

SPORTS FRONT

Bruins Show Signs Of Strength

By CHRIS ANNETT

On Thursday night the league went boom. The team to do it, the Best Bruins. They finally made it to the top of the non-contenders spot.

Loyal Boston Bruin fans are probably very busy clipping out the latest NHL standings and with good reason it has been six long years since the Beantowners have climbed to the elevated position of fifth place. They have done it the hard way so far this year as they have three big wins over the Chicago Black Hawks, a couple over the Habs including that 2-0 gem Thursday and wins over Toronto.

They are not going to be able to sit back and enjoy their new found spot atop the non-contenders though for tonight they meet none other than the same New York Rangers from whom they took fifth spot. This is a real four pointer for the Bruins and should they win it they will be off.

More than any team in the league Boston has been hampered by injuries this season but at the same time they have shown the most improvement. They went on that four game winning streak a while back and only to have it snuffed by a knee injury to their star defenceman Ted Green. They have picked up several good steady players in recent trades, including Pit Martin, who exploded for four goals a couple of weeks ago. Bob Dillabough and John MacKenzie, Marotte has bolstered their blue line corps and they have been getting better goaltending this season from Parent and Johnston.

The Bruins took their 13th win of the season off the Habs and apparently the 13 did not scare them at all. John Bucyk polished off a two on one play at the three quarter mark of the first period and Dillabough netted the Bruins second marker at the 13 minute mark of the third. Ed Johnston had an easier night than usual with only 20 shots but he came up with some glittering saves to preserve his shutout. However Worsley was almost as brilliant in the other end of the rink.

The Bruins met Toronto Sunday night and it will be interesting to see if they can come out of the weekend with their lead intact.

The Habs on the other hand missed a golden opportunity to get back two of their points (they now have one game in hand) on the Wings and Rangers and they have a crucial weekend in front of them. They have to meet Chicago tonight in Montreal and then move on to Detroit Sunday night. A pleasant chore to say the least. However they have a pro and a con going for them. They have managed to contain the Tribe with some degree of consistency in Montreal and along with this the Hawks are limping badly. Bob Hull will be playing with an injured hand (he tapped Bergman a bit in last Wednesday's game) and Pierre Plante is still sitting on the sidelines.

However the game against Detroit is another story all together for they have not managed to take a win out of Detroit Olympia for the past two seasons. Granted the Wings are limping with the loss against Barkey but they still can hold their own. Witness their 6-2 win over New York. They play the Leafs Saturday night and one can only hope that this game takes so much out of them that they do not show to best effects on Sunday.

RAMBLINGS . . .

SDU meets the UNB RED DEVILS this afternoon and this will quite likely be the match that will decide second place in the MARITIME INTERCOLLEGIATE HOCKEY LEAGUE for this year. . . The Red and White have been playing good hockey since Christmas and paced by the tremendous efforts of MAURICE ROY have dropped only two games. . . BILLY MACMILLAN got a goal in the game against the WINNIPEG OLD TIMERS Saturday night and he has been making strides in the eyes of the NATIONAL team coach, JACKIE MACLEOD. MacMillan is now playing on the power play. . . GEORGE MACMILLAN and ALAN ANDREWS, both of puck fame on the Island will be in UNB uniforms this afternoon. . . Congratulations to the SDU who handed the PWC Welshmen an impressive 5-2 defeat in Junior Hockey League action. . . The teams both have two games left, one against the Borden 5-2 and one against the PVI. . . The team with the most goals in regular season play will win the league title at the present time the Welshmen hold a 15 goal lead.

SDU Pucksters Host Red Devils

St. Dunstan's University Saints host Peter Kelly's U.N.B. Red Devils tonight at the SDU rink in a game which could decide who finishes in second place in the M.H.L.L. standings. With St. Francis currently riding on a crest of nine consecutive victories, only a complete collapse can bar them from going all the way. However, there is a three team scramble for the second spot, and tonight's game could be the decisive factor in the final outcome. At present, exclusive of last night's game at Antigonish where St. Francis hosted St. Thomas, Mount Allison is in second place with eight wins and three losses, good for 1 1/2 points. This is two more than third place St. Dunstan's, who has a game in hand. U.N.B. trails in fourth spot with five wins, three losses, and a tie.

