

CAPITALS TAKE ST. CROIX 5 - 4 AT BORDER

LEAD OF GORDIE DRILLON INCREASED BY FOUR POINTS, MAKING TOTAL OF 24, NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE SCORE RACE

Wiseman of Amerks, Cowley and Getliffe of Boston Bruins Pick Up Three Each; Jack Keating, of Providence Reds, Hits Top in International

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—Eddie Wiseman of New York Americans, and Boston's Bill Cowley and Ray Getliffe gained three points each in last week's N.H.L. games, yet failed to gain on Gordie Drillon of Toronto in the scoring race among the league's former Maritimers. Drillon, a former Moncton junior, picked up two goals and two assists to boost his total to 20 points—10 more than Cowley, once a Halifax Wolverine, who holds second place. Wiseman, native of Newcastle, N.B., kept within a point of Cowley, while Getliffe, former amateur with Charlottetown and Saint John was another two points behind.

Joe Lamb, born in Sussex, N. B., celebrated the New Year with his first goal of the season as his Americans defeated the Maroons Saturday night. The goal was Lamb's first.

Des Smith of the Maroons, another Charlottetown and Saint John recruit, and Boston's Bill (Flash) Hollett, native of North Sydney, N. S., remained stationary with two and three points respectively.

Keating Leads Others
It took a long time, but Jack Keating, sparkplug of the Providence Reds in the International-American Hockey League, has finally climbed to the top of the league's former Maritime scorers.

Starting the New Year a point behind Springfield's Bert Connolly, Keating, once a Saint John Beaver, scored a goal Sunday night to tie the former Moncton Hawk with 11 points. Keating's six goals, however, gave him precedence over Connolly, who has scored only two.

The remaining two-thirds of Providence's all-Maritime line—Sammy McManus, former Hawk, and Truro's "Doggie" Kuhn, stepped forward last week, McManus holding the spot behind the leaders with nine points and Kuhn next, just one point behind.

Crossley Sherwood, formerly Saint John, now a Pittsburgh Hornet, and Lloyd Jackson, of New Glasgow, N.S., who plays for New Haven, tied at seven points, one more than the total gained by Charlottetown's Harry Currie, another Hornet.

National Hockey League

	G	A	Pts
Drillon, Toronto	11	13	24
Cowley, Boston	6	8	14
Wiseman, Amerks	9	4	13
Getliffe, Boston	5	6	11
Hollett, Boston	2	1	3
Smith, Maroons	2	0	2
Lamb, Amerks	1	0	1

Nashville and Baltimore will tie-up in 12 exhibition baseball games during the spring training period.

Greenleaf System Based on Daring

SPORT IN GOOD SHAPE AS YEAR GETS UNDER WAY

Badminton Players Plan Open Tournaments For 1938

As it turns into another bumper year with its thousands of tournament players and a highly successful governing body in command, badminton is preparing for the big step that may be taken in 1938—open tournaments.

No sport is more healthy or better stabilized in Canada than badminton. It needs nothing at the moment to add to its attractiveness. But the Canadian Badminton Association, the fastest growing sport organization of the last decade, recognizes no stopping point in its development.

If badminton needs anything, perhaps, it's a match between Dick Birch, Vancouver's Canadian amateur champion, and Jack Purcell of Toronto, regarded as the best professional in the world. Throw Purcell in among the topnotch amateurs and you'd have something.

Similar to Golf
Headed by the president of the Ontario Badminton Association, Dr. Ray W. Cramer of Tuelph, a strong move is afoot to have open tournaments similar to those staged in golf. At the same time the national championships would become international events, with an interlocking relationship between the United States and Canadian governing bodies.

Dr. Cramer, appointed chairman of a special committee to study the possibilities of this revised set-up when the C. B. A. sat in session at Vancouver last March has been working on the open tournament proposition for many months, warm recep-

and company are considering a \$100,000 offer for the Bomber to fight Tony Galento in Atlantic City in April. A pretty nice plum we would say—for Louis that is. King Clancy will take a well earned holiday to Florida. He won't talk on the matter of his resignation as coach of the Montreal Maroons—"A closed book says he!" Enough!

