

BEAVERS, MAROONS WIN

TORONTO LEAFS MAY BOLSTER UP LOOP STANDING

Conny Smythe's Six Favored To Defeat Detroit

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 18 — Conny Smythe's high flying Toronto Maple Leafs should improve their standing in the National Hockey League race this week. Preparatory to a heavy four-game schedule during Christmas week, the Leafs will take it comparatively easy with only two games during the seven-day period.

They rest at home after entertaining the Americans tonight, and will have no further competition until next Saturday when Jack Adams and his disappointing world champions from Detroit invade the Garden ice. Long the Leafs' nemesis, the Detroit squad has been floundering in the hockey doldrums this year, and the Smythe hockeyman figure to turn the tables.

Yet it will be no pink tea affair, for Adams has been driving his players hard to bring about a return to their championship form. They'll be battling from the first whistle.

Maroons Play Two

Montreal Maroons also have a two game schedule, meeting the New York Rangers on home ice on Thursday and taking on their city rival Canadiens on Christmas. It may be a tough week for the Gorman-Clancy outfit. The hustling young Rangers, going great guns, figure to hang up a victory, as do the Habitués.

There's plenty of talent on the Maroon line-up, but they haven't been clicking in a manner to satisfy their fiery leaders. They may snap into their top stride anytime, but at their present rate of going they must be the outsiders for these two games.

Canadiens will invade Madison Sq. Garden tomorrow, then rest at home until their meeting with the Maroons. The New York tilt is just a toss-up, with the Rangers favored because of playing on home ice.

Amerks Outsiders

"Red" Dutton and his rejuvenated veterans who wear the star-spangled livery of the New York Americans hop from Toronto tonight to meet the Chicago Hawks on Sunday, and will be at home to Boston next Saturday. The battered brigade will make it tough for any team, but they'll be underdogs in the betting odds for these two.

In addition to their game with the Americans Boston Bruins will be home to Chicago's Hawks Tuesday, after visiting Detroit tomorrow. They should win at least two of those games, but will run into tough opposition in Detroit.

The complete schedule for the week is as follows—with selections in caps.

Sunday, Dec. 19 — Canadiens at RANGERS. Americans at CHICAGO. Boston at DETROIT.

Tuesday, Dec. 21 — Chicago at BOSTON.

Thursday, Dec. 23 — RANGERS at Montreal.

Saturday, Dec. 25 — Montreal at CANADIENS. Detroit at TORONTO. BOSTON at Americans.

BOOM LIKELY IN HARNESS RACING

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 — With the best Old Glory auction of yearlings behind it and an increased racing schedule ahead of it, harness racing shows unmistakable signs of being in the midst of a boom.

Some apprehension was felt that the annual dispersal of trotting and pacing yearlings in New York would show a decline due to the antics of the stock market. But instead of dropping, the auction came through with an increase of \$16,630 over 1936, or a grand total of sales reaching \$206,710.

Marked Gains

Both Walnut Hall Farm, Donerail, Ky., and the Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover Pa., the country's leading equine nurseries showed marked gains in prices paid for their blue-blooded stock. Foreigners were busy in the sales ring, taking 58 American bred trotters and pacers.

This exodus, while stronger than usual, did not deplete the U.S.A. of any of its outstanding champions of 1937.

The Grand Circuit season of the last year sported 12 meetings with two at Goshen and one each at Toledo, Cleveland, Old Orchard Beach, Me.; Agawam, Mass.; Springfield, Illinois; Indianapolis, Columbus, O.; Syracuse, N. Y.; Reading, Pa., and Lexington, Ky. Reports are current that two more meetings will boost the 1938 schedule.

The past season saw an increase of one city and two weeks of racing over 1936.

Saint John Squad Defeats Capital Six 4-2 At Forum

Hub Aggregation Conquers Border Towners 7-3; Tie With Beavers for League Lead; Bill Gill Outstanding for F'ton, Scoring Both Markers

SAINT JOHN, Dec. 18.—Unleashing a scoring punch, characteristic of their best performances, the Saint John Beavers opened up in the first and third periods of a regular Southern Hockey League game here last night to trounce the Fredericton Capitals 4 to 2. The locals clung to their half share of the leadership with the Moncton Maroons by virtue of last night's well earned win and Monday night's battle will furnish the field settlement of the lead. Starting at a furious pace in the opening session the Beavers grabbed a two-goal lead in the early minutes and came right back with the third counter after big Bill Gill drilled the opener past Dickie to cut down the margin.

