

BEAVERS INCREASE GRIP ON HOCKEY BERTH

SAINT JOHN CREW TAKES ST. CROIX AT BORDER LAST NIGHT WITH IMPRESSIVE 7-3 WIN TO DRAW AWAY FROM CAPITALS

Olsen, Livingston, and Burke Leading Snipers of Game; Camyre, Innes and McNichol Connect for St. Croix Sextet

ST. STEPHEN, Feb. 4—Saint John Beavers whittled the Southern League lead of Moncton Maroons by scoring an impressive 7-3 triumph here last night. Beavers settled down to a six goal monopoly after trailing St. Stephen Maple Leafs in the opening period to humble the Prititsky team in a regular hockey fixture.

They started and finished on a speedy note. Vince Livingstone supplied the opening outburst with a typical goal. He gave the parting salute with a similar salvo. Eddie Burke, another rejuvenated Beaver, paved the way for both counters, and banged in two goals in the middle session for good measure. Captain "Swede" Olsen established himself in the four point class with a solo goal and three assists in the big second.

Beavers took the jump when the game was only two minutes old, dropped back two points in the rear as Leafs marched on to a three-goal rally, and tied it up all in the first period. The second and third period they were supreme with a smart combination of dazzling offence, and invincible defence. Three counters fell to the Burke-Olsen-Price string in the second period, and Burke cleared the way for Livingston's climax in the third.

Beaton, Armstrong Clash
Bobby Beaton led a fisty foray which brought him into action against Armstrong in the only ruffle that clouded the clean, wide-open exhibition. It all happened when Armstrong refused to let Beaton's little gesture with a stick pass unnoticed. It broke out as a clubbing match and concluded with the banishment of both offenders to settle their differences verbally in the company of a police guard.

Camyre and MacNichol drew nearer the scoring leaders in the Southern loop as they added a trio of points apiece. Bill Dickie, a big cog in the Beavers' recent drive, was a standout again tonight.

Recovering the stride he lost several weeks ago, Eddie Burke opened the groove for the Beavers' first tally. He grabbed a loose puck near his own defence and tapped a pass to Livingston going in under a full head of steam. Livingston faded by a plunging checker and slipped the disc in a corner past Coffey.

Splendid Comeback
MacNichol, Camyre and Innes came back with a vengeance with three counters in five minutes. Camyre was credited with the first, MacNichol getting the assist. Two minutes later Camyre and MacNichol spotted Innes in a payoff spot to help

Pimlico To Don New Garb in New Hands

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt Plans Drastic Changes In Grounds When Remaining Controlling Interest in Course Comes Into His Hands

EXPECT RECORD SEASON IN U. S. TRACK CENTRES

Prosperity of Tracks Last Season Taken As Indicative

Never in the history of the United States turf has a coming year's outlook been more promising than that which we envisage for 1938.

Last year closed with a record showing the turf to have attained greater prosperity than ever before. This result was measurable by several factors, among them being: (1) Greater attendance; (2) greater gate receipts; (3) greater distribution of purse moneys to the horsemen; (4) greater tax receipts for the state; (5) larger number of horses engaged and (6) a generally higher quality of the sport itself.

From every viewpoint, it is a conservative judgment to say the rate of progress will be continued this year. Certain basic reforms are under way that will contribute to greater public interest in racing.

To Help Youngsters
Plans are being effectuated to remove the stress too generally existing on two-year-old racing and to increase opportunities for the older horses. The recently concluded meeting of the National Association of State Racing commissions adopted the resolutions prepared and offered by New York whereby there will be a definite increase in riding weights. This will give more years of usefulness to the good boys who, under the old rules, almost dropped out of contention because of the encouragement given to lightweight riders.

We shall come into the season with a minimum of 103 pounds in all overnight condition and claiming races and we shall not permit allowances to start at other than six pounds below scale.

The new uniform rule with respect to apprentices, it is hoped, will aid in the bringing out and building up of promising riding material, since the five-pound "bug" allowance will be granted to apprentices until they have ridden 40 winners.

