

First Round Matches Completed In Bonspiel

Saint John Game Postponed

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 8. (CP) — A Maritime Major Hockey League fixture, scheduled for tonight on the home ice of Saint John Beavers, was postponed when snow-piled roads prevented Halifax St. Mary's from making the trip to Saint John.

Doug Bentley Not On Outs With Hawks

SASKATOON, Jan. 8. (CP) — Take it from Doug Bentley himself, he isn't on the "outs" with his old team, Chicago Black Hawks of the National Hockey League.

Bentley, newly appointed coach of Saskatoon Quakers of the Pacific Coast League, says he doesn't know who started the rumor, but he wants to put an end to it.

"I am definitely not on the outs" with Chicago club, Bentley said.

"I'm on the best of terms with them all, otherwise they would never have allowed me to come to the Quakers on loan for the balance of the season."

He said he came home to Des Moines, Sask., from Chicago to recuperate from a groin injury and strained nerves. The Hawks wanted him to return when he was rested, but he wanted to stay near his home and family.

"I had hoped a deal might materialize whereby I might join the Quakers," said Bentley. "Things worked out that way and I'm perfectly happy."

W. F. Lane To Head Moncton Hockey Ass'n

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 8. (CP) — W. F. Lane, police magistrate and judge of the juvenile court in Moncton, tonight was elected president of the Moncton Community Hockey Association.

Other officers named at a meeting of business and professional men who have organized to keep Moncton Hawks in the Maritime Major Hockey League were:

D. K. Dell, vice-president; Frank Dayton, secretary; Everett Ryder, treasurer; and directors, Francis Breaux, Frank Ryder and Frank Coyle.

Mr. Coyle was named business manager and Cecil A. Peake director of public relations and promotion.

The new group already has raised \$6,000 to take care of players' salaries and travelling expenses. They will head a canvass to sell stock in the new community owned company which has assumed control of the team.

Leafs Trade Fleming Mackell

TORONTO, Jan. 8. (CP) — Fleming Mackell, Montreal-born right-winger with Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League, has been traded to Boston Bruins, assistant manager Hap Day announced tonight.

The Leafs will get a player from Hershey of the American Hockey League, a farm club of the Bruins. The player's name will be announced Thursday.

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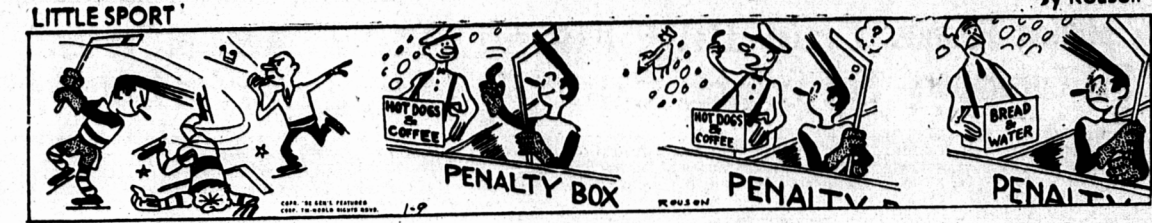
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Edmonton Becomes 4th PCHL Team To Change Coaches This Season

EDMONTON, Jan. 8. (CP) — Edmonton Flyers today became the fourth team in the Pacific Coast Hockey League to change coaches after the start of the 1951-52 season.

Mid-manned Frank Currie, in his fifth season as manager-coach of Flyers, handed in his resignation. Doug McCaig, once a defenceman with Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Black Hawks in the National Hockey League, was promoted from team captain to temporary playing coach.

"I feel I wasn't getting the best of the club," said Currie. A stomach ulcer also influenced the decision of the former Montrealer.

Flyers were a winning club in their first four seasons under Currie. They gave Edmonton its first Allan Cup in 1947-48. Currie's first season here, won two Western Canada Senior Hockey League championships and never finished out of the league finals.

But this year, after Edmonton and two other Prairie clubs deserted the defunct W.C.S.H.L. to turn professional, Flyers have consistently been a second-division club in the P. C. H. L.

They're now in fifth place, seven points out of the cellar, in the eight-team circuit.

Other teams to change coaches are Calgary Stampede, Vancouver Canucks and Saskatoon Quakers. Hank Blade replaced Tommy (Cowboy) Anderson at Calgary. Hugh Currie took over from Murph Chamberlain at Vancouver and Doug Bentley became mentor of Quakers after Bill Cook was promoted to coach New York Rangers and Frankie Edolls had replaced Cook temporarily.

