

Atlantics Take Close 4-3 Victory Over Islanders As Semi-Final Series Opens

The Islanders and Atlantics resume their struggle here tonight after the local boys dropped an initial 4-3 decision in Halifax which was anybody's game until the final whistle.

The teams played on even terms throughout the game but the two quick goals by Wywrot and Ford in the second period gave the Atlantics a scant margin which they were able to hold until the end. Shots on goal were about even with McMeekin handling 32 while Besette stopped 35. This latter fact boys were really on fire since the work required by the two goalies is usually reversed when these teams meet.

Morrow played an outstanding game for the winners and proved to be the proverbial thorn in the side of the Island team all evening. If last night's tussle is any indication of what the fans can expect of the remaining games in this series, it would appear that the more or less mild, type of hockey which has been seen all winter, is at an end.

The two additions to the clubs, Clements and O'Connor seemed to have added some spark to the playing, with the latter giving notice that when an Irishman is aroused there is going to be trouble. His episode with McPhee last night marks one of the few fights seen in the M.M.H.L. this winter.

With very little to decide between the two, whatever small advantage can be expected is when they play in their home rink. It is therefore important to each that they win as many games away from home as possible. Islander supporters will be looking for a win tonight and tomorrow night and from all appearances they have a good chance of getting their wish.

Coley Hall Offers To Send Team Overseas

VANCOUVER, (CP)—Vancouver sportsman Coley Hall has offered to gamble \$15,000 that he can send a Canadian team that would win the 1955 world hockey championship.

Hall, owner of the professional Vancouver Canucks in the Western Hockey League, said in an interview he is willing to pick an amateur team for the next world tournament. If the club lost, as Toronto East York did to Russia in Stockholm, Hall would finance the trip. If the club won, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association would foot the bill. He estimated the cost at about \$15,000.

"My idea is to send an amateur team, probably all players from British Columbia, and wipe out the stigma which is strictly the fault of the C.A.H.A."

Exhibition Baseball

(Canadian Press)
New York (A) 5, Boston (A) 6
Philadelphia (N) 5, Detroit (A) 6
Chicago (A) 9, St. Louis (N) 10
Chicago (N) 6, Cleveland (A) 17
Baltimore (A) 10, New York (N) 9

Crapaud Defeats Abbies 7 To 4

The Crapaud Heartbreakers defeated the Charlottetown Abbies by the score of 7 to 4 in an exhibition hockey game at Crapaud rink last night.

Goal-getters for Crapaud were S. Ferguson with three, Howitt with two and Gardiner, and B. MacLean with singletons.

For the Abbies the scoring was taken care of by Doyle with a pair and Gillis and Simmons with one each.

The referee was White.

Hockey Scores

By The Canadian Press
Maritime Major
Charlottetown 3 Halifax 4
Halifax leads best-of-nine semi-final 1-0
Gloucester 2 Sydney 1
Gloucester leads best-of-nine semi-final 1-0
Nova Scotia Senior
Stellarton 5 Windsor 4
Stellarton leads best-of-seven final 3-1
Quebec League
Sherbrooke 4 Montreal 8
Quebec Junior
Montreal Royals 1 Quebec 7
Quebec leads best-of-seven semi-final 1-0
Ontario Junior A
Barrie 3 Kitchener 5
Guelph 5 St. Catharines 3
Ontario Senior A
Kitchener 1 Stratford 4

Elmsdale Sisters Take Round 5-3

In the second game of the Prince County finals between Borden National Sisters and Elmsdale Sisters played in Borden rink last night, the game ended in a 2-2 tie but the Elmsdale girls were the winners of the two game, total goal series by a 5-3 score.

SUMMARY
First Period
1-Borden, MacLean (Noonan, Howatt)
Penalties: None
Second Period
2-Borden, Gordon (MacLean)
3-Elmsdale, Fraser (Wallace)
4-Elmsdale, Fraser
Penalties: None
Third Period
No Score
Penalties: MacDonald.

