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Beavers Meet Islanders In Game Here Tonight

The Charlottetown Islanders will be seeking to avenge their 6-3 defeat at Saint John last Monday night when they clash with the Beavers at the Forum tonight at 8:30 in a Maritime Senior Hockey League fixture.

Despite the fact that the locals will be particularly short-handed in the defence department in tonight's game with Johnny Duchak, Larry Travis and Phil Vitale all out of action, they are expected to hit the ice in an all-out effort to turn back the Les Ramsay-coached Beavers and stretch their league leadership another two points over second place Halifax Saint Mary's who will be idle tonight.

Duchak will be out of action as the result of a sore back, Larry Travis with a bad case of the "flu"

and Vitale serving his first of a three-game suspension. Coach Lamoureux stated last night that he will dress Jack "Spy" Ready to fill in the blueline gap with George McLagen and Kevin "Crusher" Conway. Efforts were being made during yesterday to get a temporary lifting of Vitale's suspension for tonight's game, but no definite word had been received by the Club at a late hour last night from Judge J. Elliott Hudson, M.S.H.L. President.

The Beavers however, will be a determined band of pucksters when they come out to do battle in an effort to make up for their 4-3 overtime defeat against Moncton Hawks at Saint John last night, and plenty of smart hockey can be expected.

Despite Showing Rangers Are Winning Team On Paper; Manager Puzzled

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 — (AP) — New York Rangers are celebrating their diamond jubilee season, but the only thing that glitters on hockey nights in Madison Square Garden is the ice.

The New Yorkers are in the midst of their most disappointing National Hockey League season of 25 National Hockey League campaigns.

Not the worst mind you; the most disappointing. It would be difficult to be as bad as the wartime Ranger teams which finished last four years in succession.

Rangers, potentially, have the best team in the league. That may sound a bit strained, but let's take a look.

Here's a team which came within one goal of winning the Stanley Cup championship last spring. From the middle of December on, it was the best group in the circuit. Only a bad start kept Rangers from really moving up.

So what happens? With almost the same roster, they fall apart, stem to stern, and today are entangling some of that last-place humble pie again.

"Why?" "It'll be darned if I know," said manager Frank Boucher Wednesday night. "The boys certainly are hustling. Take the game tonight. We give it all we've got, and get murdered by Detroit 9-0."

"We had absolutely nothing out there," he continued. "We did everything wrong. The defence, the attack — all bad. Sure we deserved to lose. But not by that much."

For goalie Chuck Rayner, the loop's most valuable player, it was the longest 60 minutes of his life.

"That's the worst game I've ever played," he said. "Maybe I'm trying too hard. It seems I'm in a rut and can't get out. I don't know . . ."

To give Rayner a much-needed rest, the Rangers said today they will borrow goaltender Emil (The Cat) Francis from Cincinnati of the American League for one game.

Francis has no game scheduled Saturday so Francis will play for the Rangers Saturday against Detroit in the motor city. Sunday he will rejoin Cincinnati.

At the same time, Rangers recalled defenceman Wally Stanowski from Cincinnati and sent that club Jack Lantieri. New York also shipped left winger Ed Harrison to Hershey of the A.H.L.

This move was made to make room for Alex Kaleta, recalled from Hershey a few days ago.

Wednesday night's loss left New York with the uninspiring record of three victories in 24 starts. But better days may be just ahead. It

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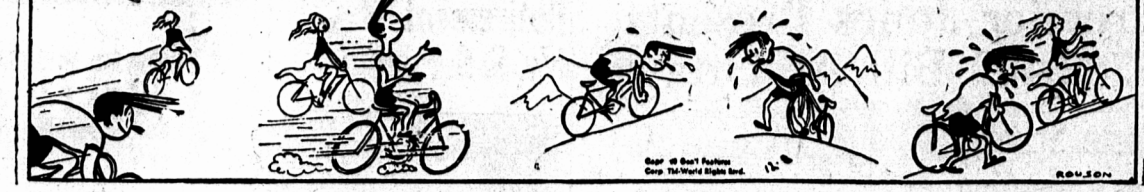
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FRIDAY—Children's Skating—4 to 5:30
Hockey—8:30—St. John vs. Islanders

SATURDAY—Skating—3 to 5
Skating—8 to 10.

LITTLE SPORTS



By Kouson



IN THE CORNER

Big Phil Vitale, Islanders' defenceman and one of the club's most colorful players, will not be seen in action for the next three games, according to a statement issued yesterday by league president Judge J. Elliott Hudson. Phil has been given a three-game suspension along with Saint John Beavers' Eddie Bolan. Vitale, who is probably the most feared defenceman in the Big Four circuit will be a noticeable loss to his teammates in those next few games. Opposing forwards on the other three clubs, however, will no doubt breathe a sigh of relief to know that they won't have to contend with Vitale's bone-crushing checks during those sessions.

