

Santa Claus Deserts Rangers As They Lose 4-1 To Red Wings

DETROIT, Dec. 25 (AP)—Santa Claus deserted New York Rangers tonight as they dropped a 4-1 decision to Detroit Red Wings in a bruising National Hockey League battle. It was the first time since 1928 the Rangers had lost on Christmas night.

Thirteen penalties were called in the rough game in New York, with Detroit smacking home two of its goals while Rangers were shorthanded. Another Detroit tally came just after a New Yorker had left the box.

The Red Wings, whose victory before 10,115 fans moved them to within one-half game of the league-leading Toronto Maple Leafs, tucked the decision away in a three-goal second period.

It was the Wings' 10th game in a row without a loss and snapped the Rangers' streak of six games without a setback. New York thus was unable to snap the Detroit jinx which has seen the Wings post four victories and three ties in their inter-club series this year.

Christmas night had become known in the N.H.L. as a lucky one for the New Yorkers who had 15 wins and a tie in their last 17 appearances on the holiday night. But their luck ran out tonight as Ted Lindsay led the Detroit assault with a pair of goals.

Syd Abel and Leo Gravelle notched the other Red Wings goals while Ed Kullman notched Rangers' lone marker, early in the first period.

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Penalties — Curry, Pavelich, Ayl, Prystay, Kaiser (major), Bouchard.

Third Period
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Penalties — None.

Calum MacKay drove to the fourth after Richard's pair.

Red Kelly, Detroit's puck-carrying defenceman, and centre Syd Abel were outstanding in the Wings' attack. Kelly had a goal and two assists and Abel came through with Detroit's final score. Jimmy McPadden and Gaye Stewart contributed the other Detroit tallies.

The game was rough in spots and each team drew five penalties. One was a major in Vera Kaiser of Canadiens for drawing blood in a high-sticking scuffle with Metro Prystay. Two of Detroit's goals came while Canadiens were shorthanded, the final tying goal when the Montrealers were down two men. But Canadiens couldn't score while twice holding a two-man advantage.

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BOSTON 2, TORONTO 2

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The tie, seventh of the season for each team, enabled the Leafs to cling to their league leadership by three points over Detroit Red Wings who also played a tie with Montreal Canadiens. The Bruins remained in fifth place.

Boston lined up four men abreast in front of the blue line to meet the Leafs' attacks, their centre waiting back near their goal to trap long shots and get the puck out of danger. Boston's serious attacks came on breakaways that developed from their defensive style.

The Boston defence, coupled with dogged checking the rest of the time, kept the free-wheeling Leafs from cutting loose with their usual wide-open game.

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4—Chicago, Babando (Dewsbury, Bentley) 8:44
5—Chicago, Brown (Bentley, Fisher) 14:40
6—Boston, Fisher (W. Quackenbush) 16:16
7—Boston, Fisher (Horeck, M. Quackenbush) 17:12
Penalties—None.

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BOSTON 7, CHICAGO 4

BOSTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—Boston Bruins generated their highest scoring power of the National Hockey League season while subjecting Chicago Black Hawks to their fourth straight setback by a 7-4 margin tonight at the Boston Garden. The victory moved the Bruins into a fourth-place tie with Montreal's idle Canadiens.

A slim 7,836 holiday gathering roared its approval as the Bruins bunched three of their tallies in the final period after being sparked by Bill Ezinicki and Dunc Fisher, each of whom scored twice.

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Robinson Wins Bout In Germany By Knockout

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 25 (AP)—Welterweight champion Ray Robinson closed out a triumphant tour of Europe tonight by knocking out Hans Stretz, former middleweight champion of Germany, in the fifth round of a non-title 10-round bout.

It was Sugar Ray's fifth victory—four of them by knockouts—in less than a month of European touring.

The great 30-year-old champion kayoed Jean Stok in Paris, stopped Luc Van Dam in Brussels, outpointed Jean Walzak in Geneva and halted Robert Villemain in Paris last Friday.

The 22-year-old German was no match for the cool, hard-hitting American.

Robinson floored him six times in the first four rounds and then dropped him for keeps early in the fifth.

Robinson weighed 157, 10 pounds over the welterweight limit. Stretz weighed 159.