STANDINGS

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, F, Pts. Rows include St. F. X., Mt. Allison, St. Dunstan's, UNB, St. Thomas, Acadia, U of Moncton, Dalhousie.

CURLING DRAW

AT ALBERTON Mixed curling schedule at the Alberton Curling Rink tonight: 7.30 Everett Shea, Beth Quigley, Raigh Calbeck, Paula Wilson vs Ed Turner, Verma Calbeck, Hubert Campbell, Bev MacAusland. 9.00 John Greer, Isabel McKinnon, Mont Hutt, Helen Marie McCue vs Keir Ramsay, Libby Greer, James MacNeill, Alice Faye Barrett.

AT MONTAGUE

7.00 p.m. Ice 1 - A. Sullivan, K. Hughes, L. Munroe, A. Bears vs L. Johnstone, P. Sullivan, A. MacLeod, O. Hennigar. Ice 2 - A. Robertson, M. Nicholson, L. Nicholson, L. MacDonald vs G. Nicholson, D. O'Connor, K. MacKenzie, L. MacLeod.

9.00 Ice 1 - P. McIntyre, C. Stewart, N. Thompson, H. Robbins vs H. Moar, B. Smith, L. Furness, B. MacKinnon. Ice 2 - E. Shaw, P. Johnstone, C. MacKinnon, B. McNeill vs J. MacNeill, L. Sinclair, H. Robbins, E. Moar.

AT SOURIS

SOURIS - Following is the draw for games at the Souris Curling Club today: 7.45 p.m. Ice 1 - Souris vs Montague. Ice 2 - R. Gallant, N. Richard, Elmer MacDonald, J. MacLellan vs A. Griffin, D. Young, M. Birt, I. Kasser. 9-11 p.m. Ice 1 - A. Mallard, N. Jenkins, Dr. Kasser, L. Solomon vs D. LaBrecht, F. MacPhee, R. Landie, S. Dickson. Ice 2 - L. Lindsay, N. Dickson, W. Dingwell, N. Paquet vs W. Coffin, T. Mallard, C. Deland, L. Marold.



WHAT'S A MAN TO DO?

Roger Ward, two-time winner of the Indianapolis 500 car race, ponders how to operate a snowmobile without snow. Lack of the white stuff forced postponement of World Snowmobile Championships, which had been scheduled for this weekend at Barrie, Ont., as part of a winter carnival. Ward was to have been grand marshal of the race and he had planned to race himself in the amateur division. Festival officials have hopefully rescheduled the race for next weekend. Ward said he hopes to be back from his Indianapolis, Ind., home for the event if it comes off. (CP Wirephoto)

International Skiers Converge For Big Meet

By JOHN SHORT BANFF, Alta. (CP) - Some of the world's top skiers compete this weekend in an international meet calculated to convince European officials Canada is qualified to conduct the 1972 Winter Olympics. Representatives of 10 countries will participate in men's and women's slalom and giant slalom events today and Sunday. Officials of the International Ski Federation, ruling body of world skiing, will be on hand for the first competition staged in Canada under federation sanction.

HUNTER'S CORNER

Federal Wildlife Meeting Came And Went Unnoticed

The Federal-Provincial Wildlife Conference held recently at the Charlottetown Hotel is over-ended as quietly and unobtrusively as it began. As one local character remarked: "There must be a touch of Arab in those boys . . . they pitched their tent and stole away so quietly". They were here and gone before this columnist knew it. Maybe they were smart at that . . . in an open meeting they would have had a lot of questions to answer. The writer of the news item in the press had this comment: "In a talk with Dr. Munroe he said it was hoped that the breeding productivity of the black ducks and similar birds could be increased on the Island. He pointed out that there were many estuaries here and if they could be developed properly would be suitable for those species of birds".

County Ice Sports Postponed

Both Kings and Prince counties announced last evening that due to the sloppy weather conditions they were going to have to postpone their respective county ice sports. The county meets were slated to have been held in Murray Harbour and Tignish. The meet in Prince was rescheduled for Tuesday while the meet in Kings has been planned for Monday.

