

# BEAVERS AND MAROONS WIN IN SOUTHERN

## LOCALS GO DOWN TO SAINT JOHN SEXTET IN HARD-FOUGHT, CLOSE GAME IN ARCTIC RINK, WHILE MAROONS BEAT ST. CROIX

### Saint John Takes Locals 2-1 in Anybody's Game; Moncton Runs Up 24 Tallies Against Four for Maple Leafs in Nightmarish Scoring Orgy

The Saint John Beavers climbed more securely in second place last night when they defeated Bill Gill's Capitals on the local ice 2-1 in a hard-fought game. Although Gill drove his men on the offensive throughout every period and the greater part of the time the heel was in the Saint John dooryard, close checking by the Beaver defencemen and forwards alike, and the stellar work of Dickie in the nets, kept the Capitals down to their single tally. Both times the Beavers connected the play beat Young smoothly when Beaver rushes caught the locals off guard and left the local goalie almost helpless.

Through most of the game, however, both teams gave their netminders plenty of support. Fredericton missed quite a few scoring chances when Dickie gathered in ones that should have gone by. Young also made some fine stops as occasional rushes beat his defence.

Early in the first the Caps started sending four men up while Gill remained alone on rearguard. The power play resulted in some tight squeezes for Dickie but his pads seemed magnetized.

#### McLennan Tallies

McLennan fooled him however early in the second when he batted one in from right on top Dickie, after Doran Doucet, classy winger had laid a pass on his stick. Mills and Kilbuck also figured in the play. Livingstone, waved to the box had given the locals a one man advantage.

The Caps held this lead until less than a minute before the end of the frame, when Bradd beat Young on a pass from Doran. Burbridge drew the first penalty in the period for hooking Keenan's feet.

The third period started fast as the Caps tried to take advantage of the Beaver's defencemen's absence but the heads-up hockey of the St. John prevented the locals from breaking the deadlock.

#### Beavers Connect Again

The Beavers jumped one up, the goal that gave them the game, when Olsen clicked assisted by Burke and Price. Gill had cleared a loose puck from in front of the net as the Beavers bore down on him. Burke picked it up at the boards and got it back into play in front of the net. The Capitals pressed on the offensive and bossed the play for the rest of the game except for the few times Beaver rushes got away.

The Beavers were awarded a penalty shot but failed to sink it as Lifford tripped Doran, who had gotten away with no one to stop him. The Capitals got another advantage when Bradd was chased for holding. The locals swarmed around the net but Dickie was unbeatable.

#### At Moncton

MONCTON, Feb. 4—In the wildest scoring hockey game ever played in The Stadium here, including "bush league", Moncton Maroons buried St. Stephen Maple Leafs under a 25 to 4 score here tonight and maintained their six-point margin at the top of the loop standing, in addition to putting up a new scoring mark in league history.

A total of 50 scoring points were marked up by the James-coached crew which completely outclassed the border collection. Maroons rattled the wafer past "Kid" Connick, who wore the big pads for the Leafs so fast and with such regularity that the "Kid" was in a lather most of the time. Although the red light behind him flashed 25 times, he did manage to make several nice stops.

Ken Carroll, veteran centre ice player, led the Maroons in their field scoring feat, notching up nine points made up of five goals and four assists, while George Appleby and Hal Ingram each gathered eight points, and Babe LeBlanc, the loop-leading marksman, snared seven points with Reese Dickie, Maroon utility man, grabbing a half-dozen.

The only man apart from George Harris, Maroon goaler, who did not figure in the scoring list was Clarence Bastarache, a rearguard, and he long with Phillips were used sparingly by Coach James, who for the greater part of the game had Reese Dickie, "Flea" Chapman and George Bell working behind the blueline.

Maroons scored 16 goals before St. Stephen flashed the red light behind George Harris. They scored eight goals in the first, eight more in the second and nine in the third.

Jimmy Innes, former Moncton player, started the St. Croix team away "bad" for within the two minutes of play he was given a minor penalty by Referee Taylor for checking Ken Carroll to the boards. When he refused to leave the ice and talked back to the official he was given a misconduct term in addition and while serving his first two minutes the Maroons rapped home three goals before another player was able to bring the visitors' man power to full strength.

