

Moncton Hockeyists Capture Opening Battle of Maritime Play-offs

Maroons Register 2-1 Victory Over Bruins in Opener at Kentville

Victors Score Winning Tally in Last Second of Play

KENTVILLE, N. S., March 12—A goal from the stick of George Appleby less than a second before the game ended tonight won for Moncton Maroons the first of a two-game, total-goal series for the Maritime senior hockey championship and the right to continue in Allan Cup play-downs.

It was a long shot from outside the blue line that sank into the twines behind "Wee Willie" Kyte, Berwick goalie, and enabled the weary Maroons to skate off the ice with a 2-1 victory in the first game of the series.

It was a tough break for the team that came out of obscurity this winter to climb to the Nova Scotia hockey championship. Kyte had caught the knee-high shot but the puck bounced out of his hands into the net. So close was it to the end of the game that for a few minutes an argument ensued as to whether the referees had blown their whistles before or after the gong rang the end of the game.

It was a close game throughout and perhaps its most surprising feature was the lack of a penalty to team.

For two periods the squads, one carrying the championship of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and Bruins with that of Nova Scotia on their shoulders, battled on even terms after first-period scores. To Kyte went the credit.

A Chance Shot
At best it was a chance shot the Maroons forward fired at the Berwick cage. The puck bounced off his pads, down to the ice and then into the right hand corner of the net. Instantly the red light flashed and the game was as good as Moncton's. The face-off was a mere formality.

For almost three periods the nimble-footed Bruins' goalie had turned aside, sometimes almost miraculously, the shots of the hard-working Moncton forwards only to lose out in the last second.

But Bruins had at least the satisfaction of discovering why their idols won the Nova Scotia championship this year. For the first time since they embarked upon the title trail they were up against a team that could mark their own blazing speed.

The defending champions jumped Bruins at the start. Only the sensational saves of Kyte saved Berwick. He was here, there and everywhere—sometimes 20 feet out of his nets to stem a Maroons' rush that had broken through his defence.

Babe LeBlanc Scores
Five men at a time came pouring

U. S. OLYMPIC SQUAD PLAN LONDON TOUR

BOSTON, March 13—Boston's Olympics hope to entertain some of the thousands of visitors to London for the coronation. Walter Brown, who was with the Olympics in England several times, has had correspondence with English hockey men about a trip of the Hub team.

Almost all of the players are anxious to make another trip to England and to continental Europe and Brown hopes to have a full team of veterans go to see the new king, George the Sixth, officially crowned.

Eddie Jeremiah, the club's coach, probably will go. There are several strong teams in England and because of the hockey war in this country and Canada, the Boston schedule of the Olympics seems to be ended.

Brown tried to arrange a game with McGill. The international collegiate champions were ready, but somebody, or some fact, interfered with the plans and the coach, Dr. Bobby Bell, called off the proposed game.

George Ford and others of the Harvard team wanted to play but not as a Harvard team, but it was impossible to obtain permission or the other players were apathetic. At any rate the plans for such a game fell through.

Formation of the International Amateur League and the threatened war spoiled Brown's hopes to bring the star Montreal and Canadian teams for final games here. Brown doesn't want to antagonize the A. A. U. and so games with the Flyers, Hershey, Atlantic City and Baltimore are out of the question.

It is too early yet to name the players and the itinerary but the Olympics hope that they may take advantage of the fact that London will be crowded with visitors at the time of the coronation.

Upon him but it mattered little. It was not until eight minutes after the start that Babe LeBlanc picked up Appleby's assist to dash the puck into the net.

Charlottetown's donation to the Nova Scotia champions, the poke-checking wizard Lawlor, namesake of the captain who carried a Halifax volivines banner to an Allan Cup title, scored Bruins only goal. It came more than three-quarters of the way through the first period and he clocked the score at 1-1. Ralph Boyle, former Kentville junior player, got an assist on the play.

Berwick looked better in the second period and Maroons were forced to take the defensive several times. The session was scoreless although several time both goals were threatened. Bruins had a margin in the play.

Another Maroons gang play featured the opening of the third and Bruins iced the puck to ease the pressure. Ice that began to be sticky slowed up both teams.

As the crowd began filing out Appleby picked up the puck at centre ice. He coasted down to about five feet from the blue line and for want of something better to do fired the puck. It slid through the tired Kyte for the winning tally.

The second and final game will be played at Moncton, March 16.

FANS HELPED TINKER BACK HEALTH ROAD

Tell's Stories of Old "Tinker to Evers to Chance" Days

ORLANDO, Fla., March 12—Joe Tinker, sparkplug of the unforgettable Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance double play combination of baseball, beamed broadly as he answered the knock on his cottage door.

"Yes, s'ree, it's still me," he chuckled. That old double play combination of Tinker-to-Chance-to-hospital-to-graveyard has been broken up for the time being at least. I'm still a bit weak, but picking up speed every day."

The great and picturesque Chicago Cub shortstop of yesterday did look a bit fogged and faded, but he didn't look like a man of 56 years; who stole a base on the grim reaper six weeks ago. Everyone figured Joe was a goner. Now he is a comer and talking about the future.

Since Tinker retired as a player in 1915, his life has been one of progress, prosperity and near poverty. He ran his \$40,000 baseball savings into \$750,000 by shrewd investment in Florida real estate.

The boom collapsed and Joe lost his fortune, his health went with his wealth, so Tinker is starting all over again, hoping now to make a living lecturing about baseball.

Fans Helped
"You know one of the big reasons why I got out of that hospital?" he demanded triumphantly. "Letters and telegrams. I didn't know so many people remembered me. Baseball people are swell, and Johnny Evers lives one of the best."

"John and I used to have bitter arguments. Once, we played side by side for two full seasons without saying a word to each other. But we made up a few years ago."

