

# BEAVERS, ST. CROIX FIGHT TO 5-ALL DEADLOCK

**BORDER TOWN SIX OVERCOMES SAINT JOHN'S 4-1 LEAD IN THIRD, TIE SCORE 5-5 AND PUSH GAME INTO OVERTIME**

**First League Draw Of Season As Extra Ten Minutes Fail to Produce Score; Beavers Tally Four In First Stanza; St. Croix Protests Penalty**

ST. STEPHEN, Dec. 24—St. Stephen St. Croix staged a strong offensive in the third period of their regular scheduled Southern N.B. Hockey League game with Saint John Beavers here last night to stave off defeat and pull into a 5-5 in overtime. The Beavers rushed out in the first session with a fast attack and notched four goals before the first St. Croix goal came. With a 4-1 lead the Beavers were held to an even break in the second with no further scoring resulting but in the third St. Croix outplayed the Gibbsons with a 4-1 edge on the goal-getting to even the count. The overtime resulted in no further goals and the teams chalked up the first tie in the league schedule.

The St. Croix were not downcast over the Beavers' lead in the first. They figured the breaks were against them and they went out in the second to hold the Saint John snipers helpless with a defence stand, breaking away when opportunities afforded in attempts to cut the score but to no avail.

It was in the third that St. Croix opened up and they went to the attack with a will and staged a great comeback for a well deserved deadlock—if not victory.

In the first period St. Croix took exception to a penalty called on McNeill and the management withdrew its team from the ice. They were prevailed on to return and finished out the period.

Another of the fistcuffs that seem prevalent in the Southern loop to date broke out after the bell had ended the third period. It was said that Burke threw his stick at McNeill, after the latter had made some remark. That led to the players throwing punches at each other and the game was held up for several

## Ball Averages Show Medwick Most Valuable

### BRITISH P. G. A. RULES AGAINST LIFTING OF BALL

**New Ordinance Will Go Into Effect On the First Of Year**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Following the lead of the British Professional Golfers' Association, the P.G.A. of America has ruled against the time-honored practice of marking a ball on the green in medal play. The British pro organization voted that after January 1, 1938, no ball may be lifted on the putting green.

The rules of golf provide that the player of ball farther from the hole may have the ball nearer the hole lifted or played at the option of its owner. Thus the British P.G.A. for the first time in the history of golf makes a rule, instead of leaving the law-making to the British Rules of Golf committee, which lately has been expanded to take in other than members of the Royal and Ancient.

In medal play tournaments in the United States the practice of marking has been almost general. Many complained that lifting was overdone and that there was a wide degree of variance in the care with which the players replaced their ball after lifting it.

It is practically impossible, no matter how firm the intention, to replace the ball exactly as it was before lifting.

A lifting incident was the cause of spirited controversy during the qualifying rounds of the 1937 American P.G.A. championship, which resulted in the professional association exacting an apology from one of its members.

### Cardinal Slugger Leads In Nearly Every Department

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—How completely Joe Medwick, the Cartaret strong boy, merited his recognition as the most valuable player in his league is emphasized by the National League 1937 batting records released recently.

The averages were a parade of triumphs for the Cardinal slugger. They revealed the following talented accomplishments:

Led league batters with .374 for the first time in his career. Went to bat most times—633. Scored most runs—111.

Made the most base hits—237, for the second consecutive season.

Led in total bases—406, for the third year.

Led in doubles—56, for the second straight year.

Tied Mel Ott in homers with 31.

In addition there were such other highlights as being one of six players who took part in all games of their clubs, making four two-base hits on Aug. 4 to become the 12th National Leaguer to accomplish this feat; blasting five home runs in three consecutive games to tie a record.

#### Ott Makes Record

All in all, it was a blue ribbon year for Medwick, stamping him as one of the greatest right-hand hitters in the game and giving him plenty of fuel for salary arguments with Sam Breadon for his 1938 contract.

