



SPORT



WHYS AND OTHERWISE

AS SEEN BY
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It might be 1937 but the Capitals so far haven't taken on what looks like a new resolution. The chief consolation is that the Caps have been losing only by one or two scores. The obvious question is: Why?

Sports notables who pictorially featured the year-end reviews of the big dailies throughout the land included Lou Gehrig and Joe McCarthy, New York Yankees; Jesse Owens, the running marvel, who captured three Olympic titles; Max Schmeling, who beat Joe Louis; Larry Kelley, the sensational Yale football end; Miss Alice Marble, national tennis champion; Tony Manero, who won the U.S. open golf title; Dave Schirmer, the New York Amerks' scoring marvel; Jack Lovelock, Carl Hubbell and others.

The scramble for this year's top spots in sport is already on. Who will be on top at the end of another year only time and the Goddess of Chance can tell.

Along the Canadian hockey front lies strewn lots of retirements. Among these are George Hainsworth at the age of 43; King Clancy, a veritable sparkplug of hockey; Joe Primeau, brilliant Leaf playmaker. And there looms also the possibility that Charlie Conacher will also retire soon.

Speaking of hockey, the showing of the Montreal Canadiens this year is a sport highlight. And much of the credit is due to the expert planning of Cecil Hart, who promised a winning club when he took over the reins.

A despatch from the Old Country concerning the progress of hockey in that country says that "English sports critics have been amazed at hockey's rapid march in view of the opposition it has met. They concede its progress a tribute to the game's appeal and to the ability of Canadian players and salesmen."

MARITIME BADMINTON TOURNAMENT DATES

SAINT JOHN, Jan. 4—The Maritime badminton tournament for 1937 will be played on the courts of the Saint John Garrison Officers' Badminton Club at the armory on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20.

The announcement was made last night by R. C. Gorham, president of the Maritime Badminton Association.

The events will be the usual for tournament play. There will be men's singles, ladies' singles, men's and ladies' doubles, and mixed doubles in the senior events. Boys' and Girls' singles will be played in the junior events and veteran men's doubles for participants over 40 is also scheduled. The age limit for junior players is 18 years and under.

It has been the usual custom, it was pointed out by Mr. Gorham, for entries to close on the Monday preceding the tournament. He also stated that only members of clubs affiliated with the Maritime Badminton Association are eligible to compete in this tournament.

Present ineligible players, he said, who are desirous of participating are urged to have their clubs affiliate with the parent body immediately.

Mr. Gorham said the Maritime Association expects to have about the largest entry list for the coming tournament and expects it to be the most successful ever held here or any other part of the Maritimes.

Present Champions
The meet, last year, was held on the courts of the Sydney Badminton Club, and at present the titles are evenly divided between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The present title holders are:

Ladies' singles: Mrs. D. A. Lindsay, Woodstock, N. B.; men's singles, Rev. Piers, Halifax; ladies' doubles, Mrs. D. A. Lindsay, Woodstock, and Miss Isobel Jones, Saint John; men's doubles, R. Filler and S. E. Goodwin, Woodstock; mixed doubles, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lindsay, Woodstock; boys' singles, Ronald Page, Woodstock. There was no play for the minor girls singles title.

What Fans Should Know About the Hockey Rules

Below is the first of a daily summary of the rules of ice hockey, as drawn up by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, and which apply to all amateur hockey in the Maritimes, including intercollegiate and high school hockey. The Daily Mail is presenting these rules in order that the ordinary fan may be well informed on plays as they happen and the regulations now in practice. The first of the series follows:

1. The game of ice hockey shall be played by teams of six players on a sheet of ice, known as a "rink." Each player shall wear skates of an approved style. The use of the skates known as "reachers" or of any skate so designed that it may cause injury is prohibited. Each player shall carry a hockey stick of regulation size for the purpose of propelling the "puck." A player (except a goalkeeper) without a complete stick is out of play and may not take any part in the game until he has gained possession of a stick. A player whose stick is broken must obtain another stick at his bench. If a player with a broken stick play the puck, the referee shall stop the play and order a face-off at the spot where the puck was so played—except as otherwise provided. A stick chipped at the tip, properly protected by tape shall not be considered as a broken stick. Near each end of the rink goals shall be placed. It shall be the object of one team to propel the puck in such manner that it shall pass into the goal of the opposing team. The team scoring the greater number of goals in the time prescribed for the playing of a "match" shall be the winners of that match.

