

# Fredericton Hockey Club Feted by Prominent Local Sportsman

## Modern Day Scrappers Not in Class With Old Veterans of Fistic Wars

### Jim Jeffries Rated as One of Greatest Heroes in Boxing History

(By R. Lawson)

There are some very good fighters today, but not one who compares with Jim Jeffries as a heavyweight, Bob Fitzsimmons as a middleweight, light-heavyweight or middleweight, Joe Walcott as a welter, Joe Gans as a lightweight, Terry McGovern or George Dixon as a feather or bantam, Abe Attell as a featherweight, Jim Driscoll in the same class, or Jimmy Wilde as a flyweight.

There were, beside these extraordinary ring men, many others who would class as the top today if they were here and in their youthful prime.

Jim Corbett could box circles around any heavyweight I've seen in recent years. Tommy Ryan and Stanley Ketchel would find no close rivals. Neither would Sam Langford as either middle or heavyweight. Mysterious Billy Smith was tough enough to beat Walcott. Kid Lavigne was a grand little fighter in his time, Frank Erne one of the cleverest of lightweights, Battling Nelson the toughest of all time in that class, possibly excepting Lavigne.

And the list of smaller men who knew the game in every detail and could show their stuff in any fight from a round to a finish could run to the bottom of this column. I could name a score of these who might be champions today.

It isn't that there's a difference in men, although, in fact, life was tougher 20 or 30 years ago and it developed more rugged citizens among the bare fist and glove swingers.

The arts of walking and road running are almost forgotten in these automobile days. Nobody develops legs or wind riding in a car. A fighter can be as good as his legs and wind, and no better.

**Jeff Really Trained**

Any modern fighter would be very much annoyed if required to work as hard even one day as Jeffries did every day for a month in preparing for a fight. Jeff's daily 10-mile run, usually before breakfast, alone would call for a sit-down strike.

Jeff's last day of training for the Fitzsimmons fight at Coney Island included a fast 20 rounds with Tommy Ryan, Tommy being instructed to fight his hardest and Jeff holding back his punches.

When Jim Corbett trained several months to try to win back the championship from Jeffries, he did a tremendous lot of road work and boxing, and finished his training with a private 20-round try-out fight with Gus Ruhlin at Corbett's training quarters. A man in shape to go the long route can fight to the limit over any route.

In these days nearly all our boxers are developed in short bouts, and the public expects them to start the first round with a flurry and keep right on surging until the last bell. The Philadelphia 6-round bouts that ran for many years started this style of mill-

## ESKIMOS BATTLE HUB MAROONS ON HOME ICE

EDMUNDSTON, Feb. 26—Everything is in readiness for the deciding game of the New Brunswick semi-final series tomorrow night between Edmundston Eskimos and Moncton Maroons.

The Eskimos will take the ice three goals down to the Maroons as the result of their 3-0 loss in Moncton on Wednesday night.

Both teams arrived here tonight from the Hub with all players in prime condition for the final tussle which will send the winner of the total-goal, home-and-home series into the New Brunswick finals against the victor of the Bathurst-Sackville series the deciding game of which is being played tomorrow night at Bathurst.

**Teams Leave Moncton**

MONCTON, Feb. 26—Moncton Maroons and Edmundston Eskimos will settle their argument as to which team will advance in the New Brunswick hockey semi-finals on Edmundston ice tomorrow night. The two clubs left here this morning for the northern town.

Coach Dad James and Manager Henry White were confident this morning they would be able to hold the three-goal difference and probably add to their total even on the home ice of the Eskimos.

## POWELL IN YANK FOLD

NEW YORK, Feb. 25—New York Yankees broke the "big five" baseball holdout trust yesterday by signing outfielder Jake Powell to a \$9,000 contract.

Powell was offered \$7,500 at first and asked \$14,000. He was signed to a \$5,000 Washington contract last year. Because of his good work after being traded in mid-season to the Yankees, he was given a \$1,000 bonus. Yankees also announced the signing of outfielder Ernie Koy, promising graduate from the Yanks' Newark farm. Signing of Powell leaves Lou Gehrig, Joe Di Maggio, Red Ruffing, and Lefty Gomez as the most serious holdouts.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 25—Charley Dressen, who at the start of the two past seasons has forecast accurately where his Cincinnati Reds would finish in the National League pennant race, scanned his roster today and expressed hope "that we'll take fourth place."

"But," he added quickly, "I'm not making any predictions. If we can finish fourth, we can finish in first place just as well, the way the teams stack up now. They're mighty evenly matched."

## Moncton Wheelers Oust Sussex Six

Playing by far the superior hockey Moncton Wheelers last night advanced in the N. B. junior hockey play-down series by trouncing the Sussex Juniors 6 to 2 and taking the round 11 to 3. Wheelers will now play the Saint John Pontiacs in a home-and-home series commencing here tomorrow night with the second and last game in Saint John Monday night.