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY FORUM

MONDAY, FEB. 14th. - 8.30 P.M. Morell Meteors vs. Charlottetown Hawks. Students 35c Adults 60c

All Clubs Are Hurting Going Into Weekend Tilts

By DOUG DULMAGE Canadian Press Staff Writer Loud soba from National Hockey League fans were heard on both coasts of North America Thursday night. Vancouver fans cried "foul" at being left out of the NHL's expansion program. New York's fans just cried as they ever - rebuilding Rangers fell to the league's rock bottom. That's just a point below Boston Bruins. But the coastal fans aren't the only ones crying. Everybody's got problems. Chicago Black Hawks, tied for the league lead with Detroit Red Wings, are expected to play Bobby Hull, despite an injured right hand. Hull's hand was still swollen from punching Detroit's Gary Bergman Wednesday night, but he is expected to play. Detroit is missing Doug Barley, the All-Star defenceman out with an eye injury. BOWEN STILL OUT Toronto Maple Leafs have defenceman Marcel Pronovost on the sidelines with an injury, and defenceman Bob Baum is a doubtful starter. Goalie Johnny Bower still is nursing a groin injury. Montreal Canadiens are recovering from a 2-0 shutout by Boston, and that could be worse than an injury problem.

ROYALS WHIP HALIFAX

AMHERST (CP) - Charlottetown Royals scored three goals within 38 seconds in the third period to defeat Halifax Junior Canadiens 7-5 in exhibition hockey here Friday. The Canadiens led 1-0 at the end of the first period and 4-3 at the end of the second. But Alan Gillis tied the game at the 1:09 mark of the third period and goals by Alfie Flanagan at 1:34 and Mike McKinnon at 1:47 put Charlottetown ahead to stay. Flanagan scored twice for Charlottetown and Mike Hornby had two for Halifax. Other Charlottetown scorers were: Stan Pearson, Dick Carroll and Dave Lawlor. Brian O'Byrne, John Cruickshank and Fraser Rice had singles for Halifax.

Motormen Capture PCHL Playoff Opener

SUMMERSIDE - The Pope Motor Aces licked the RCAF Eagles 8-3 at Civic Stadium here last night in the first game of their semi-final Prince County Hockey League playoff. The Dave MacLeod-Willie Gallant-Greg Deighan line was fantastic throughout the night, totaling seventeen points between them, with Dave MacLeod being given the star player award for his four goals and three assists. His line-mate Greg Deighan had a goal and five assists, while Willie Gallant had a pair of goals and assists. The Eagles' Larry Boone began the scoring at 15:28 of the first period, but the Aces took over on three quick goals by the Aces red-hot line, Deighan at 18:24, Gallant at 19:02 and MacLeod at 19:43, the two line-mates getting assists in each goal. Lloyd Shepherd scored the only Ace goal not garnered by the MacLeod-Gallant-Deighan trio.

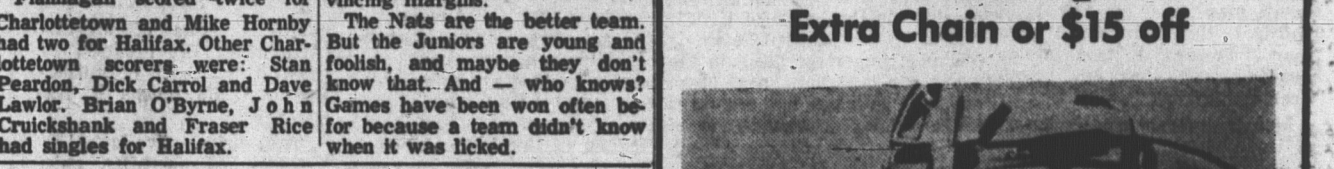
REC. CENTER DUMPS PWC

The heretofore highly flying PWC girls basketball team, sporting an 8-0 record going into a game last night against the Rec. Center team, found out that life is not all roses as they ended up on the short end of a 33-24 decision. Fred Ripley's Rec. Center took the lead at the first of the game and never relinquished it. Scoring for the winners were Mary MacLeod with 12, Judy Murphy 4, Gail Johnston 7 and Woodridge 3. Heather MacLean was high scorer in the game with 13 in a losing cause and Pat Jay had six. Anne Kelly hit for 5 points.

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