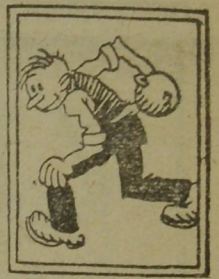


SPORTS PAGE



Moncton Paper Is Against Referees That Are Imported

Why Not Condemn the Imported Player and Boost the Home Products?

When advocating the claims of the Maritimes in the Confederation, "The Maritime Broadcaster" has refrained from showing just what had been done to us in the matter of sport. It is evident now that Central Canada expects to rule the whole of the Dominion in whatever matter it is interested, whether it be sport or commerce.

In looking over the Moncton Transcript it was learned that its columnist objected to imported referees being used in the Big Four hockey games. Quite right; but by going that far it might be well to go a little further and object to imported hockey players. Certainly the same argument applies to players as to referees. "Asked for our opinion, we expressed the belief that we had local men who could do just as good a job with the whistle as any men brought down here from Ontario or Quebec at a fancy salary." Thus the Transcript man puts it, and he might have made the same reference to hockey players.

Right here in the Maritimes we have potential hockey talent equal to anything produced in Ontario or Quebec, or even Manitoba. But we will not give our young people the chance to become experts. We have plenty of the raw material, but like in our other industries we export players as raw material and we import finished goods.

It is time this whole amateur hockey farce was wiped out. The public is being kidded into the belief that they are seeing something real when in many cases the so-called hockey contests are

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POWER FOR YANKS - BY SORDS



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TROJAN BASKETBALL SQUAD IS PREPARING FOR BUSY SEASON

The Trojan senior basketball team will soon be in action again. This organization, which has placed Saint John on the basketball map of Canada, will have a strong team.

The squad has been working out three times a week on the High School and Y.M.C.A., with Wes. MacVicar, physical instructor at the Y.M.C.A., as coach.

Among the candidates for places on the team are Henry Hollies, captain; Don Patterson, George Andrews, Bob Brown, Ray Lawlor, Doug Skinner, Les Stratton, Bill Ganderton and Ned Heshon. Other players are taking part in the preliminary work and it is expected that the Trojan squad will uphold the fine reputation gained by this organization in previous years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Montreal Maroons of the N.H.L. will no longer be the rough tough hoppers they used to be, says Tommy Gorman. "Stay on the ice" will be the motto, according to the new mentor.

SPOTS of Sport

By RAY HANSEN



AT THE TIME OF WRITING THE HOCKEY situation in the Maritimes was entering into a state bordering on chaos. President E. A. Gilroy, of the C. A. H. A., threatened to step in and clean house, while President James E. Wry, of the M. A. H. A., could see no reason for the threatened action. He was quite emphatic in stating that if the new importations could produce amateur cards issued by the Maritime Branch of the A. A. U. of C. he would give them certificates to play in the Maritime Mercantile League. Just what the outcome would be, at this time, was hard to figure out. Viewing the situation from every angle western officials seem justified in endeavouring to put a stop to raids on the part of Maritime moguls. Senior hockey has been in vogue in the Maritimes for several years and it is now quite evident that very little effort has been made to develop home talent. Aside from James of the Moncton Hawks, one or two others, Maritime Provinces' boys in the "Big Four" are conspicuous by their absence. This is not as it should be and any fair-minded sport must confess the western officials have every reason to be incensed. If the Maritimes developed a number of crack hockey players they would resent Upper Canada or the Western Provinces holding out more lucrative propositions than they were in a position to give in order to entice our players to help win the Allan Cup or other honors. The Maritime Provinces have wonderful boy talent to work with and no effort should be spared to develop them so that the day may not be far distant when we could boast of a real Allan Cup contender made up of our own youths. As far as the house-cleaning part of the threat is concerned it must be quite evident to every hockey fan that President Gilroy has let himself in for a nice job. He will have to start at the Pacific coast and work right through to the Atlantic and when he is finished he will probably find himself out of a job.

"WELL WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE BEAVERS NOW?" is a question which the writer is called on to answer several times daily. The beating administered to the local team by the Island squad last Friday about ended the patience of many local fans. It must be apparent to all, the owners of the club, the management and the players themselves, that some drastic changes will have to be made immediately or the attendance at the games will suffer. To hold the interest and the confidence of the fans is highly essential if the game is to prove a financial success. There are three potent questions which call for an answer: Is the coach of the Beavers responsible? Are the players, not all, but some of them, keeping in shape or are they travelling along the road which leads to oblivion for all athletes who forsake the straight and narrow? Does a loyal and proper team spirit prevail? If these questions were answered there is little doubt but the question What is wrong with the Beavers would be quickly answered. The Beavers have two of the best forward players in the "Big Four," Monson and O'Leary. The former is showing a lot of hockey brains, while the latter is one of the best "cover men" that ever appeared in local competition. When he starts in to cover his man he literally places a tent over him. Both are fast and clean players and should go higher. Marsh in goal is a good man, but he has not been getting sufficient assistance from his defense. Drayor should be more aggressive. He is letting too many opponents ride down through his territory and centre the puck. Farrell is a good man, but he should lay off "getting his man" tactics and devote a little more energy on getting the puck as well as his man. To pass out body checks is one of the important phases of his responsible position, but there is no need to carry this to the extreme. There are times when he may have to resort to slight infractions of the rules to stave off almost certain goals, but every time he is banished the team as a whole must suffer. Some of the other players might show up better if placed in their proper positions and given a real chance to show their wares, while others seem to be not quite fast enough to make the grade. If the management of the team is starting to build for 1935 then they are justified in bringing a player here who has not had skates on all season, but if they expected him to start right in to effect a betterment on the team it would seem that someone is lacking in "grey matter." The team needs another fast and clever forward to round out that first line along with Monson and O'Leary. A stronger and more effective second line will have to be developed. Some of the present players may be able to hold down a position there. If they cannot then new material will have to be secured if the management expect to make a real showing.

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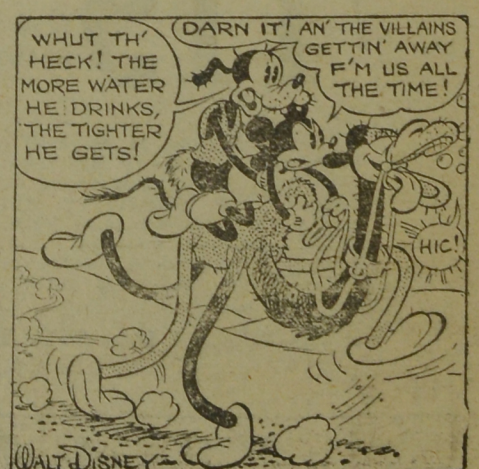
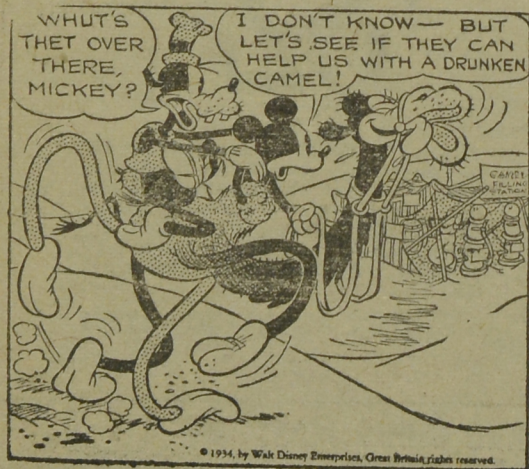
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