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**Always Go Back to Fitz**

Joe Gans fought many 20- and 25-round battles. He was almost as great a boxer and puncher as Fitzsimmons in the heavier class. Battling Nelson used his toughness to win in many fights lasting from 20 to 40 rounds. Kid Lavigne, a wonderful lightweight, started with three fights that went 77, 55 and 30 rounds against clever men. He knew a lot about fighting after that.

To go back to Fitzsimmons—and you always do go back to Fitzsimmons if you ever saw him work in the ring—he won plenty of fights in a round or two, but against champions he used all his skill.

He knocked out Jack Dempsey the Nonpareil in 13 rounds for the middleweight championship, doing one of the most workmanlike jobs ever seen in a ring. Weighing only 156 pounds, he knocked out clever Jim Corbett in 14 for the big title. He beat George Gardner for the light-heavy title in 20 rounds when over 40 years old. He was knocked out by Jeffries in 11 rounds, mixing it when he found Jeffries too good to be beaten by anything but a gamble.

If I had one wish it would be to see Bob Fitzsimmons, a year under 30 and weighing less than 150 pounds—just as he was when he knocked out the Nonpareil—in the ring against Joe Louis. Ancient vs. modern times—and what a fight!

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

The Moncton Maroons carry a 3-goal lead into the second of a home-and-home N. B. semi-final playoff series on Edmundston ice tonight. Although favorites to defeat "Bill" Walker's rugged band of pucksters, the Indians will make the Maroons step to hold that lead, as Gulliver, Dickie, Rousseau and the boys open up on the smaller ice surface at the Edmundston arena.

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"Snap" Thompson, rugged defence-man with the Fredericton Capitals this season, has returned to Minto. "Snap" will line up this summer with the Minto Miners in the York-Sunbury baseball league.

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Doug Cameron and Billy McIntyre, who were standouts with the St. Stephen-St. Croix team this winter, are back home again. Cameron is undecided as yet whether he will return to St. Stephen in the near future. McIntyre, in all probability will be playing in England next winter.

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Both boys are baseball players, having played with Devon for the past two summers. St. Stephen moguls have intimated that they could use both Billy and Doug to replace Theo McLain and "Squirrel" Ross, who are the aging comets with the Maritime Champions.

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The loss of Cameron and McIntyre would just about force Devon to throw in the towel, as Burgess, McLennan and several others who were with Devon last summer will be wearing other clubs' uniforms.

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The local junior squad were forced to struggle along at Bathurst on Wednesday evening without the services of Brown and Neill, both star men. The players in question attempted to motor to Newcastle with the team, manager, John Neill, but were forced to turn back.

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These two players will greatly aid the local juniors to overcome their two-goal deficit, when the Bathurst sextet meet the home forces here on Monday night.

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**To Examine Both**

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## JIMMY FOSTER REGISTERS HIS 7TH SHUTOUT

LONDON, Feb. 26—Switzerland today produced the only startling surprise of the world's amateur hockey championship to date by extending the undefeated English team to two overtime periods before England won 2-0.

Canada defeated Germany 5-0 in the night's other game as the final round of the tournament opened. Tomorrow the vital Canada-England match will be played in a crowded Wembley rink.

Jimmy Forsey and Ralph Redding led the way as Kimberley Dynamiters representing Canada continued unbeaten after winning six straight in the earlier rounds.

Forsey and Redding each scored twice with Paddy Kemp notching the other goal while Ken Campbell hung up his fifth shutout in seven games.

The England-Switzerland match was the best of the tournament so far with the Swiss putting up a game fight that deserved at least one goal. However, Jimmy Foster, former Moncton Hawk and English Olympic goalie, could not be beaten. He is still unscored upon after seven games.

Edgar Brechley and Gerry Davey finally scored on goalie Albert Hirz of Switzerland in the second overtime period. The tournament will end Saturday.

## Bathurst Paper Six Meet Sackville Team

BATHURST, N. B., Feb. 26—Bathurst Papermakers were prepared tonight to take on the Sackville six in the deciding game of the New Brunswick semi-finals. The game will be played here tomorrow night.

Papermen will have the advantage of home ice and hope to overcome the two-goal lead Sackville chalked up at the Westmorland town on Tuesday night when they blasted home a 4-2 victory.

The veteran Clint Gammon said here tonight that Tuesday night's tussle didn't mean a great deal and was confident that his club would be strong enough to brush its way to the final round with the winner of the Moncton Maroons-Edmundston Eskimos semi-final, the final game of which is to be staged tomorrow night at Edmundston.

