

MAROONS CLINCH HOLD ON N. B. TITLE

SMASHING 6-2 WIN OVER EDMUNDSTON ESKIMOS GIVE JAMESMEN TIGHT GRIP ON FIRST PLACE HONOURS FOR PROVINCE

Penalties Costly To Eskimos In First and Third Periods; Deciding Game To Be At Moncton On Monday Night

EDMUNDSTON, N. B., March 5—Moncton Maroons took a stranglehold on the New Brunswick senior hockey crown last night when they handed Edmundston Eskimos a 6-2 defeat in the first game of the provincial finals here.

Two penalties, however, both by L. Fournier, proved costly to the Eskimos. In the first period Len LeBlanc whipped in Phillips' pass for the first Moncton goal while Fournier was with the timers. In the third the Maroons scored twice while Fournier was again serving a minor penalty. Babe LeBlanc scored both goals in the two minutes Fournier was sitting out his second infringement of the game.

The Jamesmen certainly earned their two goals in the second and their other one in the third to gain the edge.

The Maroons played cautious hockey from the go on but at every opportunity they road goalwards and capitalized on Eskimo errors and penalties.

The Eskimos put up a game fight but with a four-goal lead to overcome in the deciding game at Moncton on Monday night their chances look mighty slim against the power

of the Jamesmen. In the second period the Eskimos took advantage of a two-minute penalty to Phillips and Dickie whipped in a goal. Gulliver scored the other Edmundston goal, also in the second. Powers, Babe LeBlanc and Phillips, although he was sent to the penalty box to serve four infringements, impressed the capacity crowd who came to see the highly-touted Hub team. The impression gathered, because, it was expected that the Maroons would emerge victorious, was one of watching a classy outfit playing a systematic game under the inspiration and guidance of a master hockey strategist. "Dud" James was in everybody's mind as being the main factor of the splendid showing of his cohorts.

The Eskimos featured players that did not lack experience but team work and ability to capitalize on the numerous rushes they made against their opponents around the nets. Time and time again scores were missed by lack of proper passing.

Gulliver, Dickie and Rousseau starred for the Eskimos, while the junior line of Fournier, Albert and Martin drew the plaudits of supporters for their superb playing against the veteran clever pucksters. Ritchie and Lavoie were called to make magnificent saves.

PRE-VOC TAKES FIRST GAME IN SCHOOL SERIES

Defeated Smythe Street School Yesterday By 2-0 County In Best-Of Three Series

Pre-Vocational beat Smythe Street School by a score of 2-0 at the Arctic rink yesterday afternoon in the first game in a two-out-of-three series for the Fredericton City School Shield. Smythe was runner-up for the York County trophy which Barker's Point won on Wednesday. Ron Cornell scored both Pre-Voca-

Figures Adamick Will Yet Hold Championship

WOODSTOCK CAGERS WIN CLOSE GAME

Defeated Saint John 'Y' Outfit 19-16 At Woodstock

WOODSTOCK, March 5—The Woodstock Senators drew first blood in the semi-finals for the New Brunswick senior basketball title when they defeated the Saint John "Y" Senators at the armories here last evening by a score of 19 to 16. The game was declared by old-timers to be the lowest scoring senior contest here within their memory. The home team missed a splendid opportunity to put the series on ice by miserable shooting. They showed ability to pierce the visiting defence whenever they turned on the steam, but they missed enough shots to win half a dozen ball games.

Apart from its importance and a stirring finish the game was far from good basketball, neither team showing anything like championship form. The local defence functioned perfectly. Saint John scoring only five field goals and their floor work was good, but this was largely neutralized by their complete inability to put the ball through the twines. The home fans sat amazed while the generally accurate Senators were limited to two points for the entire first period.

One thing that the home team did do to perfection was to keep Ray Lawlor, tall visiting centre, well covered at all times. Failure to do so has cost the Senators championships before now. The big boy was never allowed to get set for a rebound shot and did not secure a single basket.

tional goals. John Swift and Gordon Fisher of the Community "Y" Referee's Club capably handled the game.

