

BEAVERS VS. ST. CROIX ONLY GAME TONIGHT

WIN BY SAINT JOHN AGGREGATION WILL AGAIN TIE PORT CITY SIX WITH HUB SQUAD FOR TOP POSITION IN LEAGUE

Maroons Resting On Laurels, Waiting For Saint John Game On Christmas Night; Win Tonight By St. Croix Means Deadlock For 3rd Spot

ST. STEPHEN, Dec. 23—Tonight in the only game scheduled in the Southern N. B. Senior Hockey League the St. Stephen St. Croix will be at home to the Saint John Beavers.

The St. Croix need the game to place them within tying distance of the Fredericton Capitals in third place in the standing while the Beavers need the tussle to again put them on even terms with the Moncton Maroons for the lead. There is every indication that the St. Croix will make a better showing tonight against the Beavers than in their first two encounters with the Saint John Beavers team. They lost the first game at Saint John 9-0 and then lost out here 11-0.

Since they played Beavers last the St. Croix have been playing better hockey and not only hope to make things interesting for the Gibbs-coached men but figure on a victory.

The same line-up that faced Fredericton Caps here on Tuesday night will be sent into action against the Beavers while Gibbs will bring to the border the following players—Dickie, Burbridge, Pickard, Livingston, Lynch, Olsen, Sherwood, Price, Heaton, Marshall, Doran, Burke and Patterson.

The game is scheduled to get under way at 8.30 o'clock.

MAROONS RESTING

MONCTON, Dec. 23—"Dud" James' Moncton Maroons, now perched at the top of the Southern N. B. Hockey League, are resting this week after their bruising game with the Saint John Beavers in Saint John on Monday night, and quietly preparing to entertain the Gibbsons here Christmas night.

The powerful James' crew played smart hockey in Saint John to trim the Beavers and Xmas night's game here should be a bustling affair, as in two league starts Maroons have copped both and the Beavers will be playing their first scheduled loop game in this city.

Today Coach James stated he would probably have his full line-up in uniform for the Christmas night affair and pointed out that in Monday night's contest George Appleby, Dud White and Len LeBlanc were not with the team. Hank Lavoie, young goaler, who turned in a nifty game against the Beavers Monday night, will probably guard the twines in the game here, with Charlie Phillips, Dud White, Bastarache and Len LeBlanc for the rear division work. George Appleby will be back at his old spot in centre ice between Babe LeBlanc and George Bell, and either Coach James or Ken Carroll will pilot the second line with Hal Ingram on left and Eddie Powers at right. Chapman and Dickie will be the relief men.

MINOR LEAGUES TO HOLD WORLD'S PUCK PLAYOFFS

Adopt Rule Changes At Annual Meeting At New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—The Federation of Minor Professional Hockey Leagues stole the spotlight from the big-timers here yesterday when it virtually decided to stage playoffs for the "minor league championship of the world."

Maurice Podoloff of New Haven, president of the Association formed last spring, also announced the International - American, American Association and Pacific Coast leagues would adopt the three minor rule changes decided upon by the National League board of governors, in session here.

The N. H. L. heads in a pow-wow prior to the testimonial banquet for President Frank Calder of Montreal, cleaned up an old controversy by ruling that a player is entitled to an assist on a goal scored from a rebound.

The move was a reversal of the present rule but brought the rule-book in line with the opinion of most scorers in the circuit who have been crediting assists on rebounds this season to date. To balance the point scoring problem it was also ruled no assist will be awarded a player who starts a scoring play from behind centre ice.

Amends Icing Puck Rule

Also amended was the rule on icing the puck. If contending teams are on even strength and a player shoots from his defensive zone and the puck goes into the net, it shall be scored as a goal.

The rule now states that when the teams are even and a player shoots the puck up the ice the lay is called back and face-off is held from where

MARKS LIFT BEES' HOPES

President Bob Quinn Predicts Club "More Troublesome" In '38

BOSTON, Dec. 23—It took a bit of advanced mathematical calculation to deprive the Bees of the honor of possessing the stoutest in the National League last season.

That ranking, according to the official N. L. fielding averages released the other day, was accorded to the Chicago Cubs, who for the second season in succession topped the circuit with a club average of .9751.

But it was necessary to carry the averages out to four places in order to give the Cubs an advantage of six ten-thousandths over the Bees, who were close behind with a mark of .9745.

pSo, though they weren't "tops" the Bees were so close to it that everyone was satisfied, including Bob Quinn, the club's prexy, who has been insisting ever since he returned to Boston, that there was still something to this game of baseball besides hitting.

"That's all anyone thinks of these days," points out Quinn, "home runs and batting averages. But this proves that hitting isn't the only thing in baseball. There's another side to it—pitching and defense. We were the poorest hitting club in the league, possibly on our field—though no one else seems to be able to break any fences down here, either. But pitching and ability to make double plays enabled us to finish on top of the second division. Next season, with a charge or two, and our ability to prevent the other fellow from scoring too often magnified even slightly by the deadening of the ball, we may be even more troublesome."

