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Bathurst Tied for First Place With Fredericton

Outlasted Fredericton and Won in First Overtime Period—Score 3 to 1—Finnegan the Outstanding Player for Bathurst—Great Work in Net—Team Away to North Shore.

The Fredericton hockey team gets away today on its second visit to the North Shore slated to play at Campbellton Thursday and at Bathurst Friday. The team leaves tied with Bathurst for first place because of the defeat sustained here last night at the hands of Bathurst. The score was 1 to 1 in a game which went ten minutes overtime. Both Campbellton and Bathurst are strong and making every allowance for some Fredericton players being below form it would be expecting almost too much for the Green and White to come back with even one game out of the two. However strange things happen in hockey. Perhaps with some poor playing out of their systems in the game with Bathurst the team will pull together and play better.

It is expected that the team will be able to put a team on as strong as usual for the North Shore games. A number of rooters will accompany the team. After these games the game here with Chatham will be the only one needed to complete the first half of the schedule as far as the local team is concerned.

FINNEGAN THE STAR.

Former Sussex Goalkeeper Better Than Ever—Absolutely Impervious to Long Shots and Good on Short Ones.

The outstanding feature of the game in which Bathurst beat Fredericton was the work of Finnegan in the net. The policy of the Bathurst defence was to make Fredericton send in long shots. These Finnegan swept aside or stopped with a regularity which was monotonous. Occasionally the Fredericton players got right in on him but he stopped those shots too. Alan Sterling beat him out with a fairly long shot which went through the defence and right into the net. Had Finnegan had a clear view of the player when he shot that might have been stopped too. The Fredericton forwards went right in for the rebounds but the breaks were against them in that particular. They were sharper on that play than was Bathurst.

The break of the game which really decided it was the first Bathurst goal it was scored in an awkward scramble at the corner of the net. It was not good hockey on the part of Bathurst and certainly was not on the part of Fredericton as the net should have been cleared. But for this goal the score would have been 1 to 0 for Fredericton and there would have been no overtime. When the latter came Bathurst were lasting better and had the punch which won.

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Fredericton had three players available for reliefs, Keenan, Edgar Wade and Lynch. The two former were used but not after the second period and the strain on the five men in front of the goal was too much. Bathurst on the other hand worked their reliefs in systematically and often that policy told heavily.

Some Men Off Color.

The Fredericton team did not show the form which beat Campbellton here. Several players were notably off form. Clark and Keenan did not do themselves justice. This fact should have made Wade more valuable as a relief player. The two Sterlings and Keene bore the brunt of the forward work and were in the game all the time until the strain told on them so that they had to go slower. Steen was in the game all the time with his rushes and shots right on the net. Alden Clark was bothered by loose skates and also did not show the dashes and shooting of which he is capable. Hickson was good but was outplayed by the more experienced man in the Bathurst net.

The visiting team played a game almost entirely of the individual type the visiting fans commenting upon that. The two defence players did not have the same rushing and shooting ability as the Fredericton pair but around the net were better. Dan Cripps, Carroll and Crosby were prominent among the forwards.

THE GAME.

Home Team Did the Shooting but Finnegan Saw That Goals Were not Scored—Bathurst Won in Overtime.

The first period passed scoreless with Fredericton having better of territory and shooting on the Bathurst net steadily but without result.

In the second Bathurst broke into the scoring when Danny Cripps was credited with a goal after a man scramble in the corner of the net at Hickson's left.

In the third Alan Sterling scored going through centre and sending in a long shot which went between the defence men and into the net. This tied the game up and raised the hopes of the crowd.

Both defence and forwards showed signs of weakening under the fast pace of the third period and when overtime came it soon was apparent that Bathurst had the punch.

The visiting team kept getting well in on the net and Fredericton had trouble clearing. Carroll beat Hickson to it with a wing shot from the right. This gave Bathurst the edge and a minute or two afterward Crosby sent in a short shot when Hickson was down in the mouth of the net with some of his players piled up in front of him.

The teams were:—
Bathurst—Goal, Finnegan; Defence, R. Cripps and Fallon; Centre, Crosby;

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MONTREAL BEAT ST PATS IN EASY STYLE

Score 5 to 2—Nels Stewart, Maroon Centre Scored Four Goals—Losers Weak.

Montreal, Jan. 12—Montreal scored an easy 5-2 victory over the Toronto St. Patricks in a listless pro. hockey contest here tonight.

Nelson Stewart, tricky centre player of the Maroons, was the outstanding star of the game. Stewart accounted for four of Montreal's five goals, all of them following smart displays of stick-handling.

Montreal were never pressed and seldom exerted by the Irish combination, who had one of their bad nights. Their forwards lacked punch and the defence was continually lax, time and time again being split asunder by the dashing Maroons.

MOUNT A. HAS HOCKEY MEN AGAIN READY

Mount Allison evidently has quite a bunch of last season hockey men ready this season. The Sackville Tribune has the following:—

The first university hockey practice was held in the college rink last week. The services of Coach Fred (Larry) McLean, have been secured for this season. McLean was with U. N. B. last year, and is recognized as one of the leading exponents of Canada's national game in the Maritime Provinces. Several of last year's squad are reporting again, among them Rogers, Winters, McLellan, Smith and McLean. Good, efficient work was accomplished at the first practice.

CANADIENS WON AT BOSTON

Boston, Jan. 12—The Canadiens won a hectic game tonight, 4 to 2, before a crowd of 7,000 that packed the Arena to the rafters. It was the fastest exhibition of the current National Hockey League season and the brilliant Frenchmen deserved their victory.

