

CAPITALS LEAVE TO TAKE ON BEAVERS

COMPLETELY REORGANIZED CAP LINEUP WILL TAKE TO ICE AT FORUM TONIGHT AS RESULT 4-1 DEFEAT AT HUB FRIDAY

Maroons Expecting Victory When They Meet St. Croix at Moncton Tonight; Border Town Team Is Handicapped By Lack Of Practice

Still undaunted by Friday night's outcome when they suffered a 4-1 defeat from the Moncton Maroons in the opening of the Southern New Brunswick Hockey League, Fredericton Capitals left this city today for Saint John, travelling 12 strong, to take on the Beavers tonight in the local's second league fixture of the present season.

Facts that Saint John is much stronger than last season and that they have completed a pre-season series with the Moncton Maroons holds no peril for the green and white, who have had little ice work so far this season other than a few practices at Moncton before their first game. The ice in the Arctic rink will not be ready for a few days yet.

Almost a brand new lineup will appear on Forum ice in Saint John tonight, according to the announcement of the team lineup by Coach Bill Gill, who is also playing on the defence for the locals.

Bill Sharpe will be in the goal and "Snap" Thompson, Waterhouse, John Kilburn and Gill will present the defence bulwark against raiding Saint John forward lines. Waterhouse is untried, but is husky, weighing about 190 pounds and was formerly with the teams in the Ottawa City League.

The two lines of snipers that will worry Bill Dickie in the Beaver nets are "Bun" McLennan, Keenan and Morehouse and McIntyre, Haining and Lifford, as well as McLaughlin.

Maroons are Favorites

MONCTON, Dec. 5—The second local game of the Southern New Brunswick League will be staged here to-

N. Y. Americans Defeat Maroons and Red Wings

McKechnie Riding High After Period of Despair

At 50, Now Has First Good Job In Many Years

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—Originally the announcement coming as it did in the middle of the World Series, passed by with no great flourish. Then the football season came down upon us and we wound up drawing fathead fake-reverses on other people's table linen.

So while it's an old story now that Bill McKechnie has gone to a \$25,000 managerial job with the Cincinnati Reds, it's still good. It has to be. Any body who takes the kicking around McKechnie got from life all these years and comes back to win himself \$1,000 a week every week (from April to October) until 1940 simply must be a good story any time you tell it.

As a matter of fact, it hasn't been told at all yet, for the simple reason that, in considering only his successes of the present, we've forgotten all the sorrows he's had in the past.

McKechnie is 50 now and can afford to look back on everything with a mellow eye. But he must have known his moments of black despair—notably in 1925 and 1928. On the first occasion, he managed the Pittsburgh Pirates into the National League pennant. Then he managed them into the world's championship after the Washington Senators had gone out to a 3 to 1 lead in the big series.

But did Bill McKechnie, the home town, home made hero, own the City of Pittsburgh after that? Yes, he positively did not. Within a comparatively few months he didn't even own a job.

The fact is that, with the 1926 under way, the late Barney Dreyfuss left his world's champions in what he thought were safe hands while he went on a tour of Europe, the authority being divided between McKechnie and Fred Clarke, famous Pirate manager of the old days. The result was a bitter intraclass feud which apparently could not be solved by firing everybody concerned.

Therefore, McKechnie, the world's champions' manager, went out with Clarke, Carson Bigbee, Max Carey and Babe Adams.

In 1928, McKechnie succeeded Bob O'Farrell as manager of the St. Louis Cardinals and promptly won the National League pennant. And just as promptly, the Cardinal front office untrucked him even before the 1929 season opened.

Their only possible complaint was that his club had been beaten four straight by the Yankees in the World Series of that year; whereas there wasn't much McKechnie could have done about that, except to poison Ruth and Gehrig.

He went from there to Boston and did a great deal with very little. But only a few years ago, when the then Braves decided to hire Ruth as vice president in charge of right field, they were all for telling the deserving McKechnie to be on his merry way at the close of the season. Instead, he stayed until he was ready to leave at his own request and strictly under his own power.

It must not be forgotten, either, this this man was a Federal League manager at the tender age of 28, with all the fabled wealth of Harry Sinclair, Charley Weeghmann and the Wards behind him. But when peace was made with Organized Baseball, the latter did the dictating and McKechnie was frozen out. It was the beginning of an old baseball custom, as far as the gentleman was concerned.

He even left the game, and entered private business for a year or two, so black did his future seem. But that's behind him now, after what he did with a "nothing" ball club last season. Nothing hit anything. Everybody was a discard from somebody else. Yet at the end he had the Bees up there out-

HOCKEY REFEREE'S JOB IS ONE OF TOUGHEST, SAYS STEWART

Watching the Blue Line Most Important Function, Claims Bill; Harder Than Umpiring Baseball Game

SPORT DUST

—BY—
"Timmy" Green

Fans are wondering how the 'Caps' are going to come out in their scrap with the Saint John Beavers in the Loyalist City this evening. There are several things to be considered. Saint John proved that they are a little ahead of the Maroons so far at least. The Maroons trimmed Fredericton 4-1. The Caps, however, have a stiff game under their belts now whereas they went in against Moncton in their first start of the season. One thing of which we can feel quite certain is that the showing of Gill and his crew tonight will be better than that of the St. Croix aggregation.