If the 1938 Bees live up to their 1937 performances, Quinn's hopes may be realized. For, though they failed to account for a single individual fielding title, their defense slumped at only a single position, 3rd base, which was shared by five players—English, Mayo, Garms, Thewissen and Johnson.

Elbie Fletcher's .929 average was second to Dolph Camilli's .994. The Milton lad also made more putouts than any other 1st sacker in the league 1,587; was second to Hassett of Brooklyn in assists, with 108; accepted the most chances, 1,707, and participated in the most double plays, 117.

The Bees' 2nd baseman Tony Cucinello, made more assists than any of his rivals, including Billy Herman of Chicago, who is rated tops among the league's keystone sackers.

As far as averages were concerned, Rabbitt Warstler was far down the list of shortstops. Yet, like his running mate, Cucinello, he led in assists 493; accepted the most chances 350, and was third in double plays with 85.

Bobby Reis, the club's utility man extraordinary, had a spotless record for 13 games in the outfield. But the Bees' real boasts were Vince DiMaggio, who ranked fourth among the regular flycatchers, playing in 100 games or more, and Gene Moore who was ninth.

The mercury-footed centrefielder, accepting more chances than any outfielder in the league, 379, placing second to Martin of Philadelphia in the matter of putouts with 351 to his credit, and displaying the deadly accuracy of his rifle arm by turning in 21 assists to tie with Moore, bore out the contention of his many supporters that in his first season in the majors he was even a more accomplished outfielder than his famous brother Joe of the New York Yankees.

Canadian Athletes Sail For Australia

VANCOUVER, Dec. 22—The trans-Pacific liner Aorangi bearing Canada's powerful team of 78 to the British Empire games at Sydney, Australia, steamed out of port here today, 6½ hours behind schedule.

The crack contingent of athletes lined the deck rails as the big green and white vessel backed into the harbor, then headed about for the six-hour run to Victoria, last stop before starting the Pacific crossing.

Friends, relatives and other well-wishers waved good luck to the departing athletes, selected after recent trials from the cream of Canada's amateur talent, boxing, wrestling, swimming, track and field and lawn bowling.

SPORT DUST

"Timmy" Green

The Beavers go to St. Stephen to take the St. Croix six on tonight in the only league fixture of the evening. The outcome is not hard to guess at, although something unexpected can always happen. It certainly would be unexpected though if the St. Croix passed out a trimming to the classy Beaver aggregation.

The Capitals will get a little rest until after Christmas since no more games are scheduled for them until next week. Incidentally Morehouse is back in the lines, turning out last night in the practice session.

"Dud" James is confident that his team can take the Beavers again when they clash Christmas night in Moncton. The team wasn't complete, Appleby, White and Len LeBlanc being absent. The full lines will be ready for the game Saturday night.

Connie Mack, grand old man of baseball celebrated his 75th birthday today. Typical of the boss of the Athletics, he says he is going to handle the team as long as he can and anticipates a good year for the team next season.

The Maroons are at home to the Rangers tonight in the only N.H.L. fixture on today's card. The Rangers can move within two points of the Bruins in the American section by winning, while a win the other way around would put Clancy's team one point behind the Americans who hold third place in the Canadian section.

The Canadian athletes including New Brunswick's sprint flash, Sig Neilson, sailed for Australia yesterday. Diz Dean says the writers pitched a perfect game by tagging him the biggest disappointment of the year. The Cardinal righthander says that when he fails to pitch 20 winning games it is something to attract attention—if he had won his 20 the writers would have yawned and said, "well, he done it again."

Henry Armstrong is picked as the best fighting man of the year in an authoritative review of the year of boxing. Schmeling was picked as the goat of the year in getting the run-around. The minor leaguers of the hockey world have decided to stage playoffs for the minor league championship of the world. Why not? The amateurs have talked of it for some time. That's all!

the puck was shot. Today's clarification was made to clear up any misunderstanding in a case where such a shot scores on the opposing goal. Previously it might have been argued that the play should be called back.

Must Give Starting Lines To eliminate "jockeying" of starting lines by rival managers, it was ruled the manager of the visiting team should give his starting line-up to the referee before the start of each period. The home manager can then pick his line accordingly and the two combinations must, barring a penalty or injury, remain on the ice at least two minutes.

