

Halifax-Amherst To Meet In Playoff Game At Forum On Thursday

Prince Edward Island hockey fans will get their first opportunity of seeing a scheduled Maritime Senior "Big Four" Hockey League game over local ice since the days of Island participation in the "Big Four" when Halifax Saint Mary's and Amherst Ramblers will clash at the Charlottetown Forum here this Thursday night in one of their semi-final playoff tilts.

The announcement was made yesterday by the Forum management, who stated that in negotiations with the management of both Clubs, the teams had consented to play when they were forced to decide on a neutral rink due to both home rinks being utilized for the holding of ice shows at that time.

Many other rink managements throughout the Maritimes had also made bids for the game to be played on their rinks, but the local rink officials here received final confirmation yesterday that they would play the game over the Charlottetown Forum ice.

It will be the third game of their best of seven playoff semi-final series, which commenced at Halifax last night, when both teams battled it out for two full periods to a scoreless tie before Halifax finally got the upper hand in the final frame to outshoot Ramblers 3-1 to win by that close margin.

The game will be a golden opportunity for Island fans to see the calibre of hockey being played in the senior Maritime league this year, and the fact that it will be a playoff tilt, and so evenly contested to date, should produce a match of excitement, thrills and good hockey, to be unequalled here in many years.

Although the final confirmation was arrived late yesterday afternoon and many details will still have to be worked out by the local Forum management, it is understood that the sale of tickets for the game will open at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Local fans will also have the opportunity of seeing one of their own Charlottetown hockey products, in the person of Bert Steel performing on the Halifax lineup.

Vics Defeat Miners 8-1

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 20 (CP)—North Sydney Victorias held off Glace Bay Miners bid for second spot in the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League tonight by swamping the Coalmen 8-1.

A win for Miners would have put them one point ahead of Vics in the three-team loop.

Lou Medynski notched Vics first goal at 11:24 of the opening frame and from there on it was just a matter of how many markers Vics would get.

North River Wins

In an intermediate "B" Hockey League playoff game at North River rink last night the North River All Stars scored a close 6-5 victory over the Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs, in a fast, hard-checking encounter before a crowd of some six or seven hundred fans.

Both teams battled to a 1-1 deadlock in the first period with the All Stars showing stronger in the second frame to outscore the Bulldogs three goals to two, which gave them the one goal advantage needed to win the game, as both played to another nip and tuck battle in the final session to break even on the scoring of two goals apiece.

Peters, Walker, Driscoll, Kelly, C. MacDonald and Dowling led the scoring for the All Stars with one goal each, while for the Bulldogs, Taylor chalked up three, with C. MacDonald and Betts accounting for their other two tallies.

VICS NUMBER WINNERS

MRS. IVAN MACCABE
261 Dorchester St.

— and —

MR. JAMES STRAIN
36 Brighton Ave.

MONDAY—Skating—8 to 10
TUESDAY—Children's Skating 4 to 5.30.
Hockey—8 p.m. S.D.U. vs. R.C.A.F.
WEDNESDAY—Juvenile Hockey—7.30
Kensington vs. Vics.

THE FORUM

HOCKEY TONIGHT

S. D. U. vs. R. C. A. F.

GAME AT 8

Admission—50c
—25c

THE FORUM

Three-Day Racing Meet Opens Today

The Victoria Driving Club's annual Inter-Provincial Harness Ice Racing Meet will get underway this afternoon over the North River Course at two o'clock when some 32 entries will compete in four trotting and pacing events.

The program, which will be the first of their big three-day meet between Nova Scotia Driving Club entries and Prince Edward Island Clubs, will feature seven horses in the Class A Trot and Pace, eight in the Class B Pace, eight in the Class C Pace and ten entries in the Class D Trot.

Entries competing from the mainland during the three-day meet will include Helen Signal, Jacob Withrow, Eva's Guy, Luther Hanover, Jolly Harvester and Royal Jim all of the Halifax Driving Club. Previous, Starlight Eclipse, Maxine Duds, Christopher Stout and Walter Brown all of the Dartmouth Driving Club, while Roy Sheburn will represent the Peggwash Driving Club.