It was the first loss in 36 pro fights for the young German. He recently lost his middleweight crown in a two-round knockout by Peter Mueller.

N. H. L. Standings

Team	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Toronto	19	7	109	85	45	
Detroit	19	6	103	61	44	
Chicago	11	15	6	82	97	28
Montreal	10	10	7	70	86	27
Boston	10	16	7	78	99	27
New York	5	14	13	65	99	23

Big Four Standings
(Including Saturday Night's Games)

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Ch'town	41	27	12	2	175	107	53
Detroit	39	20	16	3	155	138	43
St. John	39	18	20	1	135	147	37
Moncton	41	11	28	2	117	190	24



Once again Christmas is over for another year. In its passing, however, it is hoped that the goodwill, friendship and happiness that is uppermost in all Christian hearts, has been enjoyed to the fullest extent by those who sought it. To those of the sporting fraternity, such as the members of the Islanders Hockey Club, who are far from their homes at this season, we hope that they in particular, have enjoyed the fruits of Island hospitality that in some small way may have made it a "home away from home" at this season of good cheer.

Receiving an unwelcome Christmas present Saturday night in the form of their first shutout defeat of the season when Moncton Hawks scored a 2-0 verdict over them on the Hub City team's home ice, it is hoped that it in no way detracted from the enjoyment of the Islanders' week-end turkey and all the trimmings that were theirs to share, be the sustenance necessary to spend them on to victory when they meet here tonight with Halifax Saint Mary's.

Beavers Edge Halifax St. Mary's By 3-2 Score In Saturday Night Game

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Dec. 25 (CP)—Third place Saint John Beavers edged second place Halifax St. Mary's 3-2 Saturday night, narrowing the gap between the two Maritime Senior Hockey League teams. The win advanced Beavers to a spot six points below St. Mary's.

Bob Digeur and Muckle Hollett sank the first two goals of the game and the only tallies for Halifax. Buck Whitlock counted one for Saint John in the first period, and after a scoreless middle session Paul Platz and Ted Watson completed the scoring.

The fixture was played on slow ice before a small crowd. The Halifaxians checked heavily, especially in the second period, when Beavers had 12 shots on goal against five by Halifax.

Digeur and Hollett fired the St. Mary's brace from close in when the local defence appeared weak. Five minutes later, with the visitors penned behind their own blue line, Eddie Bolan passed to Nick Nicolle, who relayed to Whitlock, in front of the Halifax cage, for the first Saint John goal.

Trent Anderson, of St. Mary's, was in the penalty box when Platz equalized near the half way mark of the third period, with Tommy Brennan and Jackson assisting. Watson shot the winner, helped

Large Crowd Sees Millionaires Edge Victorias 2-1

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S. Dec. 25 (CP)—One of the largest crowds to see a Cape Breton Senior Hockey League game this season left their Christmas trees tonight to watch Sydney Millionaires edge North Sydney Victorias 2-1.

Sydney's Nick Pidsodny turned aside 20 shots on goal while Murt Prophet was the target for 23.

Despite the small score it was a wide open, fast game. The fourth largest crowd of the season here, 1,851 spectators, watched a top flight match that produced eight penalties, five to Sydney.

ADD NORTH SYDNEY
First Period
1—Sydney, Matthews (Marchant, Culpelo) 10:51
2—Sydney, MacIntyre (McRae) 12:50
Penalties—McBride, Medynski.

Second Period
3—North Sydney, Demarco (Verrier, Robertson) 10:28
Penalties—McBride, McRae, Hildebrand, Olsen, Scatolon.

Third Period
Scoring—None.
Penalties—May.

Somerville Chosen Top Golfer In Last Half Century

(This story is one of a Canadian Press series on outstanding Canadian sports figures, teams and events in the first half of the century. Selections were made in a poll of Canadian sports editors and sportscasters.)

By Jack Sullivan
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
TORONTO, Dec. 22 (CP)—Charles Ross (Sandy) Somerville, who picked up his first golf club when six years old and 23 years later exploded the myth that a Canadian couldn't win the United States amateur title, has been selected as this country's greatest golfer of the last 50 years.