FREE! BOOK ON HOCKEY

"How to Become a Hockey Star" by that great authority T. P. "Tommy" Gorman, a Great Book profusely illustrated and containing many valuable tips on how to play the game.

also AUTOGRAPHED PICTURES of GREAT PLAYERS (mounted for framing) Group Montreal "Maroons" Group "Les Canadiens" or individual pictures of:

Dave Trotter Johnny Gagnon Herbie Cain Baldy Northcott Will Oude Paul Haynes Russ Hines "Babe" Binkley Pete Kelly Earl Robinson Aurel Jolas Marty Barry Bob Grace Walter Burwell Joffre Desjardis Carl Voss George Mantha "Ace" Bailey Gus Markor Steve Evans Frank Boncher Dave Kerr "Toe" Blake "King" Clancy or any of the most prominent players on the "Maroons" or "Les Canadiens" clubs.

Your choice of the above For a label from a tin of "CROWN BRAND" or "LILY WHITE" Corn Syrup.—Write on the back your name and address and the words "Hockey Book" or the name of the picture you want (one book or picture for each label). Mail label to address below.

EDWARDSBURG CROWN BRAND CORN SYRUP THE FAMOUS ENERGY FOOD the CANADA STARCH COMPANY Limited P.O. Box 224, MONTREAL

JAKE KILRAIN, WHO LOST LAST BARE-KNUCKLE HEAVY TITLE BOUT TO JOHN L. IN 75 ROUNDS, DEAD AT QUINCY, MASS.

Insisted That He had Sullivan Beat in 75th Round, But Someone In His Corner Threw In Sponge, Disqualifying Him; Jailed for Fighting

QUINCY, Mass., Dec. 22—The fighting heart of old Jake Kilrain, which beat bravely on under the terrific blows of the great John L. Sullivan in the ring's last bare-knuckle heavyweight championship fight, finally stopped today, 'kayced' by old age and diabetes.

Kilrain died at a private hospital at the age of 78—just two years short of the 80 years he had hoped to live. His death stirred a host of memories among those who followed boxing in its bare-knisted days.

During the 16 years in the ring Kilrain, his real name was John Joseph Killian, faced 150 battlers but his bout with Sullivan under a blazing July sun at Richburg, Miss. in 1889 was the highspot of his life.

The pugilists and hundreds of their supporters fled police interference at New Orleans and squared away at Richburg. Sullivan and Kilrain fought

"Writers Pitched Perfect Game"—Diz

BRADENTON, Fla., Dec. 22—Dizzy Dean said today sport writers "pitched a perfect game" when they tagged him the number one disappointment of the 1937 U. S. sports season.

The St. Louis Cardinals righthander was handed the somewhat doubtful honor in the annual sports poll of the Associated Press.

"It just goes to show you," he observed, "that old Diz doesn't do things half way. I'm either very, very good or I'm awful. The boys couldn't have made a better selection. When I fail to win less than 20 games for the Cardinals that is something to attract attention. If I had won 20 or more games they would have yawned and said, 'well, he done it again.'"

six feet. He's a 190-pound farm boy out of Midland, Mich., of German and Slav descent, and Kearsn says he loves to fight.

75 rounds before the Boston Strong Boy won. But Kilrain always insisted "I licked Sullivan."

In later years, Kilrain said he was determined to end the fight in that fateful 75th round and "I hastened out to do so."

"John L. was slow coming out from his corner," said Kilrain, "and just as I was getting set for my final blow someone in my corner tossed me a sponge. That ended the fight and that unauthorized act disqualified me. I never learned whether the second who did the tossing was over-excited or in Sullivan's pay."

Jake was arrested after the Richburg fight and was given a two-month sentence for assault and battery. However, he was 'leased' to a friend and actually fought another bout before his brief sentence was up.

After quitting the ring in 1896 at the age of 37, Kilrain bought an inn in Baltimore and operated it until it was burned 10 years later. Then he was rowing coach at a Baltimore club for several years before going to Somerville, in suburban Boston, to work in the park department.

Seventeen years ago he came to Quincy and worked as watchman in the Port River shipyard. He retired two years ago.

Say!
This is
Corking Good
Tobacco!

When you touch a light to a pipeful of Rosebud, you'll know why this grand Maritime favourite has made so many life-long friends! Cool, mellow, fragrant and friendly, Rosebud is the buy-word with Maritime smokers—they're particular!



ROSEBUD
Cut smoking tobacco
THE MARITIME SMOKE

The Dominion
Department of Agriculture
has issued a report describing
**WHAT EVERY
CANADIAN
SHOULD KNOW**
about
**The British Market
for Canadian Farm Products**

It deals with Beef and Store Cattle,
Dairy Cattle, Dressed Beef, Horses,
Bacon and Ham, Cheese, Butter,
Condensed Milk, Dressed Poultry,
Eggs, Canned Fruits and Vegetables,
Fresh Fruit, Honey, Maple
Products, Tobacco, Hay, Alfalfa
Meal, Grass and Clover Seeds, Furs.

You may have a copy free

Write to
Director, Marketing Service
Department of Agriculture, Ottawa

Issued under direction of Hon. James G. Gardiner, Minister.