Won Him World's Billiard Championship Twelve Times

Every other better has a system for beating the horses—yet bookies grow fatter. Grandstand managers are still best—at second guessing. So when a man Ralph (Greenleaf) has a system (constructive billiards) and he proves it (by annexing 16 world titles), you may chalk up a few huzzahs and lend an ear to his sage counsel.

From the time he was seven—a youngster in high-top shoes and knee pants who climbed a soap box to outcue every player in his father's Monmouth, Ills., pool parlor—Ralph has always scorned the safety game. Sheer audacity of stroke made him State champ at 12, world titlist while still in his teens.

Forcing Game Wins
During 1919-1932 he held the pocket billiards crown at least once every year. Despite the hectic challenge matches and multiple tournaments all over the country, he repeatedly proved the superiority of his forcing game over the safe playing of old-timers like Tommy Huestin, Jerome Keogh, Frank Taberski and Alfrel De Oro.

Injuries, pleurisy and a nervous breakdown kept him out of competition a few years but just spring, at 37, he made one of the greatest comebacks in sports. He topped a field of twelve masters to regain his championship.

This he successfully defended in a November tourney and again last month against Irving Crane, who was runner-up in both 1937 contests. The latter proved to be a most convincing demonstration.

The 24-year-old Crane, protege of Keogh, based his game on the idea of always presenting a safe leave in the event of a missed shot. But Greenleaf's magnetic control of the cue ball enabled him to overcome 90 per cent of the safeties. His continued shooting of the ball to the pocket produced massive accumulations that gave him a 1500-500 triumph.

It was a delight to watch Ralph, poised over the table in his peculiar pigeon-toed, loose-kneed stance, click off shot after shot in his magic display of "modern billiards." Finely arching the fingers of his left hand or the cue tip, he delicately balances the handle with three fingers of his right hand, fourth and fifth fingers completely off the stick.

Ralph Offers Advice
Interviewed before going to Philadelphia, where he meets Andrew Ponzi over the velvet table in another defense of his cue honors, suave Ralph had the following advice to offer to billiard players:

"Stand at the table firmly—well balanced on your feet. Make all strokes with the cue smooth, positive and sure. Aim at the spot on the object ball you intend to hit and hit it there.

"Never get discouraged when you miss. Life for most of us is a succession of misses. Keep trying always."

tion having been accorded his plan from many sections of the Dominion. The gist of the resolution submitted to the C. B. A. annual meeting last spring was "to consider seriously the possibility of holding open tournaments between American and Canadian players, in order that organized badminton can retain control instead of allowing private promoters to step in and handle the situation, such as is happening in tennis at the present time.

"Further, we would suggest that an open amateur tournament be held in Canada, and in the same year an open amateur and professional tournament be held in the United States; the following year the venue of tournaments would be held under the auspices of the Canadian assoc. in Canada and the American association when the games were held across the border.

Not Flouting Laws
Opening the doors of badminton to permit the pros to compete in a limited number of tournaments with the amateurs is in no way flouting the laws of the supreme court of badminton.

The world governing body, the International Badminton Federation, expresses itself on this point, decreeing that "an open tournament may be held by a country if sanctioned by the International Badminton Federation, but each national organization has absolute power to decide whether or not its own nationals may compete in such tournaments."

BELIEVE SKIING HURTS HOCKEY'S MONEY RETURNS

Banner Season Expected For Winter Sport In Montreal

When observers attempt to diagnose the ills of professional hockey in Montreal, they might glance at the snow-covered Laurentian mountains and see the answer in the firm of thousands of skiers.

While professional hockey suffered from poor attendance in 1937, some 70,000 enthusiasts left Montreal on ski-trains to the Laurentians. Novice and expert travelled the ski-trails in thousands and it was not unlikely that some of these 70,000 were former hockey fans.