LITTLE SPORT



Crockett Trophy Up For Tomorrow

Seven teams of the ladies' branch of the Charlottetown Curling Club have completed a round robin series to decide the winner to represent the club in the Provincial playdowns for the Crockett Trophy held in Charlottetown on Thursday, March 11th, 1954.

The play resulted in a three-way tie for first place, skips of the three teams being Miss Mary MacLennan, Mrs. Elizabeth MacDonald and Mrs. Kay Johnson. The final was played on Tuesday, March 9th, Mrs. Johnson winning from Mrs. MacDonald. On Thursday, play will begin at 9:30 a.m. for the Provincial championship. Out of town teams competing will be rinks from Summerside, Alberton and Montague.

Covehead Defeats Cornwall 7-3

At North River rink last night, Covehead defeated Cornwall 7-3 in a North River League semi-final game. Cornwall leads the best of five series 2-1.

Covehead goals were scored by Larter with three, and Hughes, MacDonald, O'Brien and Dalziel with singles.

Moore with a pair and MacPhail took care of the scoring for Cornwall.

Montague Wins In Minor Hockey

The Montague Bantams, Paperweights and Peewees captured their respective hockey games played in Georgetown last night by winning the round to go on to the next stage.

The Bantams won their game against the Georgetown Bantams 3 to 1 to capture the round 4 to 3. The Montague Paperweights were victorious by a score of 2 to 1 to take the round 4 to 2, and the Peewees tied the Georgetown C hockey championship. The second game is scheduled for Montague tonight.

Lineups:—
Montague: Goal, K. MacDonald; defence, F. Sheppard, W. MacRae, D. Nicholson; forwards, A. Nelson, W. Hughes, K. Clements, D. MacLean, L. Sheppard, C. Stewart, K. Cudmore.
Souris: Goal, W. Pierce; defence, C. McCormack, V. Jarvis, B. MacAdam; forwards, B. MacDonald, C. Lavie, M. Barrie, M. MacPhee, J. Cheverie, B. Lavie, R. MacAdam, G. Kelly, L. Gallant, G. Jay.
Referees: John Johnston, J. Richard of Charlottetown

Surgeons Wire Ted Williams' Left Collarbone

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Surgeons worked 80 minutes Tuesday to wire Ted Williams' fractured left collarbone, an eight-day-old break which has attracted almost as much attention as the late Babe Ruth's famed stomach ache caused by over-indulgence in hog dogs and pop.

The operating probably will shorten Williams' absence from the Boston Red Sox line-up from months to weeks.

Dr. Russell Sullivan told reporters the operation "had to be done, otherwise it would have been months" before the break healed.

Dr. Sullivan, aided by two other surgeons, used a six-inch steel nail to join the broken pieces of bone and also stitched a triangular fragment into place. The clavicle then was braced by insertion of bone slivers.

Dr. Sullivan said Williams will be able to jog easily within two weeks, should be able to bat and throw "lightly" in six weeks, when the pin probably will be removed, and should be able to play ball in eight weeks.

FAMED EXPLORER

Alexander Mackenzie on his trek to the Pacific in 1783 reached salt water at Cascade inlet, B. C.

By Ed Simon, Canadian Press Staff Writer
A tour of Russia by a top Canadian hockey team appears to be favored by all concerned, but the project may have to wait a year because of weather conditions.

While no formal invitation has been extended, the idea arose at Stockholm last week when officials of Moscow Dynamos said Russia would welcome a visit by a leading Canadian team for exhibition games against Soviet clubs.

The Russians never made clear whether they are interested in an amateur or professional club but the suggestion aroused immediate interest in Canada, which was reinforced when the Dynamos whipped Toronto East York 7-2 Sunday to win the world hockey title.

Amateur hockey officials in Canada and Stockholm said they would await an official invitation but the professionals were more than ready to meet the Russian proposal half way.