In his statement, President Hudson said, "It is not customary to give a suspension for ordinary 10-minute misconduct penalties, but eight of them, plus a police report, plus a match misconduct is entirely too much." So big Phil gets the gate for three sessions.

The match misconduct, awarded in the Charlottetown at Saint John clash on December 4th, was Vitale's first this season. Bolan's suspension was his second three-game award this season, the present one coming just four games after the first one. Referring to Bolan's second suspension, Judge Hudson stated: "Apparently the first three-game suspension failed to teach him a lesson." President Hudson warned all clubs "that if the three-game suspensions have an effect on these players that they can expect to receive longer ones."

The terms of the suspension will keep Vitale out of action in the game here tonight against Beavers, the Saturday night game at Halifax and the next Monday game against Moncton which will be Islanders home game that is being played at Amherst. Therefore Phil will be back in uniform again Tuesday in the clash here against Beavers and Wednesday's exhibition tilt with Sydney Millionaires of the Cape Breton League.

As a general rule suspensions usually don't effect home games, at least that is the way it has been earlier this season, but in this instance, both Bolan and Vitale will be out for home games, the latter actually in two, if you consider Islanders game at Amherst against Moncton as such. Bolan will be out in Beavers' home game against Saint Mary's next Monday. His other two games included last night's session against Moncton and against Islanders here tonight. He'll play against Moncton on Saturday.

The suspension may have more effect on the local squad in the next game or two than would ordinarily be the case. The situation of the Islanders rear-guard division looked pretty grim at time of writing. According to coach Leo Lamoureux, two more of his leading defencemen will be out of action for tonight's game against Saint John. Husky Johnny Duchak, who was out of the lineup here Tuesday night against Halifax as the result of a sore back, will not be in uniform again tonight while Larry Travis, one of Islanders staunchest rear-guarders is suffering from a severe case of flu.

That just leaves Lamoureux with two regulars George McLagen and Kevin "Crusher" Conway, and one spare defenceman, Jack "Spy" Ready to put back at the blueline for tonight's game. There may be a chance of getting a temporary lifting of Vitale's suspension due to the circumstances of the situation. At least Coach Lamoureux was negotiating with President Hudson concerning the situation, although no information as to what decision was reached was forthcoming at time of writing.

Speaking of defencemen, Bob Gray who performed with Sydney Millionaires last season, and was holding down a defence position with the Islanders earlier this season, was making his presence felt on the Glace Bay Miners lineup at the Cape Breton coal centre on Wednesday night. Bob led the scoring parade for Miners in their victory over Millionaires by netting their first and last markers. Gray was a popular figure among fans here when he performed with Islanders this season, and although not with the locals any longer, many here will be glad to hear that he is meeting with success in the Cape Breton circuit.

Bowling

Y. M. C. A. Wednesday Ladies' Bowling League
Team 1—1719—4 points.
Team 4—1711—1 point.
High single, Mrs. Moore, 222.
High three, Mrs. Moore, 548.
Team 2—1630—4-2 points.
Team 3—1547—1-2 points.
High single, Mrs. H. L. Smith, 190.
High three, Mrs. J. P. Clark, 484.

Big Four Standings

(Including Last Night's Game)
Team GP W L T GF GA Pts.
Ch'town ... 31 20 10 1 136 87 41
Halifax ... 31 17 12 2 124 109 38
St. John ... 30 13 16 1 102 111 27
Moncton ... 32 9 21 2 91 146 20

Sydney Goalie Is Fined \$25

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 7 — (CP) — Goalie Nick Pidosny of Sydney Millionaires of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League, was fined \$25 today by league president C. Roy MacDonald for slapping the boards with his stick during Tuesday night's game with Glace Bay Miners.

Pidosny was yanked in the last minutes of the game to allow six men on the ice and punished the boards when Miners scored their final goal to win 4-2. Pidosny was awarded a misconduct penalty. It was the first fine levied this season in the C.B. loop.

Statement By Dr. Dougan Hockey Club President

The following is a statement received last night from Dr. F. C. Dougan, newly elected President of the Islanders Hockey Club, Inc.:

"Because of the present confusion in hockey circles, I wish to clarify my position as President of the Islanders Hockey Club, and more particularly in the manner in which I was elected.