A newly-found era of prosperity has struck the ski sport in the past eight years and where it struck hardest—in Ottawa and Montreal districts—professional hockey has suffered. Many believed Ottawa's withdrawal from the National Hockey League in 1934 was caused by the sudden popularity of skiing.

And 1938 promises a banner skiing year from Ottawa to Quebec City—a stretch in which lie the Gatineau hills and Laurentian mountains, both perfect skiing grounds. With the Canadian championships being held in Ottawa, it appears the east will hold the ski spotlight for the season.

Already Ottawa's ski executives are preparing the trails for the slalomers and jumpers, downhill racers and longsliders, who will invade the Gatineau hills for the championship Feb. 26 and 27.

A full season, with high ranking competitions slated for, before and after the national championship, has been arranged by the Laurentian zone of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association. Twelve successive week-ends are booked in the program. A decade ago three or four week-ends rounded out a schedule.

Quebec's provincial championships move from the Laurentians for the first time, being held in Quebec City. Ottawa sponsors the Ontario championships Feb. 12 and 13, while main events "up north" are the Laurentian

BUN M'LENAHAN HAMMERS IN WINNING COUNTER LATE IN THIRD STANZA IN SINGLE-HANDED RUSH INTO LEAF ZONE

Argument Holds Up Contest in Third Stanza When Steen, Fredericton Referee, Sends Ev. Doucett to Box With Misconduct Penalty

ST. STEPHEN, Jan. 4.—"Bun" McLenahan's third period goal, coming at the 14-minute mark, gave the Fredericton Capitals a 5-4 victory here last night over the St. Croix Maple Leafs in a regular scheduled game of the Southern New Brunswick Hockey League. The victory put the Caps one point behind the Saint John Beavers, now holding second place in the league standing.

The Maple Leafs were two goals down going into the third and managed to knot the count a little more than half-way in the session but McLenahan's alertness in front of the net on a Capital raid at the 14-minute mark gave the Fredericton team their well-earned victory.

Try as they did in the remaining six minutes of play, the Leafs could not muster an attack to beat Young, the Fredericton goalie. Gill and Snap Thompson tossed up a tough defence in front of Young and the raids of five forwards in the closing minutes of the game for Leafs were frustrated.

McLenahan's winning goal came as the Caps raced in on Coffey and began slamming the puck around near the net. "Bun" coasted in front and pounced on the loose puck and had Coffey at his mercy. The goalie made a desperate attempt to save but the drive was too tough.

In the third period both teams congregated around "Bud" Steen, Fredericton referee, who had waved Ev Doucett off with a misconduct penalty for "talking back." Later, after the fans had commenced to shout for action he withdrew the misconduct and gave Doucett two minutes in the box. The game was delayed about eight minutes while the argument waxed strong.

Caps Take Leafs
The Capitals started off by taking the lead, notching the only goal in the first period, which came after the clock had passed the 6:40 mark. McLenahan, who also grabbed off two assists besides his winning goal, started the play for the opening marker at centre ice, shoved over a pass to Lifford as they raced in and Lifford, fed MacIntyre, who rifled the shot back of Coffey.

It was shortly after the face-off of the second stanza that MacIntyre, Gill and McLenahan swooped down on the St. Croix goal and MacIntyre again sank the disc. It was just 24 seconds later that Gill went the length of the ice to snap a hard drive past Coffey.

Ev Doucett Gets One
Ev Doucett cut the count for St. Croix when he went up with Desautel on a nice passing play and heaved a pretty shot behind Young. Shortly after the seven-minute mark Mills sank another goal for Fredericton.

Less than three minutes before the whistle blew, Desautel went up with Shields and they paired on a nice passing play that had Young and his defence beaten, the Canuck firing the goal. Doucett hammered in his second goal of the night with Young on the receiving end. Camyre drew the assist.

Innes Ties Score
Jimmy Innes paired with Doucett on the tying marker after the half-way mark had passed. With the count notched, St. Croix stepped out fast and gave Fredericton all they could do to throw them back.

Then Fredericton made a desperate attempt and it was on this play, which was around Goalie Coffey, that McLenahan grabbed the chance to shove home the marker that meant victory.

