

Maritime Senior Hockey Champions Lose Opener to Hull Volants 5-3

Maritime Team Fails To Stem Advance of Ottawa Dist. Champs

Second Game of Series To Be Staged on Tuesday

OTTAWA, March 21—Goalie 'Buz' Barton's brilliance and the boring in tactics of his Moncton Maroon team-mates through most of the game, failed to stop Hull Volants on Saturday night and the Ottawa and district champions defeated the Maritime title holders 5-3 in the first game of the best-of-three Allan Cup playdowns. Second game of the series will be played here Tuesday night.

Left without much protection as Moncton played five men on the attack, Barton robbed Hull snipers regularly as Volants broke away on rushes that carried them to his goalmouth. The little custodian shared honors with tall Frank Jansen, Hull left-winger who beat him three times. It was the second time in consecutive games that Jansen pulled the 'hat-trick.'

From the opening bell, Moncton played five men inside the Hull blue-line, and were successful through the first period and in the first part of the second, in keeping Volants tied up except for sporadic breakaways.

Hull then took command for the latter part of the middle stanza, but Moncton refused to fold up and the defenceman, Clarence Bastarache and Rhesee Dickie, played at centre-ice.

The third was Hull's all the way as Maroons tried badly. After George Appleby's encounter in the last frame they came back strong again, but it did not last, and Hull took the play from them.

Apparently bent on getting an early score, Moncton peppered Louis St. Denis in the Hull nets, but it was Volants who scored first, after three minutes and 51 seconds of the first period. Defenceman Gene Reinhardt took the puck behind his own nets, darted through the Moncton forwards and just managed to get a pass away to his left as Bastarache and Dickie came back fast to sandwich him. Jansen swooped in fast and made no mistake as he picked the left corner of the cage with a hard shot.

The tally seemed to spur the Maroons to greater efforts. It took them almost ten minutes to connect with the tying goal, as Barton saved from Gene Sauvageau, Jansen and Pete Howe twice in the interval. Kenny Carroll carried right to the Hull goal and Ralph Chapman took a poke at the rubber before Len LeBlanc poked it into the twine for the equalizer. A penalty to Paul Bordeleau for tripping George Bell into the boards gave Moncton an opportunity to attack more furiously, but they could not get a clean shot away in the defenceman's absence.

Hull faced another sustained attack by Maroons to start the second period, but Dud James' boys were more careful. Geo. Bell went through

Intermediate Finals At St. Andrews

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., March 21—St. Andrews Senators, winners of the New Brunswick intermediate hockey championship, will meet Victoria Unions, P. E. I. and N. S. champions, here Tuesday night in the first game of the home-and-home series for the Maritime intermediate title.

W. C. O'Neill, goalie of the Senators and also a member of the executive of the St. Andrews Hockey Club, received word tonight from Victoria that the team would be in St. Andrews Tuesday for the game.

It was at first feared that the Unions would be unable to compete for the Maritime crown but the assurance by wire today is expected to bring out a large crowd of fans for the season's windup here.

alone on St. Denis, drew the goalie out, and then missed the open net as he lost his balance. The big right-winger finally took the rubber from two Hull players behind the cage, and had no trouble beating St. Denis at the 6.25 mark. Hull attacked furiously while Laird Crowhurst served a tripping penalty, but Barton was unbeatable.

Bordeleau and Bell collided near the boards, and Bell was carried off with a bruised right leg shortly after Crowhurst returned from the penalty bench. It was accidental and no penalty was called, the crowd cheering Bell wildly. He did not return to the game. Bell had no sooner gone off than Howe stickhandled through the whole Moncton team and passed ahead to Jansen who was parked in front of Barton. The goalie had no chance on the ankle-high to the right corner of the net.

Albert Chollette then banged Stan Pratt's rebound past Barton two minutes later after Pratt had split the defence and hit the post with a hard shot. Hull was never headed after this counter. Instead of resting on their lead, they carried play to Maroons and were making Barton jump with sizzling shots as the period ended.

Maroons tried to set the pace again in the last frame, but they tired fast and Volants took the upper hand and kept the puck in Moncton territory consistently, causing many scrambles, before the cage. Jansen got his third tally a little more than a minute after the start of the period after the puck had been 'golfered' around. He finally got his stick on the rubber and shot through a maze of players that screened Barton's view.

After Jansen's last goal, Geo. Appleby went through the Hull team twice with only St. Denis to beat.

N.H.L. PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES DATES FOR PLAYDOWNS

MONTREAL, March 21—President Frank Calder of the National Hockey League, after tonight's final games on the schedule, announced first round dates in the Stanley Cup play-offs. They are as follows:

Series A, for the N. H. L. title: Montreal Canadiens against Detroit, three out of five. First game at Detroit Tuesday. Second at Detroit Thursday. Third at Montreal Saturday, and fourth and fifth, if necessary, here March 30 and April 1.

Series B: Montreal Maroons and Boston Bruins two of three. First at Montreal Tuesday. Second at Boston Thursday. Third, if necessary, at Boston Sunday.

