

BORDER TOWNERS CONQUER MAROONS 7-6

FIRST VICTORY FOR ST. CROIX SQUAD MAKES SECOND CONSECUTIVE LOSS FOR TRAVELLING MONCTON AGGREGATION

Coffey Returns to Lineup to Play Stellar Game in Nets for Winners; MacNichol Hammers in 3 Goals; Bell, Moncton, K. O'd in Third Period

ST. STEPHEN, N. B. Dec. 15—St. Stephen St. Croix heralded return of Gordon Coffey to the goalie's job here tonight, coming from behind to gather in their first victory in the Southern New Brunswick Hockey League by nosing out the Moncton Maroons 7-6.

The St. Croix emerged from the first period of play with the score 2-1 against them. They came back in the second and notched three goals to Moncton's one, then tossed in three more in the third and stood on a late attack by the Maroons to come through with a win that put them on even footing with Fredericton Caps for third place in the league standing.

It was a fighting pack that "Dud" James' players from the Hub met tonight. They displayed new life. Coffey seemed to give them that something that they have lacked since the league opened and they ran true to form, as they had threatened, to throw up a bulwark around Coffey and pinned the second successive defeat on the Maroons in two nights.

The first road trip of the Maroons proved disastrous. They lost a 5-3 decision to Bill Gill's Capitals on Tuesday night. Their next game will be at home when they meet St. Croix Friday night. Then they hit the road for a game with Saint John Beavers at The Forum, in Saint John next Monday night.

While Beavers have two games with Fredericton before they clash with Maroons, one tomorrow night in Fredericton and a return engagement with Caps in Saint John Friday night.

St. Croix' victory showed that they are yet to be reckoned with in the Southern League. They were at their best tonight and yet they were on the short end of the odds.

Abe Printsky, co-manager of the border club, stated after the game that he was pleased with the way his men performed tonight and figured they are good for a victory any time on their home ice and intend to pick up more wins on the road.

"Red" McNeill of Sussex returned to the St. Stephen fold tonight and

was welcomed back on defence and with Shields, Armstrong and McIntee proved a stout back-barrier that the Moncton raiders had trouble with.

Bell is Injured

George Bell, who patrolled the right boards for Moncton, was knocked out in the third period tonight with less than five minutes to go to the final bell. He was on his way into the St. Croix defence stone when Shields and Armstrong wedged him in and collided with him. He was carried from the ice and revived in the dressing room.

The Maroons fired plenty of rubber at Coffey in the closing minutes of the game but he managed to kick the puck out to earn his and St. Croix first win of the season.

The Williamsons from St. Andrews kept the game well in hand and were forced to hand out but six penalties in the 60 minutes of play.

SPORT DUST

—BY—

"Timmy" Green

Something sure happened to the St. Croix to kick a lot of new life in them or something took a lot out of the Maroons. Fans certainly didn't expect to see Moncton take another upset last night. The league may be a lot more interesting than some thought it would be. The Capitals seem to be at the point where they can put up a good scrap and now the Border crew shows that they can hold their own end up.

From chatter around town, the Beaver-Capitals game in the Arctic Rink tonight is going to pack in a full house. The management of the rink is getting prepared for it so that there will be no congestion at the entrance and that holders of tickets will not be held up for any time in getting in. The front exit, next to 'Tart's' will be a reserved entrance for reserved seat holders only. A lane will be built off for the convenience of holders of the season tickets to rush seats or standing room so that they will not also be detained in the rush to the ticket office.

About the game tonight—it would be mere speculation to take a shot at the outcome. Saint John hasn't been shaded very much by the leading Maroons, and in some ways seem to have more wallop. One thing is certain however, that is that the game will be a fight all the way through. Incidentally two new faces will be on the lineup tonight, Doran Doucette of Bathurst Papermaker and Charlottetown Abbie fame will be working on one of the forward lines, while 'Spiv' Jarvis will be present as reserve goalie.

Joe Louis isn't going to meet Jimmy Adamick, young Michigan slugger in one of his warm-up matches for the go with Schmeling. Maybe it's a good thing. Adamick is supposed to be a second young Dempsey, tough, and with a terrific right-hand poke. It was a right that Schmeling used. The 'Old Mug' of provincial bowling was lifted from its resting place on the show case in the Palace Alleys last night by a Woodstock quintette. The cup stayed in Fredericton for seven months in all and was defended against all comers. Hank Greenberg takes the American League's slugging honors this year driving in a total of 183 runs—only one short of the record set by Gehrig in '31. Di Maggio comes second with 167. Enough!

