

Maritime Hockey Semi-Finals Open at Moncton Stadium Tonight

Maroons at Home to Charlottetown Abbies In Initial Engagement

Maroons Favorites to Capture Series --- Abbies Strong

MONCTON, March 8.—The Moncton Maroons, who tramped over all provincial squads in easy fashion, will get their first real test tonight when they stack up against the powerful Charlottetown sextet at the spacious Moncton Stadium.

The Maroons did a brisk workout yesterday and coach Dud James reports his charges are in top form for the encounter this morning.

Regular Lineup

Bus Barton will be in his usual place in goal tomorrow night with Clarence Bastarache, Jimmy Innis, Rheese Dickie, for defensive posts, Kenzie Carroll, George Bell and Len LeBlanc will comprise one attacking line, while George Appleby, Babe LeBlanc and Chapman will make up the second string.

The Abegweits, led by Jackie Kane one of the stars of the Maritime 'Big Four' are expected to provide the most serious opposition the Maroons have had this season but Moncton fans are looking for a victory, at least in the opening game. It was stated here tonight that the Abegweits would be accompanied by a large number of fans.

According to information gleaned in local hockey circles, Roy Prowse, Charlottetown, will be referee-in-chief, with 'Wick' James, Moncton, assistant, with the procedure reversed for the final game in Charlottetown.

Leave for Hub Today

CHARLOTTETOWN March 8.—The Charlottetown Abegweits, Prince Edward Island senior hockey champions left this morning for Moncton, where they will clash with the strong New Brunswick titleholders, Moncton Maroons tonight. The game is the first of a home and home series for the right to advance to the Maritime finals against the Nova Scotia champions.

First team to represent the Island in senior hockey playdowns for some years, Abbies ousted Summerside Crystals, only other team in the provincial league and then took Charlottetown Navy 8-1 in the first of a two-game series. The second game was defaulted to Abbies.

A large number of fans accompanied the Island team to Moncton.

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HUBMEN REFUSE TO PLAY GAME

BATHURST, N. B., March 7.—Bathurst fans were given another jolt here last night when 1,000 of them gathered to see Moncton Wheelers and Bathurst Junior Papermakers play their deciding game for the New Brunswick Junior crown. They were doomed to disappointment when Wheelers refused to take the ice with referees appointed by the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association.

As a result the Papermakers claimed the title and the right to meet the Nova Scotia winner in the Maritime playdowns.

George Carroll of Moncton made his appearance, stating that he had authority to referee the game, but could produce no evidence or telegram that he had been selected. Cy Taylor of Saint John had received instructions from President Dowell of the M.A.H.A. to handle the game alone or appoint his own assistant. Carroll was expected to officiate with Taylor, but Taylor stayed in Moncton when he was told that George Carroll was to referee with Taylor.

Moncton was asked to play the game under protest, but refused.

KNUCKER IRVINE INJURED IN GAME AT PROVIDENCE

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 7.—Rhode Island Reds defeated Springfield Indians tonight 4-1 in an Eastern Division game of the International-American Hockey League.

The Providence outfit outplayed the Indians after spotting them an early goal.

"Knucker" Irvine, recently acquired Providence winger, and former Moncton Hawk, suffered a concussion in the second period when he was banged into the boards by Cliff McBride of Springfield. He was unconscious in the dressing room for nearly half an hour and was taken to hospital in Central Falls.

Tommy Filmore scored for the Indians in the first period but Peggy O'Neil evened it up just before the end.

Art Lesieur scored an unassisted goal near the end of the second period and early in the third period "Knucker" Irvine scored on Jean Pustala's assist. Bauer was awarded a goal just before the end of the game when Saunders threw his stick.

Soldier Bartfield, one of the war heroes of the ring, is looking for a job since he was discharged as night watchman at the Madison Square Garden Bowl.

VINC DIMAGGIO AT BEES' CAMP

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 6.—The sudden and unexpected arrival of Vince DiMaggio here nearly disrupted the Bees' daily practice at Watenfront Park today.

The elder brother of the Yankees' sophomore star drove into the Sunshine City, accompanied by his bride, two days ahead of schedule, and when he stepped onto the field action seemed to stop.

It was already noon, but within a few minutes he was in uniform. And once in uniform he proceeded to dominate the remainder of the practice.

Walked in Cold

Stepping cold into the batting practice, DiMaggio nearly knocked Jim Turner down with a line drive which ripped through the box.

His second hit was a screaming hopper, pulled down the third base line. Later he smashed a long drive to the scoreboard in left field, and propelled another, slightly foul, over the fence in right field.

