

MONCTON MAROONS EDGE CAPITALS 4-3

BREAKS WITH MONCTON SEXTETTE AS JAMESMEN TWICE CLIMBED OVER LEAD OF CAPITALS IN HARD FOUGHT GAME

Soft Ice Held Back Fast Play and Made Ragged Passing to Fool Caps; Moncton Lines Working Double Because of Loss of Phillips, Powers

The Gods of hockey were with the Moncton Maroons last night as they twice climbed over a one-goal lead established by the Fredericton Capitals, held back a furiously fighting Capital crew in the third period, and came out on top of the 4-3 tally. Soft ice that held back fast play, turned into a mass of slush before the end of the first period and prevented clean sniping.

The Maroons were working their lines double duty to make up for the loss of Phillips and Powers who were ruled out of the game by the M.A.H.A. and Len LeBlanc, George Bell and Reese Dickie were working at a tiring pace on both forward and defence lines to close the gaps in the Maroon ranks. Veteran Ken Carroll, pivot-man for the first Moncton line, showed some of the finest hockey of the game as he took the brunt of the Maroon puck carrying and gave the Capital forwards plenty of trouble.

The Capitals were weak on the defence at the first of the game but settled down in the latter part of the second. The third frame saw the local crew swarming inside the Maroon line and kept Harris kicking out rubber while Young remained comparatively idle. The clever Capitals' goalie was called on in a few instances, however, and turned aside some hard shots that well could have been labelled for goals.

Mills started off the scoring when he beat Harris on a golf shot, giving the netminder little chance for a save. Doucet led the play up the ice and got the pass out to Kilburn, who relayed to the fleet Capital winger. They followed up the play and had some more batting practice on the heel in front of the net as the soft ice prevented smooth passing.

It looked like a sure evener for Moncton as four men swept up the ice on Thompson who was left alone in front of Young. The shot went in hard but the Caps' net janitor was on his toes and came out to spike the shot. Mills cleared the puck as the rebound left Young in a nasty position.

The Capitals got a tough break when Carroll fished the puck out of the corner, skated around Young and pushed it into the net. Thompson took a tumble when a soft spot in the ice caught his skate as he went into the corner after the water. Carroll took advantage of his spill to make the scoring play.

With Goodine and Thompson on the Capital defence, the Maroons were bossing the play and the Caps defence looked comparatively weak. Gill's re-

turn to the rearguard and a Capital spurt reversed the order and play again went into Moncton territory.

Keenan gave the Caps the lead again at the three-quarter mark of the stanza. Gill sent a pass over the Moncton border and Keenan, with Lifford and Morehouse, swept in on it. A little later Keenan drew a penalty for slashing but the powerplay that James sent in was foiled by tight defence work and clearing on the part of Gill and his men.

The second period featured considerable rough stuff and tempers flared in more than one instance. Penalties were scarce, however, and most of the badgering was confined to words. The two LeBlancs went through the defence and Young saved an almost impossible situation. Gill and Carroll started a puck-carrying duel that lasted throughout a great part of the game. Young was in another tough spot when Carroll fooled Gill and got through with Dickie. The latter's shot was from point-blank range but the Caps' goalie again came through with the goods.

He was fooled by Dickie, however, halfway in the stanza as the Maroon utility man worked with Ingraham and Len LeBlanc for the set-up on the tallying play, and the count again came even with two notches for each outfit.

Gill was chased by Referee Shorty Clark for allegedly using the butt-end of the stick on Ingram as the two bumped at the Cap blue line. Thompson and Goodine played an airtight defence while McLenahan and Doucet kept a lot of grief away from Young in close checking, ragging play.

The Moncton drive failed to click and the game saw a session of rough stuff as Gill came back on the ice. Both teams were bumping hard and another Gill and Ingram crack - up started with the two tossing words, but no fistfuffs developed.

The two goals that gave Moncton the winning lead came within a little over a minute of each other. The third for Moncton was the prettiest play of the game. Len LeBlanc and Bell went in with the disc and Babe LeBlanc, flashy winger, was right on top of the pass to plank it past Cliff Young. Dickie got the next, unassisted, as he fooled Thompson on the defence and flipped a shot from an awkward angle that Young didn't see.

The Capitals tightened down the screws in the third and from the opening whistle put on an offensive drive that kept the play in the Ma-

NL 'Dead Ball' Livelier Than AL 'Lively' Sphere!

