

Islanders Win 7-4 Victory Over Beavers

O'Leary Is Winner Of West Prince League

The O'Leary Maroons followed up their 7-3 victory in O'Leary last week by defeating the Alberton Regals by a score of 6-5 to make them winners of the West Prince Hockey League. Despite the slow ice it was easily the best game seen here this season with both teams putting up an excellent game and it was anybody's game up until the final bell.

There were fourteen penalties, each team getting seven. The game was ably refereed by Jimmie Hogan.

without the assistance of any linemen. Ellis and Baglione were outstanding players for the Maroons closely followed by Rodgers.

Lineups:
Regals — Goal, Sprague; defence, B. Profit, H. Barbour, J. Rochford; forwards, E. Gavin, G. Mathews, R. Frase, F. Millman, E. Atkinson, S. Murphy.

Maroons — Goal, R. McNeil; defence, F. Smallman, W. Turner; forwards, Ellis, Baglione, Rodgers, W. Harris, L. Harris, McDonald, D. Adams, W. Gorhill.

Judge Hudson Imposes Fines On Three Players

HALIFAX, Feb. 26 — (CP) — Paul (Pee Wee) Evans of Halifax St. Mary's has been fined \$35 and suspended for three games, Judge J. Elliott Hudson, president of the Maritime Major Hockey League, announced today.

The action was the result of a misconduct and match penalty imposed on Evans by referee Casey Bradshaw Feb. 23 in a game between Halifax and Charlottetown Islanders in Charlottetown.

Evans, along with four other players, was brought up for the game. He will not be permitted to play the following games: Halifax at Saint John Feb. 27; Moncton at Halifax Feb. 28, and the first playoff game between Saint John and Halifax March 3.

The match penalty received by Evans was the first in the M.M.H.L. this season.

Judge Hudson also reported that two other players were fined in the same game. John Dutchak of Islanders received a misconduct penalty and was fined \$10. Halifax's Hughie Campbell received a misconduct and a match misconduct and has been fined \$35.

The text of referee Casey Bradshaw's report on the incident follows:

Favero, McLagan Out For Another Week, 10 Days

Coach Leo Lamoureux of the Charlottetown Islanders stated last night that right winger Bruno "Red" Favero and defenceman George McLagan may be out of action for another week or 10 days.

Favero has been in hospital for the past week with a slight case of pneumonia and will likely be there for another week yet before being discharged from hospital, while McLagan is suffering from an injured leg. McLagan who hasn't played for the past two games, has a blood clot in the thigh and is presently undergoing treatment and is likely to be out of action for about 10 days.

Victorias Win From Miners 5-1

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S. Feb. 26 — (CP) — North Sydney Victorias avenged their 10-1 Saturday night defeat by trampling Glace Bay Miners 5-1 here tonight in a regular Cape Breton Major Hockey League game.

Laurie Peterson moved ahead in the league scoring race by scoring two goals for Vics. Ed Marineau, Vic Demarco and Don Bellringer each shot single tallies. Miners' only goal came late in the final period when Gordon Bruce slipped through the defence to score.

Kenny Biggs, who established a spectacular goal-scoring streak last week, and Gerald McCabe assisted on the Miners' goal.

Field Ambulance Defeats 28th L. A. A.

The 21st Field Ambulance defeated the 28th L.A.A. 10-3 Saturday night in a wide-open Garrison Hockey League game at the Forum.

F. Kennedy led the 21st Field Ambulance with five goals. R. Hurry fired three. C. Archer and R. Vessey one each. I. Vessey collected five assists.

R. Nicholson and McNeill scored two and one respectively for the 28th L.A.A.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 — (AP) — Eddie Yost, Washington Nationals' flashy third baseman, has joined the holdout ranks with a demand for a 100-per-cent salary increase. He is reported to be asking \$18,000.

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Semi-Final Series With Moncton To Open Here This Week-End

The semi-final playoff series between Charlottetown Islanders and Moncton Hawks in Maritime Major Hockey League play will get underway in Charlottetown on Friday and Saturday nights of this week, it was announced here yesterday by Islanders Club President, Major T. B. Rogers.

