

Atlantics, Miners Playoff Series Postponed

MAHA Suspension Threat Halts Plans; Islanders In Picture

Faced by MAHA suspension threats and the return to the hockey scene of Islanders' ex-President Dr. F.C. Dougan, the Halifax Atlantics and the Glace Bay Miners have postponed plans for the opening of their series on Halifax ice tonight.

The postponement of the series opener does not mean that the clubs have abandoned plans for going through with the play-offs although there is every indication that the series will not be played if it involves suspension of the players.

Threatened Suspension

Walter Lawlor, President of the MAHA, yesterday threatened the two clubs with suspension if they went on the ice to open their series. Lawlor earlier in touch with George Dudley, Secretary-Manager of the C.A.H.A., had been told that the C.A.H.A. would back the MAHA on such a suspension.

In the meantime Halifax officials are obtaining a ruling from the C.A.H.A. regarding the suspension of players. A wire was sent to Dudley last night and the vote of the C.A.H.A. members is being taken.

As soon as MAHA President Lawlor handed down his suspension ruling yesterday, Dr. Dougan and Forum Manager Bill Brown headed for Halifax and a conference with officials of the Atlantics hockey club.

Satisfactory Progress

Following the meeting Dr. Dougan stated that satisfactory progress had been made with the Atlantics. He would not comment on the possibility of an Islanders-Halifax series opening on Saturday night in Halifax but hinted that a lot depended upon the result of the wire to the C.A.H.A. regarding the suspension of players.

Meanwhile there were indications from other sources that the Atlantics would settle for a series with the Islanders. President Frank MacDonnell said last night that George Tingley, President of the Halifax Club had inquired yesterday about the possibility of such a series being arranged.

And Dugger MacNeill, coach of the Atlantics, told Bill Brown last night that he favored a series with the Islanders.

Another angle developed in the hockey picture yesterday when coach Murph Chamberlain received a telegram from the Ottawa Senators to the effect that the Senators would play a four out of seven series with the Islanders.

Following is the gist of the telegram: Willing to play a four out of seven series subject to the approval

of the C.A.H.A. Suggest series open in Charlottetown Saturday night. Will leave by train tomorrow.

Chamberlain was also in touch with George Dudley yesterday and was told that a playoff series could be arranged between the Islanders and Allan Cup winners if the Miners and Atlantics went ahead with their proposed play-offs.

Walter Lawlor conducted a vote of his MAHA executive members and they voted four to one in favor of suspending the clubs. The C.A.H.A. said they would back the Maritime body, Halifax and Glace Bay would have the right to appeal.

Last night president Neil Ferguson of the Miners, said he had been told by the C.A.H.A. that players of the two teams would not be affected by a suspension order. This apparently means the teams—or even the league—could be suspended but the players' careers would not be in jeopardy.

In Midland, Ont., George Dudley, secretary of the C.A.H.A., refused to comment on this angle. He said, however, that if the MAHA suspends Halifax and the Miners he will ask the C.A.H.A. executive to decide on the players' status.

With regard to the status of Ernie Grosse, Dudley stated that it is up to the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association to set the date when Erwin Grosse's ineligibility to play for the Islanders took effect.

Dudley emphasized that the C.A.H.A. set no effective date when it reversed its first decision and declared Grosse ineligible.

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LITTLE SPORT



By Rouson

Citadelles Swamp St. F. X. 10-3

NEW GLASGOW, (CP)—Dominating the play throughout, Quebec Citadelles swamped St. Francis Xavier University 10-3 in an exhibition hockey game here Wednesday.

Bobby Day played an outstanding game in the nets for the losers, turning aside 46 shots. The Xavierians were Maritime senior champions last year but pulled out of competition this season because of pressure of studies.

Citadelles Play Islanders Tonight

The Quebec Citadelles, the strongest and one of the most colorful teams in the Province of Quebec will meet the Islanders in an exhibition game at the Forum tonight.

The Citadelles, currently on a tour of the Maritime Provinces, are coached by former N.H.L. star Phil Watson who once was a teammate of Murph Chamberlain with the Montreal Canadiens.