It was reported by Victoria Driving Club officials, that all six of the Halifax horses arrived by freight last night, and that three of the Dartmouth's horses also arrived by Parlor Truck. Two of the other Dartmouth entries, Previous and Christopher Stout, who were being brought to the Island by truck, had to remain at the Harley Harrison stable, Port Egin, over last night as the result of engine trouble, but would resume their journey to Charlottetown this morning.

The regular mobile starting gate used in summer racing, will be used during the meet through the courtesy of the Provincial Exhibition Association and Charlottetown Driving Park, and it has been laid down by the officials, that any horse beating the gate will be set back to last horse position.

Special meetings of the horsemen will be held tonight and Wednesday night at the Whelan Memorial Hall on Grafton Street.

The following are the entries for this afternoon's racing:

Class A Trot and Pace — Peter Dale, Bob Dale, Nature Boy, Calumet B. Long, Delaware, Dot Budlong, Joandale.

Class B Pace — Rosalie Hooper, Indian Ladd, Bud Hugo, Miss Adele W., Margaret Jean, Johnny Kalmuck, Tony Budlong, Harwood Bill.

Class C Pace — Miss Playfair, Opitzdale, Direct, Volo, Dasher Hanover, Johnny Glegg, Lady Abner, Lira Signal, Sister Verna.

Class D Trot—April Bud, Lusty's Queen, Orville B., Lusty Aubrey, Christmas Gift, Black Spud, British Bell, Little Simcoe, Peter Dale.

HALIFAX, Feb. 20 (CP)—Halifax St. Mary's outplayed Amherst Ramblers 3-1 here tonight in the opening game of their best-of-seven Maritime Senior Hockey League semi-finals. Second game will be played tomorrow night in Amherst.

A fair crowd of 2,213 watched the two teams battle through two scoreless periods before Allan (Rocky) Sullivan broke through the Amherst defence at 9:42 of the final frame for the first goal of the game.

Up to that time the game was fairly tight as Ramblers, tall-end squad during regular league play, stuck to a semi-defensive brand of play. Angus (Sonny) MacDonald, Amherst goalie, played an outstanding game.

Summary—
First Period
Scoring—None.
Penalty—Steel.

Second Period
Scoring—None.
Penalty—Ripley.

Third Period
1—Halifax, Sullivan, 9:42 (Steel).
2—Amherst, Sullivan, 10:16 (Lay Ripley).
3—Halifax, Hannan, 12:22 (Grabowski).
4—Halifax, Brennan, 18:36 (Schmidt).
Penalty: Blackburn.



Local sporting enthusiasts will have the opportunity of witnessing another full program of sporting activities this week when ice racing, hockey, basketball and speed skating competition, will all be scheduled for their entertainment.

The ice racing will start the program this afternoon at two o'clock when the Victoria Driving Club stage the first day's racing of their three-day Inter-Provincial meet over the North River course. There will be four classes in action this afternoon, which will see a total of 32 entries from Nova Scotia and P. E. I. battling it out over the icy stretches of North River.

The Wednesday and Thursday afternoon meets will also be packed full of visiting and local entries, with the Championship Trot and three other classes heading the Wednesday card while the Championship Pace will be the leading event on the final four event program. Some 70 entries will compete during the three days.

Although the Island Intermediate clash between R.C.A.F. and S.D.U. at the Forum tonight will be the lead-off event in the hockey activities, the big feature of the week will be a Maritime Big Four Hockey League semi-final playoff tilt between first-place Halifax Saint Marys and fourth-place Amherst Ramblers.

The two teams have decided to come here and play the game due to the fact that both home rinks are being utilized by the ice shows, the Barbara Ann Scott show at Amherst and the Icecapades at Halifax. It will be the third game of their best of seven semi-final series, and Island hockey fans who have been wanting to see Big Four teams in action will have the opportunity of seeing them at their best over home ice in scheduled competition.

Other hockey events on the week's agenda will include an Island Juvenile Hockey League clash on Wednesday night at the Forum between the second-place Kensington Juniors and the cellar-dwelling Charlottetown Victorias, while Friday night at the same rink, the Queen Square and West Kent School pucksters will meet in the City Interscholastic Hockey series.

The Juvenile game Wednesday will be the second last in the regular schedule and although a win will do little to improve the Vics present standing, with five losses so far in as many starts, for Kensington it will be a highly important game. A victory for them will add to their chances of ending up in a two-way tie for the league leadership with Abbies. They are only trailing by four points and have two games to play, the other being against Summerside Klinsmen Friday night. Abbies have completed their section of the schedule.

