

New Rules For Baseball Effective This Spring

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP) — Two minutes after spring training starts Wednesday the baseball players in general and the pitchers in particular will realize they are operating this season under a new set of rules.

Baseball's player rules were rephrased and redefined during the last winter. Both the majors and minors co-operated on the task.

The change which the pitchers will realize first is the one which says the mound must be exactly 15 inches high and must slope gradually toward the baselines. In the past the mounds varied from park to park and from day to day, depending on who was to pitch.

Another rule defines the strike area now as the space over home plate between the hitter's arm pits and knees "when he assumes his natural stance." A footnote points out that the natural stance for some batters is a crouching one, which is legal.

The crouch could cut the strike zone by as much as 25 per cent.

Another altered rule provides the catcher must keep one foot in the receiver's box when the pitcher is issuing an intentional base on balls. Another makes the umpire judge if an unorthodox conduct has prevailed when a base runner slides into an infielder in hopes of breaking up a double play. If the umpire decides that unfair tactics were used he now has the power to call the batter out even if the ball did not reach the base in time.

Two minor changes say that a starting hurler must go five innings of a completed game to receive credit for a victory and that the pitchers are not permitted to apply rosin to the ball or to their uniforms.

Borden Wins 9-7 From Freetown In Playoff Game

The Borden Nationals scored a 9-7 victory over the Freetown Royals in the first game of a home and home, best-of-seven series in the immediate B hockey league playoff competition at Bedeque Rink last night.

The Nationals piled up a 5-0 lead in first period play and held an 8-3 advantage at the end of the second. In the final session Freetown put on their drive and outshot the Nationals four goals to one, but were a little late in starting to overcome the six-goal lead piled up by Borden in the first two frames.

Richard was the leading goal-getter for Borden, chalking up four, while Campbell and W. Mills led Freetown with a brace each.

The regular goalie for Borden, E. Richard was put out of the game during a warm up session before the game started when he was struck on the elbow with a flying puck. He was replaced by Gus Gallant.

The second game of the schedule will be played at Borden rink tonight.

The following are the lineups and summary:

Borden: Goal, Gus Gallant; defence, E. Darrach, W. Ostway, A. Ostway, McIsaac; forwards, Richard, W. Pickering, Dorsey, Campbell, J. Darrach, F. Darrach.

Freetown: Goal, Richard; defence, Cutcliffe, Waugh, Simmons, MacMurdo; forwards, Duvar, R. Smith, W. Mills, MacFarlane, W. MacFadyen, G. MacFadyen, C. Mills, McEntee, Moreside, Smith.

See Movie, Receive Awards

Last evening about 50 young athletes and leaders were entertained at a showing of an interesting movie which showed the highlights of the closely fought 1948 World Baseball Series between Boston Braves and Cleveland Indians. The showing was arranged by the Department of Physical Fitness and handled by the Director, Brig. W. Reid.

The film which is an outstanding one was secured from the A. G. Spalding Co. and brought to the island through the efforts of Mr. Arthur Burns, proprietor of the Bike Shop. Since arriving on the island this movie has already been viewed by about 400 sport fans and several other showings have been scheduled at various centres.

Following the show last evening, members of East End Bantams and Parkdale Midgets were presented with individual trophies donated by the Bike Shop for winning the City Bantam and Midget baseball titles respectively. The presentation of the awards was handled by Brig. Reid and Mr. Ernie Moore, both of whom congratulated the boys on their fine start made in 1949 and stated they hoped to see one and all out one more with their teams in 1950.

Peewee, Midget Games Scheduled At North River

At 3.15 this afternoon the West Kent, Spring Park and Parkdale Peewee hockey teams will journey to the North River Rink where the City Peewee Hockey League playdowns will be continued. The Midget Abbies, Knotty Niners, Victorias and Canadians will also leave the Travel Bureau for North River where they will play their final games in the City Midget Hockey League.

At the same rink at 8.00 o'clock the Vocational School students will meet in their weekly hockey session, while at 9.15 the Department of Agriculture Burdizzos will take on the rugged Experimental Station Thundering Herd in a special challenge match.