Currie was granted a last wish by the Edmonton Exhibition Association, sponsor of Flyers. That was to coach Flyers for the last time here tomorrow night in a league game against Tacoma Rockets. Beyond that he said he has no immediate plans.

Currie started coaching after a distinguished amateur career in which he starred on defence for Montreal Royals and Quebec Aces of the Quebec Senior Hockey League and Harrington Greyhounds and Earls Court Rangers in England.

He coached Verdun Juniors and Montreal's Junior Canadiens, the latter reaching the eastern finals, before manager Frank Selke of Montreal Canadiens recommended him for the Edmonton job.

Johnny Mize Signs Contract

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (AP) — Johnny Mize, 39-year-old New York Yankee first baseman, today sent his signed 1952 contract to the club's office. Terms were not announced.

Mize, whose 351 home runs top the active major leaguers since the retirement of Joe DiMaggio, hit only 259 last summer.

The veteran came to terms with Roy Hamey, assistant general manager, while wintering at De Leon Springs, Fla.

Art Houtteman Signs With Tigers

DETROIT, Jan. 8. (AP) — Right-hander Art Houtteman, ace Detroit Tiger pitcher who will be back in action after a year in the army, signed his 1952 contract today.

Houtteman had balked at a contract offered him Jan. 2 but he signed today after a brief talk with general manager Charlie Gehringer for an estimated \$22,000 to \$23,000. Terms were not disclosed.

Houtteman who recently received a medical discharge, won 19 and lost 12 games in leading the Tigers to a second-place finish in 1950.

Hockey Scores

(Canadian Press)

Quebec Senior
Montreal 2, Sherbrooke 3
O. H. A. Senior A
Sarnia 2, Hamilton 2
Kitchener 1, Owen Sound 4
O. H. A. Junior A
Guelph 5, Kitchener 6
Quebec Junior
Quebec 2, Montreal Nationales 3.

Bruins In 7-2 Win Over Chicago Black Hawks

CHICAGO, Jan. 8. (CP) — Boston Bruins moved to within one point of the fourth-place New York Rangers in the National Hockey League race tonight as they overhauled Chicago Black Hawks 7-2 before a crowd of 6,212.

SUMMARY

First Period
1-Boston, Quackenbush (Pelton) 2:28
2-Chicago, Guidolin (Peters, Gee) 13:09
Penalty — Gadsby

Second Period
3-Boston, Schmidt (Dumart, Ezinicki) 10:04
4-Boston, Sandford (Ferguson, Laycoe) 18:43
5-Boston, McIntyre (Laycoe, Fogolin, Penalties) 9:23

Third Period
6-Boston, Dumart (Schmidt) 3:04
7-Chicago, Bodnar (Wutuk) 5:35
8-Boston, Creighton (Pelton, McIntyre) 10:53
9-Boston, Dumart (Schmidt, Ezinicki) 12:31
Penalties — Fogolin, Schmidt, Kyle.

N. H. L. Standings

(Canadian Press)

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Detroit	22	7	8	103	66	52
Toronto	16	12	8	87	77	40
Montreal	18	16	4	101	89	40
New York	14	17	9	80	106	34
Boston	12	16	9	84	94	33
Chicago	11	24	3	83	116	25

Brion-Bascom Fight Today

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8. (AP) — Cesar Brion of Argentina meets Wesbury Bascom, a young fellow who has been moving up in a hurry, in a 10-round heavyweight fight at the Arena tomorrow night. It will be an important match for both.

Brion, weighing about 196, will have an advantage of about 16 pounds over his opponent from East St. Louis, Ill.

The 22-year-old Bascom has won 13 consecutive fights. These include recent victories over Vern Mitchell, Nick Barrone and Bob Satterfield.

Although he is campaigning mostly in the heavyweight division, he is rated No. 4 among light-heavyweight contenders for Joe Maxim's title.

The hard-punching Brion, 25, is ranked seventh among contenders for Joe Walcott's heavyweight title.

Lacrosse Paying Game In B. C.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 8. (CP) — Lacrosse is a paying game in British Columbia.

Reports of an auditor today showed that each playing member of Victoria Shamrocks in the Inter-City Lacrosse League collected \$1,050 for the 1951 season.

Player-coach Arnold Ferguson received a double-split for his work. In the previous season Victoria players collected \$500 each.