The Quebec players are regarded as a big, strong hockey club who have easily trounced everything they met in the Maritimes so far. Young and fast, they favor a wide open style of hockey and can be depended upon to give the Islanders a skating lesson.

The Citadelles are rated about the best junior team in Canada and are given an excellent chance of winning the Memorial Cup. They broke away from the Q.A.H.A. several weeks ago and are the only team from the Province of Quebec in good standing with the C.A.H.A.

The Citadelles may be young but they are plenty rough. Earlier this year they were engaged in a brawl at the Montreal Forum with the Montreal Junior Canadiens that was stopped only by playing "The Queen".

Among the players on the Quebec team is a fellow by the name of Amadio, brother of Neil Amadio who played with the Glace Bay Miners.

Officials of the hockey club hope for a big turn-out of fans tonight. The club is in dire need of funds in order to carry the team for the next few days until a series with Halifax is arranged or the Islanders play another team.

Believe "Breaks" Decided Games

MONTREAL, (CP)—Coaches Dick Irvin and Sid Abel of Montreal Canadiens and Chicago Black Hawks believe the "breaks" have decided their best-of-seven semi-final Stanley Cup series so far. The teams are tied 2-2 in the four games played.

When his team dropped two games in Montreal, Abel said his Hawks weren't being wooed by Lady Luck. On the two defeats in Chicago, Irvin says almost the same thing.

As the teams travel back to Montreal for the fifth game here Thursday night, Montreal fandom is being soothed on the two Chicago defeats by Irvin's statement: "We got the breaks at home; they got them in Chicago. We'll win Thursday and when we travel to Chicago Saturday and get them at home for that seventh game, it'll be all over."

Durocher Worried Over N.Y. Giants

DENVER, (AP)—Leo Durocher is worried. He was in such a state Tuesday night that he pitched a "curve" past 650 54-a-plate customers at an old timers baseball banquet here.

The boss of New York Giants, usually so willing to talk he's called "Lippy", failed to show up at the dinner, where he was billed as principal speaker.

Leo told reporters Wednesday: "We aren't hitting...I haven't any pitching. Opening day is getting close. Frankly, I'm worried. I take all the blame for not showing up at the banquet."

Lippy's crew and Cleveland Indians were in Denver for a two-day exhibition series. The Giants absorbed an 11-5 shellacking Tuesday, the seventh straight for New York this spring.

City Hoop Teams Win Victories At S'side

Two Charlottetown Abbie teams went back to the capital city with victories last night. The men's team defeated the R. C. A. F. 56-53 in a very close contest, and the Abbie Girls beat the WD's 40-27.

The men's game was the first of a home and home semi-final series, the winner to play St. Dunstan's for the Prince Edward Island League title.

The girls' game was the first of a home and home final series for the ladies basketball championship of Prince Edward Island.

The Airforce males edged their rivals in the first and third quarters but lost their margins in the second and fourth cantos. At the end of the third quarter the R. C. A. F. hoopers were ahead 43-41. But the Abbies, led by their chief sniper, Donnie MacLean, who led all scorers with 30, came back strong in the final minutes of the last quarter to take the verdict by a narrow margin.

Richmond of the Flyers led his team with 20 points, but fouled out with only a few minutes played in the fourth quarter, and his loss was felt by the home team. Smith was second for R. C. A. F., getting 14 points.

YOUNG SEAL-HUNTER

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S. (CP)—Murray Sampson, 15, shot a seal near the shipping pier here. He spotted the seal on the ice and after the kill went out with his 11-year-old brother Jerry and brought the carcass to shore.

Combines Down Franklins 6-3 To Take Long Lead

SYDNEY, (CP)—Timmins-Puquippine Combines defeated Northside Franklins 6-3 Wednesday night and need only another win or a tie to take their Eastern Canadian Memorial Cup quarter-finals.

The best-of-seven series will be decided on points. The Combines have won three times and the Franklins once with one game tied. The next game will be played Friday.

The Combines jumped into an early lead Wednesday and were never in trouble as they carried the play throughout the three periods.