Series C: Toronto and New York Rangers, two of three. First at Toronto Tuesday. Second at New York Thursday. Third, if necessary, at Toronto Saturday.

Winners of the "B" and "C" rounds play off for the right to meet the "A" winners for the Stanley Cup. Dates for the remaining rounds have not yet been set.

MONCTON TEAM CONFIDENT OF WIN ON TUESDAY

OTTAWA, March 21—Although they dropped the first game of their series with Hull Volants 5-3 Saturday night, Moncton Maroons were far from dejected as they talked over their defeat in the dressing room immediately after the battle.

Instead they looked forward to their second engagement on Tuesday night. "It will be a different story then," Coach "Dud" James summed up the general feeling of the players.

"It might have been a different story tonight had not George Bell been hurt," James continued. James referred to the leg injury suffered by Bell, star right-winger, in the second period when Paul Bordeleau, big Hull defenceman, body-checked him. At that time the score was 2-1 in Moncton's favor and Maroons had command of play by a wide margin. Bell was forced out of the remainder of the game.

Directly after the game was over, Bordeleau visited Maroon's dressing room and inquired the extent of Bell's injury, expressing regret at the mishap. "Forget it, old man," Bell told him. "It's all in the game."

"Boy, how I would love to play Hull in Moncton," James said. "There we would beat them easily. It is quite a handicap playing on an oval-shaped ice surface. Our rink is square and that's the kind of a rink the boys are used to." The local ice surface is one of the few rinks in Canada where the corners are eliminated.

Kenny Carroll, captain of the squad, did not have much to say. "It's pretty hard to say anything after losing," he said. "It was a tough break Bell getting hurt though."

"Never mind," piped up little Babe LeBlanc, who weighs less than 115 pounds. "Just wait till Tuesday."

"That's right, Babe. You'll give them the body," Carroll shot back at him jokingly. "Say, fellows," said Big Bill Gill, "maybe I shouldn't be looking while you play. You scored all your goals while I had my faced turned." Gill, player of the Moncton Hawks who won the Allan Cup several years ago accompanied the team as the players were all dressed by then and filed out of the dressing room, on their way to the hotel.

N.H.L. SUMMARIES

Detroit 2, at Toronto 3
First period: 1. Toronto, Boll (Thoms) 2:08; 2. Toronto, Drillon (Apps, Fowler) 16:26. Penalty, Bowman.
Second period: 3. Detroit, Mackie (Howe) 13:53; 4. Detroit, H. Kilrea (Sorell, Goodfellow) 17:30; 5. Toronto, Jackson (Drillon) 19:22. Penalties, Hamilton, Goodfellow.

Third inning: Scoring, none; penalties, none.
Americans 4, at Maroons 8
First period: 1. Maroons, Conacher 12:01; 2. Americans, Lamb (Wiseman, Stewart) 16:11. Penalties, none.
Second period: 3. Americans, Carr (Schriner, Cunningham) 9:42; 4. Maroons, Trotter (Shannon, Conacher) 14:29; 5. Maroons, Gracie (Evans), 17:34. Penalties, Emms.

Third period: 6. Maroons, Blinco (Robinson, Northcott) 2:28; 7. Americans, Schriner (Carr, Cunningham), 8:25; 8. Maroons, Conacher (Robinson, Northcott) 11:29; 9. Americans, Stewart (Schriner, Emms) 16:32; 10. Maroons, Gracie (Evans) 18:12; 11. Maroons, Marker (Gracie, Cain) 18:47; 12. Maroons, Cain (Gracie, Marker), 19:22. Penalties, Shannon, Carson.

Canadiens 1, at Rangers 3
First period: Scoring none. Penalties, Cooper, Blake.
Second period: Scoring, none.
Third period: 1. Rangers, Watson (Murdoch, Keeling), 2:34; 2. Rangers, M. Colville, 9:00; 3. Canadiens, Siebert (Lepine) 14:07; 4. Rangers, Patrick (Coulter), 18:57. Penalties, Blake Heller.

Maroons 5, at Detroit 1
First period: 1. Detroit, Lewis (Barry, Sorell) 12:42; 2. Maroons, Marker (Gracie, Cain) 17:05. Penalties, Voss.
Second period: 3. Maroons, Trotter (Shannon) 13:09. Penalty, none.
Third period: 4. Maroons, Runge (Shannon) 5:15; 5. Maroons, Trotter (Runge) 15:15; 6. Maroons, Northcott (Robinson) 16:20. Penalty, none.

6:25; 5. Hull, Jansen (Howe) 13:17; 5. Hull, Chollette 15:19. Penalty, Crowhurst.
Third period: 6. Hull, Jansen 1:14; 7. Hull, P. Reinhardt (Lajoie, Chollette) 14:15; 8. Moncton, Appleby, 15:16. Penalties, Bastarache, Chollette.

