

In This Corner

Attempt To Revive Junior Hockey Worthy Of Support

Junior hockey will be getting back into the local sporting spotlight tonight when the Abbies and P.W.C. meet at the Arena in an exhibition game.

Not since the days of the great Junior Royals has Charlottetown been able to ice a squad that could come anywhere near the competition served up from mainland teams.

This team journeyed to Halifax to take on the powerful St. Mary's crew which was sporting such stars as Dugger MacNeil, Bert Hirschfield, McGillivray and Hugh Campbell and were beaten 10-5.

There are probably many reasons why Charlottetown failed to tend in the ensuing years. World War 2 of course was a big one but in our conversations on the subject with ardent hockey followers in the community the villain most pointed at has been the N.H.L. and all professional hockey in general.

This is so true it hurts. It is no great secret that teams sponsored by N.H.L. clubs are out and out

professionals. The players for teams like the Junior Canadiens and the rest are chosen from every part of Canada. They are always the best in the region they come from which makes the chances of a team recruited from home town players who play for the fun of it winning this cup just about as close to zero as you can get.

However it is not with the idea of winning the Memorial Cup that this local junior league has been formed. For the present the league is interested only in giving as many players as possible to continue playing hockey after they have graduated from the juvenile bracket. At the present it is planned that 18 players from the league will be registered as a team with the M.A.H.A. and will engage in Maritime playdowns at the end of the season.

Not all of the best junior players will be playing in this league. Some of them have been signed by the Island Senior "B" League clubs and cannot play junior. Out at S.D.U. practically the entire team playing in the Island League fit into the junior age limit but of course are all signed up in the Senior B class.

AROUND AND ABOUT... The City Volleyball League executive is making plans now for the big tournament slated for Charlotte-town sometime in March. Sixteen squads from the mainland will be coming over for the tournament which will feature a Maritime Champions Cup. Also in Volleyball circles the B.Y.C. No. 1 team was sent to its first defeat in 3 years of City league play when P.W.C. beat them 2 games to 1 in a series recently.

Sport Forum

Harry Greb Fought Until Two Months Before Death

Sir, - When Harry Greb died 30 years ago on October 22 the middleweight division practically died with him. Handsome Harry was the last of a line of fine fighters to hold the 160 pound title and, all things considered, one of the two greatest and most colorful. Mickey Walker did a workmanlike job but the other was of course, Stanley Ketchel, who followed Greb. Gene Tunney the backing of his life in acquiring the lightweight leadership from the bookworm in one of the most battles in the history of old Madison Square Garden, May 24th, 1922. Greb was the only one to win an official decision from the manly marine. It was 15 months later that Greb copped the middleweight crown by beating soup-pow Johnny Wilson in the same battle pit.

Walker never looked better in his career. He handled Mickey with ease and later that night the two met at Bill Lahiff's Tavern where the New York in crowd used to hang out after a big bout. This is the way Walker tells it. "We arrived at Lahiff's with our party and found Greb there with his. I also had a date and of course Jack Kearns, my manager, was along to look after my best interests. It turned out that we were the best of friends after all. Pretty soon it was just Harry and I there at Lahiff's. Everybody else had gone so we decided to head for a place called the Silver Slipper. Neither of us had mentioned the fight until we were going into this nightspot. Then I told Harry I could have licked him if he hadn't stuck his thumb in my eye, just kidding of course. But there the beautiful friendship collapsed.

"I never thumbed you," Greb shouted right back. "What I yelled, 'You stuck a thumb in my eye and pounded it home with your other hand.' "I could beat you with no hands," said Greb and began taking off his coat. "I waited until his arms were trapped in the sleeves then belted him on the jaw that would have kayod Jack Dempsey. But Harry just bounced off a taxi cab, leaving an awful dent in the fender. I closed in but a big cop named Pat Casey, whom we both knew tore us apart and sent us home in different cabs."

In Isthiana they tell the story of the time when Greb was middleweight champ of the world and one day dropped into Jack Dempsey's training camp to see the heavyweight champ of the world perform. Little Greb had been



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Frank Oatway Starring With RCAF Flyers Team In Europe

Corporal Frank Oatway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Oatway, of Summerside, P. E. I., was one of the star players for the R. C. A. F. Flyers during a five-game tour of Switzerland last week.

The Flyers, all jet pilots or ground tradesmen with Canada's NATO Air Division, played five games in five days, winning two, losing two and tying another against some of the best teams in Switzerland.

