

# CAPS DEFEAT MAROONS CLOSE SCORE 3-2

## LOCAL SEXTETTE OUTPLAYS MAROONS THROUGH EVERY PERIOD OF GAME IN ARCTIC RINK HERE LAST EVENING

Sensational Net-minding Marked Play on Part Of Both Goalies

### SEVERAL PENALTIES

Perfect Sheet Of Ice Greatly Speeded Up Tussle

Bill Gill and his Capital crew, showing more punch than has been perceptible in any earlier game this year, outplayed the fast-moving Maroon sextette last evening in the Arctic Rink to hand them a 3-2 trimming. The game, which was packed full of action through every minute of all three periods, more than proved that the Capital aggregation is to be classed on an even basis with either the Saint John or Hub organizations.

Sensational work by both Lavoie, youthful Moncton net-minder, and Cliff Young, curly headed guardian of the Capital twines, prevented time after time what may have well been markers. The Moncton outfit was up to its usual standard, despite the fact that Bell was taken out of the game in the first period with a charley horse and Appleby was absent; while the Fredericton outfit was showing more teamwork, close checking, and nicer position playing.

The game featured lots of rough stuff and more than one time tempers flared. A roughhouse, developed in the second period as Bastarache opened a two inch gash on Gill's head with his stick from behind, after the husky Capital defenceman and coach had checked him a little hard. Gill retaliated with a couple of swats with his stick that also sent Bastarache into the medic's care. Two men rushed on Gill and fists flew in every direction as both teams joined the fray. Referee 'Bud' Steen finally got the slugging party broken up and dished out a ten minute misconduct sentence to Gill and ordered Bastarache to the box for five.

The third period offered the most exciting hockey of the game as the Maroons vainly tried to overcome the Capital lead. After the score had been evened, and then the Capitals had gained a one notch lead again, James, with Bastarache back on and a one man advantage, threw five forwards against the Capital stronghold. Until Gill skated out of the box, except for clearing up the ice, the disk was kept in Fredericton territory and Moncton men poured Young tossing almost impossible shots at him.

Gill drew a big hand from the crowd as he again joined the play. He kept his team on defensive from then on, interspersing the play with occasional rushes that kept the fans on their toes in high pitched excitement.

The ice, in perfect condition, and the fastest so far this year, greatly

added to the speed of the game. Moncton Bossing Play For the first 15 minutes of the game only, the Hub organization bossed the play. Johnny Kilburn, Thompson and Gill were teaming up in some fine body checking. Thompson drew the first penalty of the game for charging, and ten seconds before he came out of the gate the Moncton outfit took advantage of their superior numbers to notch the first marker. Young made four stops in rapid succession in a hot moment inside his blueline, but a few seconds later, at the 11:50 mark, Phillips beat him with a hard shot on a pass from Ingraham.

Doucette Evens The command of the play switched into Capital hands at about the 15 minute mark. New life came into the green and white clad outfit as a smooth Doucette-Keenan combo gave the former Papermaker a shot on Lavoie that fluked in to sag the twines. The play livened up in rough-stuff also, as McLennan and Phillips found differences and for a minute threatened to tangle.

Caps Get Advantage The early stages of the second gave the Caps their first advantage of numbers but repeated attacks failed to boost the score before things were evened again. Bastarache and McLennan drew five and two minutes respectively, when the two did some elbowing after the former had cracked the Capital forward across

## ST. CROIX TO PLAY MAROONS TONIGHT AT BORDER TOWN

Hub Sextet Continues Week-Long Play-ing Tour

ST. STEPHEN, Dec. 28.—The Moncton Maroons move into the home ice of the St. Croix here tonight on the second leg of a heavy road schedule opened at Fredericton last night.

Strengthened by the addition of Jimmy Innes former Saint John Beaver, on right wing and rounding into mid-season form with several work-outs since they threw a scare into the Saint John Beavers with a 5-5 draw last week, the locals expect to give the loop-leading Maroons a tough battle on home ice tonight. The St. Croix upset the dope in their last home engagement against the Jamesmen when they finished on the long end of a 7-6 score for their first win of the season.