"I attended the large hockey meeting in the Legion Home. Some days before the meeting the provisional directors had appointed a committee to prepare a slate of candidates from which an eight man board of directors was to be approved by the meeting. My name was not included in the original slate, but was one of those added by nomination from the floor of the meeting.

"The fifteen names selected were duly balloted upon by the shareholders present and the eight directors appointed strictly in accordance with the Club's Act of Incorporation. Under the terms of the Act such a general meeting has the power only to elect the eight directors specified in the Act of Incorporation; and it is then the function of the directors themselves to select a President, Vice-President and other officers.

"It was to select its officers in legal fashion that the Board met last Tuesday night and as a member of the Board, I attended. By a majority vote I was elected President; Major Rogers was elected First Vice-President. Major Rogers asked to be excused from accepting the position of First Vice-President and on Wednesday he informed the Board of his resignation.

"I did not expect, nor did I make any effort whatever to obtain the Presidency, but was quite content and am still prepared to serve as a rank-and-file director if I can be of help to this fine Club.

"But because some dissension seems to have arisen I wish the public to know that if a representative number of shareholders requests it I will call a special general meeting to give the hockey public every opportunity to express its wishes and desires concerning the Club.

"I have been a friend of Major Tom Rogers for many years and his friendship means far more to me than the Presidency of even such a fine hockey club as the Islanders."

Make Plans For Islanders Game At Amherst

At an Executive meeting of the Islanders Hockey Club held at the Forum last evening, plans were finalized for the holding of Islanders' home game against Moncton Hawks next Monday night at Amherst, N.S.

It was decided at the meeting that a special bus will be arranged for the trip and that some 16 seats on the bus will be available to local hockey fans who wish to make the trip with the team. The bus will leave this City in time to make connections with the 4:30 boat from Borden in the afternoon, and all persons wishing to reserve seats on the bus are advised to contact the Forum for their reservations.

The three-game suspension of defenceman Phil Vitale was also discussed at the meeting, and Dr. F. C. Dougan, Islanders Club President, informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Judge J. Elliott Hudson, Big Four President, by telephone concerning the lifting of Vitale's suspension for tonight's game against Saint John here. The reason for the request is because two other Islanders' defencemen, Larry Travis and Johnny Duchak, will both be sidelined for tonight's game, leaving the local club under strength in that department. President Hudson assured Dr. Dougan that he would give his request every consideration and would make a final reply by telegram later last evening.

Vitale had been suspended for three-games in a statement issued by President Hudson yesterday, as the result of incurring too many penalties in games this season.

Vics Stop Glace Bay Miners 5-3

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 7 — (CP) — North Sydney Victorias stopped the giant-killers of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League here tonight as Glace Bay Miners, fresh from two victories over league-leading Sydney Millionaires, fell 5-3. It was the first victory for the cellar-dwellers since Nov. 13.

North Sydney sported a new goal. He was Murt Prophet, a product of Hamilton Tigers of the O.-H.A.

The scoring was evenly spread with Vics' Laurie Petersen getting one goal and one assist for high points.

A crowd of 1,300 saw a good clean game that produced only four penalties, two to each team, unusual in the C.B. League.

Bruins Slap 3-0 Shutout On Canadiens

MONTREAL, Dec. 7 — (CP) — Boston Bruins slapped a 3-0 shutout on Montreal Canadiens tonight and crept to within three points of the sagging third-place Montrealers in the National Hockey League standing.

It was the fourth victory for the up-and-coming Bruins in their last five games and they looked as good tonight as Canadiens looked terrible.

An abject crowd of 13,470 Montrealers often booed their home-sters.

First Period
Scoring—None.
Penalties—MacPherson, M. Quackenbush, Lach.

Second Period
1—Boston, Henderson (Ronty) 4:31
2—Boston, Ferruson (Lowe) 16:45
Penalties—None.

Third Period
3—Boston, Schmidt (Dumart, Esinleck) 16:11
Penalties—Lynn, MacKay.

Detroit and Chicago In Player Trade

DETROIT, Dec. 7 — (AP) — Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Black Hawks agreed on a National Hockey League trade Saturday that will send forward Steve Black and defenceman Lee Fogolin to Chicago.

In return the Red Wings will get left wing Vic Stasluk and a player to be named this week.

Black is a left-winger who asked to be traded after he was suspended by the Wings. The suspension came when he refused to remain any longer with a Red Wing farm club, Indianapolis, in the American Hockey League. He had been sent there as a temporary replacement for an injured player.

