

MONCTON CONFIDENT OF ANOTHER WIN

JAMESMEN LOOK FOR VICTORY TONITE TO TAKE FINAL SERIES AND SOUTHERN CROWN IN "THREE STRAIGHT" TUSSLES

Maroon Coach Expresses Confidence That His Team Can Repeat Over Beavers; Big Crowd Is Expected At Hub; Beavers Three Men Short

MONCTON, Feb. 25—Confidence that his Maroon aggregation can take the playdown game with Saint John at the Hub tonight to wind up the series in "three straight", was expressed by Coach "Dud" James of the Maroons last night.

The Maroon-clad club, for the past two years Maritime senior hockey champions, have handed the Beavers two straight defeats in their playdown series, winning on home ice 4 to 2 and 3 to 2 in Saint John last Wednesday.

Indications are that another large crowd will be on hand when the teams square off, as a special train will be run from Saint John bringing a large number of fans and reservations at the local ticket selling spot today were many.

Coach James was pleased with the showing his club made in Saint John last night and announced the young goalie "Hank" Lavoie, who played a really smart game there, would be back in the cage for Maroons.

Charlie Phillips, Clarence Bastarache and Eddie Powers will look after the defence work while the "kid line" of Appleby, Bell and Babe LeBlanc, will function as a unit with Len LeBlanc working in the middle alley between Hal Ingram and Reese Dickie and "Plea" Chapman. It was learned here tonight that a switch might be made in the referees in that "Buz" McLeod might replace Cy Taylor as the assistant to "Shorty" Clark of Fredericton, who will be referee-in-chief of tomorrow night's engagement.

Beavers are Hopeful
Those injury-riddled Beavers will leave Saint John this afternoon for Moncton, where they will try for their

Thompson Brother Act Differs From Others

FANS ACCEPT OMISSION OF CENTRE JUMP

Cage Fans' Furor Has Died Down

The furor on the basketball courts has died down some and the centre jump is not being missed so much, and the evils that the change produced do not seem so pronounced now as they appeared the first month of the campaign.

In short, the fans, the coaches, the observers and the layers have accepted the new game, and find it quite satisfactory. It may be that the rules committee will go into a huddle about it after the season is over, but even that seems doubtful.

The game is much faster and produces more scoring. It is more interesting to watch, to play and to officiate.

It now rivals ice hockey for fast action, and the spectators are turning out in even greater numbers. That is an item that can't be overlooked.

There is glory for more boys, too, because more are needed in the new game.

F. H. S. SIX AND CAMPBELLTON CLASH TONIGHT

Meet In Campbellton For Final Game In Series; Winner To Maritime Finals

Fredericton High School pairs off against Campbellton high on the latter's home ice tonight in the deciding game of the N. B. interscholastic hockey finals.

The colours of the local high school were carried to Campbellton by a full aggregation, the same team that down all other opposition in the province. The winner of the game tonight takes the provincial title and earns the right to go into the Maritime Championships with the winner of the N. S.-P. E. I. series.

One Brother Has Put The Other's Team Out Of Running; All In Game

Of the many better brother acts which have appeared in the National Hockey league during the past decade, the Thompsons remain as outstanding dual figures. Paul, a 12-year man, is sniping from left wing for the Chicago Black Hawks, while Cecil "Tiny" is earning his pay as goalie for the Boston Bruins.

The Thompson boys' act differs from any of the other family performances, past or present, in that in combats between the Hawks and Bruins a goal by Paul against Cecil is to the glory of one and an exceedingly bitter pill to the other. In fact a tally by Saul in 1932 helped put "Tiny's" team out of the running for a play-off berth.

When the Black Hawks and Bruins cross sticks, the rivalry is keen all round, but the chips are down with a vengeance as far as the brothers are concerned. So closely does "Tiny" watch Paul's every move that the kid brother has not scored more than one goal per season on his older brother. If Paul was as important against other net-minders, he would not be one of the ranking snipers of the Calder circuit. This season Paul embarrassed "Tiny" early in December and is hopeful of breaking the one-goal-a-season record.

As Paul is a forward and Tiny the natural enemy of front-line sharpshooters there is no way to compare their mannerisms on the ice as is possible in the case of other brother acts such as the Cooks, Bill and Bun; Lionel and Charles Conacher, the Bouchers, Frank and George, the Manthas and the Jacksons.

Hockey Superstitions
"Tiny" Thompson is very superstitious. He must be the first Bruin on the ice. He will manhandle any teammate who tries to usurp his place at the head of the line. Cecil also insists that one of the Bruins' centres shoot the puck into the cage ere practice begins.

