while Canadiens took on the Rangers in New York.

Both Canadian clubs covet the second position for the final playoffs. To land in the third spot means meeting the powerful Detroit club in the first round of the Stanley Cup show.

SUMMARY

First Period

1-Toronto, Gardner (Bolvin, Meeker) 8:15

2-Detroit, Abel (Lindsay) 12:37

Penalties—Bolton :38, Kennedy 13:10, Pavlich 16:22, Armstrong 20:00, Skov 13:10 and 20:00.

Second Period

3-Detroit, Howe (Kelly) 2:19

4-Toronto, Kennedy (Sloan) 3:43

5-Toronto, Sloan (Kennedy) 10:03

Penalties—Thomson 1:18, Bolton 7:08, Zeidel 13:20, Gardner 13:20.

Third Period

6-Toronto, Timgren (Bentley) 10:39

7-Toronto, Bentley (Armstrong) 10:58

8-Detroit, Ziedel 14:44

9-Toronto, Bolton (Watson) 18:42

Penalties—Meeker 10:17, Lindsay 10:17.

PLAY FOUR ALL TIE

MONTEAL, March 9—(CP)—Montreal Canadiens wiped out a three-goal deficit Saturday night.

Wednesday night it's the Beavers. Thursday night they journey to Saint John for a game and Friday night the two teams return here. They wind up the week with a tie to save expenses. The Islanders and Beavers could possibly play here on Wednesday and Thursday nights and play in Saint John on Friday.

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Canadiens Tighten Second Place Grip

NEW YORK, March 9—(CP)—Montreal Canadiens tightened their hold on second place in the National Hockey League tonight, shutting out New York Rangers 2-0 on goals by Dick Gamble and Bert Olmstead while Toronto lost to Detroit.

The loss dropped the Rangers into a fourth-place tie with Boston Bruins, who defeated Chicago 4-2.

It was only the second time this season that the Rangers have been blanked, and both times goalie Gerry McNeil turned the trick. He made 24 stops in all, compared to 19 for Francis.

SUMMARY

First Period

Scoring: None.

Penalties: Harvey 0:37, McPherson 12:58, Stewart 17:00.

Second Period

1-Montreal, Gamble (Geoffrion) 18:22

Penalties: Hergesheimer 7:31, Olmstead 7:31, MacPherson 14:12.

Third Period

2-Montreal, Olmstead (Lach) 19:38

Penalties: Johnson 0:30, Meger 4:42, Kullman 4:42.

BOSTON 4, CHICAGO 2

BOSTON, March 9—(CP)—Boston Bruins moved into a fourth-place tie with New York Rangers in their battle for the final playoff spot in the National Hockey League by defeating the last-place Chicago Black Hawks 4-2 tonight. The Rangers lost to Montreal in New York.

Veteran Woody Dumart with a goal and assist and winger Fleming Mackell with a pair of assists were the big guns in the Boston victory before 5,289 fans. Gus Bodnar scored both Black Hawks goals in the second period.

SUMMARY

First Period

1-Boston, Sandford (Dumart) 10:46

2-Boston, Creighton (Mackell, Sandford) 11:34

3-Boston, Kryzanowski (Sullivan, Schmidt) 14:08

Penalties: Chevrefils 1:40, Raglan 13:35, Peters 18:14.

Second Period

4-Boston, Dumart (Mackell) 6:36

5-Chicago, Bodnar (Gee, Raglan) 7:34

6-Chicago, Bodnar (Mosenko, Gee) 9:14

Penalties: None.

Third Period

Scoring: None.

Penalty: Hergesheimer 1:19.

DETROIT 6, TORONTO 1

DETROIT, March 9—(AP)—Polishing up against the team which they may meet in the first playoff round, Detroit Red Wings smashed home four goals in the first period and defeated Toronto Maple Leafs 6-1 in a National Hockey League game before a crowd of 15,626 here tonight.

Defeat was costly to the Leafs, shoving them three points back of second-place Montreal, which won in New York 2-0.