2. The rink shall be, as nearly as possible, 200 feet in length by 85 feet in width and shall be surrounded by a wall or fence of wood, not more than four feet in height and not less than three and a half feet measured from the surface of the ice. The fence shall be constructed in such a manner that its surface shall be of uniform color, preferably white, and shall be free of any obstruction or objects that may cause injury. The minimum playing surface of any rink should have a clear sheet of ice not less than 165 feet in length and 65 feet wide.

3. Ten feet from the end of each rink and in the centre of a line drawn across the width of the ice, a regulation goal post and net shall be set in such manner that it cannot be moved. The goal posts shall be of approved material four feet in height (measured from the surface of the ice) and set six feet apart (measured from the inside of the posts.) A cross-bar of the same material as the goal posts shall extend from the top of one goal post to the top of the other. Between the goal posts on the ice shall be marked a red line, called the "goal-line," the width of the diameter of the goal posts. The goals shall be so that the "goal-line" in ten feet out from the end of the rink.

Each goal shall be provided with a net of approved design.
(To Be Continued)

HOCKEY RESULTS AND STANDINGS

| N. H. L. Standing (Canadian Section) | | | | | | |
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| | P | W | L | D | F | A |
| Canadiens | 21 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 53 | 50 |
| Maroons | 21 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 40 | 44 |
| Toronto | 19 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 46 | 48 |
| Americans | 22 | 6 | 13 | 3 | 45 | 62 |

| (American Section) | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|
| | P | W | L | D | F | A |
| Rangers | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 51 | 37 |
| Detroit | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 49 | 43 |
| Boston | 19 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 50 | 45 |
| Chicago | 20 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 26 | 36 |

PLAYED SATURDAY
National League
Maroons 0, Toronto 0. (overtime tie).
Canadiens 5, Americans 1.
International-American League
Philadelphia 2, New Haven 1.
Springfield 0, Cleveland 0. (overtime tie.)
Ottawa Senior City League
Emeralds 6, Cornwall 3.
Hull Volants 2, Lasalle 2 (overtime tie.)

PLAYED SUNDAY
National Hockey League
Canadiens 4, Americans 2.
Detroit 4, Toronto 2.
Boston 3, Rangers 2.
Maroons 3, Chicago 1.
International-American League
Syracuse 4, Pittsburgh 0.
New Haven 3, Cleveland 2.
Providence 2, Philadelphia 2. (overtime tie.)

"Y" HOCKEY

Nine games were played in the "Y" hockey league this morning at the Arctic rink. The first three games were in the school league in competition for the city school championship. Barkers Point and Devon also play in this league.

The first game was between St. Dunstan's and Smythe and was won by St. Dunstan's by a score of 3-2. John Barry did all the scoring for St. Dunstan's while Coveny and Burgess were the scorers for Smythe. Line-ups—St. Dunstan's: Cormier, Barry, D'Amour, Flannigan, Myshrrall, Webb, and Lynch; Smythe, Coveny, Harold Smith, G. Anderson, E. Anderson, and Burgess.

Pre-Vocational again demonstrated superior class when they beat Barkers Point 8-1. Rolly McLennahan got five goals, Burton Sewell 2 and Donald Grant 1. Dunbar scored for the losers. Line-ups—Pre-Vocational: McLennahan, Burton Sewell, Grant, Craig, Fletcher, Lindsay, McPherson, Fowler, Bailey and Mountain; Barkers Point: Bird, H. McIntyre, Richard, R. McIntyre, Rob Pickard, Dunbar, Fletcher and E. Pickard.

