

N. B. HOCKEY SEMI-FINALS OPEN TONIGHT

CHATHAM SEXTET AT HOME TO ESKIMOS IN FIRST GAME OF SERIES—DECIDE WINNER TO MEET MAROONS ON FRIDAY

Two Game Total Goal Series Decides Issue; Provincial Senior Title At Stake in Series Starting Friday; Moncton Maroons are Idle Until Then

CHATHAM, N. B., Feb. 28—The New Brunswick senior hockey semi-finals open here tonight with the Chatham Eskimos meeting the Chatham Maroons in the first of the home-and-home series to decide a winner to meet Moncton Maroons for the provincial title and a berth in the Maritime playoffs. The second game is scheduled to be played in Edmundston.

The veteran Joseph Currie has been putting the Chatham players through their paces for the last week. He has coached the boys in smart passing plays and has taught the defence to hand out the bumps.

Although not over-confident the Chatham players feel sure they will be able to take their home game and a lead into the second and final at Edmundston.

MONCTON, N. B.—Moncton Maroons, Southern N. B. Hockey League champions, will lie idle until the latter part of this week waiting for Edmundston and Chatham to run through their playoff series, club officials stated yesterday.

Maroons are scheduled to play in the town of Edmundston-Chatham winner on Friday night, with the return game here on Monday night next but it was said there is a snag in the arrangement, in that train accommodation to Edmundston is not so that Maroons may remain home until the winner is definitely decided. Manager White said that should Edmundston hand Chatham a losing tomorrow night his team will take a chance and go to Edmundston on Thursday, to be there for the game on Friday night. However, in the event of Chatham beating the Northern team tomorrow night, there will be a mix-up. Clarence Bastarache, smooth working rearguard, sustained a fractured rib in Friday night's game against Saint John Beavers and Charles Phillips, his rearguard mate, sustained an arm injury, but it was said tonight both boys would be back in the lineup this week, the week's layoff being

a break for the club in this regard. It was also stated that Dud White, six-foot defenceman, out for the past several weeks with an injury, would return to the lineup in the provincial finals, having recovered from the hurt. Coach James will work his squad daily in preparation for playoff games and, with Beavers now disposed of, feels that the Maroons should work their way right into the Maritime finals.

SECOND GAME CAGE SERIES HERE TONIGHT

U.N.B. Home to McAdam; Have 1-Game Lead Result of Game Last Week

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 28—The University of New Brunswick basketball team will have a 12-point lead on the McAdam intermediates when the two teams play the second game in their home-and-home series in the N. B. intermediate playdowns, in the college gym tonight. The Red and Black defeated McAdam by a score of 26 to 14 in the first game at McAdam.

The University of New Brunswick team has just returned from Sackville, where they lost the first game in the inter-collegiate series with Mount Allison by a score of 34 to 22 and Coach Phil Traherne will use practically the same lineup against McAdam.

Gerry Bell and Bill Harris will start the game at guard with Mel Rogers and Stu McQuarrie alternating. Curt Cameron and Norm Smith will work together on the forward line with Jack Murray at centre and another attacking trio will include Hal Marshall at centre, Gale Currie and Glen Davis forwards.

REMEMBER?

Remember when watermelon rinds had preserved last summer tasted pretty good this time of year... and nearly all boxers, as well as sailors, wore tattooed pictures on their arms? Remember when we wore chamomile skin chest protectors in cold weather and took onion syrup for sore throats.

Colleges Who Like Ball O.K. With Judge

SQUABBLE OVER LIVE BALL NOW IS FORGOTTEN

Although the winter tests were most unconvincing and the argument is still evenly pro and con, it must be admitted the matter of the lively ball has quieted down to a whisper just as has the controversy over the change in basketball rules eliminating the centre jump.

Some of the tests actually showed the National league ball, "deadened by prescription" is more alive than the objectionable ball used by both leagues last year, and retained for 1938 by the American league.

Only one point seems to have brought a general agreement, and that is the contention that the new National league ball is easier for the pitchers to handle. It is predicted the National league pitchers will have more of an edge on the hitters—but, nevertheless, they cannot afford to get lax and let the hitters take hold. For a good, solid wallop will put the apple over in the next orchard.

The camps of the National league teams will attract the early attention no doubt. The world wants to see what happens.

...and Johnny Kilbane was feather-weight champion of the world.

Remember when Hawaiian songs were popular and a self-starter was a real luxury.... and football schedules weren't made up until late in the summer or early in the fall?

Remember when Lillian Russell's picture hats, the wooden Indian in front of the cigar store, and you could tell a college football star by the weather and letter he wore?