The Boston brother knows all the angles of the ice game and all the angles used in sniping forwards, and plays them for all they are worth. Nine seasons of hurling himself up, down and crosswise to keep his goal line inviolate have implanted on his mind the peculiarities of opponents. Accordingly Tiny plays each player differently when said desperado closes in on his cage.

Cecil Thompson is one of the most resourceful net custodians. Whenever expedient he apparently leaves a nice open spot of his net at which he invites the enemy to fire. Strangely, not one shot at this opening in a hundred ever finds the watch-dog off guard. So well does this strategy work that Tiny is the only goalie now showing his wares to thrice win the Vezina Trophy. George "Iceberg" Hainsworth, formerly with Canadiens and Toronto, but now retired, is the only man to share such distinction.

Tiny is perhaps the smartest goalie in the circuit at clearing the puck and giving his forwards a jump on their opponents. In one season, one of his timely clearing passes enabled the receiver to score. Thus Cecil Thompson was the only goalie to appear in the league's point scoring column. The new scoring rule that allows assists only where the pass has been made past centre ice will hereafter keep goalies out of the score column.

Cecil rates Nels Stewart of the New York Americans as the best close-in sniper in the league.

Came Into His Own
Paul Thompson was uncovered by Conny Smythe, manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs, in the spring of 1925 while scouting for talent to round out original New York Rangers. Paul was just about the smartest performer of the Calgary junior Canadians who won the championship of Canada in 1925. Smythe beat three other scouts to Thompson and a contract.

From the opening whistle of the 1926-27 campaign there was never any question as to Smythe's good judgment in signing the 18-year-old youngster. However, all was not cakes and candy for Paul with the New Yorkers. In the first place he was relegated to a second string line because the Cooks, Bill and Bun, and Frank Boucher were then and for the next 10 years destined to be hockey's smartest trio. Secondly, though a natural left winger he was assigned a right wing berth.

It was great news to Paul when he was traded to the Black Hawks in 1931. With Major McLaughlin's warriors he really came into his own. He won a first string berth and has led the Hawks in the point column for the past five seasons.

Paul is a fast skater who gets places and does things without much fuss or fanfare. His shot is heavy and well directed. Not the least of his value to the Hawks is his ability to provoke an opponent into committing infractions which result in penalties while Paul goes scot free.

RED AND BLACK AGGREGATION TAKES ST. THOMAS PUCKSTERS HERE LAST NITE

Local Collegians Chalk Up Winning Tally In Overtime Stanza

N.H.L. PLAYOFFS OPEN MARCH 22 STANLEY CUP

According to Present Rankings, Leafs and Bruins; Rangers & Canucks Meet 1st

Chicago Black Hawks and Detroit Red Wings shot glances at playoff arrangements today, then went back to the harrowing business of trying to reach those playoffs in as keen a duel as the National Hockey League has known.

Meeting in New York yesterday N. H. L. governors agreed to start the first-round matches in the Stanley Cup series March 22. If the teams finish the schedule according to present rankings Boston and Toronto, New York Rangers and Montreal Canadiens and New York Americans and either Chicago or Detroit will be paired in the first stage.

But the lineup is apt to be changed radically before then, for there's more than the Detroit-Chicago fight to be determined. Boston and Rangers are almost sure a first and second place respectively in the American division and Montreal Maroons haven't a hope of making the playoff circle in the other section, but otherwise nothing is nearly certain.

The University of New Brunswick sextet won its first and last game of the current season hockey last night by downing the St. Thomas College 3-2. The Red and Black tied with the Green and Gold-clad team for second place in the New Brunswick section of the Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey League, both having won one game.

The visitors led the locals 1-0 until the third stanza, which saw three goals tallied, the verse ending 2-all. In the overtime Pete Perley, diminutive U. N. B. wing, picked up a loose puck in a scramble in front of the St. Thomas net to sink the winning tally.

Both teams were well matched, the locals having the edge on the defense with the visitors shining in the offense. Keoughan of St. T. scored in the first, taking the puck from J. O'Leary to carry it up the left side of the ice and pop it past goalie Wilson.

With the second stanza scoreless, McInnis of U. N. B., tied the tally in the third, shooting from inside the St. T. Blueline into the open top of the net. Perley took the puck from McInnis and Sleep two minutes later to score again, but McLean of St. T. took the rubber from Keoughan to make the tally 2-all. Perley scored at 2:45 in the overtime to win the game.

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① "Any psychologist will tell you not to condemn people who disagree with you. If you do, you will find yourself becoming like the old Quaker who said to his wife: 'Everyone is queer except thee and me—and sometimes I think thee is a little queer, too!' 'Remember that there are two sides to every question.'"

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