Gill, a standout on the defence and spearhead of all Capital attacks, monopolized scoring honors for the game when he slapped the other Fredericton goal past Dickie on a relayed pass from Morehouse and Keenan in the second.

Captain "Swede" Olsen slipped the rubber past Young for the first local score five minutes after the game had started when Colin Sherwood grabbed a loose puck on a clear-out near his own net, sidled by two Capital forwards and slipped the rubber to Price near the Fredericton blue-line. Olsen picked up Price's flip near the left boards. Doran and Livingston combined for the second tally five minutes later, and Beaton slipped the last goal past Young on a blue-line shot after taking the heel from Doran.

Lead in Scoring
Doran with a goal and an assist, and Price with a pair of assists, led the scoring parade for the locals. Beaton, Burnbridge, Burke and Pickard also turned in nice performances.

MONCTON, Dec. 17.—Moncton Maroons snapped back into form here tonight after dropping their last two Southern Hockey League starts and mowed down the St. Stephen club 7 to 3 in a game featured by good, bad and indifferent hockey.

Maroons started out in somewhat of a daze and within three and a half minutes the border team slapped home a pair of markers, but shortly after the halfway mark the Jamesmen moved into high gear, knotted the count before the session ended, notched home two more goals in the minute session and scored three more in the final to a lone marker for the St. Croix.

Ernie Camyre and Harold Shields, newest additions to the St. Stephen club, showed up well tonight, and the border team was much improved over their last appearance here although they did not have Gordon Coffey between the pipes in this evening's engagement.

Eddie Powers, former Toronto centre player, was a standout for the home pack and shared the spotlight with another Toronto player, Charlie Phillips. Powers topped the scorers with three assists and played a bang-up game between George Bell and Captain Babe LeBlanc. Phillips' back division work was good and he drove home a penalty shot for Maroons and missed a second penalty peg by the narrowest of margins.

To Broadcast Tonight's Maple Leafs-Amerks Hockey Game

With the Toronto Maple Leafs returning to their home-ice to meet the New York Americans at Maple Leaf Gardens at Toronto tonight, after a heavy schedule on the road this week there is every indication that it will be a "humdinger" of a game for hockey fans to listen-in on when the Imperial Oil Hockey broadcast takes the air to give Foster Hewitt's play-by-play description of the encounter.

With the Leafs recovered from their long lay-off prior to the previous two Saturday night games, and the Amerks anxious to avenge their former defeat, the second meeting of the two teams on Toronto ice should prove to be an exciting one.

CINCINNATI GETS FARM CLUB

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18 — The Reds have the Boston Bees' former manager, Bill McKechnie, and now they have the Bees' former South Atlantic League franchise at Columbia, S.C. Columbia became the 11th member of the Reds' minor league organization through a purchase from local interests effected recently. The Bees surrendered the franchise midway last season.

SIGN HAINES AS COACH

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Jess Haines 44 year old former St. Louis Cardinal pitcher, today was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers to serve as coach next season.

PRO GOLF PLAY IN FLORIDA IS NEARING END

Dick Metz Drives For Comeback In Hollywood Open

The Miami Open this week and the Hollywood Open next week will keep the big time golf professionals in Florida's sun for another week.

Then they will swing westward to the shores bathed by the Pacific, to shoot for the \$24,000 in prize money offered in six tournaments to be held in California during January and February.

Prize Money Raised

The ante in the Hollywood (Fla.) event has been upped to \$4,000 and the starting date moved back to Dec. 27 to give players a day of rest after finishing the Miami Open.

Held in March last season, the Hollywood tournament was won by Dick Metz with 272, one of the year's lowest scores for 72 holes of major competition.

That, incidentally, was the last tournament the Chicago pro won in 1937. Having beaten Ed Dudley in a play-off for the Thomasville, (Ga.) Open title the preceding month, Dick at the time ranked among the first 10 in average scoring and was a strong contender for a place on the U. S. Ryder Cup team.

Leg Hurt in Accident

But in the spring his leg was hurt in an auto accident, an infection developed, and Dick did no more golfing until late in the summer.

Having sharpened his game since his long lay-off, Metz is again playing top-flight golf and hopes to crown his comeback climb with a victory at Hollywood.

The amateur-pro tourney scheduled to precede the Hollywood Open has been eliminated, but an amateur event will be played Dec. 30-31.

Marking Ball Forbidden

Following the lead of their British brethren, the P. G. A. has ruled against the time-honored practice of marking a ball on the green in medal play. The British change is effective January 1st.

In medal play tournaments here, marking of the ball has been general. Many complained that lifting was overdone and that there was a wide variance in the care with which the players replaced the ball after lifting it.