Q. S. S. Hockey

The Royals scored a lopsided 13-0 shutout victory over the Leafs in a scheduled Queen Square School Hockey League fixture at the Forum yesterday afternoon to increase their standing at the top of the league by another two points.

The victory puts the Royals, who have won six and tied one in seven league starts to remain undefeated, a full five points up on the second place Thunderbolts. It was the sixth loss for Leafs in seven games having tied one earlier in the schedule with the league leading royals.

It was an easy victory for the Royals who practically scored at will, with Bobby Trainor coming up with five goals, Charley MacDonald and Cy Burke three each, while Brian McCallum and Kenny MacDonald accounted for the remaining tallies with one apiece.

.22 RIFLE CLUB

Shooting will resume on Tuesday evening, February 28th, at the Armories for the 22 Marksmen Branch of the Provincial Rifle Association. All former members and a few new ones will be welcome. Mr. Fred Younker or Mr. Ralph Jenkins will be in charge Tuesday evening.

Maritimes Have Little Junior Hockey This Year

HALIFAX, Feb. 27 (CP) — Prospects for a strong Maritime contender in Memorial Cup play this season appeared dim tonight.

With only one "A" club registered, and youngsters performing in most of the leagues, observer figured it will be two or three years before a really top team emerges.

Halifax St. Mary's, the "A" club that has carried Maritime honors for the past few seasons, have been weakened through loss of players to the pro leagues.

The Junior Cape Breton loop, featuring a strong band of play, is expected to provide tough opposition for the Saints. Most sportsmen believe it will be either Saints or the Cape Breton winner who will meet the Quebec Junior Amateur Hockey Association winner in the playoffs.

Although about 25 "B" teams were registered, the brand of play did not appear strong this season.

In New Brunswick, where quarter-finals now are underway, young players of 16 or 17 made up the teams and were building for the future. Prince Edward Island has no junior hockey.

It appeared to be the same old story as far as the Maritimes were concerned — lack of coaching and financial support.

TUESDAY—4 to 5:30—CHILDREN'S SKATING 8 TO 10 SKATING

WEDNESDAY—HOCKEY—ISLAND LEAGUE—8:00 ABBIES VS. VICS

ADULTS—50c CHILDREN—25c

Announce Plans For Barbara Ann Welcome

When Barbara Ann Scott appears here Friday night she will be given a provincial and civic welcome, it was announced yesterday by the Forum management.

A public reception will take place on Forum ice the opening night of her two night engagement. She will be formally welcomed by His Honour Lt. Governor J. A. Bernard, by Premier J. Walter Jones and by His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonald.

A portion of the ice surface will be appropriately carpeted for the ceremony previous to the opening of the show. A gift will be made by the Premier on behalf of the Province and an illuminated address and memento presented on behalf of the city. Miss Scott will also be the recipient of a bouquet of roses. It is hoped to have a public address system carry the addresses in connection with the presentations to all quarters of the Forum.

The women's dressing room will be appropriately equipped and decorated for the visit of members of the "Skating Sensations of 1950." Dressing tables, decorations and flowers will lend an artistic tone to the quarters.

According to the latest word the members of the show will leave Sackville by bus Friday morning, connecting with the car ferry at 11.30. It is expected the party should arrive in Charlottetown shortly before two o'clock.

Ice Racing At Vernon

The Vernon Driving Club staged their third ice racing meet of the season last Wednesday afternoon when four classes, including eleven entries, came up with some keenly contested racing that gave the large crowd of attending fans a most enjoyable afternoon.

Captain Budlong captured the Class A Trot and Pace in straight heats, Mickey Peter took two first and a second in the Class A Trot, while Bingen Budlong and Thorp Dale captured top honors in the Class B and Class C divisions respectively in straight heats.

The following are the results:

Class A Trot & Pace
 Captain Budlong (Grant) 1 1 1
 Happy Vernon (McDonald) 2 2 2
 Winning horse owned by B. V. Grant, Millview.