The starting date had been set for Moncton this week-end at a meeting of the M.M.H.L. at Moncton on Sunday, but through negotiations between President Rogers and the Moncton management by telephone yesterday, arrangements were made to change the opening to Charlottetown ice on Friday and Saturday.

Making a statement to the press here yesterday, Major Rogers said, "On returning to the City by plane yesterday from the Sunday meeting at Moncton, I found the town in an uproar over changing the playoff dates to start at Moncton. I was met with a great deal of consternation from the Islanders team and a number of hockey fans in the City, but of course they didn't know the story behind the change."

"Last week," Major Rogers stated, "I phoned C. S. McAllden, Secretary of the M.M.H.L. to inquire about the financial arrangement for the playoffs. This was my reply by telegram: 'Visiting club to receive thirty-five per cent of gate after taxes and rink expenses have been deducted and the rink to supply statement to visiting Club.' Armed with this information," Major Rogers continued, "I went to the Big Four meeting at Moncton on Sunday, accompanied by Mr. W. E. Massey, club vice-president. At the meeting, however, I found that the thirty-five per cent arrangement only applied to the odd game, fifth, seventh, etc. played in such a series, and that none of the playoff teams represented would agree to a straight thirty-five per cent cut on the full series. When I realized the full import of the situation, I opened negotiations with the Moncton Club management, and they agreed to split thirty-five per cent with us on all games, providing Charlottetown agreed to play the first two games at Moncton. Being the two men primarily concerned with the financial arrangements of the club, Mr. Massey and myself agreed to those terms and didn't think for a minute that the rest of the Islanders club or management would have disagreed with such a decision for our financial betterment, otherwise I would have contacted them from the meeting to get their approval."

"However, when I arrived back in this city, such was not the case, and after being taken up on the carpet by the Club, I arranged to have the playoffs reverted back to start here on Friday — but less thirty-five per cent of all of Moncton's home games."

In closing Major Rogers stated, "That is why I made such a decision at the meeting, and although I hold no ill feeling over the team's attitude, I want to let the hockey public know my reasons for making such a decision without consulting the rest of the executive on the matter."

Sport Echoes From Prince County

Weather such as is likely to strain the memory of the oldest inhabitant to recall its equal has called a halt to all play-off hockey games scheduled to be played in natural ice rinks. Very late starts have been experienced in all natural ice rinks for the last three seasons. If early finishes are to be added, that will just about be the coup de grace as far as such rinks are concerned.

Just how the smaller centres are going to get around such a situation is difficult to see. If the mild winter trend continues, the centres near each other may consolidate their forces and erect a common artificial ice rink. That would be quite a project but if the need became pressing it is quite within the realm of possibility that these enterprising little centres would carry it through.

Because so many of the important play-down games were being played on poor ice surfaces, the authorities don't start this year. The weather double-crossed them, however, and started the slushy ice surfaces a bit earlier too.

Four play-off series in Prince County are waiting the green light from the weather man. O'Leary and Alberton, Freetown and Albany, Summerside and Albany, and Kensington. O'Leary won the first one from Alberton 7 to 3, Freetown tied Albany 3-3, Summerside Juniors took a two-goal lead over Kensington Juniors, 5 to 3. Borden and the Crystals haven't started their final series yet.

S'ide Crystals Capture Opening Game Of Series

Summerside Crystals last night won the opening game of the East Prince Intermediate A. Hockey finals, edging out Borden Nationals 8-7 in a coupling game at Borden. The second game of the best three of five series is scheduled for Crystal rink tonight.

Borden's flashy forward, Campbell, suffered a minor injury after he fell after being checked in the second period. However, after receiving treatment the veteran of 20 years on the team returned and played a bang-up game in the third period, scoring two goals, and getting an assist.

The teams split the six goals scored in the first period, and then Summerside took the lead with three without a reply in the sandwhich session. Borden outscored the visitors four two in the final canter.

Lineups:
Borden — Goal, Richard; defence, E. Darrach, Dalzell, Hennessey; forwards, Campbell, C. Howatt, Dorsey, Pickering, J. Darrach, Muttart.

Summerside — Goal, Forbes; defence, Shields, A. Gallant; forwards, Trainor, McKay, Kelly, Doucette, Landry, Outcliffe.