Many of the famous races, including New York's classic handicaps for older horses, have been heavily increased in value. This is one of the factors making it worthwhile for trainers to preserve their horses against temptation of ruining them by over-competition when they are two-year-olds.

Chief among the increased stakes is the Preakness, which has been made a future event and will have a value of close to \$75,000 this year. The classic Suburban at Belmont Park has been boosted to \$20,000 and the other handicaps, correspondingly.

Remember . . . ?

Remember? Why back when all ball players and boxers wore caps, and the boxer's managers preferred a brown derby . . . and skiing was just something they did with the average Russian name?

Remember? Way back when Tex Rickard was a somebody who lived way out west and patent leather shoes were smart as were horseshoe stickpins, form-fitting overcoats and horse-drawn cabs?

Remember? Way back when spelling bees, magic lantern shows and phonographs furnished entertainment during the winter months . . . and ice hockey was a game that was played only outdoors?

Remember? Way back when grandpa wore felt boots and didn't dare stop wearing them until cold weather was over . . . and the hot stove league was a natural and not something to be promoted?

Remember? Way back when girls wore high pompadours and topped them off with half-bushel size hats of furs and thrills . . . and Jack Dillon fought them all from 150 lbs. to 250 lbs.—and won?

The Maryland Jockey club, owning the historic Pimlico race track in Baltimore, scene of the great Preakness race, soon will be in the hands of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, the young millionaire.

There are 4,540 shares of stock in the company. Vanderbilt secured 870 additional shares a few days ago. That gives the young man 1,832 shares, and he needs only 390 more to gain control.

This, Young Vanderbilt intends to bring about at the earliest possible moment. It may be today, tomorrow or next week. It won't drag on and on—unless the old-timers so long in charge of the great track, hold out on him.

One by one the old-timers have been dropping out of the picture and Baltimore sportsmen are rejoicing. It means a new and better Pimlico.

Pimlico is already somewhat improved, but no important improvement plan can be carried out until Vanderbilt knows where he stands.

Vanderbilt favors either a brand new plant in a new location, or the complete rebuilding of the present ancient plant, one which is entirely too small and old-fashioned to take care of the crowds.

Three months ago it was announced that the club house would be rebuilt at once. A few weeks later this statement was withdrawn. There would be no club house built this spring. The reason given was that a lease on the ground expired in eleven years, and unless a new lease could be drawn up it would be foolish to rebuild on the present site.

But the real rub, those on the inside declare, is the bitter-enders in the old guard that has controlled Pimlico for half a century. They want no improvements of the magnitude envisioned by Vanderbilt. For years they have been content to get along on what they have, prospering the while, in short waxing rich.

The fans have howled in vain for the improvement they felt they rated. Then along came Young Vanderbilt. Or rather he just grew up to manhood and came into possession of some of the family wealth.

He first became interested in racing his own stable. He has one of the famous stables of the sport, the Sagamore Farms.

He was ambitious and progressive and the campaigners for better things at Pimlico got his ear. Vanderbilt listened and bought a few shares of stock. He bought a few more here and there from the ancient aristocrats of Pimlico.

In time Vanderbilt had enough stock to get some attention and they invited him to become a director.

And once in the directorate things began to hum. He gave voice to his thoughts and the papers and radio caught it up. The old-timers had to give in a little to modern ideas.

So Pimlico hired a press agent for one thing.

And Pimlico started boosting its greatest race—the Preakness.

It was felt that the Kentucky Derby was getting too much national attention. The Preakness was just as good a race.

So Young Vanderbilt started in to "ballyhoo" the Preakness.

He hired a hall, so to speak. He hired the Fifth Regiment Armory, the biggest building in Maryland. There was room for 20,000 persons. And that many, almost, turned out for the Preakness ball, one of the greatest social functions in Baltimore's history.

The Preakness ball has been held two years now. It will be a permanent fixture. Other ideas are being advanced to boost the Preakness, and the rest of the Pimlico program. The Preakness pays much more to the winner. Stakes have been boosted. Its worth while to race there.

And when Young Vanderbilt gets those next 390 shares a start will be made at once for a brand new Pimlico.

