

Major Leagues Reject Plan To Cut Night Ball

NEW YORK, (AP)—The major leagues Monday rejected a plan to cut night ball to 14 games a year and awarded the 1954 all-star game to Cleveland July 13.

The American League took another step toward its plan of expanding to a 10-club league by naming a three-man committee to study the possibilities of new major league territory.

The league amended its constitution last Sept. 29 to provide for 10 clubs "in the event it should be desirable to expand to the Pacific coast."

Frank Lane, general manager of Chicago White Sox and a member of the major-league realignment committee, was named to the group with George Medinger, Cleveland vice-president, and Calvin Griffith, Washington vice-president.

Release of the official big league attendance figures for 1953 pointed up the importance of realignment. If Milwaukee hadn't set a National League record of 1,826,397 on its

first year, the majors would have suffered a stunning box-office loss. As it was they were able to hold the drop to about 1.7 per cent with a total paid attendance of 14,385,797 only 249,247 less than in 1952.

Only three clubs, all in the National, showed an increase. Every club in the American League drew fewer fans than in 1952.

Detroit's proposal to limit clubs to 14 night games each failed in both leagues. The National passed a resolution to allow each club five night games at home with each other club.

Chicago Cubs Sell Player

NEW YORK, (AP)—Chicago Cubs said Monday they have sold George Metkovich, 32-year-old outfielder, to Milwaukee Braves in a straight cash deal. The price was believed to be about \$10,000.

Metkovich hit .212 last year, playing 26 games for Pittsburgh and 61 for the Cubs. He came to Chicago with Ralph Kiner in a deal with Pittsburgh involving 10 players last June.

23rd Goal



Left winger Paul Saindon (above) scored his 23rd goal of the season last night as the Islanders lost 2-1 to the Millionaires.

Oxygen At Half-final Help For Soccer Players

By John Farrow

LONDON, (AP)—Some English soccer clubs think they have found the secret for winning ways—whiffs of oxygen for the players at half-time.

Wolverhampton Wanderers have used it for two months in home matches. They are undefeated in 18 games, and now lead the pack in division one of the English League.

West Bromwich Albion players, who led the first division from Sept. 2 until last Saturday, also take half-time whiffs.

Leicester City used oxygen tanks in its last three matches. The Leicesterians fired in four second-half goals against Brentford Saturday and scored second-half goals against Lincoln City in a match a couple of weeks ago.

Does it help? Is it fair?

Not illegal

Fred Howarth, Football League secretary, said Monday: "There is nothing illegal in the use of oxygen as an energy-booster."

Here are other views:

Stanley Gullis, Wolves' manager: "I think 50 per cent of the oxygen equipment's benefit is psychological. But it's useful when the atmosphere is heavy."

Vic Buckingham, West Brom manager: "While we claim no definite benefits, it certainly has given a general effect of improved

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General Skating 8 to 10

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The Never-Before-Told Story of the Army's Devil Drivers.

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Also short subject

LITTLE SPORT



There are few hockey players in the Maritime Major Hockey League who command more respect than the Islanders coach "Bucko" Trainor. In any visitors dressing room after a game with the Islanders the comments about Trainor, when his name is mentioned, are always favorable.

The first player we heard mentioning Trainor's name this year was former defenseman of the Sydney Millionaires, Claude Robert. Defelice started singing Trainor's praises the first night he played against the Islanders in the Charlottetown Forum.

Trainor gave a sterling example last night of why he has earned that well-merited respect of his opponents. He was taking his regular turn on the ice despite the fact that he was suffering sharp pain from injured chest and neck muscles. He wasn't as effective as usual, a fact which the Sydney defenseman noted, but he was still the man who was leading the Islanders attack when the chips were down.

In the last three minutes of play he led attack after attack against the Millionaires in an all-out effort to get the equalizing goal. Two or three times the Islanders held the puck in the Sydney zone but were unable to get a good shot on net. When the Millionaires took the puck down the ice it was Trainor who stood back and gathered in the disc to start another rush.

They were desperation all-out rushes by the master stickhandler against a team which was afraid to cross their blue line. As Duke MacDonald said in the Sydney dressing room after the game, "Trainor got to be stopped before he can cross your line and set up those plays." These days the Islanders' coaches were very sympathetic to the all-out effort that he has put into his job of coaching the Islanders this season.

