

Capitals Hosts to Hub Invaders in Fourth Game of League Play-offs

Fredericton Needs Win To Remain in Fight for Southern League Title

Trailing One Game Behind, Homesters Will Battle With Backs Against Wall --- Bumper Crowd of Fans to Be Present

THE Fredericton Capitals will be hosts to the Moncton Maroons in the fourth game of the Southern New Brunswick Hockey championships here tonight. Tagging behind by one game, Bill Gill's cohorts must capture a victory tonight or else they will be banished from the race for the league crown. They will swing into action tonight with a determination to win at all costs.

It is expected that the largest crowd ever to jam its way into the Arctic Rink will turn out to witness Capitals make a bid for victory in the most crucial game of the playoffs. The home troops will be fighting with their backs to the wall and even if they do not pull themselves in even position with the Maroons they will give the Hub invaders the toughest skirmish of the season's hockey war. The coming game has all the earmarks of a battle-royal—spills, thrills and spectacular action will complete the hockey programme which is to be presented to local fandom.

Large Crowd

A large crowd of fans and fanettes is expected to accompany the team from the "Railroad City" and the management of the local rink are making every effort to be able to accommodate the crowd of cash customers.

Coach Bill Gill, cool and confident, put his charges through their paces yesterday. He is reticent about making any prophecy about the outcome of the game, remarking that "the boys are in fine shape and the Maroons have a tough job on their hands if they expect to win."

Young will be in his old position between the posts, while Chalmers, Goodine and Thompson, the rear-guard trio which held the Maroons' attackers in the second battle of the series, will protect the Caps' goal area. "Bun" McLennahan, "Bus" McLennahan and Lifford will do patrol duty in the first line of attack, while the second line will be composed of Mills, Keenan and Morehouse. Haining will be available for forward duty when needed.

"Buzz" McLeod, Moncton, former professional ice star, and "Wick" James, will be the referees.

Entrain For Capital

MONCTON, Feb. 19.—The Moncton Maroons entrained this afternoon for the Capital, where they clash in the fourth game of the Southern N. B. Hockey League finals tonight with Bill Gill's Capitals.

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PREDICT FAILURE OF M'LAUGHLIN'S HOCKEY SCHEME

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Amateur hockey officials of Boston said Major Frederic McLaughlin's plan to organize an all-American hockey team for the National League was a "steal" and one that was likely to fail miserably.

Eddie Jeremiah, coach of Boston Olympics, who once played with New York Americans of the N.H.L., revealed he and manager George Brown of the Olympics had been striving for years to produce an American team capable of extending the best Canadian amateur outfits.

"Just getting together a reasonably good native-born amateur team has been plenty tough," said Jeremiah, here with Olympics for their losing exhibition start against New York Rovers last night. "And Major McLaughlin thinks we can develop American players good enough to carry the colors of the Chicago Black Hawks. That can't be done."

Jeremiah said too many difficulties confronted the development of worthwhile puck-chasers even in New England, which has a comparatively long and cold winter.

Training Facilities

He thought that nowhere in the United States were training facilities comparable with those of even the smaller Canadian centres where covered rinks usually were available and almost everyone played and talked hockey.

Manager Brown, native of Toronto who guided the United States hockey team in the last winter Olympics, did not accompany the Boston club here but his son Walter spoke for the house of Brown.

He pointed out his father had four high school leagues playing in Boston Garden and also took an active hand in training other young puckmen. However, progress was slow.

Taking the Olympic club as an example, young Brown said he did not believe the Chicago Black Hawk owner could round up an American team good enough for the big time.

"Our team looks fine against most Canadian teams," Brown said, "But when we collided with the Rovers we were outclassed. They beat us at Boston and also here by 5-2 scores and they were toying with us."

"The Rovers are hand-picked Canadian boys. While the Olympics were able to skate and passed as well, they fell down badly in finish, both offensively and defensively. That is the outstanding difference between good Canadian and good American teams and Major McLaughlin cannot remedy that natural weakness in two years, or 10."

