

# SPORT



## Halifax Qualifies For Cup Play

Defeated Abbies 2 to 1 to Capture Maritime Senior Hockey Title and Right to Enter Play-offs for Allan Cup.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 15—Halifax Wolverines reached the end of a long trail in search of the Maritime Hockey League championship here tonight, defeating Charlottetown Abbies 2-1. Playing a three-out-of-five series for the league title, the teams were forced to make six starts before they could come to a decision. Halifax won three games, lost one and drew two.

By scoring the first goal tonight Ron Hudson, stocky Halifax right winger kept up his newly-gained reputation of being good for at least one goal a game. Never particularly spectacular in the scoring line although a valuable back-checker during the league schedule, Hudson made a right about-face after play-offs began, and scored goals in each of the last five games. Reggie Shields, another Halifax rightwinger, scored the deciding goal of the game, just a few minutes before Walter Lawlor got Charlottetown's only marker.

away and then play until the second period was energetic; they skated hard and made plays at will. Mount Allison forwards looked to be lost. U. N. B. continued their confident pace, scoring another goal early in the second period. Then suddenly English of Mount A. batted one past Staples and thereafter the play of the Red and Black was less sure. Neither Chalmers, Johnston or Dodds or any of the others clicked. On the other hand Mount A's offensive lines began to forge ahead and their plays began to click. When they got the tying score, almost out of a blue sky 40 seconds after the third period opened, Mount Allison almost became the team on the offensive. The oddest part of it is that U. N. B. was certainly the superior team during the first half of the contest. It would seem then that the scoring of a goal has a great effect on a team's mental state. It tends to liven up the team that scores it, and discourage the team that is scored upon.

"I wish I had lived ten years sooner," we find Max Baer saying, "for then I would be in the big dough fighting guys like Dempsey and Tunney. Maybe I wouldn't have been so successful but I think I could have licked him. Who did Dempsey ever lick? Anyone could have beaten Firpo. And Tunney beat Dempsey twice." Among other things Maxie seems to be something of an egoist. There are a lot of people who believe that either Jack or Gene would make a monkey out of Baer.

Hockey is now rated the "major sport" in New York city, despite the foreign nature of the game, the comparative brevity of its existence in New York, and the many counter attractions. In this connection a new one-day record for attendance at Madison Square Garden was established on Jan. 27, when 27,794 cash customers paid to see two hockey games.

Peter F. Kelley in the Boston Record claims that "there will be tremendous interest in the Canam League next season as the indications are that Halifax, N. S., Moncton and Saint John, N. B. will be members of the circuit and that it will grow into a ten-club loop." And here everybody had the idea in this part of the province that the old Southern New Brunswick loop would again come into existence, and that Fredericton would enter a club.

Daniel O'Mahoney, the new Irish wrestler who is amazing all the mat critics in the United States with his new bag of tricks, tells of his new "whip" grip. "The whip," says Irish Dan, "is a very simple manoeuvre but requires a great amount of strength and speed to be successful. The strength I developed in my arms from weight throwing served me well. In the 'whip' I first work myself in close to my opponent and suddenly seize him with a wrist lock; then, turning my body around just as suddenly, I snap him arm over my shoulder to throw him completely of balance. I then swing my opponent around several times and drop him when he least expects it. But I keep dragging and swinging him

tional Hockey League season is undergoing a terrific pummeling about the body with some effort to circulate scandal about the game and other efforts to disparage its speedy, rugged and interesting features. For all that, only one sore spot has developed, outside of financial troubles centered about St. Louis and Les Canadiens of Montreal—the lenient distribution of assists by official scorers all over the circuit. It seems a goal is never scored without two or three assists being tagged on through the generosity of the scorer.

A Toronto writer who is tramping about with the Maple Leafs on the road finds that it is quite possible for young players to be pushed into the limelight by fattening their assist columns. He probably witnessed a recent game at Madison Square Garden in which the official scorer created a world record by allotting four assists on a goal scored by Joe Primeau of the Leafs.