Class A Trot
 Mickey Peter (Ryan) 1 2 1
 Miss Judy Dale (Buell) 2 1 2
 Barbara Ann (Wood) 3 3 3
 Winning horse owned by J. J. Ryan, Avondale.

Class B
 Bingen Budlong (Praught) 1 1 1
 Willard Dale (Duffy) 2 2 2
 Winning horse owned by J. Leo Praught, Cherry Valley.

Class C
 Thorn Dale (Young) 1 1 1
 May Dale (Praught) 2 2 2
 Queenie Kalmuck (Irving) 4 4 3
 Colonel Brooke (Henry) 3 3 3
 Winning horse owned by Levi Young, Earnsccliffe.

Officials—Starter, J. T. McKenna; judges, John Praught, Walter Crane, Mike McKenna.

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World Series Movie Showings

SPORTS fans of Charlottetown—especially baseball followers and players—will doubtless be pleased to hear that through the co-operation of A. G. Spalding & Co., the Bike Shop and the Department of Physical Fitness, there will be free showings of the movie "World Series 1948" at the Armories last night. At 7.00 p.m. the show will be for all boys 16 and under and at 8.00 p.m. all players over 16 and any interested fans will be welcome. This is an excellent baseball film which runs about forty minutes with a running commentary and several "slow action" shots. There will doubtless be a big turnout of fans tonight, especially followers of Boston Braves and Cleveland Indians, to see this top notch entertainment. Plans have been made to look after a goodly crowd, however, and if necessary extra showings will be arranged.

Charles-Beshore Fight April 5

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 27 (AP) — The postponed heavyweight fight between the National Boxing Association champion, Ezzard Charles, and Freddie Beshore probably will be Wednesday, March 29, promoter Dewey Michaels said today.

It had been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 5.

Michaels said another promoter, Tom Lippe, had agreed by telephone from Florida to relinquish the March 29 date, which Lippe had reserved for a show featuring Joe De John.

The title fight originally was to be tomorrow night. It was postponed Friday when Jake Mintz, manager of Charles, announced the champion had injured a rib in training.

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Bowling

HOLY NAME ALLEYS Big Four League

Alerts 3200
 All Stars 3128
 High Single — C. LeClair 319.
 High Three — E. Pineau 733.
 Points—Alerts, 4; All Stars 1.
 Next game, 1st March—Old Timers vs Alerts.

Y. M. C. A. ALLEYS Ladies Friday Afternoon League

Team 1—2268—3 points
 Team 2—2443—4 points
 Team 3—2411—1 point
 Team 4—2245—2 points.
 High single B. Howatt 250.
 High three E. MacDonald 588.

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Airmen Default Final Game To P. W. C. Welshmen

The Summerside R.C.A.F. hockey team have defaulted their final game of the regular schedule in Island Intermediate A Hockey League play to the Prince of Wales College Welshmen it was announced officially last night by league officials.

The game was scheduled to be played at the Forum tonight. It is believed that the nine losses in as many league starts was the reason for the default.

The win by default automatically gives P.W.C. a fourth place tie with Summerside Crystals, and it has been decided that the two teams will meet in a home and home, total goals to count series to determine which team will be the fourth team in the playoffs. The first game is scheduled to be played at Summerside on Thursday night, and the final game here next week.

Glace Bay Wins Semi-Final Opener

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 27 (CP) — Glace Bay Miners went on a scoring spree here tonight to down North Sydney Victorias 9-2 in the first game of a best-of-seven semi-final series.

Winner of the series will meet Sydney Millionaires in the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League finals.

The score was all even at 2-2 at the end of the initial frame. Then Glace Bay started their scoring spurge, notching six goals in the middle canto and another in the final period.

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Curlers From Maritimes Leave For Vancouver

MONCTON, Feb. 27 — The three Provincial championship curling teams from the Maritimes left today on the Scotian of the Canadian National Railways en route to Vancouver where they will take part in the Macdonald Brier tankard trophy contest, emblematic of the Dominion championship.