U.N.B. HOSTS TO WOODSTOCK FIVE

University of New Brunswick basketball team will be "at home" to the Woodstock Senators in the college gym tonight in the second of the two home-and-home contests played between the squads this season. All signs point to another win for the University squad, the Senators having trimmed collegians last Friday night at Woodstock 28-12.

Although defeated in all their major contests so far, the red and black chalked up their fourth win of the year last night when they rode rampant over the Fredericton Aberdeens 62-29. A change in the U.N.B. lineup last night proved effective, lanky Ken Corbett being moved up from guard to replace Curt Cameron at centre, the latter falling back on defence. Coach Trainor will in all probability use the same shift against the Senators.

U.N.B.'s lineup tonight will be: Central, Corbett; forwards, Murray, Smith, Gale, Currie; guards, B.J.I. Cameron, Harris; sub-forward, Ev Currie.

Bert Cass, Fredericton, is slated to handle the whistle.

ILL WITH FLU

Friends will regret to hear that James P. Farrell is confined to bed today with a slight attack of the flu.

BABY'S OWN SOAP

It's Best for You and Baby too

"AROUND THE SPORT CLOCK" —WITH— "Dinny" Dinsmore

The eyes of hockey fandom in Southern New Brunswick will be focussed on the Maroons-Capitals game here tonight. The battle, the most crucial one in the playoff series, will tell the fate of the home team—a victory means a final battle for the circuit crown while defeat means banishment from further participation in the 1937 hockey campaign.

Supporters from the Hub are offering 3-1 odds that the Maroons will apply the "finishing touches" to the Gillmen tonight. That the local fans have confidence in the ability of the home force to throw a licking into the invading squad is evidenced by the fact that all Moncton money is being rapidly "grabbed up."

Although the Caps present a strong array of warriors, much of the success of tonight's game depends on the generalship of Coach Bill Gill, the "young-old" veteran of hockey wars, who accomplished the flight of the famous Moncton Hawks in their Allen Cup campaigns.

Tutored by the "old master," Perc Nicklin, Gill is the answer to a hockey player's prayer. His knowledge of the game, learned through years of experience, and his uncanny ability to pierce the weaknesses in the armour of opposing squads, makes him a truly great coach. He is a master strategist and his lightning-like decisions in crucial moments have brought more than victory to his green-jerseyed warriors.

Although cool and confident, Bill is as fatalistic as an Arab. "What is to be will be," was his only comment when asked to predict the winner of the Southern League crown. If the fortunes of war go against his team, Gill will be the first man to offer congratulations to Coach "Dud" James, pilot of the Hub clan. James and the Fredericton coach campaigned together in the days when the name of the Moncton Hawks was emblazoned on the sport pages of the continent.

Gill, however, has confidence in his boys and remarked last night that tonight's battle will be truly a "battle royal."

Rumor says that Gill will enter the University of New Brunswick next fall as an engineering student. He has three years of engineering to his credit at the University of Manitoba. The report, which was neither confirmed nor denied by the popular coach, stated that he is returning to university especially to continue his studies in geology. It is likely that Gill will coach the collegiate hockey brigade if he should decide to enter the university.

Gill, 240-pound defenceman, began his hockey career in Winnipeg, and was a member of the Elmwood Juniors when they won the memorial cup, emblematic of the junior championship of Canada. From there he went to Moncton, where he played defence for the Hawks during the two years they won the Allan Cup. He then turned pro.

"Knucker" Irvine, who learned his hockey in the back-lot rinks in Fredericton, and who has been campaigning with the New Haven Eagles, has been sent to strengthen the ranks of the Providence Reds. Irvine will be the fourth hockeyist from Maritime amateur ranks to join the club. Others are Sammy McManis, a team-mate of Irvine in Moncton; Jackie Keating, once with Saint John's Pipers, and "Doggie" Kuhn, former Truro Bearcat.

Saint John Seagulls will make a bow before an Amherst audience on Friday and Saturday nights meeting the St. Pats. It is the first time that the Seagulls have been in Nova Scotia this season.

Marysville, Devon To Play 'Sudden Death'

A "sudden death" game between the Devon and Marysville teams in the York County Junior Hockey League will be played Saturday to decide which sextet will represent this district in the playoffs, it was announced by Bill Walker, district representative of the N. B. Junior Hockey Association. Neither the U.N.B. Juniors nor the Fredericton High School team will be able to enter the finals, the former because of lack of finances, and the latter because they failed to register their players with the league.