As the clock hit 3:30 Reese Dickie drilled a wing shot which caught the far corner of the meshing for goal four. One minute and two seconds later, Ingram converted a pass ahead from Chapman to bring the Moncton total to five and for a lapse of nearly 11 minutes there was no scoring. It was a riot from then on.

## Di Maggio Still To Be Contended With

### Ruffing Also Must be Pleased Before Yanks Can Set Sail; Not Too Much Time Left With Season Opening On April 19

## U. N. B. CAGERS BOW IN DEFEAT TO WOODSTOCK

### Senators Trim Local Collegians 43-28 in Fast Game in College Gym Last Night

The Woodstock Senators led by Bill Reardon, high-scoring guard, defeated the University of New Brunswick basketball team by a score of 43 to 28 last night in the college gym. The game was fast from start to finish with the Senators taking advantage of their scoring chances and presenting a smooth-passing attack. Reardon was the spearhead of these attacks and combined with Augherston and Gardiner to score most of the Senators' points. He was high scorer of the evening with 18 points. Collegians with 14 points.

Reardon, Augherston and G. Gardiner were outstanding for the Senators while Norm Smith and Bill Harris starred for the College team.

## NEW BALL MAY HELP HURLERS

### Rookie Claims So At Least; Johnny Wittig Hurling In Tests of Pill

Perhaps every pitcher in leagues where the National league ball will be used this year might take a tip from a rookie hurler who already has tried the new ball.

He is Johnny Wittig, who did the slab work in that now famous Jan. 10 lively dead ball demonstration in Baltimore.

"There is enough difference in the feel of the dead ball and the stitches to make it possible for the pitcher to do better," said Wittig.

"I think if all the pitchers, who have to use this ball, would get a ball or two in advance of reporting this year, play around with it a little and try out the feel of it, they'd be

The holdout season may warm up, but so far it's been a terrible flop. There have been a few routine holdout items in the public prints, but these patently were designed merely to reveal that Dizzy Dean still winters in Florida and Zeke Bonura is a resident of New Orleans.

The Dean and Bonura perennials thus far haven't had even their usual quality, which at best has been none too convincing. The great Diz who was blabbing about \$100,000 or some such figure a year ago, opened his 1938 contract offer of \$10,000 and sent it back with the remark that he didn't think he should be cut below \$17,000. Thus the Dean January estimates on his own worth suffered a shrinkage of \$83,000 from 1937 to 1938.

#### Boswells Scoop Zeke

Bonura's holdout. Boswells down in Louisiana even scooped Zeke on their annual dispatches rushed for publication at space rates. Zeke, jubilant at having won a horse, bet, confessed that his holdout series of literary and oratorical gems had started before he had received any offer from Owner Comiskey of the Sox. Zeke also made it clear that at the time his purported beefing started he had no inkling as to what Mr. Comiskey's offer might be. So that took the edge off whatever campaign Zeke may think up from now on.

Carl Hubbell has been signed for \$24,000 and he was the only one of the top flight veterans in the National league designated as a probable holdout. Lefty Gomez, best in the American League, is said to be after a raise of \$5,500, which will restore him to the \$20,000 he got in 1936. He should and probably will get the 20 grand after the Yankees have worked the situation for all the free advertising the case will stand. The Yanks also will have to do something about the case of Red Ruffing, baseball's only real holdout last year, who won 20 games after reporting almost a month after the season started. Since he lost only seven, it is likely that he will yell louder than ever for a bigger and better contract, no matter how large the first offer.

Joe DiMaggio, No. 47 in the batting ranking of the American league but No. 1 in the hearts of many fans, especially residents and former residents of California, and a magnificent player in anybody's book, has been grabbing some space in the newspapers, but the Yanks, of course, will not let the matter go too far.

The Cubs had one of their few real holdout predicaments last spring. The squad sailed for the training camp on Catalina Island without one athlete who even claimed to be an outfielder on board. Later they signed a full staff of young men who came to be outfielders. We leave it to the fans as to how many actual big league outfielders they ever got signed some placing the estimate as low as one.