The Nova Scotia team, which is from Bridgewater, is composed of B. K. Haines, skip; E. D. Joudry, mate; R. W. Simmons, second stone; and L. Rhodenizer, lead. The team representing Prince Edward Island from Charlottetown is made up of Heath Saunders, skip; Douglas Saunders, mate; Daniel O'Rourke, second stone; and David MacLean, lead. The Nova Brunswick team, from the Moncton Beaver Curling Club, boarded the Scotian at Bathurst where they were tendered a banquet. They are J. A. Vance, skip; Dr. Lea Allanach, mate; Ralph Lister, second stone; and Ronald Dickie, lead.

Accompanying the teams was Hon. Thane Campbell, Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island, who is trustee for the Macdonald Brier tankard trophy.

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Curling Schedule

Today's schedule at the Charlottetown Curling Club: Physical Fitness Trophy 5.30 p.m. Ice 1—F. Hansen vs. J. Squares. Ice 2—Salesmen No. 2 vs. Merchants No. 2. Ice 3—Dom. Gov't No. 1 vs. Transportation No. 2. Ice 4—Dom. Gov't No. 2 vs. Transportation No. 1. 9.00 p.m. Ice 1—Experimental Farm vs. Feed Dealers. Ice 2—Doctors No. 2 vs. Stragglers. Ice 3—Contractors vs. Auto Dealers No. 2. Ice 4—Bankers vs. Merchants No. 3.

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Beavers Clip Hawks 8-5 To Enter Big Four Finals

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 27 (CP) — Saint John Beavers clipped Moncton Hawks 8-5 here tonight to take their best-of-seven Maritime Senior Hockey League semi-finals in four straight games.

In the final Beavers will meet either Halifax St. Mary's or Amherst Ramblers. Saints lead the series 3-1 with the next game scheduled for Halifax tomorrow night.

Beavers grabbed an early lead tonight with Mike Demchuk getting the first marker at 2:01. Beavers added two before the period ended with Lou Milani making the only reply for Hawks.

It was a bit tighter in the middle frame with Beavers holding only a 3-2 edge in the scoring. Both teams added two more in the final frame.

Big Buck Whitlock of Beavers was best goal-getter of the night, getting three. Gordie Drillon, Maurice Dowling, with two, Art Leger and Demchuk were the other Beavers in the scoring list.

Flashing the red light for Hawks besides Milani were Bob Porter, Rod MacKenzie, Manry MacIntyre and Frank Imonti.

First Period

1—Saint John, Demchuk (Nico'e)	2:01
2—Saint John, Drillon (MacDonald)	6:35
3—Moncton, Milani (MacKenzie)	11:24
4—Saint John, Dowling (Wray, Heon)	19:08
Penalty — Fleet	

Second Period

5—Saint John, Dowling	4:13
6—Saint John, Whitlock (Demchuk, Nico'e)	10:14
7—Moncton, Porter	14:08
8—Saint John, Leger (Fritz, Drillon)	15:01
9—Moncton, MacKenzie (Milani)	17:06
Penalties — None	

Third Period

10—Saint John, Whitlock (Croucher)	2:45
11—Saint John, Whitlock (Kearns, Demchuk)	8:50
12—Moncton, MacIntyre (Imonti)	11:56
13—Moncton, Imonti (Larlee)	14:37
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TICKETS AVAILABLE

Thousands of tickets have been sold for this show. However about 100 tickets have not been picked up and will be resold on TUESDAY AT 10 O'CLOCK AT THE FORUM

Persons in Summerside and vicinity wishing to travel by bus to Charlottetown for the Barbara Ann Show are requested to purchase their tickets at the bus stop or from Harold Meivor by Thursday so that the proper number of buses will be on hand.



CANADIAN GLAMOUR GIRLS WITH BARBARA ANN. — A bevy of talented and charming Canadian skaters who are featured in Barbara Ann Scott's colorful new ice show, "Skating Sensations of 1950" which plays at The Forum for two days, March 3 and March 4.

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