GARDEN MOGULS HOLD BRADDOCK FOR AGREEMENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The moguls at Madison Square Garden went into a huddle last night, and came up with resolutions to block James J. Braddock from going through with his scheduled bout with Detroit's Brown Bomber, and at the same time compel the champion to fulfill his contract bout with Max Schmeling on June 3rd, at the Gotham Gardens.

In telegrams dispatched to all principals concerned, including chairman Joseph Triner of the Illinois State Athletic Commission, the Garden corporation's chief executive, Colonel Reed Kilpatrick, served definite notice that all necessary legal weapons will be brought to bear to prevent Braddock from defending his title under any but the Garden's auspices.

Colonel Kilpatrick's action, taken after consultation with the Garden's legal staff, dispelled any idea that the Garden would permit Braddock to side-step his contract obligations here, without a struggle, or accept a "cut" in the Chicago promotion in return for tearing up the Braddock-Schmeling papers.

A fresh fight, with federal courts furnishing the battleground, was forecast as a result of Triner's telegraphed reply to Kilpatrick that the proposed Braddock-Louis match did not interfere with the Garden's contract, inasmuch as the date fixed for the Chicago fight is nearly three weeks after the time set for a New York bout.

Colonel Kilpatrick charged Triner was "evasive" in replying to the Garden's warning, which, after calling attention to Braddock-Schmeling contract details. Other telegrams were dispatched to Sheldon Clark and George Getz, Chicago sportsmen associated with the Braddock-Louis promotion; Mike Jacobs, New York promoter who has Louis under long-term contract; and Joe Gould, manager of Braddock.

PLAY-OFF DATES ANNOUNCED

G. Y. Fisher, Middleton, N. S., secretary treasurer of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, announced the dates of the Maritime hockey playoffs as follows:

New Brunswick

Feb. 24—Edmundston at Southern New Brunswick.

Feb. 26—Southern New Brunswick at Edmundston.

Feb. 24—Bathurst at Central Section.

Feb. 26—Central Section at Bathurst.

March 2—Edmundston or Southern N. B. at Bathurst or Central Section.

March 5—Bathurst or Central Section at Edmundston or Southern New Brunswick League.

Nova Scotia

Feb. 22—New Glasgow at Truro.

Feb. 24—Truro at New Glasgow.

Feb. 24—South Shore at Central Valley.

Feb. 26—Central Valley at South Shore.

Feb. 26—Halifax City League at Valley League.

March 1—Valley League at Halifax City League.

Feb. 26—Cape Breton League at North Sydney.

March 1—North Sydney at Cape Breton League.

Feb. 26—New Glasgow or Truro at Antigonish.

March 1—Antigonish at New Glasgow or Truro.

March 3—Valley or Halifax City League at Central Valley or South Shore.

March 5—Central Valley or South Shore at Valley or Halifax City League.

March 3—Cape Breton League or North Sydney at Antigonish or Truro or New Glasgow.

March 5—Antigonish or Truro or New Glasgow at Cape Breton League or North Sydney.

March 8—Cape Breton League or North Sydney or Antigonish or Truro or New Glasgow at Central Valley or South Shore or Valley or Halifax City League.

March 10—Central Valley or South Shore or Valley or Halifax City League at Cape Breton or North Sydney or Antigonish or Truro or New Glasgow.

Prince Edward Island

Feb. 26—R.C.N.V.R. at P.E.I. League

March 1—P.E.I. League at R.C.N.V.R.

Finals

March 8—P.E.I. Winners at New Brunswick Winners.

March 10—New Brunswick Winners at P.E.I. Winners.

Benedict Tutors Youth Of England How to Play Canada's Winter Game

"Father Time" Fails to Keep Great Goalie From the Game He Loves.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 18.—For 18 years the name of Clint Benedict often appeared in the headlines of sport pages throughout Canada, for he was one of the greatest goal-keepers to ever stop a puck in the National Hockey League. Like all athletes, however, Father Time finally caught up with him and the season of 1931 saw the end of one of the most brilliant careers ever recorded in hockey's history book.

