

MAROONS TAKE MARITIME PUCK TITLE

JAMESMEN WALKED OVER MINERS AT SYDNEY LAST NIGHT WITH 8-1 COUNT TO ANNEX THIRD STRAIGHT FOR HUB

Smooth Combination Work Gives Moncton Series 14-2; Held Crown For Past Two Years; Phillips Collects Six Points

SYDNEY, N. S., March 18—The scintillating Moncton Maroons won their third straight Maritime senior hockey title and a berth in the Allan Cup playdowns last night with an 8-1 victory over Glace Bay Miners that gave Maroons the home-and-home series by an overwhelming 14-2 total. Maroons played most of the game under wraps, content to break away now and then on beautiful combination plays that left the bewildered, outclassed but fighting Miners content to trade elbow for elbow, throughout.

The New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island champions left no doubt of their superiority. The fighting bunch of wildcats that came from nowhere to annex the Nova Scotia title were no match for the smooth-working, machine-like Maroons. They played desperately and fought gamely all the way but their team-play and skating failed to come up to that of the champions.

Appleby led the Moncton attack, gathering two goals and four assists during the evening, while his line-mate, Bell, slammed in three counters. Babe LeBlanc, third member of the crack line, was credited with two assists.

Phillips collected two goals for Maroons and Ingram countered the eighth. Phillips' defence mate, Bastarache, also figured prominently in the deluge of scoring points with three assists.

Another Rough Game
As in Moncton, the game was roughly fought throughout. Referees

Pete Mill and Cy Taylor handing out 13 penalties. Miners drew seven of them and Moncton six. All were for minor infractions.

Record book thumbers claimed it was the first time a Moncton team had played here for a Maritime hockey title since 1913 when teams from the two cities were in the same professional circuit.

Despite their five goal lead, piled up on home ice, Moncton did not attempt to resort to a defensive game. True, they didn't seem particularly fussy about rolling up a terrific score, but they tallied all eight of their goals before Rod Anderson broke through for the lone miners counter.

MacGillivray was the star for Glace Bay despite the eight shots that got by him. McPhee was outstanding on the forward line.

It was hard to pick a star from the brilliant Maroons' squad, but the Appleby-Bell-LeBlanc line did a lot to open Cape Breton eyes to the merits of combination play.

Doors of the Sydney Forum were locked for an hour before the game started with every available inch of space taken up by the crowds of about 4,950 that flowed into the arena's girders.

PLAYDOWN BRIEFS

ABBIES AND CANADIANS SETTLE JUNIOR PUCK ARGUMENT —INTERMEDIATE FINAL ARRANGED —MOUNT A-ACADIA CLASH FOR CAGE TITLE

HALIFAX, March 18—Charlottetown Abegweits and Halifax Canadians will play the second game in the home and home series for the Maritime junior hockey title here tonight, before the largest crowd that has sat in on a hockey game in Halifax since the Allan Cup playdowns of 1935.

SACKVILLE, March 18—The Garnet and Gold basketball team of Mt. Allison University left yesterday for Halifax, where they will meet Acadia University in a sudden death game for the Maritime intercollegiate crown tonight. This will be the third consecutive year that the Mounties and the Axemen have battled it out for the intercollegiate title. The Nova Scotians were victorious over the Mt. A. five last year in a closely-contested game played in the High School gymnasium, Saint John. The previous year the Garnet and Gold won the title.

Glenn Cunningham May Turn To Marathoner

FINDS HOCKEY TOUGHER THAN GRIDIRON GAME

Bill Platt, Yale Gridiron Captain, This Time Proves Point

Like practically every other athlete in both the United States and Canada who has attempted both games, Bill Platt, Yale football captain, finds hockey tougher than the gridiron game.

During his Yale athletic career Platt has been invalidated at various times with a cracked rib, a broken arm, a smashed jaw and most recently of all with a fractured foot. Most of these injuries, including the present one, were suffered on the hockey rink. You can't tell Bill that football is more dangerous than a melee on ice. His teeth have been knocked out so often that he carries them around in a box.

