

Islanders Add Another To Shutout String

Score 6-0 Victory Over Moncton Hawks; Deciding Game May Be Tonight

Leo Lamoureux's Charlottetown Islanders came up with a scintillating brand of hockey here last night to swamp Moncton Hawks under a 6-0 defeat and give goalie Hal Gordon his fourth consecutive shutout in playoff competition. The game was played before a crowd of some 1,600 fans.

The victory gives the Islanders a 4 to 1 game edge in their best of nine semi-final series over the Hawks. The sixth game of the series will be played here at the Forum tonight, commencing at 8:30 that could wind up the series for the Islanders.

Islanders stellar goaltender Hal Gordon has now played a total of 250 minutes and 45 seconds of shutout hockey in playoff competition, which is believed here to be a new amateur record, but actual statistics were not available last night to verify it.

Skating Hawks into the ice, Islanders pound home three goals in the opening session, repeated the performance in the second but battled to a scoreless closing session with the Hawks.

It was probably the cleanest, wide-open game of hockey witnessed here this season that saw only two penalties being handed out, both during the first period.

Getting terrific support from his defence and forwards Gordon was only called upon to handle 17 shots for his shutout, while his opposite number, Les Colvin in the Moncton cage turned aside 30.

Jumping to the attack right from the opening whistle, Islanders put on a terrific display of clever passing and sniping when they banged home three goals past Colvin by the time the 7:25 mark had been reached.

Danny Horeck popped home the first one at 2:56 on a snappy three-man attack with Beaudry and Phil Vitale while just 30 seconds later Walter Pawlyshyn teamed up with Brock Morrow around the Moncton work to poke home their second.

Coming up with another power attack around an over-worked Colvin, Frank Bathgate slammed home the third at 7:25 with Marcel Clements and Mac Beaton picking up assists.

Only five minutes and 53 seconds of the second frame was underway when the Islanders clicked again. Getting up a beautiful play, Vitale carried the puck from his own blueline to stick-handled his way through to the Moncton goal-mouth before slipping a pass over to Bathgate roaring in from left wing to slam a hard shot past Colvin.

Jack Morrow picked up Islanders fifth marker at 9:46 when he came up with a fast break from centre ice to work his way around the Moncton defence and find an open corner with a smart backhand shot. Travis set up the play with a nice pass from his own blueline. Pulling another driving attack around the Moncton cage, Bucko Trainor popped home the final marker of the night at 11:12 on a slick play with Walter Pawlyshyn.

Work for Shutout
Coming out in the third session, Islanders played it close to the vest and were definitely working for Gordon's fourth shutout victory. Blocking Moncton's efforts at every turn, both defence and forwards came up with a masterful demonstration of defensive hockey, but at times broke out in some whirlwind attacks that except for smart work on the part of Les Colvin might have paid off in further scoring. Moncton were helpless to cope with the situation and although they did break in on Gordon for a few sharp shots, the Islanders shutout king was there to block every attempt.

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Still Going Strong



Scoring his fourth consecutive shutout here last night in Maritime Major Hockey League semi-final playoff competition against Moncton Hawks, Islanders' stellar goaltender Hal Gordon (above) may have set a new record for perfect goaltending in amateur hockey ranks. In five games played, Gordon now has four shutouts and has played a total of 250 minutes and 45 seconds of scoreless hockey.

In communication with Toronto last night regarding amateur statistics, the sports department of this paper was informed that "no amateur records were available", but they volunteered the information regarding the modern record in National Hockey League play. It is held by Bill Durnan of Montreal Canadiens, who in the season of 1948-49, set a record of 309 minutes and 21 seconds of shutout hockey.

Consulting other statistics, it has been found that the all-time N.H.L. record is held by Alex Connell of Ottawa Senators, who chalked up six straight shutouts in 1928-29, and although not stating the exact number of minutes, would give him at least 300 minutes of perfect goaltending.

On the season, Gordon now has a total of seven shutouts.

For the first time this season, Gordon was the winner of both awards in view of his performance and terrific record, getting the nod of the press for the Adam hat award donated by Henderson and Cudmore and the guaranteed Forsythe shirt donated by Jack Cameron's men's wear store as the choice of independent judges.

Lineups:
Moncton — Goal, Colvin; defence, Dunville, Smith; centre, Barkwell; wings, Air, Miller; subs, Gallipeau, Delmonte, McKelvie, Demchuk, Imonti, Denny, Milani, M. Dowling.

Charlottetown — Goal, Gordon; defence, Travis, Vitale; centre, Beaudry; wings, J. Horeck, D. Horeck; subs, Dutchak, McLagan, Trainor, Pawlyshyn, Morrow, Bathgate, Beaton, Clements.

Referee — Casey Bradshaw and Pete Mill.
First Period
1—Charlottetown, D. Horeck (Beaudry, Vitale) 2:56
2—Charlottetown, Pawlyshyn (Morrow) 3:29
3—Charlottetown, Bathgate (Clements, Beaton) 7:25
Penalties — Beaudry.