NHL "Willing And Able"
President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League said his body is "willing and able" to send a team if the Russians can make arrangements for a tour "under practical conditions."

He added that such a tour would necessarily have to await completion of the NHL's playoffs next month and that the visiting team's expenses would have to be assured.

Conn Smythe, managing director of Toronto Maple Leafs, one of the NHL's two Canadian clubs, went a step further. He offered to take his team to Russia to help Canada "regain her lost prestige in world hockey."

Atlantics, Islanders Resume Series Tonight

HALIFAX, (CP)—Halifax Atlantics downed Charlottetown Islanders 4-3 Tuesday night in a "blitz" first game of the best-of-nine Maritime Major Hockey League semi-finals but Islanders said they were playing under protest after their big defenceman, Gus Gustavson, received a minor penalty in the third period from referee Rocky Sullivan, former Maritime senior league star who took over when referee Frank St. Laurent was injured in the second period.

The protest apparently will be on the grounds that Sullivan wasn't a bona fide referee. St. Laurent received a cut under his right eye when hit by a puck with a minute and eight seconds remaining in the second period.

Vance Pellano gave Islanders a 1-0 lead with a goal early in the first period. Halifax scored a goal in the opening seconds of the second but it was disallowed because Johnny Morrow was in the crease.

Goals Come Quickly
Morrow redeemed himself by scoring the tying goal two minutes later. Elwood Ritchie gave Charlottetown the lead again three minutes later but Halifax took a 2-2 lead on goals by Pete Wywrot and Bill Ford within a minute of each other.

Billy Arcand notched the insurance marker in the third on a slick play engineered by newcomer Marcel Clements. Islanders got their final goal within a minute when Robert blazed a shot past McMeekin after taking a pass-out from Saundon.

Halifax held the edge in play in the heavy body-checking game before 4,385 fans. Tempers broke in the third when Ted O'Connor of Islanders was tagged with a major and match misconduct for fighting with Doug McPhee and later taking a swipe at some fans with his stick. None of the fans were hit. McPhee received a major.

Montague Takes 14-9 Victory Over Souris In Intermediate C Opener

Montague won a 14-9 victory over Souris last night at Souris rink in the opener of the two-game home and home series for the King's County Intermediate C hockey championship. The second game is scheduled for Montague tonight.

Lineups:—
Montague: Goal, K. MacDonald; defence, F. Sheppard, W. MacRae, D. Nicholson; forwards, A. Nelson, W. Hughes, K. Clements, D. MacLean, L. Sheppard, C. Stewart, K. Cudmore.
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Sport Echoes From Prince County

That light, fast and tricky threesome, Maynard Schurman, Paul Schurman, and Vance Harris showed what they can do when the ice surface is at its best. They racked up five of the nine goals against P.W.C. Saturday night.

The production line has lost its clever left-winger, Vance Harris, probably for the remainder of the season. Vance twisted his knee in Saturday night's game and will be out for an indefinite period. Latest report says the physician advises that Vance rest it for ten days. Harris was missed in the game against O'Leary. Other players used didn't fit into the style of the first string line. It takes a little while to get used to line-mates.

Laysh Schurman experimented with his lines a bit in the game with O'Leary and one combination he used for a brief period seemed to click at once. That was Paul Schurman, Al Romaine and Mooney Gallant. The trio seemed to get through the O'Leary defence with ease.

The following players have won the Holman's Men's Award to "most valuable player" award to date: Garth Gay, Paul Schurman, Stan Gallant, Maynard Schurman, Dave McInnis.

Graham's Read 5 Stanley Bridge 4

The first game of Intermediate C hockey semi-finals in Kensington Rink was played last night. The second game will be played tonight.