Ever since 1918-1919, when the circuit allowed a point for an assist, there has not been a scoring champion with more assists than goals. In one year Bill Cook led the loop with 33 goals and only 4 assists. The present leaders are Charlie Conacher with 19 goals and 17 assists, and Cooney Weiland with 11 goals and 15 assists. The goal standard should still be the basis of comparison in hockey, but it will hardly seem that way so long as an assist rates the same valuation as a goal. It is suggested here that either the last player to pass the disc before a goal is notched be credited with an assist, or if there is still an inclination to dish out assists freely, they should be given half the value of a goal or half a point.

There are times when the player who draws an assist has a greater part in the score than the actual scorer. This will occur when the assistant skates the length of the rink, manoeuvres around the defence and passes out to a mate who has only the goal to beat. However, the most frequent goals are tallied when an alert forward pounces on a loose disc in a scramble and drive home accurately.

In such instances it has become the practice of the official scorer to give assists to all team mates inside the blue line. If the scoring leaders are to receive due respect, it will be best to bind the official scorers of the league by ruling for the allotment of no more than one assist on each goal.

The 1934 yield of maple syrup and maple sugar as expressed in pounds of sugar was 23,379,400 pounds. The 1933 production was 18,408,000 pounds and the ten-year average 26,816,000 pounds.

so he can never get set to use an offsetting hold. Finally, I pull him upwards like a sack of barley, flinging him over my shoulder, and then with the original wrist lock and added body press, pin his shoulders to the mat."

Babe Ruth's All-time Baseball Team, which he announced to a Paris sport writer, is as follows: Gehrig 1b, Ward 2b, Peckinpaugh ss, Joe Dugan 3b, Bill Dickey c, Bob Meusel, Earl Combs and the Babe himself outfielders, with Gomez, Ruffing and Pennock pitchers. How many there are who wouldn't agree with this lineup.

## CRONIN SAYS NIGHT BASEBALL IS A BIG JOKE

Red Sox Pilot Says the National League Can Adopt It and Like It If Officials Consent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16 — Joe Cronin thinks night baseball is a "big joke" and hopes the American league will never play it.

The "boy manager" of the majors is emphatic.

"Sure, I know it will draw," said Cronin. "So would football on roller skates. It still doesn't make night baseball a good game, in my opinion."

"They have been playing it nearly one hundred years in day time. It has survived the worst depressions and made money. I don't know of any reason now why they should start making a circus side show of it. It's a game where the quickness of the eye is matched against speed and trickery."

"The element of danger alone would turn me against night ball, if nothing else. Imagine standing up against the fast ones of a Walter Johnson, Lefty Grove or Schoolboy Rowe."

"From what I have heard players in minor leagues alternating day and night games haven't been very keen about the arc light stuff. Most of them dislike the idea cordially. It upsets their nervous systems, disrupts their diets and affects their play."

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## "JIM HAINES" MAY NOT WIN BUT HE CAN SURE TRAVEL

(By Henry McLemore)  
ORLANDO, Florida, Feb. 16—They don't trot the Hambletonian until August, and August is a long way off, but I can tell you positively, right now that that \$35,000 harness horse classic will be won by Jim Haines.

Jim Haines has a big bay three-year-old belonging to Dick Reynolds of Winston-Salem, N. C. He was fathered by Athlone Guy, mothered by Isola the Great, has big brown eyes, a soft muzzle, a long bushy tail that switches like a cypress in a blow, and four of the trotting-est legs that ever sank a hoof into clay.

I met Jim Haines very intimately—it was at the Seminole Driving Club, 12 miles out of Orlando, where many of the top trotting owners, trainers and drivers prepare their charges for the Grand Circuit grind. It was not long after dawn, and the day's training had just begun. It was Reynolds (they said he was a kindly man) who first suggested that I work one of the trotters.

So they brought out Jim Haines. I didn't say anything, but even in the half-dawn, and with all the fog, he didn't look like a 15-year-old, as Reynolds claimed. While two grooms held Jim, I climbed in. I never knew a racing sulky was so entirely inadequate. There's not any more to 'em than a roast chicken after a family of seven has finished Sunday dinner. Just two big wheels, a little seat about the size of a woman's handkerchief, and two steel hoops to stick your feet in. "You'll have to whip him probably," Reynolds said, "else he'll stop and eat grass. He's awful old and lazy."