The sandy-haired London, Ont., links stylist was chosen by sportscasters and sportscasters in a country-wide poll conducted by the Canadian Press. The result, announced tonight, showed Sandy the winner by the margin of a good wood shot—a clear 23-vote edge over runner-up Stan Leonard, Vancouver professional.

Nine golfers were named by the voters—men such as George S. Lyon of Toronto, the "grand old man" of golf, and Nicol Thompson, now a pro at Niagara Falls, Ont., who have played the game long before 47-year-old Somerville was born.

Miss Ada Mackenzie of Toronto, who won a Canadian title as far back as 1919 and still remains a top-flight player, got a vote.

But it was evident from early returns that Somerville, who started the golf world with his big victory at Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1922, would be the choice. Reverberations of that previously-unheard-of (and never duplicated) feat rolled across Maryland's hills and into Canada and poker-faced Somerville, then 29, was headline copy.

Only once before—in 1911—had a foreigner broken the American monopoly on the United States title. That was the time Harold Hilton of England won it and even Sandy's best friends wouldn't believe this quiet, unassuming insurance salesman could duplicate the trick.

Somerville, University of Toronto graduate, met Johnny Goodman of Omaha in the final on the Five Farms course. The game ended on the 35th green, with Somerville two-up at the time and needing only a half to make history. The five-foot-nine Sandy got his half—and the title.

Somerville, at his best in match play, started clicking on the golf course in 1920 when he won the Canadian amateur championship. He repeated in 1928 and again in 1930, 1931, 1935 and 1937. Between 1919 and 1939, he entered the Canadian amateur 18 times and the British amateur three times.

The outbreak of the Second World War ended his competitive career—a career that saw him never desert amateur ranks. He joined the Canadian Army in 1939, became a major with the Royal Canadian Armoured Service Company and in six years overseas saw action in the Normandy and Netherlands campaigns.

Islanders Meet Halifax In Game Here Tonight

Charlottetown Islanders and Halifax Saint Mary's, top teams in the Maritime Senior Hockey League, will oppose one another here tonight at the Forum at 8:30 in what will be the second last contest over home ice in the 1950-51 season, taking second place only to the Islanders-Saint Mary's clash at Halifax on Thursday night.

That was the game when the Islanders accomplished the almost unheard-of feat of tying up the game twice in the last two minutes and 45 seconds of play by taking out their goalie each time to make up the deficit.

Officials and sports writers are still endeavouring to find out if that particular incident is a new record in hockey history. It is believed that such a feat was accomplished once before in the National Hockey League, but no definite confirmation has been established as yet. Many who have been connected with hockey for many years, including Judge Hudson himself, say that they have never heard of it being done before, but at the same time admit that it may have been. As far as Maritime hockey is concerned, there is little, if any doubt that it is a new record in that quarter.

In an interview Saturday night, President Hudson also made a statement in connection with another previous performance of the Islanders hockeyists. He said he was "very much impressed" with their showing at Charlottetown in the exhibition game against Sydney Millionaires. "It is very much disappointed," he said, "if the team that wins the Big Four championship doesn't win the Maritime title against the Cape Breton champions." He said that in any case the series between the two league champions should be "terrific."

In answer to the question as to whether he thought the two teams were really trying, in view of the fact that it was an exhibition game, Judge Hudson made his reply in the form of a statement by Mr. George Hayes of the National Hockey League, who officiated as a linesman during that contest. President Hudson quoted Hayes as saying: "If somebody hadn't told me it was an exhibition game, I would have thought that the two teams were playing off for the Allan Cup championship." The N.H.L. official, who was here conducting Charlottetown's annual coaches and referees school at the time, was high in his praise of the calibre of hockey exhibited by both teams.

Ezzard Charles Named Fighter Of The Year

By JACK HAND
NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP)—Heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles has been named "fighter of the year" by Nat Fleischer, editor of Ring magazine.

Fleischer gave Charles the nod over welterweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson who was honored with a special citation as "best all-around fighter" in any division.

The awards and annual ratings were announced in a copyrighted article in the February issue of Ring.

Fleischer wrote that he placed Robinson second to Charles "because the sum total of his influence on the boxing situation was not equal to that represented by Charles' surprisingly easy success against Joe Louis."