Devon and York played to a scoreless tie. Both teams missed scoring chances but on the other hand both goalies robbed the sharp shooters of what seemed like certain counters. No overtime was played as the other games were scheduled immediately following. The line-ups were: Devon—Jewett, McSorley, Whittingham, Hughes, Legere, White, W. Smith, and McEvoy; York—Thompson, Wade, Colter, Miller, Brodie, Larlee, Burden, Thorpe and Manuel.

In the first of the games played on half the regulation playing area the Tigers took a trimming from the Beavers and the York St. Rangers lost out to the Eagles. The score in the Beavers vs. Tigers game was 6-1. Banks and Ward got two goals and Howe and Savage each got one for the Beavers. Max Brewer sank the twine for the Tigers' only tally. Line-ups: Beavers—Galloway, Elliott, Wilson, Howe, White, Banks, Steen, Taylor, Savage, and Ward; Tigers—Stewart, Draper, Brewer, C. McDiarmid, Farris, Scott, Kimmins, Mullins, Lipschitz. The Eagles score against the York St. Rangers was 5-2. Allan Chase got 3 goals and Keith Fletcher 2 for the Eagles while Tedford and Cumming divided honors with one goal apiece for their team. Line-ups: Eagles—Saunders, Shanks, Fletcher, A. Chase, Wilkins, Tapley, Baines, Grace and R. Chase; York St. Rangers—Scammell, Tims, Stevenson, Murray, Tedford, Cumming and Currie.

The Maroons defeated the Capitols 3-1. Booker scored twice and McNaughton once, for the Maroons. Jack Kenny got the Capitols' goal. Line-ups: Maroons—Haines, McNaughton, Morgan, Booker, Sewell, Miles, Galloway, Stone, Wilson and G. McNaughton; Capitols—Kenny, McLaughlin, Barber, Desautel, Bird, Stafford, Kierstead and Slater.

The Maple Leafs scored a 6-0 shut-out over the Red Wings. Cumming got two goals while Lynch, N. McMinniman and Foster each got one. Line-ups: Maple Leafs—Lynch, N. McMinniman, B. McMinniman, Worthan, Foster and Cumming; Red Wings—Boyd, R. McDiarmid, J. Fletcher, Peters, Sanson, Hubbert Dunham and Gorman.

The Black Hawks defeated the Hillbillies 5-1. Stokel got two goals, Swift got two and J. Hood got one for the Black Hawks. Hough got the only goal for the Hillbillies. Line-ups: Blackhawks—Olive, J. Hodd, G. Hodd, Stokel, Swift, and Estey, Hillbillies—Hough, Baird, O'Leary, Cameron, Manuel, H. Sutherland, McNair, and Mr. Sutherland.

The Bluebirds applied a whitewashing to the Bearcats in winning 7-0. Malcolm Beatty got 4 goals and Ivan Forbes got the other three. Line-ups: Bluebirds: A. Beatty, M. Beatty, G. Beatty, F. Beatty, Forbes, Clark, Reid, and Morgan; Bearcats—Boyle, Lee-man, Flannaghan, Hale, Finnighan, D'Amour, E. Flanagan and Myshrrall.

HOTELS FULL, SO LUMBERMAN GOES TO JAIL

NANAIMO, B. C., Jan. 4—A cell looked good to an unidentified visiting lumberman when he found Nanaimo's hotels completely full.

He applied at the police station for a night's lodging, and got it—after registering on the desk blotter.

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Bill Miller Gets Winning Tally For Canadiens Last Night

NEW YORK, Jan. 3—A third-period penalty to Lorne Carr, American forward, paved the way tonight for the Montreal Canadiens to score their second victory in as many nights over the New Yorkers, and winning their National Hockey League game 4-2 on two goals scored while Carr was off.