Referees — Jim Razavet, Bill Paloren.

Hockey Scores

Maritime Major							
Saint John 4; Ch'town 7							
Cape Breton Major							
Glace Bay 1; North Sydney 6							
THE STANDINGS							
Maritime Major							
GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts	
Ch'town	75	49	22	4	335	209	102
Halifax	75	42	30	3	323	284	87
St. John	75	39	39	3	284	304	69
Moncton	75	19	52	3	242	387	42
Cape Breton Major							
GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts	
Sydney	72	40	17	15	289	190	95
Glace Bay	73	28	34	11	247	267	67
N. Sydney	73	19	36	18	222	301	56
National League							
W	L	T	G	A	Pts		
Detroit	34	12	12	189	125	80	
Toronto	32	12	13	179	116	77	
Boston	19	24	15	146	163	53	
New York	23	18	13	158	165	52	
Montreal	19	27	12	134	154	50	
Chicago	13	36	10	150	213	36	

Baseball News

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26 — (AP) — General manager Branch Rickey today signed four more Pittsburgh Pirates to 1951 contracts. They are outfielders Wally Westlake and Dino Restelli, and pitchers Bill Werle and Paul Pettit.

VERO BEACH, Fla., Feb. 26 — (AP) — Gil Hodges, all-star first baseman, today notified Brooklyn club officials he will not be able to leave New York tomorrow, as per schedule, to start work with the regulars March 1. Mrs. Hodges is expecting a baby and Gil said he probably would stick around for the big event.

DETROIT, Feb. 26 — (AP) — Pinch-hitter Charles (King) Kong, Kellee today accepted a Detroit Tiger contract for the 1951 season. Kellee, 34-year-old former New York Yankee star outfielder, told General manager Billy Evans he will report Saturday to the Tigers' Lakeland, Fla., spring training camp.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26 — (AP) — Although he has missed six days of spring training, 26-year-old catcher Larry (Yogi) Berra said today he is "staying put" here until New York Yankees agree to his 1951 contract demand. Berra won't say publicly how much of a raise he is seeking. Estimates of his 1950 salary run from \$17,000 to \$22,500.

A-P-C League

NEW GLASGOW, N. S. Feb. 26 — (CP) — Stellarton Royals won their second game of the semi-finals of the Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior Hockey League here tonight by defeating New Glasgow Bombers 6-2.

Stellarton were awarded the first game by league officials when it was found New Glasgow was using an ineligible player. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

In the other semi-final game, Antigonish Bulldogs overcame an early lead by St. Francis Xavier Varsity to upset the College team 4-7. The win put Antigonish one game ahead in the series.

Consider Saliva Tests For Horses In Maritimes

MONCTON, N. B. Feb. 26 — (CP) — Possibility of having saliva tests in connection with Maritime harness racing was discussed here today at the annual meeting of District 11, United States Training Association. Col. D. A. MacKinnon of Charlottetown, president, and G. H. Buntain, secretary treasurer of Charlottetown Driving Park and Exhibition Association asked delegates to register an opinion on the desirability of having compulsory saliva tests at Maritime tracks.

Other matters discussed were drivers insurance, registration of colors, registration fees, licensing of judges and starters and a report on the annual meeting of the U. S. T. A. held last December at Columbus, Ohio.

Col. J. C. Calkin of Woodstock said the matter of saliva tests had been taken up with an organization which would carry tests for \$100 per day. Delegates generally agreed the fee was too high for Maritime tracks, already facing heavy expenses.

H. M. Sweeney of Bridgeville said a bill had been passed in the N. S. Legislature which created a commission for the handling of racing in that Province. A section in the bill, he said, made the saliva test compulsory, with the tests to be carried out by the N. S. Government at Halifax laboratories.

The commission had never been appointed, it was said.

Col. MacKinnon said that if saliva tests were made it would be necessary to have the proper officials take them, preferably the R.C.M.P. to have the best laboratory chemists give the results of the analysis.

(Saliva tests are made to determine if horses have been administered dope of any kind to stimulate them or slow them down for a race, thus controlling the winners to some extent.)

