

MAROONS TAKE BEAVERS BY 3-2 TALLY

MONCTON CREW, MINUS FIVE PLAYERS, INCREASE LEAD IN TOP LOOP PLACE BY TAKING BEAVERS IN CLOSE SCRAP

Saint John Now On Spot In Second Place; Capitals Win Saturday Night Will Snatch Position From Beaver Sextet; Phillips, Others, Standouts

CHI BLACK HAWKS TIE DETROIT SIX 2-2 LAST NIGHT

Visitors Come From Behind To Nullify Two Tally Lead

DETROIT, Dec. 31—The champion Detroit Red Wings blew a two-goal lead last night and wound-up with a 2-2 tie against Chicago Black Hawks in their eighth winless N.P.A. game in a row. Eight thousand spectators, the smallest crowd of the season here, saw the game.

Dominating play for the first half of the game, the Red Wings, displaying high speed skating and a tight defence bolstered by the return of the injured Eddie Gosselin, took a two-goal lead. Alex Motter scored at 12:32 of the first period and Syd Howe counted the second goal, his first goal of the season, a minute and 18 seconds after the second period opened.

With goalie Normie Smith performing sensationally, the Red Wings looked all set for their first victory in eight games. But Chicago manager Bill Stewart sent his Hawks on five-man rushes even before the second period ended and Detroit was unable to hold the lead.

Paul Thompson cut it in half at 9:34 of the third period on a short

YOUNG PLAYERS SOUGHT AS RED SKATERS DROP

Big Shake-up Expected Soon In Ranks Of Montreal Maroons

3-Year Program Les Canadiens Win The Favor Of The Fans By Victory Spurt

MONTREAL, Dec. 31—In quest of another Stanley Cup, the Montreal Maroons of the National Hockey League will undertake a three-year strengthening program which will bring about radical changes in the team's make-up, it was announced here today.

Directors have decided to adopt the policy which worked successfully for Les Canadiens and carried them from last place two years ago to Stanley Cup favoritism this season.

Sweeping through the play-offs undefeated, the Maroons in 1936 won the Stanley Cup with a display of scoring power and defensive strength that left their opponents hanging on the ropes.

Failed Last Year

Last year Maroons were easily vanquished in the play-offs. This season, due to the failure of the forward lines to click, the team has spent most of the time in the Canadian Section basement and it is doubtful if the big Red machine will make the post-season series.

Already Maroons have made preliminary rebuilding moves, but the major shake-up is still to come. Carl Voss, centre, and Jerry Shannon, left wing, have been cut from the squad. Des Smith, the season's outstanding rookie, has been given a regular berth behind the Blue line and Maurice Crogan, a product of the outdoor rinks has been signed to bolster the defence.

Maroons are scouting Johnny Wing, Buddy O'Connor and Ernie Mundy in the Quebec Senior League. It is expected that these preliminary youngsters, all forwards, will be offered contracts before the end of the season.

They will be given try-outs and if it is decided that they are not yet ready for big-time hockey, they will be sent to the minors for seasoning.

Will Sell Veterans
In the meantime the Maroons are ready to accept offers for some of their veterans. Six members of the Montreal team have been chasing pucks for ten seasons or more and the time to consider adequate replacements has arrived.

Within three years the team will be entirely rebuilt and molded into a well-balanced hockey machine similar to the one Cecil Hart has fashioned for Les Canadiens.

Les Canadiens, sweeping along at top speed, continue to draw the better crowds in Montreal. The colorful Flying Frenchmen, best drawing card in the N.H.L., are reaping the benefit of the shake-up which followed their dismal showing in 1935-36—a season in which they won only eleven games.

Fans and experts around the circuit agreed that Les Canadiens are the team to beat for the Stanley Cup. Recently this squad surged through nine games without a loss, establishing a new season's record.

If Joe Louis goes through with his plans to defend his title in New York this winter it will be the first time in modern ring history that a championship in the heavyweight division has been staged indoors.

DOMINION CHAMPIONS



MEMBERS of the Sunny Brae Rifle Club, Moncton, who captured the Challenge Shield, emblematic of the Dominion title in the Dominion Marksmen Twenty-two Sporting Rifle Competition. This shoot, open to the 1,800 sporting rifle clubs in Canada, was one of the largest of such competitions ever held in the Dominion. In the Dominion title match the Sunny Brae club duplicated its feat of scoring 1500 x 1500 by which it won the New Brunswick championship to gain the Challenge Trophy from eight other provincial title holders. Members of the team are, left to right: Len Anderson, Manager; Lorne Blakney, Captain; Frank Lewis; Bob Crowhurst; G. S. Beckett, Instructor.

BASEBALL CENTENNIAL FUND GETS OFF TO FLYING START

First Game Played At Cooperstown, N. Y., In Summer Of 1839

To every baseball fan in the land the year 1939 will mark a notable anniversary—the 100th birthday of baseball, rounding out the first century of the history of America's National game, a 100 years of pioneering growth, development, building towards an even greater and more glamorous future.

For the fans of the continent, an appropriation of \$100,000 is the first move made towards the nation-wide observance of Baseball's Centennial. The donors are the National and American Leagues. They took this action at their joint meeting in Chicago December 8, with the feeling that this initial fund will give a working basis for the Centennial celebration, which, of course, belongs to not only the two major leagues but to every minor league and association in the land, every team, whether amateur or professional, every fan, every baseball writer, every player.

First Game in 1839
A Research Committee in 1906, including the presidents of the two major leagues, established historically that the first game of baseball was played at Cooperstown, N. Y., in the summer of 1839. Abner Doubleday, then a student at a military school, later a General in the U. S. Army, was the author.