SUMMARY
First Period
1-Graham's Road, L. Coles
2-Stanley Bridge, D. Reid (Moore).
3-Graham's Road, MacRae (Coles).
4-Graham's Road, Dunning (Penalties: B. Reid).
Second Period
5-Graham's Road, E. Graham (Campbell).
6-Stanley Bridge, H. Moore (B. MacKay).
7-Stanley Bridge, B. MacKay (B. Graham).
8-Stanley Bridge, H. Moore (Reid).
Penalties: Moore, Moore, L. MacLeod, B. Reid.
Third Period
9-Graham's Road, L. Coles (MacRae).
Penalties: B. Reid, L. Profit (majors), H. Moore.

Maple Leafs' Tour Of Russia May Be Delayed

Climate Big Obstacle
But the Russian climate appeared to present an insurmountable obstacle to Smythe's proposal.

With Moscow's only artificial rink still under construction, anyone attempting to play hockey in Russia in May would find themselves attempting to navigate on pools of water.

Since the Leafs and Montreal Canadiens, the other Canadian NHL club, are likely to be embroiled in Stanley Cup playoffs for into April, an earlier tour would appear to be out of the question. Top amateur clubs will have Allan or Memorial Cup play-off commitments for at least another month.

Linkletter Rink Wins Playdowns At Summerside

At the Summerside Curling Rink yesterday the Linkletter rink won the local ladies playdown to advance to the provincial series which will be held in Charlottetown on Thursday.

The rink was made up of Frances Henthorn, Sally Basler, Irene Silliphant and Betty Linkletter (skip). This same foursome won the Provincial championship in 1952 and again in 1953.

The local runners-up were skipped by Ann Hayes with Pearl MacFarlane, mate, Al Morrison, second, and Vivian Sheen, lead.

The Carl E. Crockett trophy is emblematic of the Provincial ladies curling championship.

Each ladies curling club on the Island is entitled to send one rink and it is expected that there will be representatives from Alberton, Montague, Summerside, and Charlottetown again this year. Last year the playdowns took place in Summerside.

BOY IN CHIMNEY

CHICAGO, (AP)—Six-year-old Robert Unger, missing for nearly six hours and hunted by more than 150 persons, was found stuck in the chimney of an outdoor fireplace 30 feet from his home, Monday night.

ANCIENT LAND

About 80 per cent of the people of Turkey are engaged in agricultural occupations.

Gloucester Comes From Behind For 2-1 Win Over Sydney Millionaires

SYDNEY, (CP)—Gloucester Bay Miners exploded with two goals late in the third period to take a 2-1 win over Sydney Millionaires Tuesday night and a 1-0 lead in the best-of-nine Maritime Major Hockey League semi-finals.

Cliff Hicks' excellent goaltending held Miners in the game during the first two periods and then, with defeat staring them in the face, scored two goals in the last four minutes for the victory.

George Robertson gave Sydney a 1-0 lead in the second period. In the third, Kenny Watson fired the equalizer at 16:34 and two minutes later playing coach Hugh Campbell set up George Oulette for the winning goal. Oulette scored on a screened shot.

Sydney outshot Miners throughout the game, with Hicks handling 37 shots to Norm Defelice's 19.

Referees Mike Choma and Jim Kelly called 18 penalties, and Gloucester received 11, including a misconduct and match misconduct to captain Copper Leyte when he argued too vigorously on a high sticking penalty to teammate Jim Farrell.