SUMMARY

First Period

1-Detroit, Brown (Goldham, Delvecchio) 3:30

2-Detroit, Prystal (Howe) 7:15

3-Toronto, Sloan (Smith) 9:44

4-Detroit, Abel (Howe, Arnovost) 12:51

5-Detroit, Kelly (Wilson) 17:43

Penalties: Skov :04, Leawick :06, Bolton 3:22, Meeker, major, 3:22, Lindsay, major, 3:22, Gardner 6:38, Pavlich 7:58, Meeker 11:37, Howe 19:50, Kennedy 19:50.

Second Period

6-Detroit, Delvecchio (Prystal, Goldham) 18:29

Penalties: Wilson 4:30, Howe 8:24, Pavlich 14:10, Armstrong 14:10, Kennedy 20:00.

Third Period

7-Detroit, Howe (Goldham) 14:03

Penalties: Sawchuk 2:27, Armstrong 5:34, Wilson 5:37, Howe 11:57, Juzda 14:56, Delvecchio 15:47.

Stops: Lumley 9 9 12-30

McNeil 6 4 4-14

Prince Street Girls Win

The Prince Street girls defeated the Parkdale Girls 1-0 in a hockey game played at the Forum Saturday morning. Carvers scored the winning goal in the second period with Shepherd setting up the play. Shepherd, Gregory, Wran, Gallant and Soper all drew penalties during the contest.

Carver Scores Two

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., March 9—(CP)—Halifax Junior St. Mary's trounced Northside Franklins 9-1 here Saturday to win the Maritime Junior "A" championship before 2,348 fans—the largest crowd to see a junior game this season.

St. Mary's now tangle with Trenton Scotias for the Maritime junior crown.

Orin Carver of Charlottetown scored two goals and assisted on one more for the Saints.

First Place Beavers Down Lowly Mills 6-2

SAINT JOHN, N. B., March 9—(CP)—Saint John Beavers, who have clinched first place in the Maritime Major Hockey League, trounced Sydney Millionaires 6-2 Saturday night and left the Money Men still floundering in the cellar.

Crowe Hewey, who has played with the Saint John Beavers, who this season and also in the local industrial league, shot three goals for Beavers and assisted another. In his last eight games he has pulled the hat trick seven times. Beavers also used another industrial leaguer, Eddie Perkins.

Jack Meldrum, Johnny Arundel and Johnny Ubrico scored the other Saint John tallies.

The visitors' first and last shots on Hal Gordon netted their two goals. Frank Bathgate fired the first at the start of the game and helped Ron Rohmer late in the third.

While Millionaires kept trying, Beavers rarely opened up but confined themselves largely to pokechecking tactics.

Harvey MacDonald, a junior, was in the Sydney line-up.

Line-ups: Sydney: Goal, Hicks; defence, Levandoski, Dinning, Matthews; forwards, Gallagher, Roach, Hill, debrand, Robertson, Bathgate, Birukow, Pirle, Rohmer, MacDonaid.

Saint John: Goal, Gordon; defence, Lee, Arundel, Mesich, Perkins, O'Flaherty; forwards, Ubrico, Meldrum, Hewey, Hurst, Nicolle, McCracken, Mulligan, Buchanan, Langlelle.

SUMMARY

First Period

1-Sydney, Bathgate (Robertson, Levandoski) 2:22

2-Saint John, Meldrum (Ubrico, Hewey) 7:14

3-Saint John, Hewey (Ubrico, O'Flaherty) 15:17

4-Saint John, Arundel (Meldrum, O'Flaherty) 19:14

Penalties: Mesich 9:30, Levandoski 10:12, Arundel 10:42, Robertson 11:24.

Second Period

Scoring: None.

Penalty: Mesich.

Third Period

5-Saint John, Hewey (Ubrico, Meldrum) 3:49

6-Saint John, Hewey (Ubrico, Meldrum) 4:13

7-Saint John, Ubrico (Meldrum, O'Flaherty) 18:13

8-Sydney, Rohmer (Bathgate) 18:22

Penalties: Mesich (major) 17:17, Roach (major) 17:17.