Pre-Vocational 2, Smythe 0. Lineups: Pre-Vocational—L. Draper, O. Moore, D. Belmore, S. Manuel, P. Yerxa, R. Cornell, E. Olsen, E. Weed, E. Barnes, R. Smith; Smythe Street School: J. Coveney, H. Smith, C. MacDiarmid, G. Beatty, I. Forbes, R. Thorpe, G. Burden, J. Hood, D. Boyd, G. Hood; Scoring: Pre-Vocational: Cornell, 2.

NEW YORK—He was pelted, belted, bashed, maimed and all but headed during the longest three minutes Jimmy Adamick ever again will live through. But at the close of a heart-breaking tenth and final round recently, they walked away from Harry Thomas and over to Adamick's corner, there to raise his hand in token of victory.

He had just survived a round that, I'm convinced, would have wound up with Louis in a stupor and Schmeling in a trance. Only the old Dempsey could have taken a punching like that and stayed in there. Adamick did many things in that fight, including some that were wrong, but that heroic tenth round made believers out of most of us.

The decision was unanimous, but it didn't sit well with the strictly class AA attendance of 7,000, which yowled in high derision and was all for calling out the militia or something. In fact, leaving Madison Square Garden, I heard one witness say to another:

"Wouldn't it be funny if Adamick won the heavyweight championship?" Personally, I think it would be very funny if he doesn't. An official forfeiture of the third round by Thomas for an alleged low punch was a vital actor in calling Adamick the winner, at least in my book. But it's also in my book that a few months from now he'll be popping the Thomases of this life with abandon. He showed that he can punch, move like a middleweight and take it as only Dempsey could. If he needs anything else, it must be a crowbar.

As a matter of fact, I'm beginning to wonder whether that wouldn't have been a good idea for both of them. Adamick, like Schmeling, was clipped right under the opening bell, took a brutal slathering in the third and seventh and, in the tenth was almost batted for his intellect.

At four other points in the fight Thomas was doing a Leon Errol into the ropes and, long before the end, the forehead over his right eye swelled alarmingly. It finally looked like the portico of a two-family house.

But there were no knockdowns. These blokes simply are tougher than a pair of half-soles.

Thomas was much better this time than he was in the Schmeling fight and, in fact, good enough to have stolen the play, if Referee Arthur Donovan hadn't called a low punch in the third round. Thomas won that round from here to the horizon, but they gave it to the other guy on a technicality, and so I wound up with a score of six rounds for Adamick and four for Thomas.

Barring the foul, though—which incidentally was not evident to me—my score would have been 5 to 5 and a decision to Thomas on the testimony of his great flash back through the tenth round. A few months hence this pair won't even be in the same league but it seemed that close in this battle although not to two of the officials.

Referee Donovan and Judge Eddie Forbes called it 7 to 3 for Adamick. Judge George Lecron saw the same man win by 5 to 4, with one even—and everybody saw him make a last round stand that will live on as an enduring memorial to a man who simply must, it now seems, achieve something comparable to greatness.

The old "doctor", otherwise Mr. J. Kearns, sent the kid out for that final round, I suspect, under instructions to shoot with everything—and for a moment he did.

Right away he scored blindingly with a left hook to the chin, but even as Thomas' knees buckled he drove under the blow with a right to the body and, for a split-second, I thought Adamick was broken in two. Before he could get the gasp of agony out of his mouth and right himself the same punch rebounded from his chin and, while wobbling into retreat a left hook seared the same spot.

The young man was in parlous shape by now and the round still had 2 1-2 minutes to go. He stopped for a moment and tried to make a fight. But Thomas hooked a fearful left to the stomach, doubling the kid up again, and when he came erect he was belted with a pair of pile-driving lefts and another right, like the first one, almost tearing its way into his "innards."

Still he wouldn't go down and with Thomas practically punched-out by his own exertions, the kid began to fight back toward the bell. He was beginning to do all right, too, when a right cross rammed his head back into his neck.

