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## Association Talks of Play-off Plan

CHICAGO, November 16—Plans for the return to the play-off system in the American Association will be discussed by baseball club owners, December 10, Thomas J. Hickey, president, announced yesterday.

The play-off was abandoned in the association this year after a trial in 1933 and 1934 when the leader of the eastern section met the leader of the western section for the title.

Hickey said several club owners favor the "Shaughnessy plan" now in use by the International League. It provides that the four leading teams at the end of the season meet in an elimination tournament for a pot of money.

## Mickey As President

DETROIT, November 16—As baseball men recovered from the shock of the sudden death of Frank J. Navin, one name was most prominent today in the speculation of the successor to the man who guided the business destinies of the Detroit Baseball Club for more than 30 years.

The name was Gordon S. Cochrane, fiery player-manager, who in two years led the Detroit Tigers from a lowly place in the American League to a world championship.

Since coming to Detroit as manager Cochrane has been closely associated with Mr. Navin in directing the affairs of the club and several observers believe the Tiger president was grooming Mickey to become his successor.

Funeral services for Mr. Navin were held at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church at 10 a.m. this morning.

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## Southern N. B. League Formed Last Night

Five Clubs in Loop —  
League Opens Decem-  
ber 13.

SAINT JOHN, Nov. 16—The Southern New Brunswick Hockey League was formed here last night. Enthusiastic followers of the game, decided that the game should not die out here gathered in the Royal Hotel with the result that a brand new circuit was inaugurated.

The league will comprise five clubs. They will be Saint John Beavers, York All-Stars from Fredericton, Marysville and Devon; St. Andrews Senators, St. Stephen and Rothesay Oaks.

The scheduled opening of the league was decided, Saint John Beavers will be at home to the York All-Stars in the opener slated for Friday, Dec. 13.

Ross R. Brown of Rothesay was elected president. Mayor James W. Brittain of Saint John was named honorary president.

Vice-presidents elected last night were W. C. (Bill) O'Neill, St. Andrews; R. H. Boyce, Marysville, and J. V. Cunningham, Saint John. A. T. Patstone was elected secretary-treasurer. A. M. McGowan was elected official scorer.

### Two Games a Week Here

Two games a week were allotted to Saint John with the Beavers playing at home one night and Rothesay Oaks the other.

Jan. 15 was the date set for all clubs to submit the list of players to the president and other members of the executive for approval.

The first four league games drawn up last night were:

Friday, Dec. 13—York All-Stars at Beavers.

Tuesday, Dec. 17—St. Andrews at Rothesay Oaks.

Friday, Dec. 20—St. Stephen at Beavers.

Monday, Dec. 23—Beavers at Rothesay Oaks.

### How Teams Shape Up

The York All-Stars will comprise players from the Fredericton district and it is said that a wealth of material is available from the capital, Devon and Marysville.

Rothesay Oaks stepped into the senior class after playing junior hockey for the last two years. The Oaks, a young club, have many flashy performers.

St. Andrews Senators step up from the intermediate ranks. As an intermediate team St. Andrews made a name for itself and backers feel the senators will give the other four teams plenty of stiff competition.

St. Stephen is an unknown quantity at the present time. It was stated that the border town would place a team in the loop if St. Andrews entered.

Beavers will build their team around Bill Walker, defenceman and playing coach; Jerry McCabe and Vince Livingston, also back barrier men.

At last night's meeting Murray W. Long, director of The Forum, made a

Lack of Supervision  
and Poor Equipment  
Cause of Death Toll

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 16—Lack of supervision and medical care, as well as use of faulty equipment must be charged with responsibility, for the majority of football deaths in the United States this season in the opinion of leading coaches and officials.

Although a few saw the so-called "slow whistle" as a contributing factor, a pool today by the Associated Press disclosed an almost unanimous belief that the mounting death toll was due in the main to failure to safeguard high school and sandlot players.

They pointed out that 29 out of 35 fatalities already reported have occurred in high school games and others of the "pick-up" variety while only three casualties have occurred among college players.

"It seems to me the whole thing goes back to the change last year from the fast-whistle, to stop piling on to resumption of the slow-whistle, trying to open the game," said "Hunk" Anderson. "Now players have to tackle high, try to knock a man down quickly, and pile on top of lateral passes. Is the lateral pass worth that much to the game?"

sports proposition to the outside teams, who it is understood will not have ice to play on before Christmas week.

Showing a spirit of co-operation seldom heard of in Saint John sport annals, Mr. Long offered the outside clubs the use of the big ice plant for practice before the league gets under way. The York All-Stars, St. Andrews and St. Stephen were all invited to accept the offer.

### Trophy Donated

The teams will compete for the Royal Hotel trophy, a beautiful big cup, emblematic of the Southern N. B. League title.

It was decided that the league play-offs commence shortly after the league finishes its schedule. The first three teams will enter the playoffs. The winner of the league will draw bye and the second and third place teams will compete to meet the winner for the title and trophy.

A list of referees will be submitted to the president for approval by Dec. 1, each club to name one official.

Present at the inaugural last night were Murray W. Long, W. E. English and Elmer R. Ingraham, representing the Beavers; W. C. ("Bill") O'Neill, representing the St. Andrews Senators; R. H. Boyce, representing the York All-Stars; A. T. Patstone, representing the Rothesay Oaks; J. V. Montague, G. C. Crocker, Dr. Ralph H. Kee, J. V. Cunningham and Ross R. Brown, the president, who originally came to the meeting in the interests of the Rothesay Oaks.

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Last night's hockey meeting was postponed pending the return of "Battler" Boyce from Saint John where he attended a meeting of representatives from teams desirous of entering the Southern N. B. League. He received a telegram this morning inviting him to attend the meeting in Saint John and left in the afternoon with Percy Minue, prospective defenceman for the new Fredericton district team.

The energetic promoter from Marysville reported that the meeting was a most enthusiastic one and that five teams will be in the league this year. They are Saint John, Rothesay, St. Andrews, St. Stephen and Fredericton. Heading the list of officers is the well known president of the old Southern League, Ross Brown, formerly of Sussex but now of Rothesay. R. H. Boyce and Bill O'Neill, St. Andrews, were elected vice-presidents.

Everything is set for hockey now in Fredericton except for one thing. It is now up to the management of the rink, whoever that might be, to co-operate with the local team in giving practices, games, etc. Saint John showed a sporting spirit when they offered their rink free of charge to teams in the league for pre-season practices. Now, if Fredericton rink managers would only loosen up a bit, it would be clear sailing for hockey here.

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