Playing center, Cpl. Oatway sparked on offence for the Flyers. Against St. Moritz, he scored a key goal in a 6-6 tie. He also potted one in the Flyers 9-6 loss to Davos, the top team in Switzerland.

Purpose of the team is to promote good relations for Canada and the R. C. A. F. among Europeans. Playing before packed houses, the Flyers stick to clean, fast hockey and have become very popular in many Continental centers, according to European hockey promoters.

Curling Draw

Continuing the President's and Vice-President's Prizes. 7 P. M. Ice 1 - W. Whitlock, J. Dingwell, G. B. MacDougall, Pres. Brydges, W. H. Roper, W. Rodd, Ed Brown, E. Matheson. Ice 2 - Ralph Jones, Hon. M. MacGuigan, M. Reeves, R. Malory vs E. MacNutt, A. Wellener, J. T. Whitlock, Geo. Kays.

Flyers Practice

Parkdale Flyers will hold a practice this evening from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Sports Arena.

B.Y.C. Practice

The B. Y. C. will hold a practice tonight following the senior game at the Sports Arena. All players are requested to attend.

A clerk typist with the R. C. A. F., Cpl. Oatway is in his second year with the Flyers and last year was second top scorer on the club. He formerly played for the R. C. A. F. Sabres in Ottawa and the Thurso Lumber Kings in the Lower Ottawa Valley League.

Revamped Primroses Play Saints At Arena Tonight

The revamped Montague Primroses will be looking for their first win in four tries when they take on St. Dunstan's in an Island League game at the Sports Arena tonight.

Sporting a new coach and a number of new faces in the lineup the Primroses appear to be a vastly improved squad over that which was blasted twice by the B. Y. C. and once by Parkdale Flyers within the past couple of weeks.

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Get Ferguson And Costello

Detroit Red Wings Trade Toppazzini & Chevrefils

By JOE FALLS DETROIT (CP) - In a move aimed directly at overhauling the league-leading Montreal Canadiens, the Detroit Red Wings gave up two disappointing hockey players Monday and traded them to Boston Bruins. The Red Wings finally clicking after a sorry showing earlier in the season, sent Real Chevrefils and Jerry Toppazzini to the

last-place Bruins for Lorne Ferguson and Murray Costello. All four are winners. They will face each other Thursday night when Detroit and Boston tangle in Olympia Stadium. "I still say we can catch the Canadiens," said General Manager Jack Adams of the Red Wings, "and this might be just the boost we need."

"We made the swap to give us strength down the stretch." The third-place Red Wings, once 30 points behind Montreal, now are only 10 points back. They've won 11 times and tied twice in their last 15 games. "I think he still is a good hockey player but he wasn't a good player for Detroit."

WINGS WON '55 Last season Detroit was in a similar situation but reeled off nine straight victories at the end of the season and beat out the Canadiens for their seventh straight National Hockey League title on the final night of the campaign. The key player in the trade is Chevrefils, a 23-year-old forward who came to the Red Wings with plenty of promise but leaves full of frustration.

The Wings got Chevrefils from the Bruins last summer in a big nine-player deal in which Detroit gave up goalie Terry Sawchuk. In effect, it was a Sawchuk-for-Chevrefils swap and now the Bruins have both players. "Chevry never got to our style

of play," Adams said. "He got off to a bad start and never could get squared away. Then when Red Kelly moved up from defense to wing, Chevry had it real rough trying to get back into the lineup. "I think he still is a good hockey player but he wasn't a good player for Detroit."

Chevrefils, who scored 18 goals for the Bruins last season and was a favorite with galleries in Boston Garden, tallied only three times in 38 games for the Wings. Toppazzini, acquired from Chicago as part of another eight-player deal last summer, scored

only once in 40 games. TRIED TO RE-BUY Earlier, the Bruins had tried to repurchase Chevrefils from the Wings after he got off to his poor start. Ferguson has scored seven goals for Boston this season and Costello six. "We figure Costello is just coming into his own and has a bright future as a right winger," Adams said. The comparative ages of the players are Chevrefils 23, Toppazzini 25, Ferguson 25 and Costello 21.

Worth \$10,000

Graham Named Top Athlete

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—Otto Graham, Cleveland's great passing quarterback who came out of retirement to lead the Browns to the National Football League title Monday night was named winner of the S. Rae Hickox \$10,000 trophy as "professional athlete of the year."