Camyre will centre the first line with Cameron and Campbell at left and right wing, and Phil McCarroll, St. Joseph's University front line man in reserve. MacNichol, tricky St. Andrew's junior, will pivot the second line with Russell and Lowe in the left and right lane positions.

Gordon Coffey, who played a big part in the first win of the locals will be between the posts in tonight's game. Shields, Armstrong, McInfee and "Red" McNeill will alternate on the defence.

the shoulders with his stick as McLennan was skating away from him. The advantage came as Moose LeBlanc warmed the seat for slashing GEL. McLennan came back on before LeBlanc was released, giving the Caps two men superiority, but Doucette drew a rest a few seconds after LeBlanc skated back so that the teams met on an even basis, five men each.

For the rest of the period the play was kept well in Moncton territory except for occasional rushes. The Caps easily showed their advantage of the evening as Moncton was kept sewed up in their own back yard. As Moncton cleared up the ice Gill engineered a rush along with Keenan and Mills that accounted for the

## SPORT DUST

—BY— "Timiny" Green

If the Moncton Maroons can take the Beavers into camp every time they meet, and the Capitals can turn in hockey like they did last night and outplay the clever Maroons, it seems to follow quite logically that the Caps can and will be passing the Beavers lickings on a 50-50 basis at least, when the next games come along. Gill's crew proved that they are right in the same class with the two leading teams, and hockey for the rest of the season should be the biggest thing in town.

Since holding the Beavers to a 5-5 draw last week the St. Croix team seems to have gained a lot in the estimation of the fans. They clash with the Maroons tonight on the border ice and hope to repeat their feat of the last home engagement when they nosed the Maroons 7-6.

Gordie Drillon is still ahead in the N.H.L. point getting, and from all indications will stay there. Two other Leafs are not exactly crowding for his position, but are milling around the spot just below Jackson and Apps follow, along with Cecil Dillon. Incidentally a press poll gave Apps the big star for Canada's '37 star athlete. . . . Doran Doucette, the former Bathurst Papermaker, is worth a lot to the Capitals. We would judge that he was 'in around there' more last night than any other man on the lines except possibly MacIntyre. . . . Kilburn turned in the best defence work last night that he has shown this year. He looked a little bad on the first scoring rush of the Maroons, but after that perked up and was doing some nice stopping. . . . Normie Smith will remain in the Red Wings lines, so Jack Adams has decided. His eyes are K.O. says the specialist, and now his vacation to the minors had been cancelled. . . . That's all!

first Capital lead. After going down the boards through the defence he slipped one to Mills, who drove it at Lavoie. Keenan was there for the rebound and had it in before Lavoie knew it was coming to him.

Swarm at Moncton With Gill and Bastarache both off, a penalty to LeBlanc early in the third frame sent the Capitals swarming around the Moncton rear areas. Lavoie's net minding bordered on sensational as the Capital sharpshooters hammered away at him. Things looked a little bad for the Caps as Babe LeBlanc broke away with no one but Young to beat. The Capital goalie met him on his own terms and made one of the most beautiful stops ever seen on Fredericton ice.

Score Again Evened The scoreboard showed 2-2 after Phillips, all alone, beat Young with a hard shot three minutes and 16 seconds after the start of the period, but again showed in Fredericton's favour as Doucette, also alone, sunk one just 13 seconds later. As Bastarache came back on the sheet the play switched to Moncton hands for a few minutes as they played one man up. Fredericton played some nice defensive hockey and also took occasional cracks at the Maroon net. The score might easily have been 4-2 as Keenan went in alone and missed the corner by scant fractions of an inch.

Only a few times in the third period was the lead really endangered. Young was called on to make some more nice stops as Maroons were on every side of him. Things looked a little bad when he was brought out on a hard stop; but Gill fell on the loose puck which went through the goalie's legs and smothered it within a few inches of the crease.

Despite the fact that the Capitals played mostly defensive hockey through most of the frame they also broke away occasionally in rushes that provided enough variety to make the period one of the high spots of an exciting game.