Ott's 31 homers raised his lifetime total to 306, a National League record, surpassing the total of 299 of Rogers Hornsby. Paul Waner, who made 219 hits, passed the double century mark for the eighth time in his career, to become the modern record-holder, breaking a tie with Rogers Hornsby.

Waner made the most one-base hits, 178; Floyd Vaughan, his teammate, made the most three-base hits 17; Jim Brown of the Cards made the most sacrifice hits, 26, and Augie Galan with 23 stolen bases won 1937 pilfering honors.

The Dodgers broke in as record-busters, but in manner typical of the Dodgers. They used 23 players in the final game of the season against the Giants on Oct. 3, breaking the league mark of 22 made twice by Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis, using 37 players in their game of June 29, tied a record.

#### Consecutive Hitting

Gaby Hartnett of the Cubs had the longest batting streak 26, before he was stopped by Bucky Walters of the Phils. Augie Galan scored 14 runs in 11 consecutive games to set the longest run scoring streak of the season. The Pirates had the year's tops in winning streaks with 10 straight victories, while the Dodgers scratched the bottom, losing 14 straight.

The Pirates beat Cincinnati 21 out of 22 games, equalling a record, and Gus Suhr the league iron man, had a string of 822 consecutive games snapped when he failed to play on June 5. He started his streak on Sept. 11, 1931.

The Cubs won team batting honors with .287, with Pittsburgh second, St. Louis third and the Giants fourth with .278.

### JOE LOUIS OVER MAX SCHMELING, IS FARR'S PICK

**Predicts Knockout Is In Store For Black Uhlan**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Tommy Farr expects to fight for the world's heavyweight title next September. Furthermore, he predicts he'll win it from Joe Louis.

The Welshman, who lasted 15 rds. with Louis last August, came back to New York today for a campaign designed to add the world's title to the British Empire championship he already holds, his first start to be against James J. Braddock in Madison Square Garden Jan. 21.

"I'll lick Braddock and then I'll whip Max Baer," said the effusive Tommy. "Then who's to stop me from fighting the Louis-Max Schmeling winner?"

"And it'll be Louis," he added. "I think he'll knock Schmeling colder than a turkey. Joe is bound to have learned plenty since their last fight and don't forget Max will be two years older in June than he was when he fought Louis before."

#### Sure He Can Trim Both

Farr was off the Normandie less than two hours before Mike Jacobs got his agreement to meet Max Baer, himself a former champion, if the Welshman beats Braddock.

"I am sure I can lick both of them," Farr went on. "But you have got to have a healthy respect for any man

## N. Y. RANGERS BLANK MAROONS 4-0 AT MONTREAL IN LONE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE FIXTURE PLAYED LAST NIGHT

**Canadian Team Offers Little Opposition To The Smooth-Clicking American Aggregation; Beveridge In Maroon Nets Keeps Tally Down**

MONTREAL, Dec. 24—Stolid Dave Kerr recorded his sixth shutout of the National Hockey League season tonight as his New York Rangers defeated the lowly Montreal Maroons 4 to 0. Rapping at Kerr's door only rarely, Maroons put up little opposition as the high scoring Rangers poured shots at Bill Beveridge. The Maroon goalie was the standout star on a team that lacked fire. Beveridge and penalties prevented Rangers from finishing with a bigger total as they mounted to within two points of Boston Bruins, leaders in their division. Maroons sank deeper into the Canadian Section cellar.

### 608-Pound Marlin Wins Miami Prize

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 24—A 610-pound blue marlin caught by Gil Easton has won top honors as the largest fish caught during the summer in the Miami Rod and Reel Club's fishing contest.

A 500-pound bluefin tuna ranked second, in the open division.

In the casting division, a 26-pound tarpon caught by Ralph Miller took first honors, and a 9-pound 4 ounce black bass hooked by Henry Mangels on a casting lure set a new club record in this event.

Nine other record catches were listed in six divisions, including a 10-pound 3-ounce bonefish, one of the most difficult of catches.

who can send Louis to the deck as Braddock did in Chicago."