Second Period
4—Charlottetown, Bathgate (Vitale) 5:53
5—Charlottetown, Morrow (Travis) 9:46
6—Charlottetown, Trainor (Pawlyshyn) 11:12
Penalties — None.
Third Period
Scoring — None.
Penalties — Beaudry.

FORUM WEEK—MARCH 5 to 10

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

SATURDAY — AFTERNOON SKATING — 3 TO 5
GARRISON NIGHT AT 7.



By Rouson

Sport Echoes From Prince County

Bouquets are in order for Ernie Doucette who played such a bang-up game for the Summerside Crystals against the East Royalty Royals Tuesday night. Doucette is a bit short on avoirdupois for this thumping game they call hockey but he's improving every game out and now ranks with the best of the Crystal forwards. He waded right in and traded jolt for jolt Tuesday evening. He's a deft stick manipulator and was given the job quite often of clearing the puck out of the Crystal danger area. The slim forward wasn't impressive at the start of the year but has certainly come a long way since then.

We've said in this column that Cutfille's place was on the forward line but after seeing him Tuesday night we're not so sure. Gordie surely played a bang-up game behind the blue-line that night. He doesn't body incoming forwards (if he did, he'd probably shake some of them loose from their teeth), but his poke checking was good and he nipped quite a number of dangerous skates into Crystal territory and, mister, does he have a steaming shot! A bit inaccurate, though. If he were on the target more, the goalies in these here parts would have a lot more to worry about.

From now on, when these paperweights and pee-wees play, we're going to be on the spot to see them, or get the scoring statistics from a statement signed by a justice of the peace. We tried to gather information from the kids themselves the other day. The score was supposed to be 6 to 0, but fourteen different kids were ready to swear they had dented the twines. As for assists, brother! Every mother's son had a finger in that pie except the water boy and the spare goalie, and, mister, does the O'Leary Maroons continue their victory march. They bested the Souris boys up in the King's County town by the score of 8 to 6, and look good to take the Intermediate "B" title. That is, if the Souris team doesn't play the same trick on them as they played on Freetown.

The Sheen and McInnis Juniors lost the final for the Prince Edward Island championship to the fast-skating Abbie Juniors of Charlottetown 20 to 6 on the night. The boys put up a valiant fight in the second game, and didn't look like a team that had been beaten 15-2 two nights before. That they were battling a superior team was fairly obvious, however, even though the score was close, 5 to 4.

The kids have nothing to feel ashamed about. After all, the great majority of them are first year juveniles, and stacking them up against full-fledged juniors was like putting Ray Robinson in with Ezzard Charles. There is still plenty of hockey ability in these kids, and we predict that they will be heard from next winter. (If they don't take a sudden notion to sign up with the A.P.C. League.)

A rather disgraceful episode took place near the end of the final period, however, which can only be regretted by fair-minded fans.

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Beavers Score 6-2 Victory Over Halifax

ST. JOHN, N.B., March 8 — (CP) — Saint John Beavers, trailing 3-0 in their Maritime Major Hockey League semi-finals with Halifax St. Mary's, gained partial revenge tonight with a 6-2 win in a game which started tamely enough but led to a match misconduct and a brawl involving spectators as well as players.

The fifth game in the best-of-nine series will be played here Saturday, and the scene will then shift to Halifax Monday and Tuesday, if necessary.

Ted Watson paced the Saint John scorers with a brace tonight. Roger Jodoin, Paul Platz, Nick Nicolle and Jack Heon had singles. Hughie Campbell and Bill Watson tallied for Halifax.

Beavers gained a 2-1 lead in the first period and outscored Halifax 3-1 in the second.

The match misconduct was suffered by Jodoin in the second session but the wholesale brawl did not develop until well along in the third.

The match misconduct against Jodoin, involving an automatic \$36 fine, was imposed after he received a minor for cross-checking Trent Anderson.

Jodoin, in centre ice at the time, protested the penalty. The answer by referee Reg Clancy of Halifax, was a misconduct. Then, according to some observers, Clancy pushed Jodoin toward the penalty box and both fell, with Clancy on top, as players milled around. Another version was that Jodoin seized Clancy around the waist and threw him to the ice. The incident ended with Clancy lowering the boom and calling a match misconduct. Vic Jackson served Jodoin's two-minute minor.

Pat Powers, of St. Mary's, received a misconduct for leaving the players' bench to join a fracas which followed roughing between first Mykelyn and Thaler and then Grabowski and Thaler.

Their stick-slashing close to the boards involved spectators, and fans and players swarmed over the ice in a huge brawl with six minutes of the period remaining. Police finally dispersed the mob.

Line-ups:
Halifax: Goal, D'Aoust; defence, Grabowski, Brown; centre, Bill Watson; wings, Campbell, Hollett; subs, Powers, McLaughlin, Mykelyn, Thomas, Steel, Diguier, Anderson, Sullivan.