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## Yanks Dominate Baseball Horizon

New York's monopoly of the World Series and the continued supremacy of the Yanks marked the baseball season, most successful financially since the depression. For the second straight year the Yanks and Giants met in the Series and for the second straight year the outcome was the same—decisive victory for the Yanks. The Yanks were never seriously threatened. They overtook the Athletics early in May, were tied by the White Sox in August and spurred to win going away. In the NL the Pirates collapsed after leading until mid-season. The Cubs took the lead, built up a seven-game advantage, but faded as the Giants closed with a rush.

DiMaggio topped a great crop of youngsters, including Rudy York, Bob Feller, Tommy Henrich, Cliff Melton,ack Wilson, Lee Grissom and Monty Stratton. DiMaggio was rated the outstanding player of the year. He kept pace with Ruth's home run record until near the end of the season, when he dropped behind.

Feller fanned 16 Red Sox in one game and twice fanned 12 Yanks, York, by hitting 18 homers in August

## DRILLON GETS ASSIST TO INCREASE LEAD IN NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE SCORING RACE; NOW HAS 20 POINTS

Bill Cowley of Bruins 9 Behind; McManus Only Point-Getter In Intam; Connolly Still Leads With 10 Total; Ray Getliffe Also Advances

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—The Xmas week lull failed to keep young Gordie Drillon of Toronto Maple Leaf from adding to his scoring lead over former Maritimers in the National Hockey League, statistics revealed tonight. The former Moncton junior gained one assist in two games his team played during the week, raising his total points for the season to 20, nine more than Bill Cowley Halifax Wolverine, of Boston Bruins, who has 11. Cowley's team-mate, Ray Getliffe of Saint John - Charlottetown, was the only other Maritimer to advance, gaining an assist in a weekend game. The assist left him two points back of Eddie Wiseman, New York Americans' ace, from Newcastle, N. B., who is just one point back of Cowley.

Other scorers are Boston's Bill Hollet, North Sydney, N. S., with three and Des Smith, Maroons, formerly with Charlottetown and Saint John, with two.

Connolly Still In Front Last week was a dull one for former Maritimers in the International-American Hockey League and only three players added to their scoring averages.

Sammy McManus, former Moncton Hawk, gained a goal for Providence Reds to move closer to Springfield's Bert Connolly, another one-time Hawk who tops all Maritimers. The goal left McManus with 7 points, 3 behind Connolly.

Jack Keating of Providence Reds, former Saint John Beaver, remained in second position with 9 points.

bettered Ruth's mark of 17 homers in one month. Melton won 20 games his first season in the majors.

Medwick Outstanding Outstanding player in the NL was Medwick, who won the batting title, led in most hitting departments and was voted the league's most valuable player. Charley Gehring was the AL batting champ and most valuable player.

Best comebacks of the year were made by Hank Greenberg and Lefty Gomez. Greenberg led the league in runs batted in with 183, one short of the record, and hit 40 homers, Gomez won 21 games lost 11, led in earned run average, strikeouts and shutouts.

Among the top individual performances were: Johnny Allen winning 15 games in a row before losing 1 to 0 on the last day of the season; Boston's Turner and Fette winning 20 games first season in majors; Gehrig extending his consecutive game streak to 1965; no-hit no-run games by Fred Frankhouse and Bill Dietrich.

while tied with McManus at 7 were Crossley Sherwood of Saint John, a Pittsburgh Hornet, and Lloyd Jackson, New Glasgow, N.S., who plays for New Haven.

Harry Currie, former Charlottetown defenceman, gained a point during a week-end Pittsburgh game to tie Truro's Doggie Kuhn, now with Providence, with 6 points.

Charlottetown's Pete Kelly, another Pittsburgh player made it a tie for last place with an assist. At two points he is on even terms with two former Saint John and Charlottetown players, "Nig" Brennehan of Cleveland, and Joffre Desllets of New Haven.