The Capitals should be a fighting squad this evening after the brand of play they showed in Moncton. Personally, this post does not feel that the Caps are going to take too big a shellacking but yet we can't feel that they are going to come back to the home lodges with a scalp in their belts.

It will be quite a while before hockey fans who cluster around the radios for the Foster Hewitt broadcasts every Saturday night will hear a more exciting game than they did last Saturday evening. Not all the credit is due the game and the two teams. Someone else could have described the game and it would have been only a game—nothing more; not so with Hewitt, though. You can see the action—every play—the jubilant faces of the players of one team as they snapped one into the twines—the disappointment of the goalie as he turns, frowns at the offending disc, and a little angrily kicks it out. It seems that only Foster Hewitt can do this; which makes the radios the most popular spots in town on Saturday night.

The Sudbury Wolves last year's Allan Cup winners will drop off at Moncton and stage an exhibition tussle with the Maroons. The Wolves are on their way to Halifax where they will sail for England on an exhibition tour. . . . Sammy McManus comes into print again for his work with the Providence Reds. The former Moncton Hawk tallied in the second period to help the Reds in their 4-2 victory. . . . Henry Armstrong, boss of the featherweight division will step through a couple of more scraps before Christmas. They will bring the total since Jan. 1 up to 27 scraps. . . . BAER BORN TO BAER—Max Baer is the father of an eight-pound son; both wife and child are 'doing nicely'. . . That's all!

side the first division, knocking at the door.

The end, yes. The end for McKechnie Boston. But one can't help feeling that it's only the beginning for him in Cincinnati.

SAM STEWART STARS IN 3-1 WIN OVER MONTREAL, SINKING THE WINNING GOAL; SCHRINER SCORES TWICE OVER WINGS

Leafs and Canadiens Draw 3-3; Bruins Continue Slump, Dropping Fixture 4-0 to Rangers; Canucks Nose the Black Hawks Three to Two

MONTREAL, Dec. 5—Big "Sam" Stewart came back to his old stamping grounds last night and making himself right at home, whipped in the winning goal as his New York Americans downed Montreal Maroons 3-1 in a hard fought National Hockey League game.

A former Maroon and still the idol of Montreal fans, Stewart broke a 1-1 deadlock two minutes before the game ended. Less than a minute later "Old Poison" came back again and made the play for little Eddie Wiseman, of Newcastle, N. B., to sink the clincher.

Americans' victory gave the Manhattanites lone possession of second place in the league's Canadian Section. Maroons, meanwhile, dropped into the cellar, a point behind Canadiens who drew with the Leafs in Toronto.

Toss Wings For Loss
DETROIT, Dec. 5—New York Americans trimmed the luckless Detroit Red Wings 2-1 tonight for their second N. H. L. win of the week-end and pulled up to within a point of mean the game. But no matter what you do, you can't be right in everybody's opinion.

Recalls Long Playoff
The worst night Bill ever put in on the ice was 120 years ago at the Forum here, when the Maroons and the Detroit Red Wings staged an all-time record overtime playoff into the small hours of the morning.

Stewart said that he tottered into a restaurant at 3 o'clock the following afternoon after spending six hours the night before on skates. "Curiously, it was my eyes that tired more than my legs that night," he declared.

Bill paid tribute generally to members of the umpiring and refereeing profession as men, who, though like everyone else, made mistakes, do their work honestly and conscientiously.

Stewart praised Bill Klem, the 64-year-old National League dean of baseball umpires, as one of the greatest and worthy of the horsehide hall of fame for what he has done to elevate the game.

Klem's advice to young umpires entering the league is "umpire that baseball not the player."

the section-leading Toronto Maple Leafs.

Battle To Tie
TORONTO, Dec. 5—The mixture of youth and age that Cecil Hart brought together as Montreal Canadiens of 1937, played its third tie in the five starts Saturday night, holding the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-3 in a fast game that gave 2,000 fans a little bit of everything. There were penalties, fights and speed from both teams.

Bruins Lose Again
NEW YORK, Dec. 5—Boston Bruins, sensation of the early N. H. L. season, failed to win for the fourth straight time tonight as New York Rangers beat them 4-0. For Bruins, winners of their first six starts, it was the second shutout defeat in a row, after two ties.

A three-goal spurge in the last period gave Rangers victory before a crowd of more than 16,000 spectators.

Canadiens Edge Hawks
CHICAGO, Dec. 5—Montreal's Canadiens, spotting their opponents a two-goal lead, roared from behind tonight to defeat the Chicago Black Hawks 3-2 in a fast N. H. L. battle before 13,000 fans at The Stadium.

A goal by Polly Drouin in the last period, with assists by Lorrain and Mantha, gave the Flying Frenchmen their well earned victory.

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