Left Wing, Lawlor; Right Wing, D. Cripps; subs, Carroll, McKeeman, Gammon.

Fredericton—Goal, Hickson; Defence, Clark and Steen; Centre, A. Sterling; Left Wing, Keene; Right Wing, J. Sterling; subs, E. Wade, Keenan.

Referee, Lowther, Amherst, N. S.

Scoring:—

First Period.

Nil.

Second Period.

1. Bathurst, D. Cripps, 14.43.

Third Period.

2. Fredericton, A. Sterling, 9.30.

Overtime.

3. Bathurst, Carroll, 2.30.

4. Bathurst, Crosby, 3.00.

Penalties, Bathurst—D. Cripps, Crosby, 2 min. each. Lawlor balance of game.

Fredericton—J. Sterling, Clark, 2 min. each. J. Sterling, Balance of game.

MINOR LEAGUE PRO HOCKEY IS IN THE AIR

American and Canadian Cities Ready for It—Next Season Likely to See Start.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 11—Boston will have minor league professional hockey next year, unless well formulated plans of the owners of present major league clubs fall through. They are beginning to feel the lack of grading which undoubtedly exists at present. For the players who are unable to make good at once in the "Big League," there is nothing left but oblivion.

Having jumped out of the amateur ranks, whether nominally or actually, they are unable to go back. Consequently many high class hockey players are very timorous about making the jump from amateur to professional hockey. Some of them who can make a good living as "amateurs" would be perfectly willing to become "out and outs" if they felt that there was a minor league or two waiting to catch them if the "big league" clubs decided to let them fall.

Boston is almost certain to have a team of minor league character. New York, having found since pure amateur hockey just a little too slow to entice the fans, is strong for the project. Leo Dandurand, of Les Canadiens, and James Strachan, president of the Montreal Maroons, have endorsed it. Pittsburgh wants it. Providence, with a rink nearly completed, believes that it is the only thing for its particular case. Springfield may be ready in another year, and representatives of rinks in other cities have their ears to the ground.

At present it looks as if a minor league will be constructed out of whole cloth, and will be ready to start doing business at the beginning of next season with six, or at any rate four teams. The layout will be something like this: Junior Canadiens, of Montreal, Junior Maroons of Montreal, Duquesne Gardens of Pittsburgh, Boston Arena, New York Juniors, and Providence Arena.

In Quebec.

Montreal, Jan. 12—Rumors have been current in Montreal and in the Quebec cities represented in the Senior Q. A. H. A. series, that if such a league as mentioned in the above despatch were formed, teams would be entered. Quebec City, where Sons of Ireland hold forth is considered a possibility for a minor professional franchise having once held a berth in the National Hockey League. It is also rumored that local interests, entirely independent of any connection with the two local professional teams, would be willing to operate a franchise.

It is well-known that the cities in Western Ontario which sport crack "amateur" teams are waiting the formation of such a league. In fact a meeting is already reported to have been held in Hamilton in connection with the forming of a minor pro. circuit. Cities proposed for the loop were Windsor, London, Stratford, Galt, Hamilton and Niagara Falls. As previously reported in The Star, it would not be surprising to see a new semi-professional international circuit in operation next winter.

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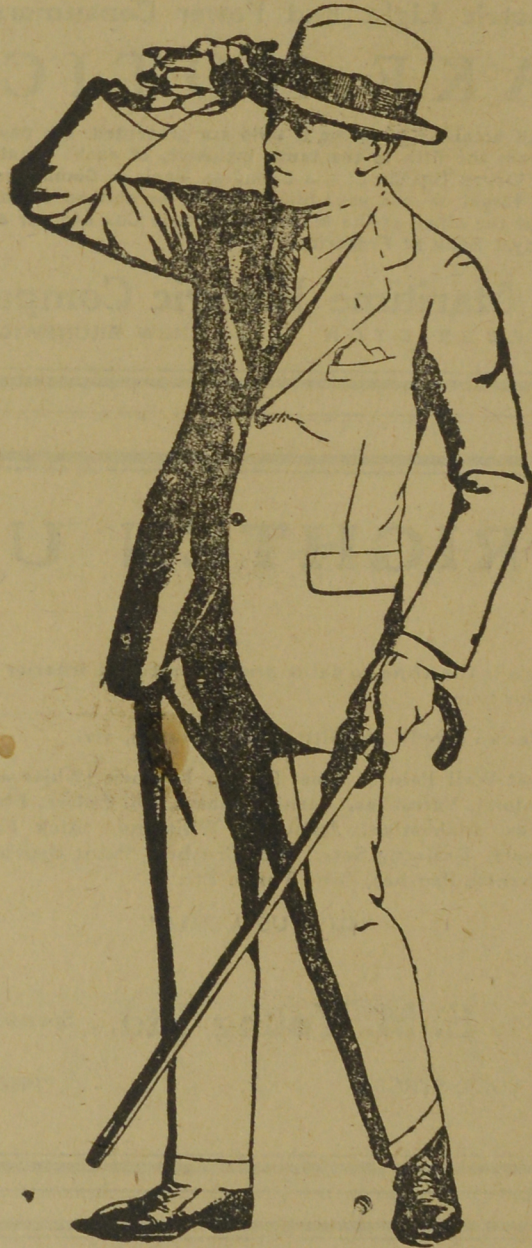
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