Remember when you rode the street car for a nickel and farmers hitched their horses right in front of the store.... and there was very little sporting news in the winter time?

Judge Landis Now Considering Cases In Reference To College Athletes

With commercialism in sports riding the crest the "labor situation" in college athletics is becoming more and more a most difficult matter.

The college heads, and their athletic heads, are by no means together. They differ within their own institutions and they differ with other institutions. One conference elects to hire in the open; another decides to put on a heavier cloak of amateurism.

The Louis Boudreau case is already before Landis.

The judge, the czar of all baseball, is looking into the facts which seem to be that the Cleveland baseball club loaned money to Louis while Louis is still a student at the University of Illinois, because, of course, Louis is a promising baseball player.

The Cleveland club, therefore, was buying Louis for future reference and the young man was, of course, no longer an amateur.

When his status was made clear Illinois tossed him off the basketball team. And, of course, he won't be permitted to play baseball, either.

Illinois, the Big Ten conference, and all colleges, are rightly sore.

They have protested to baseball.

Long ago Joe Carr head of the National Professional Football league, exhibited good judgment in laying down the rules against tampering with college athletes. There has since been no trouble.

Baseball should do the same. Those who know Judge Landis are confident he will crack down, as General Johnson used to say, and let his sixteen big league clubs know that they can't get by with it.

The Cleveland club is the guilty party. The Cleveland club barely got by Landis in the Bobby Feller case, which had nothing to do with amateurism, but was a violation, it seemed, of baseball's own laws. And Cleve-

land also figured in the Tommy Henrich case.

So, when the Landis mind is made up, an extra severe spanking, in public or in private, may be administered.

It might be a good thing if it were delivered in public, because the judge is keen enough to know that baseball needs the friendship of the colleges and the followers of college athletics.

Alliance Too Close

For years there has been too close an alliance between certain baseball scouts and certain college baseball coaches. The colleges might do a little spanking on an intramural basis.

It does seem that a little bit of baseball should remain amateur.

It is pretty much of a show, of course but at the same time it is our national game and if it is all pro then the spirit may die out with the boys of the land. They can't all become wage-earning professionals.

The colleges are having their troubles, but one group it is reliably reported, has come right out in the open and is hiring its future athletes. That's the Southwest conference group.

Doing it Right Along

As one official put it, they have been doing it right along anyhow so they may as well say they're doing it, and tear down the high fences around the slave market.

Just what effect this may have on intersectional schedule making is not yet known. The Texas schools have become fine attractions in the east, the north and the far west. They're on the best schedules for 1938, 1939 and 1940.

In the meantime there has been no wild rush to join Johns Hopkins university, Oberlin, Swarthmore and other colleges that have decided to be done with it all and have amateur sports to the extent of free gates.

RANGERS GAIN ON BOSTON; TRIM LEAFS AND BLACK HAWKS; CANADIENS, WINGS DRAW; MAROONS, AMERICANS SPLIT

League Standings Shaken Up as Time of Play-downs Draws Near; Busy Week-end For the National League Clubs

BARKER'S POINT MEETS SMYTHE FOR "Y" TITLE

Enter Series for County Championship in School Hockey; Final Games on Saturday

The final games in the regular playing schedule of the 'Y' hockey leagues were played at the Arctic Ring on Saturday morning. Playoffs for the York County School Trophy between Barker's Point, winners of Division I, and Smythe Street School winners of Division II, will start at the first of the week. There will be a two of three series. Barker's Point clinched matters Saturday morning when they trounced Prevoconal by a score of 4-1. This was a critical contest because Devon would have been one point ahead had Barker's Point lost. Smythe lost their game with St. Dunstan's but they were well out in front with eleven points and the loss made no difference to the winning of their section.

The school league this year was for the York County Trophy, but there is also a shield for the Fredericton City champions. This means that Prevoconal who were eliminated in Division I for the York County honors, still have a chance to play Division II winners for the City Trophy. These games will be played after the York County series is completed. There is a possibility that the winners of the York County League will challenge the winners of the St. John Juvenile Hockey League.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28—Chicago Black Hawks' latest attempt to strengthen their toe-hold on a National League playoff berth was smothered by New York Rangers last night as the Manhattan team hung a 4-1 drubbing on the Chicagoans. The victory cut Boston's lead over Rangers in the American Section.

Score 4-2 Victory

TORONTO, Feb. 28—Still hopeful of beating out Boston Bruins for first place in the American Section, New York Rangers picked up two points in their chase of the leaders Saturday night by beating Toronto Maple Leafs 4-2 in a penalty-filled National Hockey League game.