Saint John: Goal, Brodeur; defence, Blackburn, Bolan; centre, Whitlock; wings, Nicolle, Ted Watson; subs, Heon, Carnegie, Thaler, Jackson, Jodoin, McInlyre, Ramsay, Platz.

Officials: Reg. Clancy and Neil Sanford.

First Period
1—Halifax, Campbell (Bill Watson) 7:17
2—Saint John, Ted Watson (Whitlock, Bolan) 8:41
3—Saint John, Jodoin (Platz, Heon) 10:22
Penalties: Thaler, Thomas, Hollett, Sullivan, Nicolle.

Second Period
4—Saint John, Platz (Carnegie, Nicolle) 3:26
5—Halifax, Watson (Thomas) 6:48
6—Saint John, Nicolle (Whitlock, Blackburn) 7:48
7—Saint John, Watson (Whitlock, Nicolle) 18:27
Penalties: Mykelyn (2), Thomas, Carnegie, McLaughlin, Whitlock, Jodoin (minor, misconduct and match misconduct).

Third Period
8—Saint John, Heon (Jackson) 5:59
Penalties: Brown, Grabowski, Thaler, Powers (misconduct), McLaughlin.



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Fans here who were expecting Saint John Beavers to make it a tough semi-finals series against Halifax St. Mary's in Maritime Major Hockey League competition, have certainly been thrown for a loss to explain why they haven't been able to cope with the Saints in their first three playoff games. There seems to be almost as much interest over that series as in Islanders clashes with Moncton Hawks.

Everybody has been asking "what has happened to the Beavers" and are of the opinion that they should be making a much better showing than they have. Well, we can't answer that question either, but could suggest a reason that might be contributing to their losses. Although not having seen any of those contests, reports of those games would indicate that the Beavers have been playing just a little bit too much of the "defensive" game and waiting for the breaks.

That style of play just doesn't work if you want to win games. It does keep the other team from scoring too often, but it doesn't get goals and that is what wins hockey games. Hawks have been using similar tactics against Islanders, and although it did work out in their favor in the opening game here last week, when they got a few breaks and were able to capitalize on them, it has netted them three shutout defeats in the past three games.

Foregoing an offensive style of play in favor of a defensive one works to an advantage at times, particularly if a team has a lead they want to protect but it takes the former style to get that lead. Any team that makes a practice of the defensive game is due for trouble. It doesn't take a good team that can organize a strong offensive long to find a few holes in the opposition's armor, and if they have scoring punch with it, a thing that both Saints and Islanders have, then it is all over but the shouting.

Congratulations are being extended today to Art Perry and his smooth-working band of Abbie Juniors who copped off the Provincial Junior hockey crown at Summerside on Wednesday when they downed the Western Capital representatives 5-4 in their second and final contest of their home and home, total-goal playoff series that gave them the round by a wide 20-6 margin. Meeting the Bob Schurman-coached Summerside Juniors in the opening contest here at the Forum on Monday night, the Abbies pretty well paved the way to victory then and there when they smothered the opposition under a 15-2 shellacking.

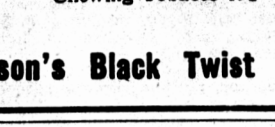
Art has banded together a stout little squad this season that ought to do well if they decide to continue into the name playoff competition. They are strong in their blueline corps and have three well-balanced forward sections that all display aggressiveness and scoring power. The Summerside boys were a smaller and younger group of pucksters, that were more fitted for juvenile competition than in the junior bracket, but displayed plenty of fight and possibilities for a smart junior squad in another year of competition, but at present not a match for the strong Abbie club.

The Saint Dunstan's University hoopers are still playing the giant role in Island Physical Fitness Basketball League scheduled play. Turning in a strong performance here on Wednesday night they downed last year's champions, R. C. A. Flyers 68-63 to maintain their top position in the league standing and an almost perfect win record this season.

In nine stars in regular schedule play, the red and white sweatered boys have only suffered one defeat and are a cinch for the top team going into playoff competition. Their only defeat was at the hands of the Prince of Wales College Welshmen who are holding down second spot in the league standing, four points below S.D.U. The Welshmen garnered the verdict by a close 52-48 margin in one of the best contests that has been witnessed here for some time and was played over the P. W. C. floor on Feb. 21st.

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Ch'town-Moncton Section
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GP W L T GF GA Pts
Sydney 78 42 18 18 306 235 102
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FIFTH ROUND
Newfoundland 200 012 220 201—12
Northern Ont. 031 400 001 010—10
New Brunswick 110 010 000 10—4
Nova Scotia 002 201 112 04—13
Alberta 100 020 120 201—9
Quebec 002 101 001 02—7
P. E. Island 104 002 200 102—12
Ontario 010 420 042 000—13
Saskatchewan 010 102 201 111—10
Manitoba 103 010 030 000—8

SIXTH ROUND
P. E. Island 000 201 002 001—6
Alberta 211 010 210 220—12
Saskatchewan 003 101 101 000—7
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VICTORIA RINK

SATURDAY NIGHT
HOCKEY
Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Crapaud Heartbreakers
Starts at 8:00