The Centennial celebration will therefore have the little up-state New York village as its focal point, but its ramifications and observance will touch every city and town in the baseball world, just as the game of baseball itself spread from Cooperstown all over the United States and across oceans into far continents and colonies.

The major leagues felt that Baseball's hundredth anniversary is so important to so many millions of fans that its preparation should be complete. Hence the allotment of a year's time for arranging the program and the mobilizing of baseball's armies for their centennial year review.

Hall of Fame
The Baseball Writer's Association

GOODWIN ENTERS NATIONAL GOLF TITLE MATCHES

Charles Whitehead, A Winner Twice, To Defend Crown

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Dec. 31—Headed by Tommy Goodwin, the Metropolitan district of New York leads the country in the number of outstanding representatives of the golf world who have forwarded entries for the 11th annual National championship of the golf club champions, to be contested again over the St. Augustine Links, February 14-19.

Goodwin was the winter of the National club championship in 1934 and also played in 1936, when he lost to the eventual winner, Claude Harmon of Orlando, Fla., through default in the quarter-finals owing to an injured finger. Harmon has since turned professional.

Whitehead Entered
The New Jersey contingent followed in close second place to the Metropolitan star aggregation, with the present titleholder the youthful Chas. Whitehead of South River, set to defend his laurels. Whitehead will be aiming for a third victory and permanent possession of the Walter J. Travis Memorial Trophy as he also won the event in 1935.

The State of Florida itself, besides providing the setting for this annual competition for the Travis Trophy and the Club Champions' crown, has among its entries Carl Dann, Jr., of Orlando, the only other double winner of the title. Victor in both 1929 and 1933 he has played in every club championship tournament since then in an effort to gain outright possession of the trophy.

More than a dozen other states, in addition to New York, New Jersey and Florida, are already represented in the 1938 entry list for the National

of America is holding its third annual election of Hall of Fame Immortals at the present time. About mid-January this election will announce new names to be added to the eight Immortals selected in the past two years—Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson, Walter Johnson, Larry Lajoie, Tris Speaker and Cy Young.

At the Chicago baseball convention President Ford Frick, National League executive, announced the naming of five baseball pioneers for Hall of Fame perpetuation, men whose contributions to baseball extended beyond the actual playing of the games—George Wright, outstanding star and guiding light of Baseball's first professional team—the Cincinnati Red Stockings of 1869; Morgan G. Bulkeley, first president of the National League and one of its organizers; Ban Johnson, organizer and first president of the American League; Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics from the start of the American League to the present day, and John McGraw, the sparkplug of the great Baltimore Orioles of the '90s and manager of the New York Giants for 30 years dating from the 20th century's dawn.

KING CLANCY RESIGNS AS COACH OF MONTREAL MAROONS FOLLOWING THE TEAM'S SLUMP; WILL BE SCOUT

Tommy Gorman To Take Over Clancy's Job Until Successor Is Named; Lionel Connacher, Frank Patrick, Clem Loughlin, Others Mentioned

MONTREAL, Dec. 31—Resignation of Frank (King) Clancy as coach of the Montreal Maroons was announced here last night by Tommy Gorman, president of the National Hockey League Club.

Gorman, who coached the club up to the start of this season, said he would reassume the ice generalship of the team temporarily, pending the appointment of a successor to Clancy, who would be retained as a scout for the Maroons.

The resignation of the one-time star N.H.L. defenceman followed a prolonged Maroon slump that set in almost from the season's start. To date, out of 18 games played, the Red team has won only six games. It has lost 11 and tied another.

With 13 game points, the Maroons are in the cellar of the league's Canadian Section, 10 behind the leading Maple Leafs of Toronto, the team with which the King ended his years of N. H. L. play last year.

Only Detroit Red Wings, last year's Stanley Cup champions, are lower in the league standing.

No successor to Clancy as bench manager of the Montreal team has been determined upon yet, Gorman said last night, and he had no idea of how long he might be called on to direct Maroon ice strategy personally. The club president declared the former defenceman had done "all he could under the circumstances" with the team. The resigned coach, Gorman said, had conceded the team's failure to live up to expectations had been due in part to his own inexperience in the managerial end of the game.

Though out as coach, Clancy's status with the Maroons appeared obscure tonight. The club president said he had been retained with the team as a regular scout. King said he was definitely "through with Maroons," though he would "keep my eyes open" for players and recommend any promising stickmen.

Four Prospects For Coach
Maroon officials were reticent on the subject of Clancy's successor at the helm, but it was learned tonight they hoped to pick a new coach from these four prospects:

Lionel Connacher, who wound up his starry playing career with the Maroons at the end of last season and now is member of the Ontario Legislature for Toronto-Bracondale.

Frank Patrick, former manager of the Boston Bruins in the N.H.L. and brother of Lester, New York Rangers' manager. He is now in Vancouver.

Clem Loughlin, who retired before the start of this season from the managership of the Chicago Black Hawks.

Frank Nighbor, the great poke-checking centre of a decade ago in the National Hockey League.

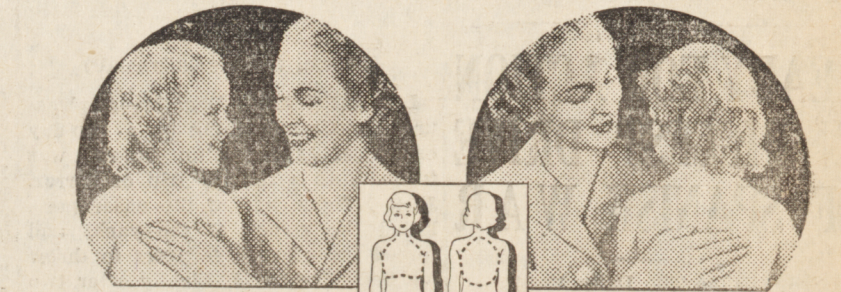
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