

ALLAN CUP OPENER AT HUB TONIGHT

MONCTON MAROONS READY TO MEET FAST QUEBEC SEXTET IN 3-GAME SERIES

Both Teams Showing Good Form in Workouts; James Expresses Confidence In Boys; Aces Team Little Older Than Maroons

MONCTON, March 26—With interest at a point reminiscent of the days when Moncton Hawks were rulers of Canada senior amateur hockey and indications of a capacity crowd in attendance 'Dud' James' youthful Moncton Maroons, champions of the Maritime Provinces, and Quebec aces, winners of the Province of Quebec title, were last night primed for their first Allan Cup play-down game in the Stadium, this evening.

The Aces, who first knocked off the smart Verdun Maple Leafs and then bowled over Sherbrooke Raiders arrived in the city yesterday, and shortly after held a light workout on Stadium ice.

Hanson T. Dowell, president of the M.A.H.A. also arrived in Moncton yesterday to supervise the games and announced that the series will be a best two of three affair, on a point basis, with the second game scheduled for Monday night and the third game if necessary will be played next Wednesday night.

Mr. Dowell pointed out that the points system would mean if a team won one game and played two ties they would be the winner, but in the event of each team winning a game and the third resulting in a draw a fourth game would be played on Friday next.

In their brief whirl on the blades yesterday Aces looked formidable. They are an older club, man for man than Maroons with Alex Bolduc, their goaler, being the oldest man of the two teams, 52 years.

Old Time Track Stars Placed High

FRISCH THINKS HE HAS A TWIN FOR MEDWICK

Cardinal Boss Believes He Has Big Find

ST. LOUIS—Manager Frankie Frisch of the St. Louis Cardinals, along with most of the Cardinal fans, has begun to wonder if he hasn't a second—and possibly greater—Joe "Ducky" Medwick on his hands in 21-year-old Enos Slaughter.

Slaughter, a recruit from the American association Columbus Red Birds, has matched every step of Medwick's path to baseball fame. Fans say he is the brightest outfield star to break into the National league since Medwick came up from the Cardinals' Houston farm in 1932.

On the record the careers of the two athletes are surprisingly similar. With only two years of professional baseball experience behind him, Slaughter soared from the obscurity of a Class B league to outdistance completely the field in the American association.

Last year Slaughter led the association in hitting, with an average of .382. He led in total number of hits with 245; in total bases with 391, and in runs scored with 147. He hit 42 doubles, 13 triples and 26 home runs. His runs batted in amounted to 122.

But the similarity of the two records does not end with their prowess on the field. Medwick was 21 in his first season with the Cardinals in 1933. Slaughter will be 21 when the 1938 season opens on April 19.

Medwick stands 5 feet, 9 inches in his spikes; so does Slaughter. Medwick weighs around 180 pounds; Slaughter plays at the same weight.

Slaughter is said to be even faster than Medwick on the bases and is expected to give Pepper Martin a close race in stealing bases. He stole 18 bases last year for Columbus.

He possesses a powerful throwing arm and has the knack of getting the all-important start on a fly ball—two qualities that are likely to place him immediately among the top notch defensive fielders in the majors.

The Hall of Fame For Sportdom Shouldn't Be Picked From Modern Stars

Almost everyone knows that the agile branch of the human race addicted especially to track and field sports has consistently been jumping or vaulting higher, tossing sundry implements further and running faster than ever before.

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The truth, of course, is that improvement in method, coaching, equipment and competitive conditions—rather than betterment of the breed—accounts for the continual cracking of track and field records. Notwithstanding the contrast in their times I do not believe the crop of milers in recent years, including Lovelock, Bonthron, Cunningham, San Romani, any Venzke and Wooderson, possesses any more natural speed than the pre-war group comprising John Paul Jones, Norman Taber, Mel Sheppard, Abel Kiviat, Joie Ray and A. N. S. Jackson. Nurmi, in my opinion, could have shown his heels to either group, and was in a class by himself—the one runner capable of the "four-minute mile".

RICKEY DOES SOME SWITCHING

A majority of observers said, for instance, that night baseball would never succeed.

There is something about baseball that brings out the frowns as soon as an innovation is suggested. The game has a tradition of never changing.

Thus when it is suggested that an outfielder may be turned into a catcher or pitcher or third baseman, or a catcher goes to the mound, or a worn out pitcher is shifted to the outfield, there are plenty of dissenters.

A few of these changes have taken place, amidst the head shaking, but this spring is the first time a wholesale attempt has been made, the Cards being the wholesalers as you might well imagine.

Branch Rickey, who will try anything once, is the fellow who had the idea of changing several men about. It seems the Cards have more outfielders than anything else, and they want to make use of them.

he also won four Olympic events at Paris in 1900.