In Overtime Draw

DETROIT, Feb. 28—Montreal Canadiens and Detroit Red Wings played a 1-1 overtime tie last night, the second straight National Hockey League draw for both the teams.

The tie brought Canadiens to within four points of the leading Toronto Maple Leafs in their chase for the Canadian section leadership.

Maroons Down Amerks

NEW YORK, Feb. 28—Riding home on a three-goal spurge in the third period, Montreal Maroons downed New York Americans 4-2 last night in a National Hockey League game for their first win in their last 11 starts. It ended the week-end series between the two teams, the Amerks having won 5-1 in Montreal last night.

Duttonmen in 5-1 Win

MONTREAL, Feb. 28—New York Americans all but clinched a National Hockey League playoff berth Saturday night as they whipped Montreal Maroons 5-1 for their sixth straight victory over the Redshirts this season.

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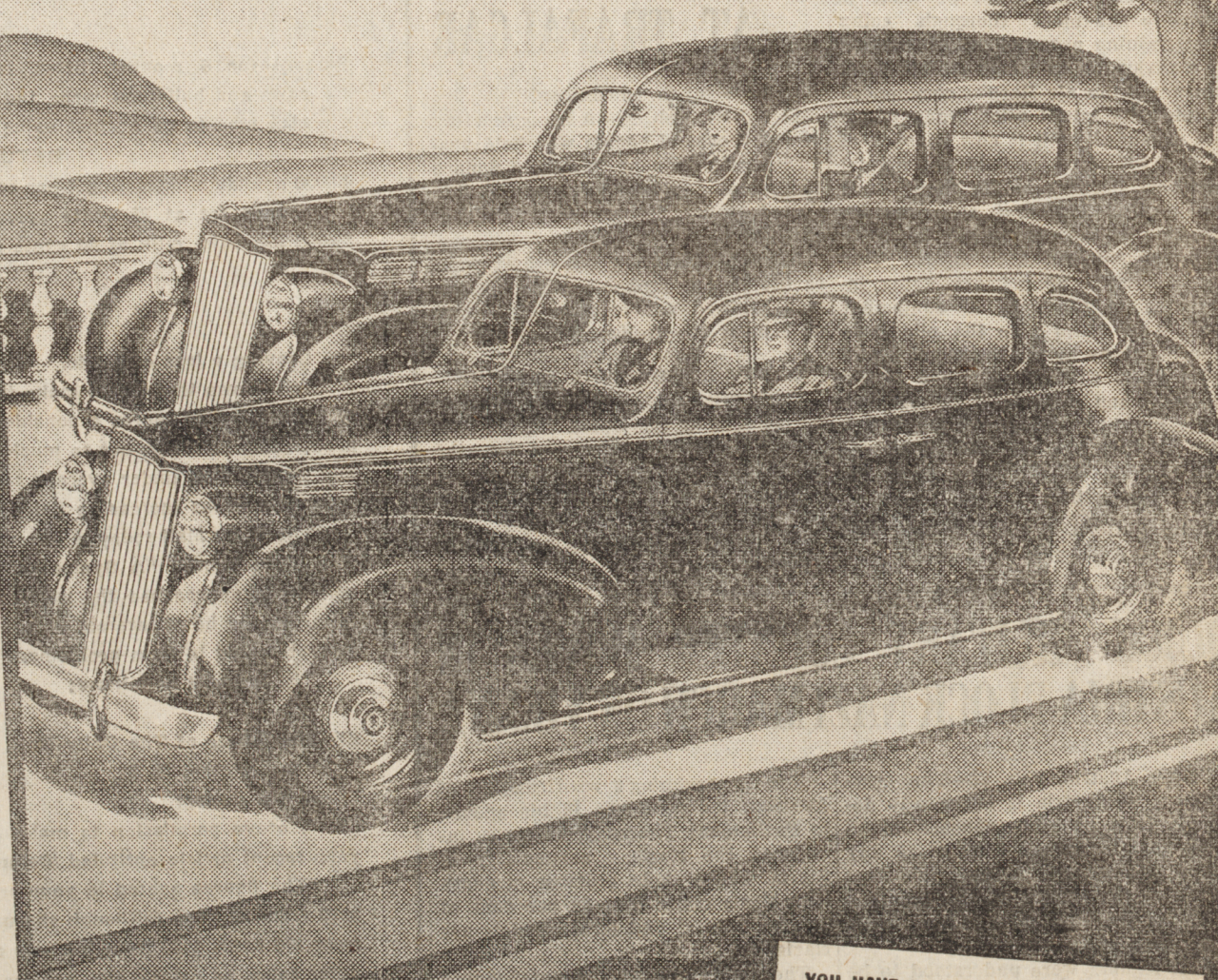
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