Louis To Fight Hogan or Baer

GEE AND ZEKE ANTICS ADD COLOR TO CHISOX

Lou Comiskey and his astute manager, Jimmy Dykes, emerged from the recent Winter baseball meetings with a team that should be able to finish second in the American League next season. And that's about all that can be expected until the present Yanks, all their scouts and Ed Barrow, Yank business manager and talent wizard, retire to more peaceful existences.

FIGURES SHOW WHY OF YANKEE WINS IN 1937

Champions Got More Mileage On Their Hits

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—Two lines of cold figures in the official American League batting averages disclose better than words why the Yankees twirled the field last season.

It is no surprise to find that the Tigers' Charley Gehrig led the league with a snappy .371 batting average nor that Lou Gehrig was second with .331 and Joe Dimaggio third with .346.

But it may surprise many to learn that the Tigers as a team out-hit the Yanks .292 to .283 and that the lowly Browns also finished ahead of the Yanks with a team mark of .285.

However, those aforesaid two lines of figures disclose that although the Tigers made 1611 hits to the Yanks 1554, the Yanks outscored their closest rivals 979 to 935, and had 2504 total bases to the Tigers' 2494.

In other words, the Yanks got more mileage out of their hits.

Another surprising feature is that although the Yanks were popularly supposed to be strictly a slugging outfit, overwhelming their rivals on sheer power, they actually must have had the best pitching in the league, for fewer runs were scored against them than against any other team. Opponents made only about four runs a game against the Yanks whereas they made a little more than five a game against the Tigers. This would seem to prove that Mickey Cochrane knew what he was doing when he made that deal with the White Sox for Vernon Kennedy.

What intrigues the fans most is the new set of records hung up by the Yankees' iron horse—Lou Gehrig.

Lou ran his consecutive game streak to 165 and erased Eddie Collins' record by playing 11 seasons in 150 or more games. Lou also drove in 159 runs for the seventh season, thus supplanting Babe Ruth's record of driving in 150 or more for six years.

But this is by no means all Lar-

Chicago's White Sox fans would like a pennant winner, of course, and with a few accidents to Yank stars, might squirm in. But the South Siders primarily are satisfied with interesting baseball so long as their heroes stay in the first division as they have in the last two years after 15 successive seasons in the lower regions.

Gee Walker and Zeke Bonara on the same team will be the most colorful pair in baseball according to past form.

Both habitually bat in more than 100 runs a season and both are habitual .300 plus hitters.

These talents alone are enough to make the two twin heroes. But their work on the bases and the attendant Dykes hysteria is where the thrills are produced. Both run bases without rhyme or reason.

Sometimes their madness clicks through sheer amazement on the part of the opposition. When they fail their naive lack of realization that they haven't performed according to the books is something startling to behold.

Gee and Zeke will be the big show most days, but, of course, the Sox will have to have pitching to support or cover up Gee's and Zeke's caprices.

First home in the pitching department is that the spectacular Monty Stratton will develop into an all-season pitcher for the first year since he came up from the minors. The second home is that Johnny Whitehead became allergic to work changes, and third that Bill Dettrich becomes almost as good as he was that day last season when he pitched a no hitter.

Then, too, you can pray that Ted Lyons keeps on being young, that Sugar Cain quits sulking, that Thornton Lee keeps on beating the Yanks, and that Clint Brown still can pitch out of those late afternoon grandstand shadows.

And you also can give a few raucous for Johnny Rigney, Bill Cox, and some of the other kinds who probably will be around.

ruping Lou did. He broke a tie with Al Simmons and Goose Goslin by batting in 100 or more runs for 12 straight years. He also made 200 hits for the eighth straight time, leaving him only one year behind Ty Cobb who turned the trick for nine seasons.

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15-Round Bout Will Be Warm-up For The Champion

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis came to terms today for a non-title fight in February with the winner of Friday night's bout between Eddie Hogan, New England puncher, and Buddy Baer, brother of former Champion Max Baer, Promoter Mike Jacobs announced.

The bout will mark Louis' first return to the ring since he outpointed Tommy Farr last summer.