Sport Briefs

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 6 Ernie White, once a St. Louis Cardinal and Boston Braves pitcher, will manage Charleston, W. Va. of the class "A" central league. The pitcher worked for the Cardinals in 1940-43 and for Boston in 1946.

POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE, England — (CP) — Residents of this town complain that the street lamps always shine in the daytime and go out by night.

Sport Echoes From Prince County

It looks more and more as if the Matheson-Schurman Juniors are going to grab the hockey spotlight in Summerside this winter. In spite of the loss of Paul and Layton Schurman who have gone to Sussex, the junior management is going right ahead with its plans. Punt Oatway, smart young defenceman from Borden, will be with the squad, we hear, and a player named Bracken at the R.C.A.F. station in Summerside is also rumored to be trying for a place on the team. Donnie Simmons is another addition to the squad. Three or four of last year's Kinsmen Midgets, who captured the Maritime crown, are reported to have decided to by-pass the juvenile division and play junior hockey. It will be interesting to see how these youngsters make out in this leap-frog experiment of theirs.

Frankly, we'll be surprised if this aggregation knocks over any club of any importance in their rush for provincial and Maritime honors. But there's no reason for the backers of the team to be particularly discouraged because of this. We've absorbed some terrific surprises in the past, and this may be another one in the making. We hope it is.

Of course if Paul and cousin Laysh decide to leave Sussex and return to Summerside, there would be a slightly different complexion on the state of affairs. Again, if some phenoms are unearthed at the local airport or elsewhere, the picture would once more be considerably changed. As you can see, we're fortifying our selves with alibis so that nobody can hand us the razzberry if the Summerside Juniors do cover themselves with glory next spring.

We note with some regret that the Summerside Kinsmen will not sponsor midget and juvenile hockey this year. The Kinsmen have done a wonderful job with both these divisions in the past few years, and have won three Maritime titles, twice with the midgets and once with the juveniles. Now that they are to restrict their activities to the banquets, pee-wees and paperweights, fans will not be concerned with leading Sydney Millionaires, fell 5-3. It was the first victory for the cellar-dwellers since Nov. 13.

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The New York Negro will be the first world champion to appear in a German ring since before the Second World War.

Canadian Dollar

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 — (CP) — The Canadian dollar was down 1/4 of a cent at a discount of 4 11/16 per cent in terms of United States funds in closing foreign exchange dealings today. The pound sterling was unchanged at \$2.80.

Too Late To Classify

FOR SALE CHRISTMAS TREES, .50, .75 and \$1.00. Phone 1906-L. St. Avards.

Local Curling Season To Open Tonight

The curling season will get underway at the Charlottetown Curling Club tonight when two of the four sheets will be available for play it was announced by Dr. W. L. MacDonald, Chairman of the Games Committee, last night.

On Saturday afternoon all four sheets will be in use and in the evening, ice will be made available for mixed curling.

No schedule has been arranged for the week-end play, but scratch matches will be arranged on curlers registering on the play board.

Lady membership at the club is fast building up and an active season is in prospect. Efforts are being made to furnish their quarters and the ladies have expressed keen appreciation to the Edison Electric for a gift of a tri-light lamp.

Mel Ott Returns To Baseball As Team Manager

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 6 — (AP)—Mel Ott, the all-time home run king of the National League, returned to baseball today as manager of the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast League.

Clarence (Brick) Laws, Oakland president, signed Ott to a two-year contract at an undisclosed salary. The former New York Giant star outfielder and manager succeeds Chuck Dresser, recently named Brooklyn skipper.

The news about Ott overshadowed other developments at the baseball winter meetings as the minor leagues polished off their draft in two long sessions. Tomorrow morning the minors get down to even more serious business to discuss the bonus rule, high school rule and radio and television.

With Ott at Oakland, Joe Gordon at Sacramento and Rogers Hornsby at Seattle, Coast League fans will have an all-star delegation of new managers. Perhaps it will make that dream of a third major league a little closer.

Ott was with New York Giants for 25 years as a player, manager or scout.

He succeeded Billy Terry as Giant manager in 1942 and served until mid-summer of 1948 when Leo Durocher moved over from Brooklyn in a startling move. Since then Melvin has assisted Carl Hubbell in the Giant farm system and last fall returned to the Polo Grounds to help Bobby Thomson pull out of a batting slump.

Several other managers were named for the new season, including selection of George Selkirk to boss the New York Yankees' farm at Kansas City; Selkirk, born at Huntsville, Ont., was successful as manager at Binghamton, N.Y., in the Class A Eastern League the last two years.

Red Marston, Marty's brother, got the Boston Red Sox farm job at Birmingham in the Southern Association.

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