Laboratory Tests Give The Baseball Solons Loud "Ha-Ha"

The 1938 National League "dead" ball is LIVELIER than the '38 American League "lively" ball! This is the conclusion of tests made last week at Cooper Union Materials Testing Laboratory. Lawrence Perez, C.E., conducting an impact experiment, found rebound was 3.48 per cent higher for the NL sphere. Free fall observations confirmed the first result.

This bit of bombshell should cause copious verbiage to flow from AL and NL quarters. "There will be shrill cries of 'We wuz robbed' and 'Ha-ha-ha!'"

Last month the NL voted to adopt a less lively apple. The AL, persuaded by Ruppert and Navin, made no change. The '39 NL ball has a cover 1-128 of an inch thicker than that used by both circuits last year, and lacing of five strands instead of four.

Sluggers Whack Both

Sluggers of three leagues—Jimmy Foxx, Chuck Klein and Charley Keller—conducted a "human" test in Baltimore recently. Johnny Wittig, of the Orioles hurled AL and NL balls at the trio. Maybe the fence-busters didn't bother to read the writing on the balls, for they whacked 18 of both types out of the lot. Triumph No. 1 for the NL "dead" potato.

Next day Johns Hopkins University students conducted a "bounce" test. The L ball was 8.7 per cent livelier. Victory No. 2.

Some one squawked about Hopkins using a 1937 AL ball, which would have lost its resilience lying around. Three 1938 NL balls and three 1938 AL balls, all manufactured this month direct from the Spalding and Reach factories. They were taken to Cooper Union Institute of Technology, where Perez started exhaustive examination.

Pitcher's Delight

Micrometer and delicate balances showed the NL ball slightly larger and lighter, indicating a thicker cover, looser winding, or both. It will thus be stopped more by wind resistance. Considering also the extra strand that gives a better grip, the NL ball will be a pitcher's and fielder's delight.

In the next tests there were figurative fireworks. The balls were dropped on an ash board sixty times from 26.65 feet. Average height of rebound was 9.63 feet for NL, 9.55 feet for AL.

Bats Bounce Back

Tests in the Turner - Hatt impact machine confirmed the NL's advantage. A well seasoned hickory bat, dropped from 35.25 inches, bounced back 12.60 inches from the NL ball, 12.15 from the AL. The liveliest of the AL samples was deadlier than the whooshest NL ball.

A broad conclusion is that both bats are essentially similar. The NL's thicker seam is offset by its extra "rabbit." Any difference in averages is due to the players in the divisions, not the balls, umpires or size of parks.

The senior division is, and always was a pitcher's league. The AL is a slugger's balliwick. One plays offensive baseball; the other defensive. Ye pays yer money and ye takes yer choice.

room dooryard except for occasional rushes by the Redshirts. Gill overtook and golfed a puck that rolled loose toward the Fredericton zone with Dickie and Carroll on his heels.

Ingraham was waved off for bumping McLenahan into the boards and Gills drove his men with even more steam. Through the rest of the period the Caps were swarming inside the line and both teams played a game of shiny and ice golf that kept Harris in hot water with bouncing and rolling shots. The Maroon netminder acquitted himself well as more rubber was tossed his way in the last five minutes than had bothered him throughout the first of the period.

With 20 seconds to go, Morehouse, MacIntyre and Lifford engineered the play that put the Caps just one notch behind the Maroons. Lifford and MacIntyre got the disc into Morehouse's hands and the Cap wingman drove it in and went in after it. Some more savage play resulted in the closing few seconds but the Maroons kept the heel safely away from the area of the net.

WORLD CHAMPION YANKS UNRUFFLED BY OFT-EXPRESSED HOPES OF RIVALS

Rest on Laurels, Confident of Taking 1938 Crown

The predicting, currently popular, that the World Champion Yankees may have trouble running away with the next American League race, is mainly a wish or hope. Of course, it could happen, but only in one way—some team in the league must prove itself better than the titleholders. And where are you going to find a team of that class?

CHUCK CONACHER SEES COMEBACK FOR NEXT YEAR

Veteran Right-Winger Badly Missed By Team Mates

Beefy, belligerent Charles (Chuck) Conacher will be missing from hockey rinks for the remainder of the season. The master of hockey's hardest shot quit in order to avert a complete physical collapse.