Promoter Jacobs said that in the event both Hogan and Baer fail to make an impressive performance, some other heavyweight probably would be substituted against the champion.

The proposed match will be 15 rounds, indoors, and a "warmup title fight" preparatory to Louis' defense of the crown in an outdoor spectacle next summer against Max Schmeling.

Western League Finish Is Feared

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 16—Baseball's oldest minor league, the Western, tottered on the brink of oblivion today, its precarious life having been extended for less than a month at a meeting of club owners.

Actual discontinuance of the league, once the Midwest's proudest circuit, was avoided, but will come up for consideration again next month.

A motion to disband required a unanimous vote for passage, and Des Moines and Sioux City, "Old Guard" members which have survived financial crisis which engulfed others, voted against it.

League representatives then voted, however, to ask officials of the Three-I loop to meet with them at Des Moines, Jan. 9, to discuss formation of a new league.

DOUCETT ADDED TO FORWARD LINE AS CAPITALS PLAY SECOND HOME CONTEST OF SEASON TONIGHT AGAINST BEAVERS

Locals Speedier, Show Improvement In Puck-Handling, At Last Night's Practice; Ice In Good Condition; Several Floodings Since Tuesday

Considerably fortified, both mentally and spiritually, by their 5-3 win over Moncton Maroons Tuesday night, the Fredericton Capitals will take the ice tonight at Arctic Rink against the fast stepping Saint John Beavers in the locals' second home game this season.

Tonight's Fredericton lineup will be identical with that of Tuesday, with the exception that Doran Doucette of Bathurst will play in the forward line. Doucett, who starred several seasons ago with the Bathurst Papermakers and the Charlottetown Abegweits in the old N.B.—P.E.I. league, made his first appearance on the ice this year at the local practice last night.

Jarvis in Uniform

Ostermueller To Go Under Knife

BOSTON, Dec. 16—Fred "Fritz" Ostermueller, ailing Red Sox south-paw pitcher, will undergo an operation on his pitching wing sometime next month, it was learned yesterday at Fenway Park.

Ostermueller conferred with Business Manager Eddie Collins at the recent baseball meeting in Chicago and was sent to Dr. Hyland at St. Louis, where x-ray plates were taken.

It was learned yesterday that the plates showed Ostermueller was troubled by bone chips in his left elbow. Dr. Hyland will confer with the Red Sox squad physician, Dr. Eddie O'Brien, to determine when Ostermueller will go under the knife in an effort to mend his pitching arm.

Ostermueller lives in Quincy, Ill., and is expected to go to St. Louis for the operation.

It was also announced yesterday at Fenway Park that Bing Miller's status has been changed from a coach to a scout with the Red Sox. This means that Manager Joe Cronin will have Tom Daley and Herb Pennock as coaches with Daley taking over the third-base bag.

Floods of speed and better puck-handling on an improved sheet of ice was demonstrated last night by the Capitals who came out of the Maroons tangle unscathed. Doucett also turned on the steam on several occasions and will likely add the needed strength to the Fredericton team. "Spiv" Jarvis was also out in uniform holding down the goal opposite Young.

Present indications are that an almost perfect sheet of ice will be available for the game tonight as the weather took a turn to lower temperature last evening. The rough sheet of ice of Tuesday's game was levelled off and practically smooth.

Gill announced last night that the lineup would be Young in the net, Goodline, Thompson, Gill and Kilburn on defence and Keenen, Morehouse, Doucett, Mills, Lifford, McLenahan, McIntyre on the forward line.



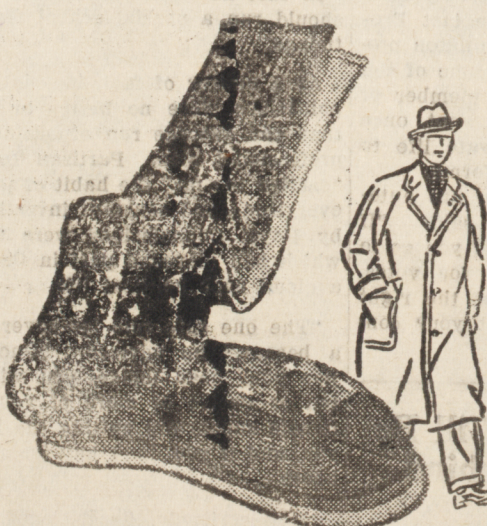
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