

St. John Fans Hockey-Happy As Season Begins

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SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP) — Everybody's talking hockey here with the Saint John Beavers scheduled to make their first start in the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League tonight after a year's absence. The fans are really whooping it up.

Indication of this was shown by the number who have been at the Forum the last few nights just to watch the ice being put in.

Saint John plays at Fredericton tonight and Moncton meets Amherst Ramblers at Sackville, N. B. The Amherst rink will be without ice until after the Maritime winter fair ends next week.

Beavers play their first home game Saturday night against Fredericton and if advance ticket sales count there should be a bumper crowd to welcome back senior hockey.

USED AS WAREHOUSE
The Forum has been swept out, repainted and prepared to revert back to its true role after being used as a warehouse for storing dates last year.

Layver George E. McInerney, M.L.A., and his 15-men citizens' committee are the driving force behind the return of senior hockey.

Praise for the citizens' committee, who took action while other groups were just talking, comes from all quarters.

J. Harold Chown, civil recreation director, said "the fellows deserve a lot of credit."

"Senior hockey benefits everybody, besides providing entertainment, it has again made possible the use of the Forum for the kids," he said.

"Last year we had 12 rinks set up on the city's playgrounds, four used for hockey, but we had to depend on the weather, which really favored us."

"This year the outdoor rinks will be maintained, but games in our bantam, midget and juvenile leagues will be played as much as possible at the Forum."

CITY PROVIDES ICE
The city has taken over the operation of the Forum for this season. The Forum owners said as far as they were concerned the padlock would remain on the doors, but they gave the citizens' committee use of the building for \$1 if they paid the taxes.

The city came into the picture when the citizens' committee asked them to waive tax rights. The city promised the hockey club ice for their games and practices.

Chairman McInerney said "we're just finding out there's a lot of headaches to running a hockey club."

He figures it will cost about \$2,700 to operate each week. The Forum seats 3,500 and prices for the games are \$1.25, \$1.00 and 75 cents.

"It's up to the fans now," he said.



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Hebenton Leads Rangers To 6-2 Win Over Leafs

NEW YORK (CP)—Rookie Andy Hebenton led a strong New York attack with two goals tonight as the Rangers overpowered Toronto Maple Leafs 6-2 in their first game at Madison Square Gardens in the new National Hockey League season.

Although the Leafs often attacked the Ranger net and peppered New York goalie Lorne Worsley with 21 shots in a penalty-studded opening period, they couldn't break Worsley's shutout until the final period when Earl Balfour scored twice.

Wally Hergeshimer, Danny Lewicki, Ron Murphy and Bronco Horvath also netted for the Rangers who handed the Leafs their fifth defeat.

A crowd of 11,650 saw the Rangers win their third game against two losses and take over undisputed second place.

Referee Red Storey handed out four penalties in the opening three minutes of the first period. With George Armstrong and Jim Thomson in the penalty box, Hergeshimer flicked Horvath's pass under goalie Harry Lumley's right leg to put the Rangers ahead.

Later in the period, which saw Ranser Lou Fontinato sent off the ice three times, Lewicki stichoned his way past two Leaf defenders and shot a 25-footer into the net.

Throughout the game Worsley made spectacular saves, 46 in all.

In the second period the Rangers scored three times to make it a rout. New York defenceman Bill

Volleyball Meet Tonight At "Y"

A meeting of everyone interested in playing in the City Volleyball League this season will be held at the Y.M.C.A. this evening at 8.30.

Last season a six team league was in operation throughout the winter months. They were the Y.M.C.A., Argos, R.C.M.P., P.W.C. and two teams from the B.Y.C.—The Basilea Youth Club won the City Championship and played off with the R.C.A.F. for the Island title, losing out to the airmen in seven games.

The Maritime Volleyball Championships will be held in Charlottetown this season and for this reason every effort will be made to make this a banner year in local volleyball circles.

All captains of last year's teams along with as many players as possible are requested to attend tonight's organizational meeting.

Sacrifice Fly Rule Aids Hitters To Reach .300

NEW YORK (AP)—Baseball's sacrifice fly rule caused a general increase of 2.1 points in major league batting averages in 1955. However, even with the help of the "free" at bat, only 20 players hit .300 or better, three fewer than in 1954, when the regulation was revised after a 14-year absence.

Figures compiled by the Associated Press also disclosed Wednesday that Mickey Vernon of Washington, Forrest (Smoky) Burgess of Cincinnati and Harry Simpson of Kansas City were the rule's chief benefactors. Each finished among the 300 batsmen, but they would not have done so if the regulation were not in effect.