Summary:

First Period

1—Timmins, McNeil (Savord, Balek)	4:58
2—Timmins, Cochrane (Viche, Dimarchi)	6:42
Penalties: Gouthro and Ven-	

Second Period

3—Northside, Dalling (Gouthro, Dallington)	10:00
4—Timmins, Balek (McNeil)	18:12
Penalties: Kays and Towers 2 8—McLeod 12:55	

Third Period

5—Timmins, Savord	4:54
6—Timmins, Viche (Albert)	6:24
7—Northside, Ryan (B. Andros)	9:14
8—Northside, Ryan (Doucette, Gouthro)	15:11
9—Timmins, McNeil (Jarvis, Savord)	16:52
Penalties: Gouthro 7:44, Dimarchi 7:44	
Stops: Collins 11 13 11—3; Mousley 8 10 10—26	

Charles Wins By Decision Over Layne

SAN FRANCISCO, (CP)—Ezzard Charles punished Rex Layne Wednesday night to win an unanimous decision in the 10-round bout and emerge as one of the top contenders for the heavyweight title he once held.

"displaying strong punching power," Charles floored Layne four times.

Charles, weighing 187½ pounds, spotted his big rival 15½ pounds, and succeeded to give him a terrific beating. Layne balanced the scale at 203 pounds.

The former champion went into the ring as the four-to-one favorite and justified the odds before a near-capacity crowd of more than 7,000.

His sharp punches to the face and body took the steam out of Layne but the latter came back fighting every time.

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GIRLS' GAME

The R. C. A. F. WD's showed a big edge over the Abbies Girls at the start of their game, leading them 11-4 at the end of the first quarter, but the visitors kept getting better as the game progressed. P. Dalziel, E. MacArthur and L. Smith being a particularly effective trio for the winners. Dalziel very fast and with an unusually accurate shot led with 16 points. L. Smith was second with 12, and MacArthur had 11. For the Airforce girls C. MacMillan, a former Charlottetown basketball player, led with 11 markers. F. Pierson had 8, and R. Chaster, the softball speedball artist, 5.

BOX SCORE

Abbies	FG	FS	PF	Pts
P. Dalziel	8	0	1	16
E. MacArthur	4	3	3	11
L. Smith	5	2	1	12
A. MacKinnon	0	0	0	0
J. Weir	0	0	0	0
F. Evans	0	1	1	1
R. Coyle	0	0	0	0
L. MacMahon	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	6	6	40

R.C.A.F. WD's

R.C.A.F. WD's	FG	FS	PF	Pts
C. MacMillan	5	1	3	11
D. Schilfner	0	0	1	0
J. Thomas	0	0	2	0
F. Pierson	4	0	3	8
B. Montgomery	0	3	2	3
W. Woods	0	0	0	0
C. Pelletier	0	0	0	0
E. Chisholm	0	0	0	0
R. Chaster	2	1	1	5
M. O'Reilly	0	0	2	0
M. Tetley	0	0	1	0
Totals	11	5	15	27

Referee—F/L Deane, umpire, E. Nicholson.

Bruin Veterans Handcuff Red Wings

DETROIT, (AP)—Three veterans of big-time hockey, fellows whose combined years total 101, seem to have enough skill and stamina to spring the most startling Stanley Cup playoff upset in years.

They are Boston Bruins' Mil Schmidt, 35-year-old centre and captain, and wingers Woody Dumart, 36, and Joe Klukay, 30.

The Boston veterans have limited the game's most potent line—Detroit's Gordie Howe, Ted Lindsay and Marty Pavelich—to five goals and five assists in four Stanley Cup playoff games.

The Bruins beat the Stanley Cup defenders in their last three starts and need only one more victory in the best-of-seven semi-finals to move into the championship round against either Chicago Black Hawks or Montreal Canadiens.

Hockey Scores

By The Canadian Press

Eastern Canadian Junior	Score
Timmins 6 Northside 3	
Timmins leads best-of-seven quarter-finals 3-1, one tie.	
Quebec 10 St. Francis Xavier 3	
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Talk of Pearson As Successor To St. Laurent

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