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## VOLLEY BALL

The finals in the Hi-Y Clubs Volley Ball League were played at the High School yesterday afternoon when Ben McCarthy's team eliminated the faculty team by winning 3 games out of 5. The league was played in 2 divisions. "A" Division ended up with the faculty on top, McCarthy's team next, Vocational next and Swift's team in the cellar. B Division ended up with Hall and Fisher tie for first place and Gamble and McFee tie for second place. In the semi-finals the faculty beat Fisher's team 2 straight games in a 2 out of 3 series and McCarthy's team beat Hall's team 2 straight games in a 2 out of 3 series.

The faculty started out strong yesterday afternoon by taking the first game 15-11. McCarthy's team turned the tables on them in the second game and beat them 15-4. In the 3rd game the faculty once more took McCarthy's men by a score of 15-11 but McCarthy's team proved their superiority by taking the next 2 easily 15-6 and 15-3. Lineups were as follows:

McCarthy's team: Ben McCarthy, Ernie Estabrooks, Jack Vermeeren, Jim Fleming, Don Logan, Bill Simcock, Jack McCarthy.

Faculty: Lawrence Hashey, O. V. B. Miller, Francis Wetmore, Guy D. Scovill, John Gallagher, and Ralph Albrant.

Great interest was shown in the series, a large number of students being on hand to cheer their team. Many congratulatory remarks were made to the Hi-Y Club for their work in sponsoring and carrying through the league.

## Champagne Queen Signs \$30,000 Contract

NEW YORK, Feb. 25—Eleanor Holm Jarrett, who acquired fame by rocking the Olympic boat last summer, added to her fortune today by signing a \$30,000 contract to appear in the Great Lakes Exposition Show in Cleveland this summer.

This move ended the wrangle over her amateur standing. Mrs. Jarrett, dropped from the Olympic team for breaking training rules, was subsequently barred from Amateur European competition by the Amateur Athletic Union. This suspension was vaguely maintained when she returned to this country but there was still some hope of reinstatement until she executed her professional move.

SYDNEY, Feb. 26—Sydney Telephones, Cape Breton Hockey League champions, last night defeated a North Sydney challenge for title, 6-2.

## Players and Officials Guests of Jack Dewar At Function in Waverly

### Entertaining Programme Features Enjoyable Affair

The spirit of camaraderie and good fellowship which won them the popularity of all lovers of sport was prevalent last evening in the dining room of the Waverly Hotel where members of the Fredericton Hockey Club were guests of Jack Dewar at a banquet. The entertaining function, given by Mr. Dewar, one of the city's most enthusiastic sportsmen, was attended by players, club officials and other invited guests.

Featured by addresses, songs and other specially arranged features of entertainment, the banquet was a fitting tribute to the green-jerseyed hockey warriors who blazed their way from the league cellar to win a place in the finals. Although conquered by the Moncton Maroons in the final engagement of the five-game series, the Capitals fought every inch of the way and went down in defeat with their colors flying.

Vernon Olive, manager of the squad was toastmaster. He was one of the main speakers. Others heard in brief addresses included Coach Bill Gill, former rearguard ace of the famous Moncton Hawks; Dr. Chas. MacKay, physician of the club; Bob Chalmers, captain of the team, and several other members of the squad.

**Tribute to Gill**

During the evening splendid tribute was paid to the husky pilot of the team, who led the boys from the bottom of the league to the threshold of the southern loop throne-room. Gill, rated by ice experts as one of the greatest defencemen in Canadian hockey ranks, won the unanimous popularity of fandom during the days he campaigned with the Moncton Hawks. A masterful player, Bill, not only knows hockey as few men know it, but has an almost uncanny ability for making strategic moves at crucial moments. Many times during the past campaign, the local squad was saved from defeat by the generalship of the popular coach.

The manager of the club, in his remarks, referred to the splendid work accomplished by the team, paying tribute to each of the players. He also made fitting reference to the work of Bill Gill, describing him as one of the "greatest figures in Canadian hockey." Gill is known from coast to coast, continued Mr. Olive, pointing out that his sportsmanship and singular playing ability has gained him the popularity of hockey followers in all sections of the Dominion.

**Dr. MacKay**

Mr. Olive also made special mention of the services rendered the club by Dr. MacKay. He referred to the

## MT. A. AND U.N.B. MEET TONIGHT

The U.N.B. basketball squad held its final workout here last night, under the supervision of Phil Trainor, for their first scheduled College basketball game with the Mt. A. hoopers.

With a reportedly strong squad due into Fredericton from Sackville, tomorrow's contest takes on a decidedly earnest and good hue. The local fans, however, are still hoping, basing their expectations on the fact that Houlton trimmed the Sackville aggregation considerably more than they did in their 44-0 win over U.N.B. early in the season.

The starting lineup will see lanky Ken Corbett at centre with Carl Cameron and Norm Smith doing forward duty. Jack Murray and Gerrie Bell will hold down the guard berths. In reserve, coach Phil Trainor will have only two dependable subs, Bill Harris guard, and Gale Currie, forward. Douglas Skinner, Saint John, will handle the whistle.



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