The U. S. G. A. this year suggested that in medal competition, the ball nearest the cup be played, thus hoping to speed play.

LEWIS OUTPOINTS JOHNNY RISKO IN 10-ROUND FIGHT

35 - Year - Old "Rubber Man" Unsuccessful In Comeback

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.—John Henry Lewis, light - heavyweight champion, outpointed Johnny Risko in 10 rounds here tonight with the Cleveland "rubber man" hanging on gamely to the end. Lewis weighed 183 and Risko 198 1-2. Lewis, Pittsburgh negro, built up a big lead on points in the early rounds and then coasted on to the decision.

The 5,046 spectators saw Risko, who fought most of the world's best heavyweights in the years between 1927 and 1933, meet Lewis on the eve of his 35th birthday. He left the ring breathing hard but unmarked.

Lewis made lefts and rights count throughout the early rounds, while Risko except for an occasionally flurry, was content to hold his own by hanging on where possible.

They clinched time after time and Johnny tried short ineffective jabs while they were hanging on—as if to reassure his followers that he was still in there fighting.

The eighth, ninth and 10th rounds dragged to a finish, with Lewis, too, hanging on as it became evident he wouldn't need much to win unless Risko's luck took a turn in the other direction.

ORIOLES SEASONED PLAYERS

Baltimore's 1938 team in the International League race will average over 30 years. Harry Matuzak, a 27 year old pitcher is a kid in comparison to his mates. Included are Buck Crouse, catcher - manager, a grandfather; Nolen Richardson, Bill Cissell, Chad Kinsey and Carl Fischer, all well over 30.

Others, either 30 or slightly under, are Syd Cohen, Geo. Pucinelli, Phil Weintraub, Bill Perrin and Glen Chapman.



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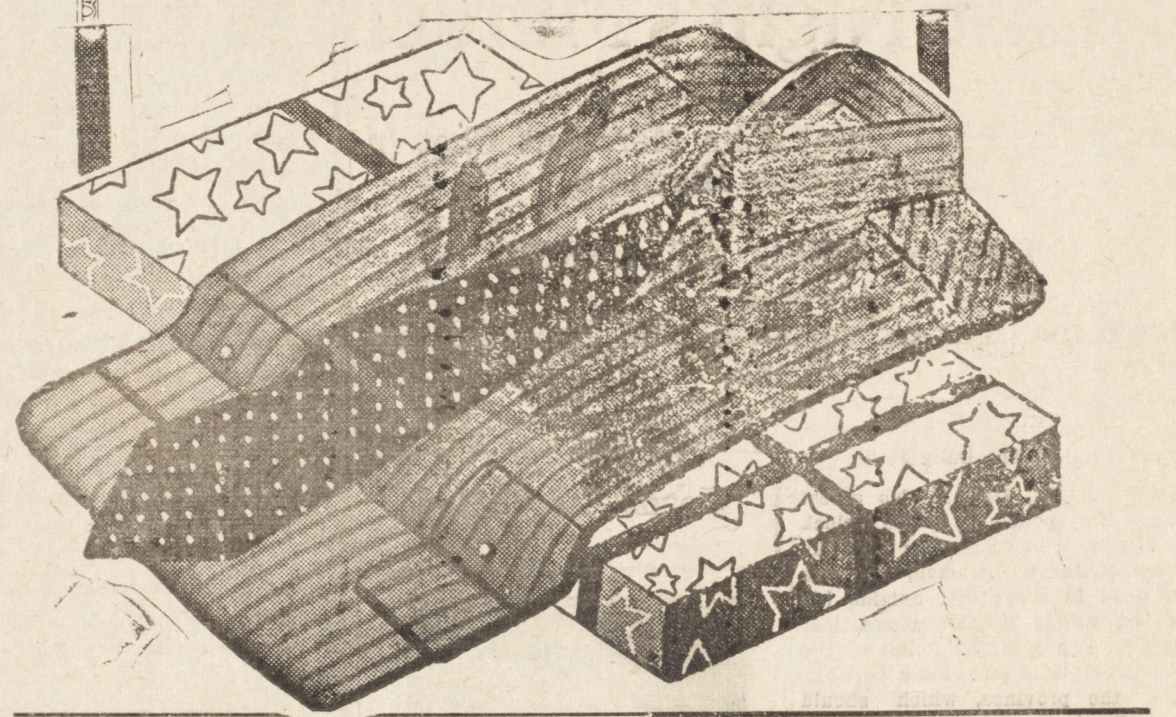
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