No doubt Trainor's stickhandling has earned him much of the praise from his opponents. The respect and praise comes from the fact that we all respect Trainor as the gentlemanly hockey player who plays the game for all it is worth strictly according to the rules. They may even know that under no conditions, either on or off the ice would Trainor ever be little a hockey player.

It has become our conviction that Trainor would just as soon shoot the puck into his own net, as to be little an opposing hockey player or an athlete in any way. We first sensed this team loyalty and athletic respect of Trainor's when he played with the Islanders under other coaches. While a number of other players were second for guessing the work of Leo Lamoureux, Trainor's only remark was one of support. We know he went out of his way to give that support to his coach.

When it comes to speaking of loyalty to a team we will never forget the name of one of our hockey heroes, Johnny Detchak. At a meeting just as we were prepared to go to press we received a call from Detchak in Moncton. Only a few hours before the Islanders with eleven hockey players played the strong Saint John Beavers to a 2-2 draw in Saint John. That point was the only one the Islanders won in Saint John during the year.

That was the night Leo Lamoureux dressed and turned in a sensational performance despite the fact that he had not played much hockey for several seasons. Following the game the team motored to Moncton and arrived in the Hub City about three o'clock. Detchak's first act was to get on the telephone and describe in glowing terms the inspirational play of Lamoureux. He asked that special mention be made of Lamoureux's play and that under no condition should his name be used in connection with the story. It was an experience which will never leave our mind while we have the use of our faculties. They didn't come much better than Johnny Detchak.

GREAT BARRIER

The Great Barrier Reef of Australia is a formation of coral islands and reefs off the northeast coast.

NOTICE

GARRISON OFFICERS MESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9th

At 3000 Hours

A Good Attendance is Requested.

Millionaires Edge Islanders 2-1 In Close Checking Game At Forum

The Sydney Millionaires, with the help of two lend-lease players from Amherst, edged the Charlottetown Islanders 2-1 in a close checking MMHL game at the Forum last night.

Pete Laliberte and Rollie Savard, called up to the parent Millionaires from the Amherst club of the A.P.C. League, combined in the first period to score what proved to be the winning goal.

Laliberte flashed the red light with a partially screened 30 foot shot after being fed a pass by Savard. The former's shot whizzed past an Islanders defenseman and landed knee high in the corage on the left hand side. The goal was scored after seventeen minutes and thirty seconds of play.

The Islanders dressed a new forward in the person of Claude Robert who landed in the city from the Ottawa Senators yesterday afternoon. Robert played on a line with Bucko Trainor and Orin Carver. He turned in a good performance and during his first turn on ice had one of the Islanders best scoring opportunities.

Good scoring chances for the Islanders were few last night. The Sydney forwards skated like fiends and checked their men unmercifully. When the Islanders occasionally worked in close they were turned back by an agile Norman Defelice.

The Islanders scored their only goal when the Millionaires were short-handed. Paul Saindon finished off a three way passing play with Buck Whitlock and Orin Carver while Kubinec sat out a tripping penalty early in the second period.

Kubinec went to the sin bin at the 6:20 mark for tripping Bucko Trainor after the latter rushed into the Sydney zone on a dangerous looking attack.

A little over a minute later Saindon pushed the puck into the open net after Defelice was drawn out of position by Carver.

Lorne Pirie, the improving left winger for Sydney who is playing some of his best hockey in the Maritimes, opened the scoring. He picked up a loose puck in the Islanders zone and caught the defenders flat-footed to score on a 30 foot angle shot early in the opening period.

The Millionaires out shot the Islanders in the second frame and held on in the third as the Islanders forced the attack. However the Sydney forwards prevented the Islanders from getting organized in their own zone.

During the last five minutes, coach Bucko Trainor played his best hour out as he led attack after attack into the Millionaires territory. Trainor, playing with torn chest and neck muscles, was not in condition to play.

The Islanders defense checked furiously, especially in the second period. Gustavesson turned over

St. F. X. Wins From Stellarton

STELLARTON, N. S. (CP)—St. Francis Xavier University started off a last period rally Monday night to defeat Stellarton Royals 6-4 in an Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior Hockey League game.