Bill Miller, star of Moncton Hawks when they were winning Allan Cups, fired in the inning goal, his second in two nights, after a passing play with Toe Blake and veteran Pit Lepine. George Brown, playing his first game as a professional added the fourth.

The Amerks, who lost 5-1 to Canadiens in Montreal last night, had nothing to stave off the hustling Habitants when Carr left the homesters short-handed.

The New Yorkers scored once in the first period, watched Canadiens score twice in the middle session and then came back to tie up the game early in the third only to have the Canadiens swoop into a lead with a one-man advantage. Some 12,000 fans watched the game.

The Canadiens, way in front of the Canadian Section, played in their typical old time style of speed and passing perfection. They got nowhere in the first period though and Nels Stewart put Americans ahead with the assistance of Sweeney Scribner and Lorne Carr.

Early in the second period Johnny Gagnon beat Roy Worters on a pass

HARNESS MEETING

Grand Circuit Stewards Hold Annual Session Soon

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—Stewards of the Grand Circuit, trotting's major league, will meet in their annual session here, Jan. 20, to assign dates and bid on stakes for the 1937 season. President E. Roland Harriman announced yesterday through The Associated Press.

The richest of the sport's stakes, the Hambletonian, already has been assigned to Goshen, N. Y., but the stewards will have four new stakes on which to bid. They are the \$20,000 All-American and \$8,000 champion for trotters and the Single G. Stakes and Pacing Derby, with the same values for pacers.

The circuit, comprised last year of Cleveland, Goshen, Old Orchard Beach, Me.; Springfield, Ill.; Milwaukee, Columbus, Indianapolis, Syracuse, Reading, Pa., and Lexington, is expected to be expanded to 12 or more cities with the possibility that there will be racing on the West Coast.

from Aurel Joliat and three minutes later Pit Lepine poke-checked the puck from Tommy Anderson and scored Canadiens second goal.

Americans evened matters when Carr scored early in the third period with Schirmer and Art Chapman helping out. Then came Carr's penalty, and Canucks went ahead to stay.

SOME NEW IDEAS ON ICE AND OFF STILL HABIT OF NEW YORK RANGERS' MANAGER

In his time Les Patrick, manager of the New York Rangers, probably has introduced more new ideas into hockey than any other one man. With his brother, Frank, he formed a league on the Pacific Coast, ripped the rules apart and gave the customers a faster and more wide-open game. They numbered the players, put in the blue lines, and introduced the forward pass, just to mention a few of their manipulations with the hockey code.

Lester might well be satisfied with what he has done, but hockey is his life and he always is looking for something to help the game, whether it is on the ice or off. His latest experiment—and it has proved so satisfactory that it hardly can be regarded as an experiment any longer—is a forum for the Ranger team.

Before each game they gather, with one player taking the chair. They started off with the oldest player handling the meeting and are working down, changing each game until the youngest rookie will have a chance to tell the others what he thinks. When the list is exhausted they will start all over again.

When the meeting is called to order, the chairman tells how he thinks the Rangers should play the opponents of the evening. When he is

through there is an open discussion and each player is allowed to have his say. Patrick sits in on the meetings, but he isn't allowed to have any more time on the floor than any one else.

In fact, sometimes the Ranger mentor remains silent until the meeting is over. Then he gets up and suggests something the players may have missed or picks out a certain bit of strategy as particularly commendable.

"These meetings seem to work for the general benefit of the club," says Patrick. "They bring the players closer together and loosen the tongue of the quietest fellow on the team."

"By letting them take turns at running the meetings each man feels that he is something more than an order taker and has a real voice in the handling of the team."

"Another thing, each player must look to the future, to the days when he no longer can play hockey. This was my main idea in getting the boys together for these confabs. I don't like to turn a fellow loose when his playing days are over, absolutely unfitted to take care of himself."

"All of them can't be managers and some will want to get out of hockey, but for those who want to head a team these little get-togethers should be good schooling for the task."

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