Finally I got my goggles adjusted, my gloves on, my whip set. The grooms stepped back. Somebody clucked. That cluck set Jim Haines on fire. His mother must have been frightened by a hen, for when he heard that cluck he literally picked me and that sulky up, and lit out. Fortunately, they had him headed the right way, if they hadn't we'd have been in Pensacola now. One time around and I got enough courage to open an eye and look at Jim. I spoke to Jim. "Whoa, there boy, whoa there!" and he minded me. Even as I spoke Jim eased up.

"How'd you like it? Pretty good trotter at 15 years, isn't he?" "Fifteen hell," I said. "He'll carry my dough at Goshen in August. What'd we do that mile in? A minute flat?"

But they had forgotten to clock me, which is just as well, for they don't make clocks that fast.

## ACCUSING FINGER AT N. Y. BOXING COMMISSIONER

Garden Matchmaker Up In Arms Over Veteran Cancelling Bouts; Says Sport Has Lost \$100,000

NEW YORK, Feb. 16—Pointing out that Bill Brown, member of the New York State Boxing Commission has been responsible for most of \$100,000 which has been lost in boxing since last June by Madison Square Garden, an appeal to Governor Herbert H. Lehman for the removal of Brown has been made by Jimmy Johnston, matchmaker of the House That Tex Built.

Johnston, a life-long foe of the white haired boxing czar, points out that the actions of Brown has caused the complete collapse of the boxing game, not only in New York Johnston points out, but that boxing has dropped off 50 per cent. since Brown ascended the cauliflower throne two and a half years ago.

The Garden boss blames Brown for

## Hockey Magrate Passes Suddenly

DETROIT, Feb. 16—Dwight J. Turner, 59, well known in hockey circles in Windsor, Ont., and Toronto, died suddenly here tonight of a heart attack.

Deputy Coroner Foster Knobloch made the identification.

Turner was president of the Michigan-Ontario Hockey League in 1934.

the postponements, cancellations and forbidden bouts.

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## MCGILL WILL BE REPRESENTED IN ALLAN CUP PLAY

Team, Grads and Supporters Pulling Hard—Montreal Hears Hockey Reports.

MONTREAL, Feb. 16—All the signs are pointing towards McGill University being represented again in the Allan Cup play-downs. This constitutes an upset, the view previously stated being to the effect that the McGill hockey team would hang up its skates at the end of the intercollegiate and Senior Group schedules.

It was strongly evident in and around McGill circles this morning, however, that the Redmen will be in there again where they left off after going down before the big guns of Bill Miller and his Moncton Hawks last spring. Graduates, undergraduates, and McGill supporters generally are clamouring for the faculty sanction which would permit the Redmen to start figuring on the interprovincial play-downs once again.

The team is for the idea 100 per cent. The enterprising young men who comprise McGill's startlingly capable hockey team for this year heartily dislike the idea of retiring as it were undefeated at the end of their regular season. Coach Dr. Bobby Bell is also understood to have a strong leaning towards further participation in the hockey wars for this season.

The first question that naturally arises is just this: How would the Redmen make their challenge, provided things go through as they are confidently expected to do?

McGill has two chances for representation in the Allan Cup play-downs. First of all, of course, there is the Senior Group through which the Reds have challenged for Dominion honors twice in the past four years. In this regard, it so happens that McGill won second place in the Senior Group by virtue of its victory over Victorias in the closing double-header of the schedule the other night. In the play-offs the Reds are figured to have a little better than an even chance of being in at the kill in the Group alignment.

However, a definite avenue of challenge already exists; the Intercollegiate Hockey Union. McGill is already the champion in this group, has only to signify definite intention in order to qualify pronto for the play-downs. It is there that the Redmen would reasonably focus their play-down intentions. It is over the bowed heads of Toronto Varsity and Queen's that the Redmen would step on to the heavy going.

Incidentally a little problem arises in this regard. It is understood that McGill, as a college team, is obliged to challenge through the Intercollegiate Union, as the result of a ruling made this year when the Union became a regularly constituted three-team set-up instead of the straight McGill-Varsity home and home series of recent years.

The barley acreage and production in Canada at present are at a relatively low level. In 1934 the area sown to barley amounted to 3,615,700 acres against an average of 4,778,000 acres for the years 1928-32.