Farr, who has been giving boxing lessons in England and Wales, tips the scales at 210, six more than he scaled for Louis. He'll begin training next week.

Mac Colville gave Rangers a lead within two minutes of the start when he broke in alone to beat Beveridge. Clint Smith made it 2-0 halfway through the second and Lynn Patrick increased the lead at the half-way mark in the third, combining with Cecil Dillon and C. Smith.

Alex Shibicky closed the rout with four minutes to play, sinking a pass from Neil Colville while Allan Shields was in the penalty box.

### Squash Racquets Aces In Title Play

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—New York's first open invitation squash racquets singles tournament will be held from Jan. 4 to 7, inclusive, with entries limited to eight each of the top-ranking amateurs and professionals.

Among those expected to participate are John Skillman, professional at Yale University, present holder of the United States professional championship, which he also won in 1935, and Germain G. Glidden of the Harvard Club holder of the United States amateur championship, which he gained in 1936, and retained last year.

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### TO HOLD FORMAL OPENING CURLING RINK TOMORROW

**8 Inter-Club Matches Scheduled; Ice Is In Good Shape**

The formal opening of the Fredericton Curling Club for the 1937-38 season will take place, according to long-established custom, tomorrow—Christmas Day. The club members have been divided into two equal sections, known as the President's Half and the Vice-President's Half. The two sections will oppose each other tomorrow in eight games, four in the morning and four in the afternoon. The teams will be led by President Arthur McF. Limerick and Vice-President M. A. Johns.

On New Year's Day return matches will be played, as a result of which the section winning the cup offered annually for competition in these matches will be determined. With the cold weather of the past few days it is expected that the ice will be in perfect shape for tomorrow's matches, stated President Limerick.

minutes as players and fans swarmed on the ice near the combatants.

Although Coffey and Dickie played a nice game in opposing nets, their forwards and defence were of the fair variety and many miscues were made by both ends of the line-ups.

Camyrie, Olsen Three Each

Camyrie with three goals and Olsen with three assists were standouts. The St. Stephen centre appeared to be right on the job tonight and his playing was little short of perfect. The Saint John captain got in on the first three goals, but thereafter, with his team-mates, Sherwood and Price on the front line was held in check.

### SPORT DUST —BY— "Timmy" Green

**Here's Wishing You a Merry Christmas and Everything That Goes With It!**

The St. Croix bunch spruced up a lot to hold the Weaver Clan to a 5-5 draw. The St. Croix team may be the tail-enders of the league, but aren't so far down that their games with any team in the league won't offer the fans some good, exciting hockey. In saying this, we are not remembering the St. Croix-Cap game here last week too vividly because, admittedly it wasn't anything to make your hair stand on end. Some games seem to have to be ragged and that was just one of these. That the Cap-St. Croix games are going to be a lot more interesting from now on is almost definitely settled by the game in St. Stephen when the Caps could only better the Borderites with a 2-1 decision.

The game in Saint John tomorrow night between the Maroons and Beavers should be hot stuff all the way through. The two teams are almost at par, and each wants to hand the other a trimming more than any other team combinations in the league.

Lester Patrick would speed up defence formations for the betterment of the hockey game—would like to see defencemen as a secondary offensive line. It would speed up the game but methinks would also jack up the scores both ways. . . . We wonder what the outcome of the Farr—Braddock scrap will be. Both are the same type fighters—clumsily clever, and each a tough nut with plenty of grit. It should be a slugging, "knock down, drag out" affair. . . . Connie Mack had quite a birthday party. He entertained a group of sports writers, umpires, officials, and players who have performed with his team in the 37 years he has managed the Athletics. . . . The hot air rising off New York at the present time is expected to create a mild spell in the weather, even in this district. It's all rising off Tommy Farr who says that Louis will take Schmeling and that he will take Louis. "Phooey, Hooley, and Baloney!" we sez. . . . That's all!

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