When the time came for Clint Benedict to hang up his stick, he was quite willing to admit that he was through as a player, but that was all. He had no intention of breaking away from the game he loved and of

which he had made a career. Thus, six years later, finds him in England, teaching the youth of this country how to play hockey.

Went to Coach Seniors

When Benedict first received an offer to come to England, it was for the express purpose of coaching the two teams at Wembley, Monarchs and Lions. However, he had not been on the job long when he found himself in charge of an enthusiastic bunch of English schoolboys who were eager and anxious to learn to skate and to play the "fastest game in the world."

Last season there was only a couple of "kid" teams at Wembley and "Benny" found it quite easy to look after them and attend to his other duties as well.

For a time this year Benedict spent all of his time tutoring 14 teams of young players whose ages range from eight to 18. However, he has now taken charge of the Wembley Monarchs again, but is still imparting his hockey knowledge to the youngsters.

Sees Native Team

The teams practice twice a week and play games against one another every Sunday. In the early part of the season the ice was divided in half and two games went on at one time. Now, the players have improved to such an extent they insist on playing on the full-sized sheet of ice. Benedict is of the opinion that within a few years, England will be able to turn out a native-born and native-trained hockey team that will take quite a lot of beating.

"The boys I have in my classes are anxious to learn. They sleep, eat, drink and dream hockey. The greatest ambition of everyone of them is to 'make' the English Olympic team of 1940," he said.

However, Benedict does not believe the day will come when an honest-to-goodness English team will ever triumph over the best teams in Canada. Climatic conditions are against the English boy, and at the present time, only the sons of people who are fairly well off get the chance to learn the game.

Is Ottawa Product

So much for the future English hockey players. Now for a little about the man who is training them. Clint Benedict was born and raised in the city of Ottawa. At the tender age of 18 he turned professional with the famous Ottawa Senators.

For 11 years Clint guarded the nets of the Ottawa club, then he was sold to Montreal Maroons and spent the remaining seven years of his N.H.L. career with that team.

Benedict has one record of which he is quite proud. During his 18 years as a professional hockey player, the teams with which he played were out of the playoffs only twice.

HOCKEY SCORES

| N. H. L. Standing (Canadian Section) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts | | | |
| Canadians | 37 | 22 | 12 | 3 | 100 | 86 | 47 | | | |
| Maroons | 35 | 15 | 8 | 83 | 83 | 33 | | | | |
| Toronto | 36 | 15 | 18 | 3 | 91 | 92 | 33 | | | |
| Americans | 37 | 11 | 22 | 4 | 81 | 117 | 26 | | | |

| (American Section) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts | | | |
| Detroit | 37 | 19 | 10 | 8 | 99 | 80 | 46 | | | |
| Rangers | 39 | 16 | 14 | 9 | 96 | 83 | 41 | | | |
| Chicago | 38 | 18 | 15 | 5 | 89 | 92 | 43 | | | |
| Chicago | 36 | 10 | 20 | 6 | 79 | 79 | 26 | | | |

| National League | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Boston 2, Maroons 1. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Toronto 3, Detroit 1. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rangers 2, Chicago 1 (overtime.) | | | | | | | | | | |

| International-American | | | | | | | | | | |
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| New Haven 4, Syracuse 2. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pittsburgh 5, Springfield 2. | | | | | | | | | | |

| Cape Breton League | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sydney Telephones 3, Sydney Cubs 1. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Winner of a best of three series for the league title.) | | | | | | | | | | |

| Halifax City League | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Suns 8, Dartmouth 3. (Suns meet Halifax Tramways in league finals.) | | | | | | | | | | |

| SCHEDULED TONIGHT | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Southern N. B. Finals | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moncton at Fredericton. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (N. B. Intercollegiate | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Thomas at Mount A. | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Feb. 26—Duchess of York | Mar. 26—Duchess of York. |
| Mar. 5—Montcalm. | Apr. 2—Montcalm. |
| Mar. 12—Duchess of Bedford. | Apr. 9—Duchess of Bedford. |
| Mar. 19—Montclare. | Apr. 16—Montclare. |

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