Platt was struck down recently before the hockey game had even begun. A team-mate skated into him during warm-up practice while Bill was off balance.

Ducky Pond, Platt's football boss, is hoping that this mishap will cure Bill of his yen for hockey, but Platt is the type who rushes toward danger rather than away from it. The rougher the game, the better Bill likes it.

Bill is the son of Livingston Platt, mayor of Rye, N. Y. A fullback on the 1935 Yale freshman team, young Platt was shifted to centre in 1936, where he served as Beckwith's understudy. Last fall Bill was converted into a tackle but continued to back up the line on defence when Yale adopted the five-man line. He escaped all injury in football, but found the going rough in hockey.

SUSSEX, March 18—The deciding game of the Maritime intermediate finals between Sussex Rovers and Port Morien, N.S., six, to be staged at Royal arena here, has been set over from Monday to Tuesday night of next week.

Word was received by telegram yesterday from the Port Morien club that due to train connections out of Sydney they would not be able to play before Tuesday night.

Experts Say He Will Be In Ideal Age for Marathon By Time of 1944 Olympics

New York.—Glenn Cunningham, the world's greatest miler, may one day be the world's greatest marathon runner.

If the matchless Kansan continues to race—and he indicated lately he would continue running indefinitely—he should capture the 1,500-meter title at the 1940 Olympics in Tokio. But what about the Olympics of 1944? That seems a long way in the future, but at that time Cunningham will be only 35—an ideal age for a marathoner.

Offhand, one might say, thoughtlessly, that a man who has negotiated a quarter in 48 seconds and a mile in 4:06.7 has too much speed ever to make a marathon runner.

But track coaches will tell you that it is for that very reason Cunningham might become the greatest marathon man the world ever saw. Virtually all marathon runners are mere plodders with stamina enough to continue jogging along for 26 miles. What would happen to these marathoners in a race with Cunningham? The answer is obvious the race would be a cinch for the Kansan.

The next question is: could Cunningham run 26 miles? And the answer to that one is equally obvious: He could, and with ease.

Why, the fellow actually runs four or five miles merely to warm up, those fire scarred legs of his for a mile race. Track experts believe his stamina is so great that he could turn out to the marathon distance almost overnight.

Let's see if there is any precedent for a star miler becoming a great marathoner. Well there was Hans Kolchmainen who found no difficulty in stepping up many years ago from the shorter routes to the marathon and winning the longer race.

Then we had Paavo Nurmi, the great Finn, who seemed happy at any distance from a mile to a marathon, and who, barring accidents would certainly have won the 1932 Olympic marathon at Los Angeles had he not been barred from it.

Even little Jole Ray, whose training was by no means ideal, and who had long since seen his best days as a miler, managed to give a fine account of himself over the long journey.

None of these had Cunningham's blazing speed, and only Nurmi had

JOE LOUIS APPARENTLY DIFFERENT

Others Failed To Be Fighting Champ

All of the heavyweight fighters who have attained the championship have immediately declared:

"I'll be a fighting champion". But most of them have had something other than a contender in mind when viewing the battles of the future. Dempsey fought five title bouts in seven years. Tunney defended twice in two years. Schmeling fought twice in two years. Sharkey fought once in a year. And so on and on.

With the exception of Primo Carnera, they didn't mean what they said. But apparently Joe Louis is different. He won the title and very soon after fought Tommy Farr. Then he fought Natle Mann. And soon he is to fight Max Schmeling. That's three in a year, and no doubt he would fight oftener if the promoters and managers would arrange matches.

Louis hasn't been a talking champion. He has said little. Ten word statements have been stretched out into half-column interviews at times, but those who know Joe really, are aware that he didn't say half a column's worth in one sitting. He has met four ex-champions and kayoed each. He met another and failed, getting knocked out himself. But he's planning to straighten that out in June.

Maybe he isn't the greatest of all time, but he's done almost everything asked of him.

as much endurance as he. Only Nurmi, too, had Cunningham's keen judgment of pace. Nurmi depended a great deal on his watch, but Cunningham seems able to tell to the fraction of a second just how fast he is going without the aid of a watch.