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ROOKIE ED WARES LEADS FALTERING RED WINGS TO 6-1 VICTORY OVER THE AMERICANS WITH TWO GOALS, ASSIST

Maple Leafs and Maroons Also Victorious Last Night; Canadiens and Hawks Lose; Toronto Showed New Defensive Strength

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN New York, Feb. 4—Rookie Ed Wares rallied the faltering Detroit Red Wing forces last night and led them to a 6-1 National League victory over New York Americans with two goals and an assist.

Not a penalty was handed out as the smallest crowd of the season here, less than 6,000 fans, saw the basement dwellers of the U. S. section outplay the Amerks in all but the second period.

Wares, husky right winger, scored two Detroit goals and assisted on another. The champions scored four times in the first session and twice in the third, the Amerks goal coming in the second period.

Carl Wiscombe started the Wings to victory four minutes from the first whistle, and before the period closed Bucko McDonald, Wares and Syd Howe added to the total. Late in the middle period, Amerk's Tommy Anderson bagged his first goal of the season on a solo effort.

Alex. Motter, who drew an assist on McDonald's goal, also set up the play for Wares' second marker late in the third period. Doug Young capped the scoring.

Tight Checking Display
TORONTO, Feb. 3—Toronto Maple Leafs showed 11,000 fans they could play defensive as well as offensive hockey, and punched out a 3-0 victory over Montreal Canadiens in a heavy bumping N.H.L. game tonight.

The Leafs took a 6-1 beating from the Plying Frenchmen in Montreal Tuesday.

Widening their Canadian section lead to four points, Leafs gave the tightest checking display they have displayed in Toronto in two seasons. They checked so well goaler Walter Broda didn't have a full dozen hard shots from the speedy Canadians.

Leafs, whose lines were shaken up after Tuesday's beating, held command easily after bumping the speed out of the Frenchmen in the first period. 'Buzz' Boll got the winning goal late in the second period, scoring alone while Paul Haynes and Pep Kelly served penalties for fighting.

Des Smith Contributes One
MONTREAL, Feb. 3—In a flurry of third period goals, Montreal Maroons whipped Chicago Black Hawks 4-2 here tonight to move within three points of New York Americans in the N.H.L. Canadian division.

The victory, besides enhancing Maroons' chances of gaining third place playoff spot, cut Chicago's third place margin over Detroit Red Wings in the United States section to three points. About 3,500 watched the teams battle through two periods of dull hockey and then break loose with five goals in the last seven minutes.

'Baldy' Northcott sent Maroons ahead early in the second period after Maroons had dominated most of the play in the first. In the third with five Hawks up the ice, Des Smith broke away with Dave Trotter to count Maroons' second goal.

Henrie Cain made the score 3-0 on a breakaway with Stew Evans. Hawks got the goal back when with Paul Runge in penalty box, Paul Thompson combined for a point with Doc Romnes and Carl Voss. Runge was still off when Blinco picked up a loose puck and skated the length of the ice to beat Mike Karakas.

Bill McKenzie ended the scoring flurry, snipping Romnes' pass behind Bill Beveridge.

Baseball Bits

The Vicksburg, Miss., franchise in the Cotton States league has been transferred to Hot Springs, Ark.

Greenville and Spartanburg, South Carolina cities, have been admitted to membership in the Sally league.

Toronto has secured from Detroit, infielder Flea Clifton and Pitcher Joe Sullivan, a southpaw.

The Brooklyn Dodgers will build a huge farm system under the direction of the new general manager, Larry McPhail. To start with, McPhail has Nashville, Elmira, Macon, Dayton, Clinton and Reidsville.

Bill Terry has told Johnny McCarthy that the first base job is his for 1938. Sam Leslie will remain as utility man and pinch hitter.

The Baltimore Orioles will conduct a free baseball school at Thomasville, Ga., the last two weeks of February. Buck Crouse, Oriole manager, will be in charge.

The Brooklyn Dodgers will continue to train at Clearwater, Fla., it was announced by Larry McPhail, the new general manager.

The Boston Bees have not shifted their Eastern league franchise out of Scranton, though Bob Quinn threatened to do so last fall.

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