Somehow you found yourself praying that the gallant young man, with all his remarkable equipment, would not be knocked out now, with success so near in his New York premiere. Then, the bell. He was saved for purposes of this fight—perhaps even for posterity.

SAINT JOHN VOC CAGERS WIN OVER F.H.S. YESTERDAY

Saint John Team Copied Semi-Finals By 29-25 Tally

SAINT JOHN, March 5—The Vocational basketball team went through for another win yesterday afternoon at the Vocational School when they turned back the Fredericton F.H.S. School basketball team by a 29-25 score to cop the provincial semi-final playoffs. The Douglas Avenue quintet have now won the right to face the Woodstock High five for the finals for the provincial championship. The Blue and Gold entered the game with a five-point margin and concluded the fixture with a nine-point lead.

The Yellow and Black quintet from Fredericton opened the scoring for the night in the early minutes of the first quarter when Rouse sank a marker from close in with Hall also of the visitors close on his heels in scoring. Glendon Bradshaw opened the scoring for the Vocational quintet and then Spinney, also of the Saint John squad, came through to make three markers in quick succession, to give the locals their late lead.

Spinney, the lanky centre and high scoring ace for the "Voc" five, "went to town" in the scoring to take the honors for the night with 16 points. Hall, speedy centre man of Fredericton, was the most valuable player for his team when he rolled up to the 12-

CAPITAL-DEVON JUNIOR SEXTET HOLDS PONTIACS TO 5-5 DRAW IN GAME HERE BUT LOSE TOTAL GOAL SERIES 16-9

Roughhouse Game In Arctic Rink Last Night As Teams Battled To A Draw; Saint John Pontiacs Advance

Saint John Pontiacs last night tied the Fredericton-Devon junior outfit 5-5 in a roughhouse game at Arctic rink, the second of two home-and-home contests, total scores to count. Starting the game with a seven-goal lead, garnered in the Saint John game earlier this week, the visitors earned the right to play the Moncton-Bathurst winners in the provincial junior finals was never threatened. Total scores for the round were 16-9 for Pontiacs.

The locals drew first blood, White battling the rubber in from in front of the nets on a pass from McLennan. Saint John retaliated with a tally by Osborne. Peterson, local goalie, had cleared to the corner but Murphy took the rubber and passed to Osborne, who sank a long shot. Neill scored for Fredericton on a long shot from outside the blueline, but O'Toole produced the equalizer with another blueline shot which caromed in off the side of Peterson's skate.

Fortune scored on a fluke shot from the corner early in the second, but it was not allowed as Referee Murphy has whistled to penalize McLennan. Fortune again tallied, battling in a puck that was slapped goalward. Another Saint John score came a few seconds later, Stanley to Garey in front of

point mark in scoring. The all-star forward line of "Voc" composed of Bill Neill, Spinney and Black. Ketch, Hall and McMinamen of Fredericton were the standout players for their team.

the nets, and over Peterson's shoulder. Fredericton counted early in the third, Wade in front of the nets, taking Neill's pass from the corner to bat the rubber past Powers. Wade got the assist a few minutes later when Miles took the rebound from Bowers' stick to sink the puck again. A pretty exhibition of passing in front of the visitors' net accounted for the final local goal, the play being McIntyre from White. Smith scored the equalizer for the Pontiacs as Fredericton was caught flatfooted with only one defenceman back.

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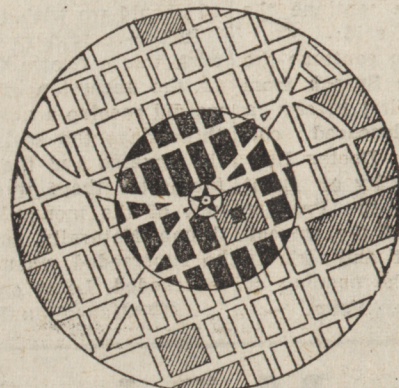
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