Canucks Trail Pacific League

VANCOUVER, Feb. 26 — (CP) — Vancouver Canucks, who'll likely have to buy tickets to get into the Pacific Coast Hockey League playoffs, plan a kamikaze blow at their arch-rivals, New Westminster Royals.

If the die-hard Canucks find they are on the outside looking in — and the standings indicate that is going to happen — Vancouver, it says, will explode one last weapon in Royals' direction.

"We've got two games with them at the last of the season (two weeks away)," explains owner Coley Hall. "We'll take both these fixtures and drop the lordly Royals into second place."

As far as New Westminster is concerned, this sounds like a cry in the night. The Royals now are headed for their second straight P.C.H.L. championship and the \$100-a-player bonus that goes with it.

They have a six-point edge on second-place Victoria Cougars, after downing Roger Leger's Islander 6-2 Saturday night.

Canucks are in last place, five points behind Seattle Ironmen and seven points away from fourth place, the last playoff niche. They picked up only one point in two week-end games, a 0-0 draw with Tacoma.

Tacoma Rockets have finally taken over third place alone after a three-week struggle with Portland Eagles. They follow Victoria by eight points and have a three-point bulge on Portland.

Seattle made a game bid for the last playoff spot by winning five of the night. The Royals lost to Tacoma 4-1 Sunday night while Portland trampled Vancouver 7-3. That left Portland in fourth place, two points up on Seattle.

Clubs To Name Referees For Semi-Final Series

The appointment of referees for the semi-final series in Maritime Major Hockey League playoff competition will be left in the hands of the clubs concerned, it was learned here yesterday.

P. E. Islanders Club president, Major T. B. Rogers, received a telegram from League President J. Elliott Hudson yesterday, stating: "Cape Breton League would not agree to interchange of two referees so matter of appointment of referees in all games in both semi-final series is in hands of the clubs concerned as per league decision yesterday."

The telegram was the final decision to earlier hopes that the Big Four circuit would be able to arrange an interchange of referees with the Cape Breton League for the playoffs.

Sport Briefs

NOTTINGHAM, England, Feb. 26 — (AP) — Ronnie Clayton, British and Empire featherweight champion, decisively outpointed Al Phillips of London tonight in a 15-round title bout. Clayton weighed 125 3-4 pounds, Phillips 123 1-2.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Feb. 26 — (AP) — Boxing promoter Johnny Homeko dislikes seeing so many empty seats. And he's doing something about it. Today he said a strip taser will go through here routinely before the main event of all future boxing shows.

MELBOURNE, Feb. 26 — (AP) — Australia's Davis Cup team made \$9,487 profit on last year's successful quest, it was shown today in a finance committee report to a meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association in Melbourne.

Outplay Visitors In Final Home Game Of Regular League Schedule

In a tame but classy game of hockey at the Forum here last night, played before a crowd of approximately 1,300, the Charlottetown Islanders garnered a safe 7-4 victory over Saint John Beavers in the last meeting between the two clubs over local ice in the regular schedule of the Maritime Major Hockey League. Beavers iced only an 11-man crew for the contest.

The victory was the 49th for Islanders and sends their point total to 102, 15 better than second place Halifax Saint Mary's, who were idle last night.

In a fast, close checking first period, Islanders came up with four goals without a reply from the opposition, while Saint John rifled home three goals to one in the middle session for a 5-3 count for Islanders. Coming on again in the closing frame, Islanders held a 2-1 scoring advantage for a clean cut victory by three goals. Beavers second and fourth goals came while Islanders played short-handed, once by two men and another by one. Islanders posted all their goals while the opposition were at full strength and their sixth tally came while they played short-handed themselves.

A big change over recent games here, it was one of the most cleanly played contests witnessed this season that brought about only nine penalties including one major and eight minor infractions. Islanders garnered six of the awards and Saint John three. Pawlyshyn was awarded the major for fighting, a minor fare-up with the Plateau of Saint John.

Goalkeepers for Islanders were Pawlyshyn and Clements with a brace each, while Trainor, Morrow and Danny Horeck garnered one each. Trainor lead the night on pinpointing with three assists. Morrow picked up two assists, Bathgate and Beaton two each and Vitale one.