The collegians, who scored twice in each period, were led by McSween, Blackmore, Flynn, McCusker, Mulholland and Cyr. Fahey, with two, paced the Royals and McDougall and Dorrington got singles.

Maripacs Defeat Bearcats 7-5

TRURO, (CP)—Led by Mark Babineau, Pictou Maripacs defeated Truro Bearcats 7-5 Monday night in a hard checking Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior Hockey League game.

Babineau scored three goals, and singles were tallied by Charlton, Sheppard, Fraser and Brown. Ron Feilding paced Truro with two goals, and Zimmerman, Mingo and Dale notched the others.

Rangers Recall Defenceman

NEW YORK, (CP)—New York Rangers Monday recalled Jack Evans, hard-hitting defenceman, from their Saskatoon farm of the Western Hockey League.

Injuries to two Ranger backliners, Ivan Irwin and Harry Howell, brought about the hurry-up call for Evans.

Great Game

Bill Matthew with a smashing hip check about the mid-way mark of the second frame and a little over a minute later knocked Kubinec over the boards.

The Whitlock, Saindon and Gray line had nearly all the Islanders good scoring chances. Defelice stopped a hard shot by Gray in the first period and came up with goal stops off Saindon and Gray in the third.

Bessette had a number of hard stops in the final period. He blocked Dunc MacIntyre on a breakaway after his Dunc raced down the boards and cut in for a clear chance on goal. Pirie and Savard also missed on good scoring opportunities.

Smooth skating George Robertson played standout hockey on the Sydney forward line. Robertson turned in a strong two way performance as he played between Pirie and Charlie Marshall.

The Sydney defense played sound hockey. The Islanders defense also played well and dealt out plenty of punishment.

The game was played on soft ice before a fair sized crowd of fans. The win moved the Millionaires within five points of the League leading Atlantics.

The first time this season the two-man officiating system was used. Bob Bedard and Art Perry handled the whistles.

Big Prize For Friday Night

The Boosters Club programme prize will be worth \$50.00 Friday night due to the fact that there was no winner during last night's game between Sydney and the Islanders.

The time of last night's first goal in the second period was 7:34. There were four men with 7:32 and these four drew for the \$50.00 Ed's Taxi prize which was won by P. Carroll of Glace Bay.

The taxi prize was given for the guess of two seconds below the correct time. The \$25.00 is not won unless the time is guessed right on the button.

Summary:

1—Sydney, Pirie	7:34
2—Sydney, Laliberte (Savard)	17:30
Penalty: Matthews, 10:37.	
3—Charlottetown, Saindon (Whitlock, Carver)	7:34
Penalties: Kubinec 6:20, Gustavesson 13:13	
Third Period	
No scoring.	
No penalties.	
Defelice	8 4 7—19
Bessette	6 11 7—14

Reach Semi-Finals In Curling 'Spiel

His Honor Lt.-Gov. T. W. L. Prowse skipped his rink to a 9-5 victory over the Frank Acorn Rink last night to advance to the semi-finals in the Lieutenant-Governor's Curling Boshpiel at the Charlottetown Curling Club.

The Wendell Worth skipped rink defeated Dr. Aldrich's rink 10-4; Johnny Squarebriggs rink, skipped last night by C. Bevan, defeated the F. Hansen rink 12-4 and Dr. Lem Prowse defeated A. M. Howatt 8-7 in other matches.

Tonight at seven o'clock the Lieutenant-Governor's rink will play the Johnny Squarebriggs rink on ice 3. The other ice surfaces will be open for the evening.

Ford Builds Scoring Lead

Billy Ford of Halifax scored seven goals and five assists last week to lengthen his lead in the Maritime Major Hockey League point scoring race.

Ford has 36 goals and 24 assists for a total of 60 points. Team-mate Pete Wywrot is in second place with 48 points followed by Paul Saindon of the Islanders and Doug MacPhee of Halifax with 47 points.