DiMaggio's performance verifies the report which preceded him that, despite his .293 average at San Diego last season, he is a powerful distance hitter.

Stiff from his long drive, DiMaggio did not risk any fielding. But standing at third base with Mr. Will McKechie, twice cut loose throws to first base, which indicated that he may, unbelievable as it may seem, possess an even stronger arm than his brother.

Long, Loping Stride

Although he employs a radically different stance, hunching over the plate, where Joe stands perfectly straight, he greatly resembles the latter when running, bounding along with long, loping strides. Too, he is supposed to be faster than Joe.

Although McKechie refused to advance any further comment beyond a non-committal, "It's too early to tell yet. He's been playing all winter," it is easy to see that the Bees are counting much on this young Californian.

When he was at bat McKechie, Gowdy, Onslow and Coleman were huddled on the edge of the infield. When he was not batting he was summoned to McKechie's side.

There is no doubt that there is something magnetic about the name, DiMaggio, after his brother's brilliant debut with the Yankees last season, and it is his intention to add to its glory.

Personally, he is more attractive than Joe. He is slightly under six feet tall, yet his weight is almost identical with Joe's, although the latter is six feet three inches tall.

His shoulders are wide, suggestive of the power he is supposed to possess, but he looks smaller in uniform.

Three years ago, he weighed 205 pounds, but boiled 30 pounds off in the Arizona State League. It took him six days to make the trip from Los Angeles. Joe will make the trip by train.

Berger Clouts Homer

DiMaggio's arrival overshadowed the training debut of Wally Berger, Bees' home run king, who completed the same journey a day earlier.

Notoriously a slow starter, Berger nevertheless, reacted to the stimulus of DiMaggio's presence to clear the left field fence, the parkway and the seawall with a home run which sank in St. Petersburg bay.

The pitchers in today's one and one-half hour batting drill, like the weather, the most satisfactory to date, were Bill Harris, Bobby Reis, Jim Turner, George Gondira, John Lanning, Vic Fraser and Art Doll.

York Street School League Winners

The York Street and Barker's pt. sixes, brought the school hockey league to a close when they split points in a twin bill played at the Arctic rink on Saturday morning. The Point squad forced the series to three games, when they blanked the York outfit 2-0 in the opener. The York Street squad took the second game 4-3 in overtime, and won the City Shield, emblematic of school hockey supremacy.

The games were played on fast ice and the calibre of hockey 'dished-up' was very good for school players. Goal getters in the first game were Ralph McIntyre and Charles West. In the second game Ralph McIntyre scored three goals for the losing aggregation, while Crowhurst led the York marksmen with two goals, with Wade and Miller getting the others.

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"AROUND THE SPORT CLOCK"

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The Moncton Maroons, New Brunswick provincial champions, swing into action at the Hub tonight against the Charlottetown Abegweits. The Maroons eliminated all teams in the province with ease, and when they really opened up, rang up impressive victories. The Abegweits, who defeated the Summerside Crystals to win the Island crown, are reputedly strong, and will furnish the Maroons with plenty of opposition, but most fans figure that Dud James' smart band of pucksters will knock off the Island threat and go on to defeat the Nova Scotia champions.

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Walter F. Wade, prominent guide and sportsman states that the Boston Bruins attribute their recent string of victories to the New Brunswick bruin steak they feasted on while attending a dinner given in their honor by the New Brunswick Guides at the Boston Sports Show. It was a case of "bruin eating bruin," and the Bostonians state that the bear steak really gave them the lust for kill, and they came out of a slump, and have been riding the crest of victory ever since.

Fans hereabouts will watch with interest the play of Jack 'Hurricane' Kane tonight, when the Abbies and Maroons clash. Kane was one of the super stars on the Island team when they played here in the days of 'Big Time' hockey.

The Mount Allison and St. Francis Xavier University sixes meet in the Moncton Stadium on Tuesday night, in a 'sudden death' game to decide the Intercollegiate championship. The Xaviers will be defending their Maritime crown, and are slight favorites to defeat the Mounties.

The P.N.S. basketball squad entered the finals of the N. B. Intercollegiate basketball playdowns here on Saturday when they 'snowed under' the St. Stephen High School quintet by the score of 59-18. The P.N.S. team are heavy favorites to cop the N. B. school crown again this year.

At the annual meeting of Dominion Curling Association held at Toronto on Saturday, the executive decided that the proposed trip of Scottish curlers to Canada in 1938 should be an all-Canadian tour so far as possible and arrangements should be made to take in all curling centres in Canada.