Robinson, now touring Europe, was named winner of the Edward J. Neil Memorial Award recently by the New York Boxing Writers Association.

Behind Charles and Robinson, Fleischer listed Lee Savold of Paterson, N.J., in the No. 3 spot and bantamweight champion Vic Towel of South Africa as No. 4.

Towel received special recognition as winner of "progress of the year" award. Vic won the bantam title from Manuel Ortiz at Johannesburg, South Africa, in his 13th fight.

Rex Layne, Lewiston, Utah, heavy who beat Jersey Joe Walcott in a major upset, ranked fifth behind Towel in showing remarkable progress during 1950.

Fleischer listed Louis as the leading contender to Charles with Savold next.

Joey Maxim, the light heavyweight champ, and Robinson both were listed in two divisions. Maxim was placed third among the heavyweight contenders and Robinson was placed right behind champion Jake Lamotta in the middleweight class.

Laurent Dauthuille, the French middleweight who now operates out of Montreal, was rated as the second leading contender.

Some years Ring has ignored the fact that a man was a champion and rated him as a contender in a division. Not so this time. All champs are recognized from Charles down to flyweight Dado Marino of Honolulu.

Featherweight rankings were reversed from a year ago with champion Sandy Saddler moving in front of Willie Pep on his September victory. Ray Famechon of France was rated No. 2 contender.

Although Al (Sonny Boy) West of the Washington, D.C., lightweight died following his knockout loss to Percy Bassett, Fleischer ranked him sixth among the 135-pounders.

"He had a good record during 1950 and well deserved his ranking," said Fleischer.

boost his total winners to 371—just two behind Joe Guinn, the leading jockey in the United States.

Vics And Miners Play To 2-All Tie

GLACE BAY, N. S., Dec. 25 (CP)—Northside Victorias and Glace Bay Miners played to a 2-2 tie Saturday night in the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League.

All four goals were scored in the third period. Vic Demarco and Laurie Peterson dented the twines for the Northsiders. Bob Gray and Holmes tallied Miners' scores before a crowd of 1,300.

Lineups:
North Sydney — Goal, Prophet; defence, Robertson, Scatolon; centre, Petersen, Wings, Beatty, Demarco; subs, Storey, Verrier, Medynski, Glover, Gallagher, Olsen, Ripku.
Glace Bay — Goal, Woodall; defence, McCabe, Dalgleish; centre, Robertson; wings, Frizell, Bonhomme; subs, Leger, Pirie, Biggs, Bruce, Murdock, Holmes, Kornek, Gray.

Officials — Elliott, Goode

SUMMARY
First Period
Scoring — None.
Penalty — Olsen.

Second Period
Scoring — None.
Penalties — Pirie, Biggs.

Third Period
1—North Sydney, Demarco (Petersen) 7:14
2—Glace Bay, Holmes (Bric, Munderick) 8:36
3—Glace Bay, Gray (Munderick, Holmes) 10:04
4—North Sydney, Petersen (Robertson) 13:50
Penalties — Medynski, Bonhomme.

Sport Briefs

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP)—The New York baseball writers have voted Eddie Stankay of New York Giants the "player of the year." The 22-year-old second baseman will receive the Sie Marder Memorial Award at the annual dinner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America here Feb. 4.

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 25 (AP)—The Maine Running Horse Race Commission announced tonight it has licensed new operators to hold races at the \$1,000,000 Scarborough Downs, Maine's only flat-racing plant. The licence was issued to Scarborough Downs, Incorporated, for a meeting next summer.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25 (AP)—Little Willie Shoemaker had a Christmas party of his own at the Fair Grounds today as he rode four winners in eight mounts to

Moncton Hawks Hand Islanders First Shutout In 2-0 Victory Saturday

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 25 (CP)—Moncton Hawks broke a seven-game losing streak Saturday night as they handed Charlottetown Islanders a 2-0 shut-out, the third of the circuit season, and the first to be planned on the Maritime Senior Hockey League-leading Islanders.

Playing with but 12 men, Hawks scored the first goal of the game in the first period and then barred the door the rest of the way as Fred Sonier substituted brilliantly for regular goalie Les Colman's rest at his Oshawa, Ont., home. Hawks shot an insurance marker in the third period.