In many past years we have scoffed at holdout stories as sound sports reading, then have been obliged to keep up with the parade with a lot of stuff we were confident would come to naught. Last year we finally got a little interested in Frank Demaree's holdout, principally because Frankie and Vice-President John Seys became angry with each other. But this holdout situation, like more, than 99 per cent of all others, curled up when Demaree went over Mr. Seys' head to get the ear of Owner Philip K. Wrigley, who promptly ended his vice-president's heroic stand by pulling his feet from under him and personally signing Demaree.

So far this year we haven't written a holdout story. And if we can only hold out till the season opens on April 19 we'll be very happy, indeed.

ready to take advantage of it once they get on the field. A study of it may be helpful.

There is a desire to see better pitching all around, so we might pass the thought along, not just to the pitchers, but to the managers of each club to use the dead ball and suggest that they get a supply, and send each pitcher a copy.

#### VARIETY

On Marquette's basketball squad of 15 men are three Germans, two English, two Irish and one each of Hungarian, Norwegian, French, Bohemian, Italian, Welsh, Polish and Slav. Not a Jap or a Chinaman!

## BUDGE MAY SIGN AND ENTER PRO RANKS END '38

### Feverish Race Among Sports Promoters to Get Name on Line

The word is out that Don Budge No. 1 amateur tennis star, soon will sign a professional contract.

It is probable the actual announcement won't be made until at the end of the 1938 amateur tennis season. On the other hand there is a possibility that the signing will take place immediately upon Don's arrival home from Australia.

There is a feverish race on between James J. Johnston and Bill O'Brien, two well-known sports promoters.

Johnston renewed the attempt to get Budge with an offer of \$65,000 for one season's play.

O'Brien immediately topped the offer, setting the new figure at \$75,000 for four months' play, but with some "ifs" involved.

O'Brien's offer held only in the event Budge was successful in going through another season of tennis as a No. 1 star. Should he lose his place, as has been suggested in several interviews with tennis authorities, then O'Brien couldn't use him—at \$75,000.

It is believed Johnston's bid is one offered for immediate acceptance, and some of Budge's close friends are advising the redhead to give it the greatest consideration.

These friends "view with alarm"

## FREDERICTON HIGH ENSURES ITSELF OF INTERSCHOLASTIC HOCKEY TITLE BY CHALKING UP THIRD STRAIGHT VICTORY

### Local Schoolboys Take Saint John Entry for 3rd Win in as Many Starts; Do Not Need to Trim Rothesay Today to Bring Back the Title

SAINT JOHN, Feb. 5—Fredericton High School rifled three goals past "Jerry" Hanson early at The Forum yesterday to glide into an easy 3-1 victory over the Saint John High School team to clinch the championship of the "Big" Three" Interscholastic Hockey League. With three wins under their belts in as many starts the Capital squad does not need a victory over the cellar Rothesay Collegiate entry at Rothesay today to take the title.

The visitors, winners over the High sextet in the opening contest, took the locals to camp from the opening face-off to run up a three-goal edge on a pair of combination invasions and a lone wolf attempt. Thorpe started the spree seconds before the end of the first when he grabbed Burpey's pass in a breakaway. "Rolly" McLennan faded by a plunging checker on a solo rush to outguess Hanson half way through the second and Monahan picked up Mawwhinney's snap shot two minutes later to close the rally.

Butler robbed Titus of a shut-out when he climaxed an outstanding performance with a counter from close in two minutes before closing time.

Poor clearing in the tight spots, and lack of systematic combination play on the part of the weakened locals proved no match for the

smooth working Fredericton forward trios who practically skated the High forwards "into the ice" to pierce the defence at will. It was only the heroic efforts of Hanson in the local cage and the backchecking and marking of the Cunningham, Butler, Prime line that saved the High team a worse shelling.

Thorpe's goal in the dying minutes brought to a head a 20-minute storming session by the Fredericton sextet as they took complete control of the play and the losers contented themselves with occasional lone rushes. McLennan and Thorpe threw up an airtight defence in front of Titus to take care of the sparse invaders with smart checking and clearing.

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