GREEK TIGER TO MEET GIBBONS

BOSTON, March 7.—Eddie Mack signed Paul Zantopoulos, the Greek Tiger, to meet Jack Gibbons, the son of the famous Mike Gibbons of St. Paul, and then he withdrew the record of the galloping Greek from his card case and changed his mind.

"He won't do," said Mack, "for a few recent setbacks indicate that he is not right just now to tackle a boxer of Gibbons' calibre."

So Mack shifted to the rugged Buck Tracey of Everett who can trade with the best of them.

Mike Gibbons, father of young Jack, arrived in Boston with his son Sunday, and will work out at Jerry Buckley's gym.

The younger Gibbons is said to be a chip off the old block.

Thirty-six rounds will be offered at the Egleston Square Stadium.

Edmundston High To Meet St. Pat's School

EDMUNDSTON, N. B., March 7.—Edmundston High School, N. B. interscholastic champions, were arranging tonight their Maritime play-off with the St. Patrick's School of Halifax, N. S. winners.

Edmundston took the N. B. crown from Campbellton in a sudden death affair here on Friday night 6-4. Campbellton took an early lead in the first period which was cut in the second as Edmundston passed them 4-1 and the champions made two more in the third while Campbellton ran in three goals.

Davidge, the Campbellton goalie, was outstanding.

Mayor J. H. Proulx presented the Edmundston team The Telegraph-Journal cup, emblematic of the title.

It was not known whether the Maritime title would be decided at Halifax or at Edmundston.

Doc Scanlon, a former Brooklyn Dodgers fly chaser, is now helping to subdue the pyorrhea situation in Brooklyn, as a practicing dentist.

SUSSEX BOWLERS WIN MARVEN CUP

MONCTON, March 7.—Staging a grand rally in the third string a team of Sussex bowlers defeated the Moncton A.C.J.C. and won the Marven trophy in a challenge match here Saturday night.

The A.C.J.C. quintet held the hand-some trophy just two weeks but at that they were in possession of the cup a week longer than the Moncton A.C.J.C. team who had brought it from Saint John.

The silverware is doing considerable travelling and unless the Sussex pinner have more power in reserve than they showed last night it will travel again in the near future.

The Sussex crew did not have to establish anything like a new bowling record to gain possession of the cup from the A.C.J.C. The visitors bowled a total score of only 1,392 but that was sufficient to win the trophy and 20 pins to spare.

Stan LaFrance lead off man for the defenders, was the high-scorer of the challenge match with a score of 285, but it was A. King for the Sussex, outfit who turned in the highest single strike, 116 in the final.

N. B. I. SUMMARIES

Canadiens 1, at Toronto 3

First period: Scoring, none. Penalties, Lepine.

Second period: Scoring, none; Penalties, Davidson, McKenzie.

Third period: 1, Toronto, Conacher 13.33; 2, Canadiens, Haynes (Mantha) 17.05. Penalties, none.

Overtime period: 3, Toronto, Jackson (Fowler Apps) 2.05; 4, Toronto, Fowler 7.46. Penalties, McKenzie, Jackson.

Americans 3, at Maroons 4

First period: 1, Americans, Stewart (Emms, Schirner) 8.07; 2, Maroons, Northcott (Shannon, Runge), 18.22. Penalties, Evans.

Second period: 3, Americans, Anderson (Hemmerling, Wiseman) 10.14. Penalties, Conacher.

Third period: 4, Maroons, Carson (Runge) 6.37; 5, Maroons, Robinson (Blanco, Trotter) 11.35; 6, Maroons, Evans (Northcott) 13.30; 7, Americans, Emms (Wiseman, Anderson) 19.19. Penalties, Trotter, Jerwa, Cunningham, Cain, Lamb.

Americans 3, at Detroit 1

First period: 1, Americans, Carr (Cunningham) 14.37. Penalties, none.

Second period: 2, Americans, Carr, 15.47; 3, Detroit, Kelly (Goodfellow, H. Kilrea) 16.12; 4, Americans, Stewart (Lamb, Emms) 19.17. Penalties, Bowman, Wiseman.

Third period: Scoring, none. Penalties, none.

Boston 1 at Rangers 0

First period: Scoring, none. Penalties, none.

Second period: Scoring, none. Penalties, Goldsworthy, Murdoch and Smith.

Third period: 1, Boston, Dumart (Shields), 13.31. Penalties, Johnson, Shields, N. Colville.

Toronto 2, at Chicago 2

First period: 1, Toronto, Finnigan 6.00; 2, Chicago, Palangio (Larochelle) 14.40. Penalties, Day.