But, if Toronto hockey circles are to be believed, big Chuck will be back in there for the Leafs next year.

This was the opinion of the Maple Leafs officials following Conacher's resignation. He lost a kidney early in his career and the old malady was responsible for his retirement.

Believes in Self

Chuck himself believes he can come back and his friends back him up.

From first to last Chuck's major league career has been one of misfortune. In 1929 the 200-pound right winger was punctured in the hand by a skate. Blood poisoning developed. Later that season he was forced to undergo an operation for the removal of the kidney. The other he protected with a special pad.

Not a season went by without Big Chuck being benched by his injury jinx. He suffered everything from broken hands and collarbones to an attack of boils.

Jinx Strikes Again

Last campaign it was a bone bruise in his right hand and this year, in the fifth game, he was kayoed for two weeks with a badly wrenched shoulder.

Chuck was a dominating force in the Leafs' play. A dashing, rugged player, he specialized in smashing sorties down-ice. His cannon-ball drive, often compared to Bill Tilden's service delivery, in tennis, rattled the boards from one end of the circuit to the other.

The night following Chuck's retirement the Leafs faced the Amerks in Madison Square Garden. They turned in one of their worst performances of the year. Conacher was missed—and badly.

BEAVERS BEAT ST. CROIX LEAFS BY 12-1 COUNT

SAINT JOHN, Jan. 27—Led by little "Colie" Sherwood who found a new shift to centre very much to his liking, the Beavers took unstinting revenge on the St. Stephen Maple Leafs for the stinging 4-2 setback last week, when they swamped the borderites 12 to 1 in a regular Southern Hockey League game at The Forum last night.

Sherwood who turned out to be just another "also-ran" in the mad Beaver scoring stampede after slapping the opener past Connick early in the first period, was the bright light in the listless, lopsided affair as he found his stride for the first time on local ice with a dazzling exhibition of speed and aggressiveness.

BABY'S OWN SOAP
Best for You and Baby too

PHILLIPS AND POWERS, HUB IMPORTS, RULED OUT OF SOUTHERN N. B. LEAGUE BY M.A.H.A. FOR NOT HAVING CARDS

St. Stephen Team Suspended But Allowed to Meet Saint John Last Night; Bradd of Saint John Is Ruled O. K.; James Looks for Reinstatement

Dykes, while engaged in spreading optimism, overlooked one important weakness in his armor. He'll have a good team of regulars, but will be shy on capable reserves for use when the first stringers encounter the customary string of injuries.

Depend on Rowe

The Tigers, unless Schoolboy Rowe does a comeback, will be shy on hurdlers. They will have to use a rookie in the infield to fill Owen's place. Their outfield may not hit as well as in recent years. The Tigers could use a few reserves of worth.

The reserve feature is just where the Yanks shine. They don't have them on the bench. When an emergency arises they call in somebody from the Newark farm club, which ran away from its own league last season.

Won Without Lefty

There is a long standing belief in baseball that no matter how well a team can hit, it cannot win pennants without fairly good pitching. The Yanks are supposed to have only two consistent mound workers—Lefty Gomez and Charley Ruffing. But you may remember that Gomez was a flop in 1936 and the Yanks won the flag by a big margin. So there must be other pitching strength the experts keep on overlooking. That same seemingly invisible strength will be available for 1938.

Charlie Phillips, rearguard of the Moncton Maroons in the Southern N. B. Hockey League, and Eddie Powers his right-wing team-mate, were yesterday ruled ineligible by Hanson T. Dowell, of Middleton, N. S., president of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association.

At the same time Dowell ruled that the St. Stephen team was suspended due to officials of the club not having reimbursed the Saint John Pontiacs for a junior play-off game last season with the St. Croix Juniors. The latter ruling was set over, however, when the Maritime president was informed by Abe Prilutsky, co-manager of the St. Croix, that a letter containing all details that the matter had been ironed out to the satisfaction of the Saint John junior team was in the mail and that President Dowell would probably receive it today. On the strength of that Dowell lifted the suspension for last night's game at Saint John between Beavers and St. Croix.

Phillips and Powers did not take the ice at Fredericton last night for the Moncton Maroons and neither did Flea Chapman, the latter being out with a couple of fractured ribs. Maroons lined up against Capitals with eight men, counting the goalie.

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