Thaler, Platz, Nicolle and Watson were the sharpshooters for Beavers with one apiece while Whitlock picked up two assists, Platz, Jodoin, and Nicolle one each.

Sharp Goaltending

The goaltending was particularly sharp in both quarters, Gordon waxing really hot in the first period for Islanders, while Brodeur was a bundle of action in the second, and both really coming up with more clutch saves in the final session.

Five of Islanders' seven goals were on smooth three-way attacks that were nice to watch, while Trainor scored a nice single effort when he picked the puck off defenceman Jack Heon's stick about 10 feet out from the Saint John cage, went in for a nice shot which was blocked by Brodeur, but flipped in his own rebound over a prostrate Beaver custodian. Danny Horeck's tally was on an aggressive two-man play around the net. Vitale, banging in a backhand shot from close in.

Thaler's first goal for Beavers was kind of a lucky effort. Forcing the play deep in Islanders territory, Paul Platz centered the puck from the left corner right past the front of the Islanders cage. Gordon tried to clear it off and the puck caromed off Jack Thaler's stick into the net behind Gordon. Their second came while Bathgate and Trainor were serving minors for tripping and laying on the puck. Platz banging home Jodoin's pass during a power attack around the net. Nick Nicolle's tally was a high flip shot on Whitlock's pass that hit Dutchak's shoulder, that in turn went in over Gordon's shoulder. Saint John's prettiest effort was a slick three-man attack with Whitlock and Nicolle that started outside Islanders blue-line and finished in a sweeping attack in front of the Islanders' cage.

Wine Award

Playing one of his best games with Islanders this season, Jack Morrow won the Henderson and Cudmore Adam hat award, while the ever aggressive Hub Beaudry turned in a powerful backchecking game to win the guaranteed Forsythe shirt donated by Jack Cameron.

The shots on goal were very close on the nights play, Brodeur handling 31 and Hal Gordon 27. Both handled even shots in the first two periods of play with Islanders holding an 11-7 edge in the closing session.

Saint John: Goal, Brodeur; defence, Blackburn, Heon; centre, Jodoin; wings, Thaler, Platz, Subs, Bolan, Carnegie, Whitlock, Watson, Nicolle.

Charlottetown: Goal, Gordon; defence, Travis, Vitale; centre, Bathgate; wings, Clements, Beaton, Subs, Ready, Dutchak, Trainor, Pawlyshyn, Morrow, Beaudry, Horeck, D. Horeck.

Officials: Casey Bradshaw and Jack Kane.

First Period

1-Ch'town, Morrow	5:01
2-Ch'town, Trainor	5:23

Second Period

3-Ch'town, Pawlyshyn	14:00
(Morrow, Trainor)	14:00
4-Ch'town, Clements	19:53
(Bathgate, Beaton)	19:53
Penalties: Ready (2)	
Third Period	
5-Saint John, Thaler	1:51
(Platz)	1:51
6-Ch'town, Clements	9:51
(Bathgate, Beaton)	9:51
7-Saint John, Platz	14:20
(Jodoin)	14:20
8-Saint John, Nicolle	17:13
(Whitlock)	17:13
Penalties: Travis, Bolan, Bathgate, Trainor	
Final Score	
9-Saint John, Watson	5:25
(Nicolle, Whitlock)	5:25
10-Ch'town, D. Horeck	5:40
(Vitale)	5:40
11-Ch'town, Pawlyshyn	12:19
(Morrow, Trainor)	12:19
Penalties: Pawlyshyn (major), Platz, Bolan	

FORUM WEEK—FEB. 26 TO MARCH 3

TUESDAY — CHILDREN'S SEATING — 4 TO 5:30.
HOCKEY PRACTICES.
WEDNESDAY — GARRISON NIGHT HOCKEY — 7 TO 8; SKATING AFTER.
THURSDAY — SEATING — 8 TO 10.
FRIDAY — CHILDREN'S SEATING — 4 TO 5:30. SEATING — 8 TO 10.
SATURDAY — GENERAL SEATING — 1 TO 4. HOCKEY — 7 — 8 — SKATING 8 TO 10.