

PLAY-DOWNS OPEN SAINT JOHN TONIGHT

BEAVERS HOST TO GILL'S CAPITALS FOR FIRST JOUST IN SERIES; BACK HERE THURSDAY, AT SAINT JOHN FRI.

Stiff Battle Expected in First of Two-Out-Of-Three Series; Beavers Lack Two Men; Caps Are At Full Strength

An injury-riddled Beavers, still coasting along on the momentum of a late season victory spurt marred only by a pair of hairbreadth setbacks on foreign ice, are expected to run up against a tough obstacle when Herb Gibbs sends them to battle the Fredericton Capitals in the first game of the Southern N. B. Hockey League semi-finals at Saint John tonight. Beavers will journey to Fredericton for the second game tomorrow night, returning to Saint John Friday to complete the series if necessary. Tonight's game will get underway at 8.30. Beavers are confident of victory.

Captain "Swede" Olsen, first string left wingman and Gerry Lynch converted goalie-rearguard, also patrolling the left lane this season, will be on the sidelines tonight leaving Gordie Marshall as the only natural port-side attacker. Don Patterson who played the right wing trick on the all Saint John line of Burke, Marshall and Patterson in mid-season was at left wing in the crucial Moncton game Monday night and will probably see service there again tonight. Colin Sherwood, right wing and centre, is also expected to sit out tonight as a result of an injured shoulder. All three "cripples" were stricken in the late season spurge, two of the injuries coming from high-sticking attacks.

Beavers rallied in the extra 10-minute session to roll out a 5-2 win over the Caps in their last league appearance here when Harry Doran slapped two counters by Cliff Young after feeding Bradd for the tying marker. Beavers trailed the Gillmen until 13 minutes in the final session when Gordie Marshall bulged the twines in a mixup and dropped again on Haining's counter in the overtime. The return game at the Capital went 3-0 for the homesters but Beavers hit their batting eye again to swamp the Maple Leafs at St. Stephen and bowed by an eyelash in the Hub encounter Monday night. All three games were played without the services of the injured trio.

Defence Strengthened
Considered a trifle weak in the defence department in the early part of the season, the Beavers bucked up with the infusion of new blood in the person of Gerry Bradd in mid-season and topped off the league battles with the best record in the circuit. They will probably be called on to draw from this reserve during the playoffs with the absence of three regulars staring them in the face. Beavers were scored on only 69 times during the season as compared to 120 for the Caps, and finished the loop three games up on the rough and ready Gillmen. With Gill, main cog in the Capital defensive and offensive system, patrolling the blueline area again after a week's absence Beavers are expected to tackle a tough proposition in taking a fall out of the Capitals.

Possibility is that Sherwood, aggressive wingman, whose shift to centre started the locals rolling on their victory march three weeks ago, will be back in the lineup again tonight after a fortnight's layoff occasioned by a shoulder injury. If the diminutive speed artist makes his appearance tonight it will probably be at his old right lane post.

Price and Doran will pivot the two shattered lines with Beaton and Burke along the right boards and Marshall and Patterson at left wing. An intact rearguard quartet of Bradd Livingston, Pickard and Burbridge will line up in front of Bill Dickie who will be in the cage for Beavers as usual.

The Indiana collegiate state tennis tournament will be held at Earlham college May 19, 20 and 21.

FIGHT SET-UP STILL SCREWY

The Whole Thing Presents a Muddle That Boils Down to Nothing and Nowhere

By "A Scribe"
Schmeling will make his next fight on April 1, which seems appropriate enough, either in Berlin or Los Angeles, and his Charlie McCarthy this time will be a Mr. Steve Dudas, from New Jersey. Mr. Dudas is the lad who fights as though he started out in life to become a left-handed short-stop, only complications set in.

The date, opponent and probable site were settled by transatlantic telephone after Schmeling had mildly shocked a great number of people by failing to knock Ben Foord of South Africa out or even down in 12 rounds at Hamburg, Germany.

A few hours later, just when it most certainly shouldn't have, the Braddock announcement followed. The ex-champion of the heavyweights said he was retiring on his victory against Tommy Farr 11 days ago as a gesture of "fairness" to everybody including his wife and children and I feel impelled to add that in fairness to everybody he might tell what happened to him in the last two rounds that night.

If a turnover like that had happened on the race-track, they'd have backed him up to the veterinarian's and made him take a test. As it was the result merely added to the general disorder of a situation which this morning has become well-nigh chaotic.

The outcome in Hamburg either explodes the legend of Schmeling's invincibility or makes Foord look better than his record would seem to imply. This record shows him knocked out by Max Baer; but yesterday he went farther with Schmeling than the current heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, was able to go, with the result that they're now planning to bring Foord to America and thus add to the confusion.

Baer, you see, has also knocked out Schmeling who knocked out Louis who knocked out Braddock who beat Baer. Meantime, Farr, beaten by Braddock, will confer today with Promoter Jacobs on future matches in the championship stakes, his prospective opponents being either the Buddy Baer-Gunnar Barlund winner or Max Baer, who already has been knocked out by Louis.

All told, with not less than \$50,000 in matches facing him through the next two months and practically no chance of going very far wrong against outstanding "humpty-dumpties" like these, Braddock's decision to retire left the fight people somewhat baffled. They figured he was through in Chicago when knocked out by Louis, but he came back. And now that he's back, he's through.

This, of course, helps to solidify Schmeling's position as the No. 1 challenger for Louis in June although a few more quasi-failures—supposedly induced by an injured right hand—with the Foords of this life won't help. That's probably the answer to the selection of Dudas. As a fighter the best that can be said is that he is very tough. But so is a Turkish towel.