Track experts believe that with very little training Cunningham could take a fellow like Clarence DeMar on the best day DeMar ever knew and run him ragged.

Why not? He has as much endurance as any marathoner plus what none of the regular long distance men have—and that's speed. And it is speed that wins any race whether it be a 40-yard dash or a 26-mile run.

FLYING FRENCHMEN REGAIN 2ND SPOT IN N. H. L. AS THEY OUST MAROONS AND RANGERS DROP AMERKS TO 3RD PLACE

Toronto Leafs Handed Detroit Wings Severe Drubbing; Nels Stewart, "Old Slippery Sam," Notches 300th N. H. L. Marker

MONTREAL, March 18—Canadiens won Montreal's professional hockey title last night when they closed their season's duelling with Maroons by skating to a 6-3 victory. Ahead after the first seven minutes, the 'Flying Frenchmen' stayed there through speed and smart passing.

The city feud ended without a penalty and with the teams tied in victories at four apiece, because they rank higher in the league standing. Canadiens took the Kennedy Cup which Maroons captured last season. The result shot Canadiens into second place in the Canadian Division as Rangers downed Americans in an all-New York contest.

Amerks Dropped
NEW YORK, March 18—Rangers and Americans wound up their intracity National Hockey League series last night with the Patriekmen drubbing their International Division rivals 5-3.

Victory for the Rangers tumbled the Americans into third place in the league's Canadian Section.

Almost outshining the Ranger victory was the accomplishment of Nels Stewart, 34 year old centre, who scored the 300th goal of his National Hockey League career to give the Amerks an early lead.

Leafs Take Wings.
DETROIT, March 18—Toronto Maple Leafs, Canadian Division leaders handed Detroit's Red Wings their worst beating of the season, 7-2, in a National Hockey League game played before about 5,000 spectators last night.

All the scoring was concentrated in the first two periods as the fast flying Leafs split the Detroit defence almost at will.

Theory Louis Apostoli Were Unbeatable Flops

Joe Louis was consider well-nigh unbeatable up to the night he stepped into the ring with Max Schmeling.

Extravagant praise and tribute had been bestowed upon the colored boy. A few of the experts and fistic authorities had gone so far as to say he was easily the greatest of all time. And as Louis moved steadily ahead doing everything asked of him these claims went unchallenged—until Schmeling toppled him.

A somewhat similar case is that of Fred Apostoli, the so-called "uncrowned king of the middle-weights".

Bob Pastor broke Louis' knockout chain and Schmeling whipped Louis.

Little Glen Loe gave Apostoli a busy evening and then the veteran Young Corbett aged 33, gave the "uncrowned king" a tasty boxing lesson on the coast.

It has been a long time since any one fighter stood out as unbeatable—in fact clear back to the days of Jack McAniff.

Rare Penalty Ruling
Montreal has been the scene of an unusual National Hockey league penalty this season. The first goal of several seasons to be awarded for a thrown stick was given there when Canadiens played Chicago Black Hawks Feb. 10. A goal was awarded Canadiens when Trudel of the Hawks threw his stick to intercept a play.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO COLLINS?

Several of the first basemen in the big show are facing challenges in the training camps.

The Cubs are of a mind to replace Jimmy Collins with Phil Cavaretta, which means that Collins must show his old punch. But the Cubs might recall that they were rambling westerly along last year until Collins was hurt.

Washington may replace Joe Kuhel with Jimmy Wasdell, and the Red Sox may move Jimmy Fox back of the plate and procure Zeke Bonura for first.

The Browns may make a first sacker out of Beau Bell, and the Giants are said to be dissatisfied with Johnny McCarthy and Sam Leslie and will try to land Buddy Hasselt from Brooklyn or Dolph Camilli from the Phils.

However, Lou Gehrig appears sure of his job with the Yankees and Hank Greenberg with the Tigers. And the other eventualities may never come true. There must be such stories to start off the baseball season.

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