Vancouver Combines shared approximately \$300 each for the 1951 season; New Westminster Commandos \$270 and P.N.E. Indians \$200. The other league entry, Nanaimo Native Sons, has not reported its split.

Too Late To Classify

BOSTON, Jan. 8. (AP) — Boston Red Sox announced last night that centerfielder Dom DiMaggio has signed his 1952 contract. The 33-year-old fly-hawk, who has been with the Sox since 1940, batted 2.96 last year and led the American League in runs with 113.

Forum Calendar

JAN. 7 to 12

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

WEDNESDAY—SKATING 8 to 10

THURSDAY—CHILDREN'S SKATING 4 to 5:30

FRIDAY—HOCKEY—SYDNEY—8:30

SATURDAY—SKATING 2:30 to 4:30
HOCKEY.

Sport Echoes From Prince County

We're all through making predictions for a while. Laysh Schurman's Sum-Hi kids threw the last one right back in our face by trouncing the Cape Traverse Rovers, (who looked to be the top applies in the South Shore League barrel) by the convincing score of 6 to 2. No more predictions. Let's just say we're undecided now. We'll wait and see how it comes out.

The High School boys impressed with their fast-breaking and their horse-fly back-checking tactics. Gord Cutcliffe, the heap big Rover on the Cape team, made sure through some of those kids were tied to his shoe-laces the way they buzzed around him when ever he started a solo. Believe us, he didn't make any solos. Neil Walker always made sure it was at least a duet, and occasionally a whole avil chorus surrounded him.

Garth Gay, too, proved quite a stumbling block. Gay and Cutcliffe had several get togethers on the ice, and joined each other later in the penalty box. Garth undoubtedly puts teeth into the High School defence. They didn't have him when playing Albany, and that may have been part of the reason for the dozen goals the St. Pats scored.

The High School has only one experienced player on defence, the playing coach, Laysh Schurman. Laysh, besides leading his team in goals scored, is playing a fine defensive game, but the other rearguard boys lack experience.

That's all they lack, however. Dick Noonan is game as they come and needs only a little more service behind the blue-line to qualify. Mel Campbell, the other tyro defenceman, is a bit gamier than they generally come. Mel just hates to be an innocent bystander when fistfights are in progress. If a fight starts, Mel promptly enlists.

"Bunny" Gillis is terrific in the nets. The youngster has exceeded everyone's fondest hopes. His style is strictly "for the birds." But what's the diff if shots that are labelled don't get through him? With some coaching this boy should make a goer. On screened shots, he's either lucky, or else he smells 'em out, for he's stopped more than his share of those, too.

Clair Caruthers of the Cape team definitely has the makings. He is aggressive but clean, and he's shown himself to be dangerous in the attacking zone, where being dangerous really counts. Reminds us a little of his uncle, Vernie Webster, who was without question one of the best defencemen the South Shore has turned out. Remember, fans, Webster and Dawson on defence. Claude MacWilliams, Wendell MacWilliams and Clint Howatt up front? Mmmm—good!

Young Pat Noonan is also a comer. Not so rugged as Caruthers, he's tricky with his skates and with the stick. Aiden Gardiner is the third member of that line, and also knows his way around. They're a trio of hustlers and should improve as the season goes on.

Bedeque Rink is getting large crowds at those South Shore League games, and the fans are getting their money's worth. The ice is good, the play has been fast and exciting, and the loud-speaker service the management supplies adds interest to the games.

HELSINKI, Jan. 8. (AP) — Russia formally announced Saturday it would participate in the summer Olympic Games here July 19-Aug. 3 but remained silent about the winter games at Oslo Feb. 14-25.

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Weather Troubles Come To Plague Local League

By Irving C. Whynot
HALIFAX, Jan. 8. (CP) — The Maritime Major Hockey League, half-way through a back-breaking 90-game schedule despite a variety of hiccups, tonight a new trouble-maker tonight: the weather.

A heavy storm, the second since the week-end, forced postponement of both scheduled games, slated for Saint John and Glace Bay.

Normally, that would be a minor matter. But in a league where salaries hit the \$200 weekly mark, every gate is necessary. Financial troubles already have raised their head and for a time threatened to break up the six-team league, one of two major loops in Canada.

Two teams—Moncton Hawks and Sydney Millionaires—solved the problem with citizens' committees. In Moncton the committee took over the team; in Sydney it will handle finances only.