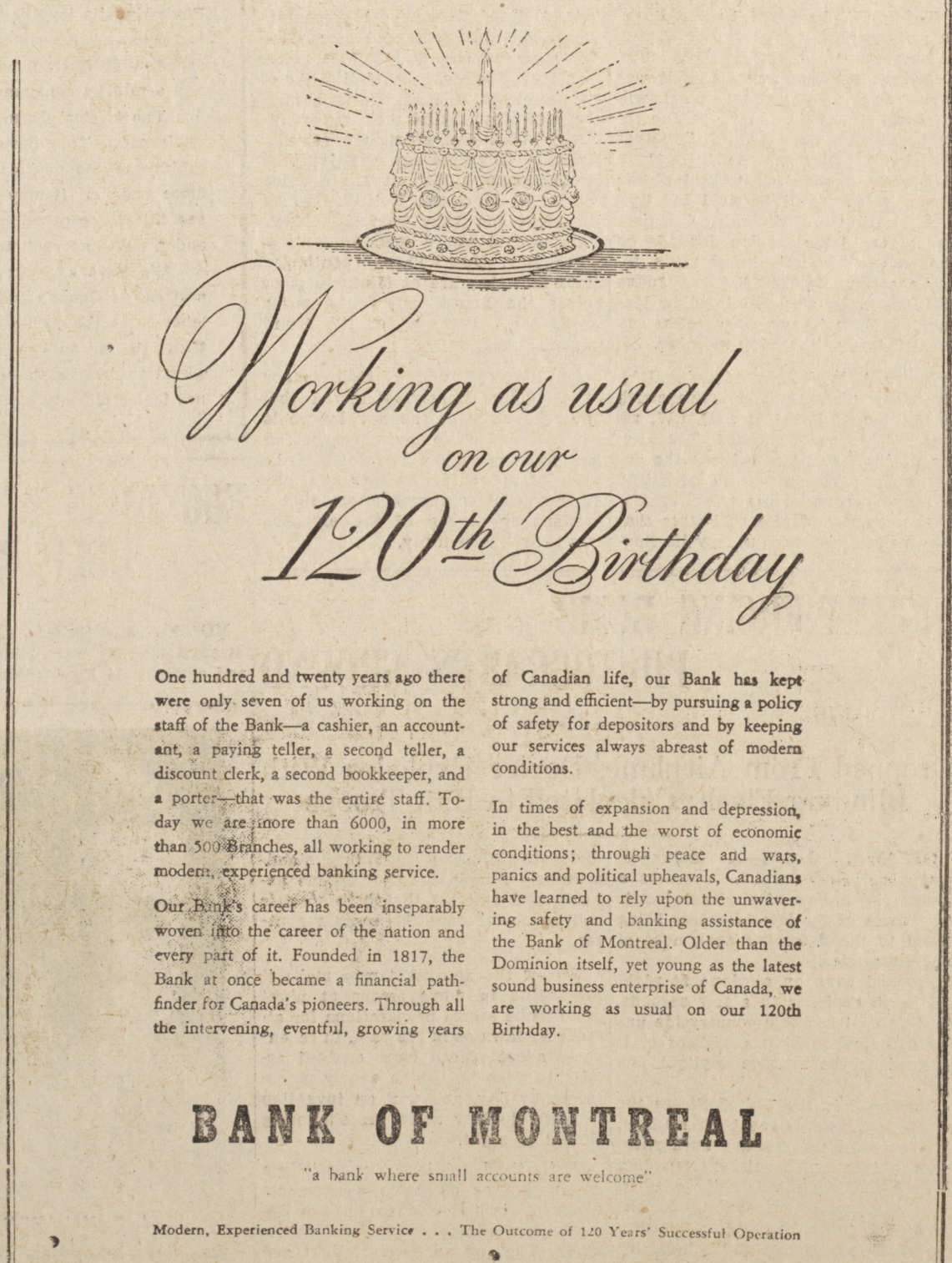


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