The shutout, first since Eddie D'Aoust turned the trick against Saint John Beavers at Halifax Dec. 14, was a free-wheeling affair, with referee Casey Bradshaw working overtime as he called 20 penalties.

George (Jessie) James, former Saint John Beavers, and Dunc Burgess, who came to Hawks in a trade with Shawinigan Falls made their first appearances in Moncton. James drew an assist on the opening goal, scored by rearguard Larry Dunville, late in the first period on a long shot as Hawks kept an almost continuous pressure on Islanders' citadel.

The penalties kept one side or another off balance most of the game. Moncton's second goal came with Travis off for boarding in the third period. Frank Imonti

slipped one out from behind the net and it went in off Gordon's pads.

Lineups:
Charlottetown — Goal, Gordon; defence, Duchak, McLagan; centre, Bathgate; wings, D. Horeck, J. Horeck; subs, Travis, Vitale, Favero, Trainer, Pawlyshyn, Morrow, Beaton, Beaudry, Clements.
Moncton — Goal, Sonier; defence, Dunville, Delmonte; centre, Barkwell; wings, Imonti, Demchuk; subs, Gallipeau, McKenzie, Denny, James, Burgess, Dowling.
Officials — Bradshaw, Taylor and Judson.

SUMMARY
First Period
1—Moncton, Dunville (James) 18:00
Penalties — Morrow, D. Horeck, Imonti, Vitale.

Second Period
Scoring — None.
Penalties — McLagan, Trainer, Vitale, Clements, Pawlyshyn (major), James (major), Dowling, Imonti.

Third Period
2—Moncton, Imonti 14:00
Penalties — Favero, James, Gallipeau, D. Horeck, Travis, D. Horeck (major), Delmonte (major), Denny.

Three Players Released By Moncton Hawks

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 25 (CP)—Three players were released by Moncton Hawks during the week-end, when Jean Paul Jean-Somerville, now an insurance company official in his home town, has two young sons.

George S. Lyon, former Toronto newspaper man, was the only other Canadian to reach the U. S. amateur final. He lost in 1906 to the late Eben Byers.

Miss Mackenzie, 60-year-old Toronto sports-wear shop operator, has a string of Canadian titles including many women's open and closed championships. She has been on winning Ontario teams in interprovincial competition and, just to prove she hasn't lost the art of this exacting game, led Ontario to the 1950 interprovincial title.

Leonard, 1950 Canadian Professional Golfers Association champion, tied for fourth place in the Canadian Open this year, and has many pro titles to his credit.

neau, Winn Mousseau and Charlie Phillips were let out. Hawk played with 12 men Saturday night, winning a 2-0 shutout over Charlottetown Islanders, leader of the Maritime Senior Hockey League. Reinforcements are expected for Hawks' next game Wednesday when Halifax St. Mary's play here.

Two more players, a defenceman and a forward, were slated to join Hawks for the Wednesday game, both coming from Shawinigan Falls. The Cataracts still owe Hawks a player as they traded two recently for forward Lou Milani, and only one has showed up to date.

In addition, other players may be in by the end of the week, to bring Hawks up to full strength. It was learned, No names have yet been released. Gus Gallipeau, Hawk defenceman, was called to his Woonsocket, Rhode Island home during the week-end by the death of his mother. It was not known when he would return.



LASTING LEGHORN — Michael Lehner of Waukesha, Wis., holds his 17-year-old hen which he says is about five years, so this old bird has outlived her species more than a 200-year-old man would be outlasting his fellows.

THE FORUM WEEK DEC. 26 TO DEC. 30

TUESDAY—
CHILDREN'S SKATING—4 TO 5:30.
HOCKEY—8:30—HALIFAX vs. ISLANDERS

WEDNESDAY—HOCKEY PRACTICE

THURSDAY—SKATING—8 TO 10

FRIDAY—
CHILDREN'S SKATING—4 TO 5:30
HOCKEY—8:30—ST. JOHN VS. ISLANDERS

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AFTERNOON SKATING—3 TO 5
EVENING SKATING—8 TO 10

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