## National Hockey League

	G	A	Pts
Gordie Drillon, Toronto	9	11	20
Bill Cowley, Boston	4	7	11
Eddie Wiseman, Amers	8	2	10
Ray Getliffe, Boston	4	4	8
Bill Hollett, Boston	1	2	3
Des Smith, Maroons	2	0	2

## International - American

	G	A	Pts
Connolly, Springfield	4	6	10
Keating, Providence	5	4	9
Sherwood, Pittsburgh	4	3	7
McManus, Providence	3	4	7
Jackson, New Haven	3	5	7
Currie, Pittsburgh	3	3	6
Kuhn, Providence	2	4	6
Brennehan, Cleveland	1	1	2
Desllets, New Haven	1	1	2
Kelly, Pittsburgh	0	2	2

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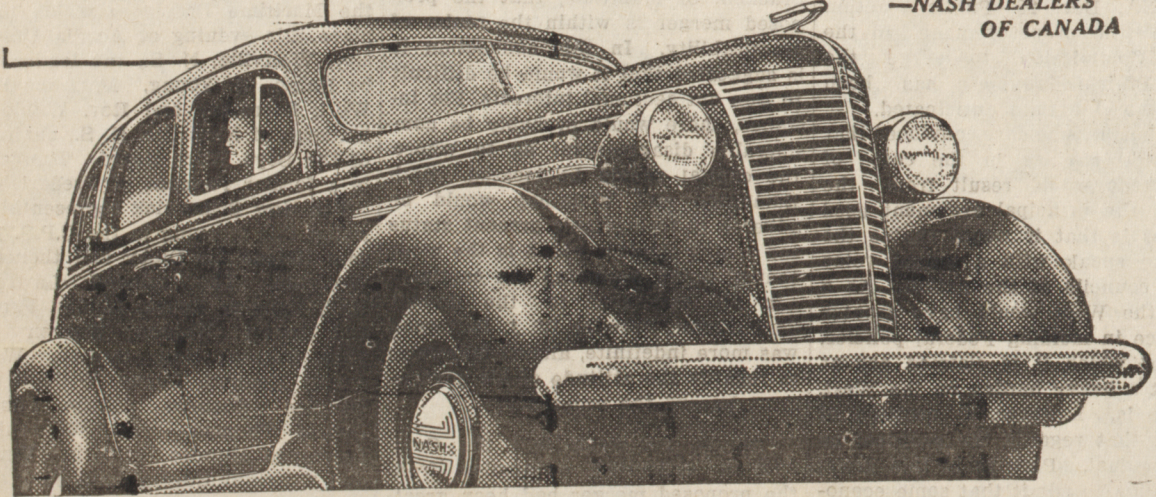
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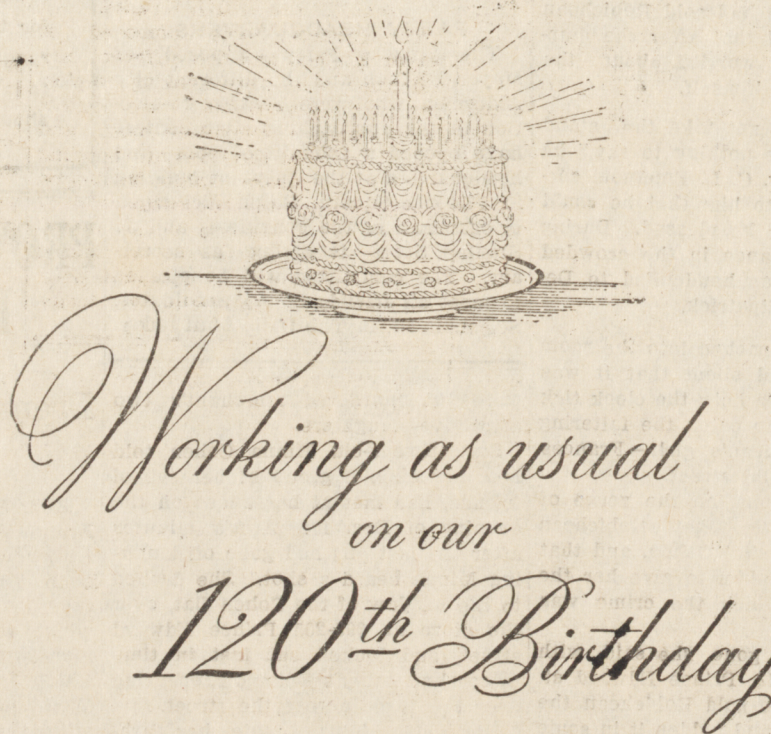
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