Lineups:—
Gloucester: Goal, Hicks; de-

fence, Whyte, Leyte, Treen, Annett; forwards, Connelly, Miller, Rochford, Watson, Farrell, Miles, Campbell, Oulette, Kodatsky.
Sydney: Goal, Defelice; defence, O'Connor, McCallum, McDonald, Cooper; forwards, Renaud, Lygrock, Dubuc, Robertson, Pirie, McIntyre, Cowan, Chorley, Marshall.
Referees: Mike Choma and Jim Kelly.
Summary:—
First Period
No scoring.
Penalties: Leyte 1:28, Kodatsky 4:12, Campbell 7:07, McCallum 13:30, Robertson 13:53.
Second Period
1-Sydney, Robertson (Pirie, McIntyre) 15:07
Penalties: Arnett 5:21, 19:39
Pirie and Rochford 19:50.
Third Period
2-Gloucester, Watson, (Farrell) 18:46
3-Gloucester, Oulette, (Campbell, Treen) 18:46
Penalties: McIntyre 11, O'Connor 11:17, Farrell 12:21, 16:58, Leyte 12:21 match misconduct, McDonald and Rochford 14:55, Pirie 16:58.
Stops:—
Hicks 11 11 14-2
Defelice 6 4 7-17

S'ide Aces Win Series From O'Leary Maroons

The O'Leary Maroons edged the Summerside Aces 6-5 in a thrilling, closely contested game at the O'Leary rink last night before 800 widely cheering fans but lost their semi-final series 1-2-7, the Aces having won the opening game at Summerside on Monday night by a decisive 7-1 score. Last night's game was one of the best in the O'Leary rink this year with neither team having more than a two-goal lead at any time throughout the game.

With a powerful six-goal margin, the Aces working Aces put on an excellent display of combination hockey but were hampered at times owing to the much smaller ice surface in the O'Leary rink than other rinks they had been playing on. The Maroons, always a hard working team forced into the play from the opening whistle, letting go 35 shots at McInnis in the Summerside net. MacNeil in the O'Leary cage had 24 shots.

Play was even in the opener each side getting on the board with a single, Rodgeron tallying for O'Leary and M. Gallant getting the evener to end the period tied 1-1.

The home team forged slightly ahead in the sandwich session tallying four to the visitors' three markers. W. Harris and R. Edgeron picked up singles and added a pair for the Maroons. M. Schurman, P. Schurman and P. Pope each getting one for Summerside.

O'Leary were leading 5-4 going into the final frame. Gaudet getting the evener at the three quarter mark of the period. O'Leary's star line of J. Bagliolo, G. Rodgeron and G. Bernard scored the winning goal with only two minutes of the game remaining, on a smooth play, getting a terrific ovation from the crowd. There were only three penalties.

Referees were Benny Grady and Lloyd Silliker.

Has Word For British Athletes Re Empire Games

VANCOUVER, (CP)—English athletes considering by-passing the British Empire Games should remember that the games "are more than just another athletic event," a top games official said here Wednesday.

Stan Smith, chairman of the games committee, said he regretted that England's crack distance runner Gordon Pirie had decided to miss the big Empire athletic event here July 30-Aug. 7 in preference for European games slated for Berne, Switzerland, in late August.

"I am satisfied that England will send an exceptionally strong team here this summer," said Smith, adding that the Empire games "are more than just another athletic event, they are a gathering of the Commonwealth and as such deserve the full support of all Commonwealth countries and athletes."

Pirie announced Tuesday he would prefer the Berne meet and the London Daily Mail said the majority of England's athletes favor the European games.

The Daily Mail termed the proximity of the Empire and European games dates "stupid planning."

The Vancouver official said the Daily Mail's comment "shows the mental capacity of its writer as being moronic."

In fixing the dates for the games, held every four years, "it is necessary to take into consideration weather conditions in the area the games are held," said Smith. "We checked meteorological records back over 40 years to determine what was likely to be the most rain-free period here."

New Haven Jamboree At Wiltshire Hall

After being idle for almost three weeks, due to impassable roads, the "New Haven Jamboree" again took to the road and entertained a capacity crowd at North Wiltshire Hall last night.

Mrs. Artie MacPhee, called the numbers and kept the programme moving smoothly and there wasn't a dull moment, as each performer actually excelled in his or her role.

The gentlemen modelled the "Ladies Fashions" exceptionally well, and the laughter and applause almost made the rafters ring.

This popular concert, strictly "jamboree" type, will be presented at Parkdale Hall on Friday night.

FORUM DATES

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