After a horrid argument one day, Tinker told Evers not to speak to him again and Evers took him at his word.

"The only word he said to me in those two years came one day when he yelled at me to trap a ball. A runner was on first and second and the batter hit a pop fly to me. Evers shouted for me to trap it, so we would get a double play. The ball bounced away and the batter got a double. Can you beat it? He spoke one word to me in two years and it cost a two base hit."

The talk drifted to Frank Chance, the last season of the famous double play combination that was the scourge of the National Baseball League after the turn of the century.

Great Thrill
"What a great player and a right stormy guy," said Joe. "Frank played them for what they were worth. Never forget the time he suspended me for missing a couple of wind blown fly balls. I got back in the lineup two days later and hit a single, double, triple and home run off Christy Mathewson and then stole home on Maddy to give the Cubs the lead over the Giants. I had a flock of thrill's boy that topped them all for me."

GEHRIG STILL IN HUFF WITH OWNER

Unable to reach an agreement with Lou Gehrig, holdout first baseman of the New York Yankees, Col. Jacob Ruppert, owner of the champions, says Gehrig wants \$40,000 for 1937, or nothing. Gehrig has returned to his New Rochelle, N. Y., home.

"AROUND THE SPORT CLOCK" -- with -- "Dinny" Dinsmore

X-ray examination showed today that Larry Aurie, great little wing man with the champion Detroit tigers, suffered a broken ankle bone in the game with N. Y. Rangers several nights ago. Two other Detroit players were forced to the sidelines earlier in the season, with fractured legs.

John "One Play" O'Brien, 31, assistant football and track coach at Notre Dame University, was killed yesterday when his automobile crashed into a railway viaduct. He earned the sobriquet "One Play" in 1928 against the Army by catching a 40-yard touchdown pass on his first play of the game to upset the Cadets 12-7. The late Coach Knute Rockne pulled him out immediately after the feat.

The last of the Brooklyn Dodger holdouts came to terms yesterday, when first baseman "Buddy" Hassett, one of the large number of rookie sensations of 1936, signed a contract. Hassett received \$4,000 last year. He had been holding out for \$8,000 for 1937, while the club refused to go above \$7,500. Terms of the new contract were not disclosed.

The Moncton Maroons squeezed out a win over the Berwick Bruins last night on Kentville ice. The Maroons are noted for their great play on home ice, so most fans look for a lopsided score when the two teams meet again on Tuesday night in the spacious Moncton Stadium.

Quebec Aces, playing their first season in senior hockey, gained the Montreal Senior Group hockey title last night defeating Montreal Royals 1-0 on a third period goal by Ray Malenfant, former Moncton junior.

Connie Mack, manager of Philadelphia Athletics, announced yesterday Wally Moses, outfielder who had been holding out for a reported salary of \$10,000, had agreed to terms.

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HOCKEY SCORES

Maritime Senior Finals
Moncton 2, Berwick 1. (First game of two-game total-goal title series).

Maritime Junior Semi-Finals
Amherst 8, Bathurst 4. (Deciding game. Amherst wins round and title, 14-4).

P. E. I. Junior Finals
Charlottetown 4, Summerside 3. (Charlottetown wins round and title, 11-4).

Montreal Senior Finals ...
Quebec Aces 1, Royals 0. (Aces win title in three straight games).

Thunder Bay Series
Fort William 7, Schreiber 5. (Fort William wins round and title 13-8).

SCHEDULED TONIGHT
National Hockey League
Rangers at Canadiens.
Chicago at Toronto.

International-American
New Haven at Cleveland.
Philadelphia at Springfield.

SCHEDULED SUNDAY
National Hockey League
Maroons at Americans.
Boston at Detroit.

International-American
Springfield at Syracuse.
Pittsburgh at New Haven.
Cleveland at Providence.

Jimmy McCarry, leather pusher of the U.S.S. Quincey, will seek a New England title in the heavyweight class in the amateur boxing bouts in the Garden next Monday night.

Nor. School Cagemen Basketball Champions

Fredericton Troupe Defeat Saint John High 44-23

SAINT JOHN, March 13—The Provincial Normal School basketball team walked off with the provincial inter-scholastic basketball title for the second year in a row when they out-classed the Saint John High School five at the High School yesterday afternoon to take a 44-23 victory; the deadly accuracy and smooth passing system of the Normalites proved an unbeatable obstacle to the fast travelling and to date invincible Prince William Street squad.

The Fredericton quintet opened the scoring shortly after the fixture opened and with the exception of a brief few minutes in the opening session they were never headed. Playing a heady game both under the basket and at mid floor they piled up baskets on long shots at will, and increased their margin by rapid and accurate shots from under the net where the High School guards allowed them to roam unmolested. Thorburne and Leach netted more than 25 tallies from these close in tosses. The floor work and long

looping shots of Boyle, Normal School forward, featured the scoring rallies of the winners.

Elliott and Bullock performed well on the High School defence, and the long, looping shots of Whelley were highlights of the losers' disorganized attack. Thorburne, Leach and Boyle of the winning quintet easily out-classed all other point getters with 15, 13 and 11 counters respectively. Whelley led the High School scorers with 8 points, and Bullock took second honors with 6 markers. Lineups:

Normal School: Thorburne, f. 15; Narrowsmore, f. Boyle, f. 11; McIntyre, c. 5; Hicks, g. Leach, g. 13; Holmes, g. Estabrooks, g.

High School: Whelley, f. 8; Charlton, f. 1; Neil, f. 1; Vincent, f. 2; Robertson, c. 4; Weaver, c. London, g. 2; Dunlop, g. Bullock, g. 6; Elliott, g. Louis Chandler and Henry Hollies refereed.

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