Sydney's move last night made it the third team having such a committee. Glace Bay Miners, doubtful starters in the league, finally made it under a co-operative form of ownership.

Club owners, coming into the new year and the play-off stretch, noted one hopeful sign. Gates started picking up before Christmas and have continued good.

For the final stretch drive, at least two teams are looking for new players. Millionaires want a complete top-notch front line and Saint John will be getting a new goalie to replace Phil Hughes, sent to Buffalo.

Looking for players, incidentally, is something new for Beavers. The Saint John squad came to town almost intact from Toronto and have set the pace since the opening whistle.

With 45 games behind them Beavers can look back on 32 wins against only 13 losses and three draws.

Charlottetown Islanders, winners last season in the old four-team M.M.H.L., are holding down second spot with 43 points—19 points behind Beavers.

Glace Bay, with 46, Moncton with 43, and Halifax with 42, are next in line.

Millionaires, who won the Cape Breton League title last year and then joined the new M. M. H. L. along with Miners, are in the cellar. But they are only four points behind Saints and five away from the last play-off berth.

Saints, meanwhile, have been putting on a dazzling dash for the fourth position. They have won five of their last seven games.

Chamberlain Fined \$250

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (CP) — Maurice Podoloff, president of the American Hockey League, announced today he had fined coaches Murph Chamberlain of Buffalo and Terry Reardon of Providence for their conduct in a game at Buffalo Jan. 3.

Podoloff held a hearing on the game in Cleveland Monday and overruled a Providence protest.

Chamberlain, who recently took over as coach of the Bisons, was fined \$250 for tossing an extra puck on to the ice while play was in progress.

Reardon was assessed \$100 for going on the ice and protesting a decision of referee Walt Russell, then refusing to leave the bench when ordered out of the game.

The extra puck incident happened in the second period after Russell handed out three straight penalties to Buffalo. Chamberlain then threw a puck across the rink and hit Russell in the back, trying to get his attention.

Russell blew his whistle as he saw there were two pucks on the ice but just at that time Ray Powell fired a goal for Providence. Russell did not allow the goal. Providence protested the decision after losing 4-3 in overtime.

Moncton Hawks Are Snowbound

GLACE BAY, N.S., Jan. 8. (CP) — Moncton Hawks became snowbound 50 miles west of New Glasgow today, forcing cancellation of the scheduled Maritime Major Hockey League game against Miners here tonight.

The game was an important one, as far as the league standings go, for each team.

A win by Miners would have put them in a two-way tie with Charlottetown Islanders for second place and a Moncton win would have lifted Hawks only one point behind third-place Miners.

Officials of the Amherst Arena said later tonight that the postponed game would be played there Friday.

Final Round Of Mayor's Bonspiel Scheduled Tonight

The final round of the Mayor's Bonspiel will be played tonight at the Charlottetown Curling Club with the games starting at seven o'clock. Following are the skip of the rinks who will play:

J. F. MacLeod vs. G. Avard
C. MacLean vs. J. J. Larabee
Dr. MacIntyre vs. W. J. Renkins
J. A. Fraser vs. Louis Turner

U. S. Expects Strong Olympic Hockey Team

By Ted Smith
NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (AP) — Those feudists of the ice rinks, the Amateur Athletic Union and the Amateur Hockey Association, now have united so thoroughly that the United States will have the strongest team in its history at the winter Olympic games in Oslo Feb. 14-25.

"We're so good we will ever have a chance against Canada," said Tom Lockhart, president of the A. H. A. "It's one of the best amateur teams we have ever had in the United States."

The 1948 games at St. Moritz were marred by the dispute between the two American hockey organizations. The A. H. A. team played in the games but it was decided that hockey was not on an official basis. The A. A. U.—Olympic team sat on the sidelines.

Lockhart declared today that Avery Brundage, president of the American Olympic Committee, deserved full credit for bringing about peace on the ice.

"We have now united and picked 15 men from the east and the west," said Lockhart. "Every good American amateur has been given an opportunity to try out for the team. We know the Canadian team is terrific, and we think Olympic championship will rest between Canada and the U.S. We expect the Swiss, English, and Czechs to be strong, but I think we are the class of the field outside Canada."

AT STUD

The stallion REAL MONEY, owned by William Brennck and William MacLeod will stand for the season at service of horsemen at William Brennck's Stables, Montague. The stallion will also be taken to any required place in the Province. Mares at owner's risk. Service fee \$3.00. Proving foal \$10.00.

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