Harold Osborn, only athlete in Olympic history to win the high jump and decathlon in the same meet (1924) was a marvel of durability. A great competitor who generally got the maximum under pressure, he remained a top-flight performer for a decade after the period of 1923-26, in which he monopolized national titles.

LEAFS AND BRUINS TANGLE TONIGHT IN SECOND GAME CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Expect Rugged Game With Leafs Battling To Turn In Repeat Performance Against Fast Skating Bruin Sextet

TORONTO, March 26—Toronto Maple Leafs beat Boston Bruins 1-0 which just shows that anything seen, heard or read during the National Hockey League season should not be believed.

As Leafs waxed warm and cold during the regular schedule a merry old pastime was that of picking them apart before they qualified to have Bruins take them apart in the five-game series for the league championship. Most experts believed the powerful Bruins would do just that.

Of course if Boston should uncover the power tonight that whipped Leafs five times in six starts during the schedule, someone probably will pick them apart all over again.

And Bruins may uncover just that power, in Eddie Shore they have not only one of the league's greatest blockers but also one of its best rushing defencemen. Only Broda's fine goal-tending kept the husky westerner off the scoring sheets Thursday night.

Leafs' backchecking kept Boston's forward lines under control too but it is a question whether they can stop two of the league's highest scoring lines—Bill Cowley, Ray Gettiffe and Charlie Sands and the Saurkraut trio Woody Dumart, Bobby Bauer and Milt Schmidt—twice in a row.

But Shuts Them Out

They said goaler Walter Broda was the weakest link in the Leaf chain. Al Broda did score an 81-minute shutout on a sound performance that belied all the nasty things said about him. Toronto's defence, experts scoffed, was seive-like, inexperienced and liable to explode in a jam.

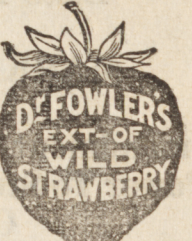
But "Red" Horner, Jimmy Fowler, Bingo Kampman and Reg Hamilton stood out there like champions.

They used to laugh heartily when backchecking was mentioned with Toronto's forwards. Harvey (the Busker) Jackson, Gord Drillon and Syl Apps among others were much too busy looking for goals to bother about an opposing goalward dash.

Wednesday night these same Leafs went back almost as fast as they went forward.

It was suggested Leafs were young and had little playoff experience. What Leafs showed was due to youth and inexperience then Jack Adams better get plenty of the same on his 1938 Detroit lineup. It might bring him back to the playdowns.

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HARD TO TELL THE WINNER



If you judged by this picture Bax Baer is as badly beaten up as Tommy Farr. Tommy at the left is trying hard to smile through closed eyes. Max isn't making much of a fist of it either. He was the victor but he looks dog tired and judging from the split eyes and the bashed countenances they were equally tired at the finish.

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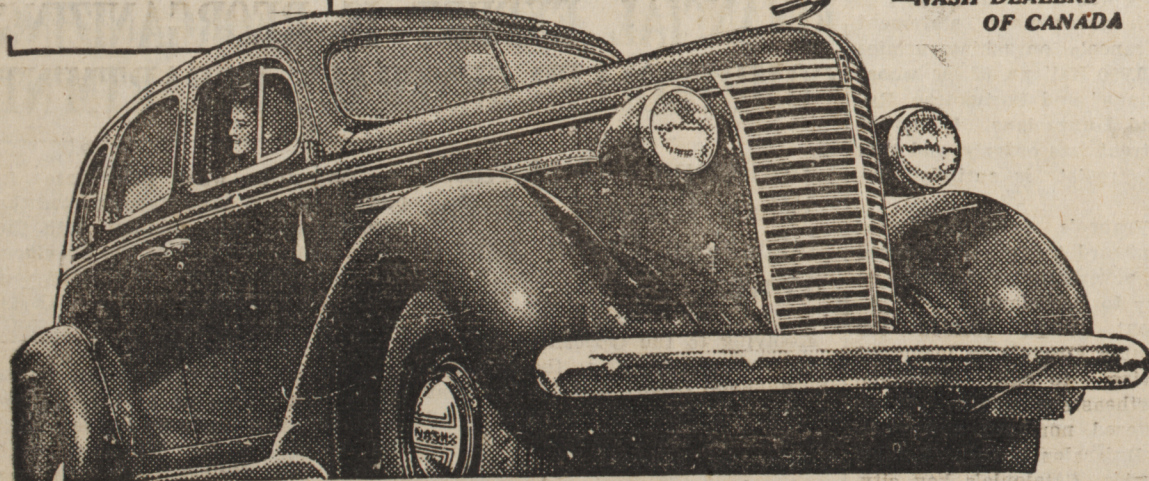


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