Stops: Hicks 10 10 17-37

Gordon 7 7 8-21

Chorley Gives Miners 4-3 Win Over Saints

GLACE BAY, N.S., March 9—(CP)—Elliott Chorley pumped home two goals to lead Glace Bay Miners in a 4-3 victory over Halifax St. Mary's Saturday night in a Maritime Major Hockey League game.

It was the second consecutive defeat for the Halifaxians—second place team in the circuit standings—who lost to Sydney Millionaires Friday.

Jimmy Strachan, Saint goaltender, had a busy night stopping 30 shots, while Bob Arnel had a comparatively easy time, turning aside 13 drives.

Bob Bowness opened the scoring for Halifax when the first period was less than three minutes old and his goal was matched by Glace Bay's Len Haley.

The teams again split goals in the second—Freddie Weaver scoring for Halifax before Chorley tallied his first marker.

Chorley repeated at 3:29 of the third and Bob Leger scored the winning goal two minutes later, with assists from Haley and Pete Wywrot.

Ralph Hosking, Halifax's latest import, countered within a matter of seconds but St. Mary's were unable to make their attack click during the rest of the game.

Line-ups: Halifax: Goal, Strachan; defence, Drainville, Hosking, Weaver, Bloom; forwards, Watson, Bowness, Campbell, Thompson, Warwick, Ford, MacArthur.

Glace Bay: Goal, Arnel; defence, Bloomer, Myketyln, McBride, Cooper; forwards, Wywrot, Leger, Haley, Polle, Chorley, Anderson, Dalgleish, Amadio, Delmonte.

Officials: Mill, MacIntyre.

SUMMARY

First Period

1-Halifax, Bowness (Watson) 2:27

2-Glace Bay, Haley (Bloomer, Wywrot) 13:23

Penalties: Campbell 6:44, 9:41, Cooper 14:43, Myketyln 19:40.

Second Period

3-Halifax, Weaver (Warwick, Thompson) 1:37

4-Glace Bay, Chorley (McBride, Polle) 8:36

Penalties: Bloom 5:36, Bloomer 10:49, Drainville 10:49, Ford 15:38.

Third Period

5-Glace Bay, Chorley (McBride) 3:29

6-Glace Bay, Leger (Haley, Wywrot) 5:10

7-Halifax, Hosking (Watson) 5:55

Stops: Strachan 14 13 11-38

Arnel 5 3 7-15

N.H.L. Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Detroit	40	13	1	186
Montreal	30	23	9	153
Toronto	27	21	16	154
New York	21	30	13	163
Boston	20	28	15	140
Chicago	15	40	8	142

Bill Leonard On St. F. X. Team

Billy Leonard of Charlottetown played with the powerful St. F. X. hockey team last week when the Xaverians won the Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey Championship by defeating U. N. B. 10-1 and 11-4 in the best of three series.

Bill played left wing on the second line and picked up an assist in the second game. This is the young Charlottetown player's first year at the Nova Scotia University.

Leonard was well known in both hockey and baseball circles here. He played hockey with both Queen Square and Prince of Wales College team and also with the Juniorables last year when that team won the Maritime Junior B title.

Bill is the son of Mrs. Winifred Leonard, Queen Square.

Fines Stand Says League

An unsuccessful attempt was made at the Halifax meeting yesterday by Islanders Club President Dr. F. C. Dougan and coach Leo Lamoureux to have the League rescind the fines that it has levied upon players during the season. It was learned here.

As a result the Islanders will have to pay a total of \$490.00. Last night a group of fans called this office to suggest that the players be assisted in paying the fines. It was rough going, they felt, as the players to pay out so much money at one time and at such a critical period.

They recognized, they stated, that the players had worked hard all season and they were willing to aid the players in defraying the expenses. They stated that the Forum would take a collection at the Forum tonight so that anyone else who wished to help the players could do so. The collection, it was stressed, would be on a purely voluntary basis.

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