Following are the official figures for the top scorers:

Ford, H	G	A	Pts.
Wywrot, H	35	24	59
Saindon, C	32	15	47
McPhee, D	20	27	47
Whitlock, G	20	26	46
Gray, C	17	25	42
Brown, G.B.	23	20	43
Hollett, H	14	27	41
Bowness, H	18	16	36
Trainor, C	10	25	35

C.A.H.A. Rules Marcotte Property Of Citadelles

MONTREAL, (CP)—Officers of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association ruled Monday night that goalie Jacques Marcotte is the property of Quebec Citadelles.

In a statement to the press, Marcotte said he will not play with Citadelles and "shall take the necessary means to protect my rights."

Dispute over the 18-year-old goalie has been bitterly waged by Citadelles, whose property he was

Baseball Player Pension Dispute Flares Again

NEW YORK, (AP)—The baseball player pension dispute flared again Monday with conflicting versions of what happened Sept. 29 at an executive council meeting.

Commissioner Ford Frick said both the big leagues' player representatives—Ralph Kiner and Alie Reynolds—attended the meeting at his New York office and voted in favor of a resolution for the purpose of ending the pension plan.

Kiner said in Palm Springs, Calif., the team owners never made such a resolution in his presence. "The statement the owners made that they had a resolution to end the pension plan and that Alie Reynolds and I failed to notify the players about this resolution

is a complete falsehood," he said. J. Norman Lewis, the players' lawyer whose barrer on last Wednesday's meeting at Atlanta, Ga., brought the dispute into the open, backed Kiner.

"No such resolution was passed by the executive council meeting," Reynolds, Kiner and I attended," he said. "The players don't have any vote. How could they vote on such a resolution?" Frick, however, said the players have a vote at executive council meetings when player matters are discussed.

"I stopped the voting once and told them they were going to lose the pension plan," said Frick. "But they continued and voted unanimously for the resolution."

Old-Timers Game At Calgary Tomorrow Night

CALGARY, (CP)—Scrappbook hockey heroes will put on skates again Monday night for the annual night for an old-timers' game.

Five different teams will play as units, but they will be alternated in such a manner that the oldest players won't be up against the youngest. Some 8,000 fans are expected.

The aggregations will represent the National Hockey League, the American Association, Calgary Tigers of the 1920-30 era and Calgary Stampeders of 1940 and 1946.

The most star-studded cast will be the NHL squad, which will reunite the former New York Americans line of Sweeney Schriner, Lorne Carr and Art Chapman.

The big names don't end there. Others are Art Somers, Paul Thompson, Irvine Frew, Stew Anderson, Eddie Wares, Tommy Anderson, Marty Burke and perhaps Mac and Neil Colville, Eddie Wiseman and Art Wiebe.

Purpose of the game is to set up a players' benevolent fund. There are other such organizations in various parts of Canada. Among the American Association old-timers are Pete Sande, Sheldon Buckles, Sleepy Luft, Ed Hergert, Jack Arbour, Joe McGoldrich, Yuker Sheriff and goaltender Sam Timmins.

Two former NHL greats, defenceman Red Dutton and goaltender Tiny Thompson, are on the Calgary roster along with Loy and Wilbur Cook, Culley Wilson, Ernie Anderson, Barney Stanley, King Kelly, Bill McLeod, George McTeer and Cec McKinnon.

The Stampeders of 1940, who went to the Allan Cup finals but lost to Kirkland Lake Blue Devils, will feature some of their

Give Baseball Attendance Data

NEW YORK, (AP)—The record-smashing attendances of Milwaukee Braves was largely responsible for a 17-per-cent increase in the crowd at National League baseball games during the 1953 season.

The official attendance figures released at Monday's major league meetings showed the Braves drew 1,826,397 fans at Milwaukee compared to only 261,278 in Boston the year before. The total broke the attendance record of 1,807,506 by Brooklyn in 1947.

As a result, the over-all National League attendance increased from 6,330,148 in 1952 to 7,419,721 in 1953.

In the American League attendance declined everywhere and the over-all figure showed a 16-per-cent drop from 8,293,866 in 1952 to 6,964,076 in 1953.

Hockey Scores

Maritime Major—
Sydney 2 Ch'town 1
A-P-C—
St. Francis 6 Stellarton 4
Pictou 7 Truro 5
Northern Ontario Senior—
Sault Ste. Marie 4 Sudbury 3

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