"AROUND THE SPORT CLOCK" -- with -- "Dinny" Dinsmore

Sweeney Schriner, sophomore front liner with the New York Americans, came through in Saturday night's game with the Montreal Maroons to garner three scoring points and forge ahead of Conny Smythe's prize rookie, Sylvanus Apps, for N.H.L. scoring honors. The Western Canada boy sporting the Amerks colors duplicated his feat of last year in a fight to the finish with Apps and Barry.

During the present week, the N. H. L. clubs swing into action for the historic Stanley Cup. Many close followers of the great winter pastime, predict that the Toronto Maple Leafs will lift the mug this year, and regain some of the lost Canadian hockey prestige. Others predict that the Montreal Canadiens, Cecil Hart's team, will come through. This column leans toward the Toronto Leafs, as they are in fine fettle, and have a good mixture of star youngsters and seasoned veterans. However, time alone will tell.

When the Moncton Maroons enter the next game with Hull, they will be laboring under a two goal handicap, by virtue of their 5-3 set-back at the Canadian Capital on Saturday night. Maritime fans are still hopeful that the Maroons will click in the next game and go on to eliminate the Volants.

James J. Braddock, world heavyweight boxing champion, turned down an offer of \$350,000 for a title fight with Max Schmeling in Germany this summer. The champ wants \$400,000 and refused to give up his \$500,000 fight with Joe Louis in Chicago in June.

Lou Gehrig is all set to do \$36,000 worth of first-basing for New York Yankees this season. With Joe Di Maggio, young outfield star, sharing the stage with him, Gehrig brought down the curtain on his holdout drama Saturday by signing his 1937 contract with the world champions of baseball.

The Porter's five of Saint John returned the Marven Cup to the seaport town on Saturday by defeating the Sussex runders on the latter's alleys by 59 pins.

AMHERST ST. PATS AWAY TO OTTAWA

AMHERST, March 22—Hundreds of hockey fans assembled at the Amherst depot at noon yesterday and extended "bon voyage" to the Amherst St. Pats, the most publicized junior hockey team that has ever left the Maritime provinces in quest of the Memorial Cup.

Officials as yet are not certain what team they will meet in the Ottawa Valley as the playdowns have not been concluded but both team leaders and players are confident that they will capture their first series and step into action against Quebec.

With two forward lines that have been classed as the finest finished youngsters ever turned out in the east the Maritime team will carry out offensive hockey at all times and will not consider a defensive game, as they feel that defensive tactics stopped them from defeating the Pembroke juniors last year.

BOBBY BELL HEADS CLUB

MONTREAL, March 21—Dr. Bobby Bell won't be far away when McGill's Redmen take the ice next fall for another drive at the Intercollegiate and Senior Group championships.

At a meeting of the McGill Hockey Club yesterday, Dr. Bell was elected president for the 1937-38 season. He retired as coach following the last game in the Senior Group playoffs.

Davie Tennant, goalkeeper, was chosen captain to succeed Gordon Crutchfield. Tennant has been with the Redmen for two seasons. He graduates in engineering in 1938, so next season will be his last with the team.

Tennant played with the junior McGill's. He started as goalkeeper with Montreal West High School. John Ferguson is the new manager. He is in second year commerce at present. He was assistant manager during the season now closing.

Nothing has been done as yet concerning the selection of a coach to succeed Dr. Bell. As president, Bobby will make certain recommendations to the Athletic Board. Nelson Crutchfield or Fred Wigle will likely get the job.

N.H.L. OF ENGLAND SEEKS ADMISSION TO HOCKEY LOOP

MONTREAL, March 21—Formal application to the N.H.L. for affiliation is expected from the National Hockey League of England at the governors meeting in May.

Reports from London state that it has been decided to swing to professional hockey next winter. The change from the present system of subterfuge to open professionalism will be accomplished by making the present teams pro, and achieving the same rating as the Canam League, and the American Association.

Plans are under way to have two minor league clubs play in England at the end of the season with a view to introducing the pro brand.

Minor league clubs such as Springfield would be brought over as it is realized that if two N.H.L. teams went across that the public there hankering for the best would not be satisfied with minor league teams.

So the process of evolution from synthetic amateurism to the pro brand will be gradual. The move will be hailed with delight by the N. H. L. which will have a spot to put up and coming talent, as well as past veterans who can still gambol a bit, but who are too slow for N.H.L. company.

There has been such an outcry against the present method in vogue in England, that pro hockey is inevitable. League heads aware that it is bound to come wish to make the change a gradual one, with less strain on the pocket than if they went out and out pro.

Moncton Vulcans Win N. B. Junior Basketball Title

MONCTON, March 21—The local Y.M.C.A. Vulcans copped the New Brunswick juvenile basketball title here last night by defeating the Saint John Y.M.C.A. team 35 to 17.

The Vulcans also had a 10-point margin going into the struggle by virtue of their 32 to 22 win in Saint John a few days ago. The lineups:

Vulcans—Ross, Fear, Titus, Wilmot, McQuarrie, forwards; Geary, Hatch, Lutes, McKie, guards. Y.M.C.A.—Whelly, Owens, Feeney, Harrington, Coleman, Morris, forwards; Mulholland, Fogarty, Johnston, McInerney, guards.

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