Vernon wound up with a .301 average. Counting his eight sacrifice flies as times at bat, the veteran first baseman would have had a .297 mark.

Burgess, who also hit .301, collected six sacrifice flies. He would have finished at 2.97 and Simpson, who batted an even .300, would have had a .298 average if his three run-scoring flies were charged to his at bat total.

Jackie Jensen of Boston Red Sox led both leagues in number of sacrifice flies with 12. He had a final .276 average, a pickup of six points.

Gil Hodges of Brooklyn, the majors' pace-setter in 1954 with 19, again topped the National League with 10. He would have hit .284 without the sacrifice flies. Instead he finished at .289.

To Decide Rugby Future At Meeting On Sunday

TRURO (CP)—The future of rugby football in the Maritimes will be decided here Sunday at the annual meeting of the Maritime Rugby Football Association, secretary Dave Wilson said Wednesday.

Due to the popularity of Canadian football, Rugby football could vanish from the Maritime scene if the delegates decide to throw in the towel.

The only two leagues now operating are the Nova Scotia-Prince

St. John Races

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Sep Hanover from the Princeton stables in Princeton, Me., was the only double winner Wednesday night in harness racing at Exhibition Park.

Other outside winners were You'll See, B. Queen, Lower Kars, N.B.; Daniel Hat Scott, H. Johns, Lower Kars, N.B. and Leah's Girl, S. Downey, Summerside, P.E.I.

Manager Willing To Have Moore & Pompey Matched

NEW YORK (AP)—Archie Moore's manager said Wednesday he is willing to have the light-heavyweight champion defend his crown against Yolande Pompey instead of Randy Turpin in London Jan. 10.

"I'm trying to reach Archie out west to see if the switch is okay with him," said manager Charley Johnston. "It's okay with me if the terms are right."

"I just got through talking on

Bud Smith Retains Title With Win Over Carter

CINCINNATI (CP)—Wallace (Bud) Smith retained his world lightweight championship Wednesday night with a 15-round split decision over former champion Jimmy Carter, robbing the loser of his chance to become the first four-time winner of the crown.

Mount Allison Football Begins

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP)—Canadian football will be unveiled at Mount Allison University here Saturday when Mount Allison team plays its first game against St. Mary's University of Halifax.

The game is the first of four exhibition matches to be played here this fall. While co-coach Bob Goss is not too optimistic about his team's chances against the powerful Halifax squad, Nova Scotia Junior Football League champions last year, he says he is pleased with the team's progress so far and hopes to make a good showing.

Football practices began three weeks ago with afternoon training and instruction sessions six days a week. Although a majority of the 27-member team, picked from over 80 candidates, never played the Canadian game before, they have learned quickly under the instruction of co-coaches Al Haig and Goss.

NHL STANDINGS

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	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Montreal	4	0	1	15	5	9
New York	3	2	0	13	16	6
Chicago	2	2	1	13	16	5
Boston	2	2	1	10	10	5
Detroit	2	3	0	16	11	4
Toronto	1	5	1	9	23	3

The two judges who called Smith the winner tonight gave the champ margins of 143 points to 139 and 143 to 135. The third saw it 144 to 140 in favor of Carter. The Associated Press card had Carter in front 144 to 141.

Both fighters weighed in at the lightweight limit of 135 pounds.

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- 3—Carroll Clow, St. Mary's Academy—Grade 7—Piano Solo.
- 4—Marilyn Wadman, Summerside Elementary—Grade 7—Reading.
- 5—Donna Bradshaw, Summerside Elementary—Grade 7—Vocal Solo.
- 6—Barbara Vaughan, Summerside High School —Grade 11—will give report on United Nations Seminar which she attended in Sackville, N. B. this summer under the sponsorship of the Summerside Lions Club.
- 7—Ralph Crossman, Summerside Elementary —Grade 7—Vocal Solo.
- 8—Joyce Ramsay, Summerside Elementary—Grade 7—Reading.
- 9—Robert Hickey, St. Mary's Academy—Grade 4—Piano Solo.
- 10—Betty Blaquiere, St. Mary's Academy—Grade 9—Vocal Solo.

INTERSCHOLASTIC QUIZ COMPETITION

This competition has been called off this week due to the closing of the Rural Schools but a very special half hour program will be provided in its place.

All contestants are asked to be on hand at 7:00 P.M. on Friday.

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