The 34-year-old star became the sixth winner of the award and the first footballer to top the nationwide poll. The presentation was made at the annual Rochester Press and Radio Club dinner for the benefit of the polo fund. Graham will keep the prize. Previous winners were Phil Rizzuto and Allie Reynolds of the New York Yankees, heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano, ex-golfer champion Ben Hogan and Willie Mays of the New York baseball Giants.

Henri Richard Back Wednesday

MONTREAL (CP)—Centre Henri Richard will return to action with Montreal Canadiens against the Maple Leafs in Toronto Wednesday it was announced yesterday. Richard, younger brother of Maurice, has missed Montreal's five last National Hockey League games with an ankle injury. Canadiens' spokesman said he is almost completely recovered and probably will take his regular turn on the ice Wednesday.

Prince Co. Sport Echoes

S'ide Aces Hard-luck Team Of Island League

Bud Ramsay, popular Summerside fighter, has received an invitation from Sgt. Joe Gillis, head of boxing promotions in Sydney, B. C. Gillis wants him to fight a main bout with Gordie MacDougall, 156 lbs. in a go that will be either six three-minute rounds or eight two-minute rounds. MacDougall is a promising youngster who has had only seven fights, but is being groomed for more important bouts with Maritime headliners. His promoters want to see how he will do against Bud Ramsay. Ramsay tells us that he has accepted terms for the fight, but that no definite date has been set as yet.

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Dutchmen Eke Out 6-5 Win In 1st Game In Scotland

PAISLEY, Scotland (CP)—Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen, Canada's entry in the Olympic hockey tournament, defeated Paisley Pirates 6-5 Monday night in an exhibition game played only a few hours after their arrival from Canada.

The Dutchmen, still showed effects of the long plane journey from Canada and were slightly bewildered by continental playing tactics. Jimmy Logan scored the winning goal in the final period when the Dutchmen finally settled it. Paisley, whose players are all Canadians, dominated the game in the first period and led 3-2. Kitchener tied it up 3-3 in the second period.

N.B. PLAYER SCORES PAIR

Scorers for the Dutchmen were Logan and Jerry Theberge with two each. Ken Laufman and captain Jack McKenzie, Tom Wilson of Kincardine, N.B., scored twice for Paisley with Bert Oig of Waterloo, Ont., and Tom Lemon of Kirkland Lake, Ont., getting their remaining goals.

RULES DIFFERENT "I think Paisley played a terrific game," said centre Bob White. "We weren't up to standard but Paisley would have been tough anyway. However, I think we'll do all right once we get used to the rules over here."

The green-and-white uniformed Dutchmen were obviously disturbed by the difference in interpretation between hockey rules in Canada and what the team is likely to encounter in the Olympics at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, later this month. The Canadians received 13 minutes in penalties in the first period and 25 minutes for the whole game, while Paisley sat out only 10 minutes.

The Kitchener-Waterloo team was to leave Prestwick at dawn today to travel to Prague for a two-game exhibition series with the Czech Olympic team and then on to Cortina.

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He was a speed maniac in and out of the ring. He drove fists from all directions at his opponents and he drove automobiles at break-neck speed. He knew all the tricks and took every advantage. He was adept at rough and tumble and cunning and yet he outboxed such fancy-dans as Gibbons, Loughran, Rosenbloom, and Tunney. He knocked out sluggers like Gumbout Smith. Greb was never one to bother about rules.

"Prize fights ain't the noblest of arts," he used to say. "And I ain't the noblest of artists." Recalling one of his bone-crushing battles Greb remarked, "Chuck Wiggins was the best butler I ever butted against."

Greb was born in Pittsburgh June 7th, 1894. He began fighting at the age of 19 and fought until two months before his death. He died following an operation on his nose to an Atlantic City Hospital.

Right here this writer would like to explode the generally accepted yarn that Greb's real name was Berg and he spelled it backwards. That was the brain child of a nimble witted press agent. The great battlers name was Edward Henry Greb. He took the name Harry after a brother who died. His father was Plus Greb, a German-American and his mother was Irish.

Greb was one of the busiest boxers of all time. He averaged about 28 fights a year and during 1919 he boxed 42 times, mostly in 10, 12 and 15 round no-decision bouts. It is estimated he took part in over 200 ring battles.

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