ELKS WILL COME TO CAN. AFTER CONVENTION

MONTREAL, Feb. 14—Following the National convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to be held in Atlantic City next July a group comprised of over 100 members of that organization will come on a good-will trip to Canada. Their return will be made on the Canadian Pacific Liner Duchess of Atholl, then on her summer cruise schedule to New York, sailing from Montreal July 16.

The trip, an all-expense tour which will include sightseeing in Montreal and Quebec, has been authorized by Charles Spencer Hart, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order. It will be headed by the incoming Ruler elected at the Atlantic City convention.

The New York trip will be the first of the Duchess of Atholl's summer cruises to the American metropolis. In all she will make four trips spending a day in port at each end of her runs. The sailing dates from Montreal are July 16, July 26, August 5 and August 15.

NEWARK MARKS THE SPOT FOR MANAGER JOHNNY NEUN IN A. A.'S

F. H. S. DEFEATS ST. STEPHEN 8-1 IN LOCAL ARENA

Finds Little Trouble in Advancing in Inter-scholastic

Fredericton High, 'Big Three' champions, experienced little difficulty in trouncing St. Stephen High School six here last night 8-1 in first game of the N. B. interscholastic playoffs. The contest, fairly even in territorial play, was clean with few penalties. Both teams played only fair hockey, the visitors proving very weak on the offensive with bad shooting. Tonight's win by the local six advances F.H.S. in the playoffs. The next game will be against the Edmundston High School at Edmundston Friday night, a 'sudden death' fixture.

Paul Mawhinney, local captain, copied scoring honors, tallying five of his team's eight goals. Thorpe and McLenahan also shone for the F.H.S. while Weatherby was the pick of the border towners.

F.H.S.—Goal, Titus; defence, McLenahan, Thorpe; centre, Mawhinney Burpee, McIntyre; left wing, Monahan, Sewell; right wing, Boone, Swift. St. Stephen—Goal, Mitchell; defence, Weatherby, Frazee; centre, Ryder, Thornton; left wing, Rogers, Sears; right wing, Russell, Middlemiss; subs., Richardson, Hayman. Referee—"Shorty" Clark, Fredericton.

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Life Begins When? Hard To Decide In World of Sport

At 40, a humorist has said, life begins—to show us what a mess we made of it.

But, on the other hand there is Jim Ten Eyck, Alonzo Stagg and Connie Mack. Well up in years they're still looking ahead, not backward.

Connie Mack really intends to go on managing his club indefinitely, and maybe picking up another pennant or two.

Stagg has no idea of quitting and is satisfied with the career he has had to date.

Jim Ten Eyck expects to coach more championship crews. His only concession to Father Time is an annual midwinter Florida vacation. Up until two winters ago he wouldn't even consider that small concession.

Any one in sport can learn by looking backward. But, too many look backward and pine for the misspent days, giving up any hope for the future.

MOUNTIES TAKE N. B. INTERCOLLEGIATE BY VIRTUE 8-2 WIN OVER GOODINE'S RED AND BLACK OUTFIT LAST EVENING

Losers Have Yet To Win Game; Hillmen Badly Outplayed; Mounties Showed Nice Hockey All Through the Tussle

SACKVILLE, N. B., Feb. 16—The Garnet and Gold hockey squad of Mount Allison University took the New Brunswick intercollegiate crown when they defeated the University of New Brunswick six 8-2 in the college rink here last night. The win gives the Mounties six points and the highest possible total that the Hillmen or the St. Thomas College squad can now gather in will not put them in striking distance of the Sackville collegians.

The Mounties had it all over the Hillmen from the start. They rattled in two goals in the opening period and continued to add to their total until the end of the game. The only time the Hillmen were within striking distance was in the first few minutes of the second period when they scored two smart goals to tie up the game. Rus Johnston, Bob Copp and Red Bertlesen were the stars of the Mounties' victory.

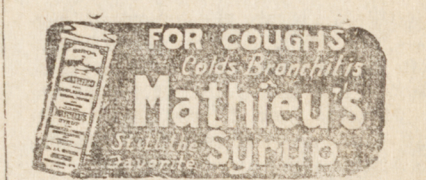
The game opened up fast and for the first few minutes the Sackville squad failed to get organized, allowing the Hillmen to keep them bottled up inside their own blueline.

On one of the opening plays Rus Johnston slipped and went head first into the Capital citadel and Crowe was sent to relieve him. At the 10-minute mark Copp banged the puck into the net from close in to give the

Mounties the lead. Less than a minute later Bertlesen let go a hard shot that beat Wilson cleanly.

The second period opened up with V. Johnson of the Mounties in penalty box and with only ten seconds gone in the period Cunningham joined him to give the Hillmen a two-man advantage. The Red and Black capitalized on the extra man power to score their first goal of the game when Burgess went around the defence. The Hillmen tied the score shortly afterwards when Sleep skated through the defence, after receiving a pass from Perley to tie up the game. The last two of the Mounties' tallies in the second period came when the Hillmen were short-handed.

The final period saw the Mounties skating the visitors off their feet. Time after time they skated in on Wilson only to have him pull off phenomenal saves. The first goal of the final period came after a scramble in front of the net, Johnston finally poking it in. Crowe made it 7-2 when he received a pass across the mouth of the goal and slipped it in behind Wilson. The final score came with less than a minute to go when R. Johnston scored on a pass from Copp.



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