Second period: 3, Chicago, Thompson (Romnes, Gottselig) 8.00; 4, Toronto, Conacher (Apps) 13.30. Penalty Horner.

Third period: Scoring, none. Penalties, Hamilton.

Overtime period: Scoring, none. Penalties, none.

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Catchers are slower on Bases Than Fieldmen? Ball Experts Disagree

Yankees' Backstop is Notoriously Slow Runner

NEW YORK, March 6.—The question of speed and catchers was brought up at one of the rapidly waning hot stove league sessions. "Why shouldn't catchers have as much natural speed as infielders or outfielders?" some one asked. The answer came back: "Don't they?" Before you could put in a word in there was a swift challenge of opinion. This much was agreed upon:

Catchers, as a group, are slower on the bases than infielders and outfielders. Many of them are big and heavy and ponderous, and as kids on the sandlots they were elected to play behind the plate because they appeared better fitted to withstand the rigors of backstopping than the other kids. Even many of those who are alert and pivot swiftly under twisting foul flies are slow on the paths.

In the American League, Bill Dickey of the Yankees is a notoriously slow runner despite his long, angular physique. The advanced age of Chicago's Luke Sewell has slowed him down. Both Cliff Bolton and Shanty Hogan of the Senators run with elephantine power. Frank Hayes of the Athletics is of the powerful but slow-moving type.

Three of the junior loop's regular receivers are fairly fast. Mickey Cochran gets around quickly and is further aided by being a left-handed batter. Rollie Hemsley of the Browns can outprint most catchers. Frankie Pytlak of the Indians, the smallest backstop in the league, is one of the fastest.

Rookie Owen is Swift

National League receivers are even slower than those in the rival loop. The one catcher who is touted for his speed is Arnold (Mickey) Owen, Cardinal rookie from Columbus, who is expected to play regularly. He must be fairly speedy to have played shortstop and outfield last season when his American Association team was plagued with injuries. For a while no one knew whether he belonged in the short field or behind the plate. Branch Rickey made the final decision.

Gus Mancuso, the Giants' fiery handler of pitchers, realizes that his worst handicap is lack of speed. He would have had a much higher batting average last season if he could break away from his home plate more quickly than does Gabby Hartnett, newly-selected Captain of the Cubs, never did burn up the bases. Now he is slower than ever, his paunch getting bigger with the years.

Al Tuck, who has been in the game over 200 years, is a slow 1 frame, and he doesn't run quickly. Big Ernie Lombardi of the Cincinnati Reds, a heavy-set catcher, is slow to stage a series of plays, but he is a member of the Reds. The Dodgers' backstop had three slow-footed seasons in Babe Phelps, Ray Berres and Pudge Gaudreau. Berres, who was slower than Phelps despite his slim appearance, has been

sent to the minors. Manager Jimmy Wilson and Bill Atwood of the Phils are slow afoot.

Al Lopez of Boston is generally believed to be a fast runner. This is not altogether true. Al has the reflexes of a cat behind the plate, he moves swiftly after foul balls and he is fast on the bases once he gets full steam up. However, he digs in at bat and never gets away to a fast start unless he intends to bunt.

While catchers are slow as a rule, it is only fair to say that much of their natural speed is lost after years of crouching back of the bat. The bulky paraphernalia they must wear takes much out of them on hot humid afternoons. Unless they are expert receivers—and even that doesn't help sometimes—they are battered and bruised about the hands, body and legs by shooting foul tips and flying spikes, all of which is bound to leave some effect.

Long Contracts Outmoded

One doesn't hear nowadays of long-term contracts being tendered to star athletes. . . . Owners have come to the realization that players ease up and display less of their old-time efficiency when under contract for more than one year. . . . They have also found that long contracts make it difficult for them to peddle their stars if the latter should fall abysmally from their form of other years. . . . Bill Hallahan, who was given a four-year contract by the Cardinals, and Lefty Gomez, who was signed for two years by the Yankees, are examples to point.

By getting into a single box-score next season Rogers Hornsby can be the Rabbit Maranville's National League record for long service, that of playing in 23 campaigns. . . . The Rajah, however, has divided his services between the American and National Leagues. . . . Eddie Collins holds the modern record for long service as player—twenty-five years.

If Tex Carleton could beat six other National League teams as easily as he beats the Bees, he would be mashing Carl Hubbell, Dizzy Dean, et al, for the pitching honors. . . . Tex's lifetime record against Boston shows twenty-four victories against seven defeats. . . . Last season he topped the Hub team eight times while losing only once.

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