In the interscholastic series it will be a battle for West Kent in an effort to garner their first win in four starts while Queen Square will have their sights trained on a victory that will close up the gap between them and the league leading Prince Street School team who hold a four point edge over them in the standing.

Although there is not expected to be any play in Island Basketball competition this week, there will be games in the City Juvenile hoop league although the actual scheduled dates were not at hand at time of writing. The I. P. F. B. L. schedule has been completed and the teams are expected to remain idle for this week before entering into playoff competition.

The big attraction at the Forum on Saturday night will be the holding of the Prince Street School Annual Ice Sports. This will be the final program of City School ice sports competition, and the Prince Street program is expected to come up with an excellent program of speed skating and novel events for the boys and girls of all age groups that will provide a fine evening of excitement and keen sporting entertainment to rival any of these seen so far this season. The usual wide patronage from the local sporting public is anticipated to lend its support and encouragement to the youngsters and make the event an overall success. One of the highlight features of the night will be an exhibition hockey match between Prince Street and Prince of Wales College teams.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (AP)—Premier Joe Page today signed his "best contract ever" with New York Yankees, for an estimated \$300,000 plus.

"It's a hell of a contract," said Joe. The ace relief pitcher refused to disclose exact figures.

Reports on the money range between \$200,000 and \$350,000. In any case, it was a healthy increase over the \$200,000 he was supposed to have received last season.

Annual S'side 'Spiel To Open This Morning

Play in the first section of the second annual Summerside Curling Club bonspiel will get underway at eleven o'clock this morning for the Curran and Briggs Ltd. trophy which was won last year by the H. S. Matthews Rink of Alberton.

This section will last two days and will be played on a knock-out system. There are 16 rinks entered in this section.

This bonspiel which will last four days and consists of three sections gives indications of being a huge success with a large number of entries and prizes valued at over six hundred dollars donated by local firms.

The bonspiel banquet will be held this evening.

The draw for today is as follows: Amherst, J. F. O'Brien, skip Summerside, LAC Carlson, skip, 11 a.m.

Summerside, J. A. Clark, skip, 11 a.m.

Summerside, Fred Folland, skip, 11 a.m.

Summerside, A. L. Brooks, skip, 11 a.m.

Summerside, Horace MacFarlane, skip, 11 a.m.

Summerside, Morley Bell, skip, 11 a.m.

Summerside, L. H. MacFarlane, skip, 1 p.m.

Charlottetown, Dr. E. S. Giddings, skip, 1 p.m.

Summerside, T. A. Campbell, skip, 7 p.m.

Beaver (Moncton) John Wollaston, skip, 2 p.m.

Charlottetown, James Burden, skip, 1 p.m.

Charlottetown, W. E. McInnis, skip, 11 a.m.

Sackville, H. M. Wood, skip, 7 p.m.

Summerside, Willard MacDonald, skip, 7 p.m.

Halifax, Jim Noonan, skip.

It will be noted that the times are not filled in for three teams. These will be announced today.

The rinks that have been entered for the second section on Thursday are as follows: Amherst, K. P. Allen

Amherst, R. O. Hunter

Amherst, E. P. McKim

Amherst, R. A. Furlong

Charlottetown, E. Frank Acorn

Charlottetown, E. H. Saunders

Charlottetown, George A. Hawkins

Summerside, G. F. Cameron

Alberton, H. S. Matthews

Summerside, A. B. Fee

Amherst, H. Ed. MacLean

Summerside, Horace MacFarlane

Charlottetown, T. A. White

Halifax, Thomas Coley

Summerside, E. C. Robinson

Summerside, William E. Jenkins

Charlottetown, R. S. P. Jardine

Charlottetown, E. E. McInnis

Charlottetown, W. Worth

Summerside, Fred Folland—S

Saints And Meteors Clash Here Tonight

The second-place Saint Dunstan's University hockeyists and the cellar-dwelling Summerside R.C.A.F. Meteors will clash in one of the final games in Island Physical Fitness Hockey League play at the Forum tonight at eight o'clock.

Although the Meteors have yet to break into the win column in seven league starts, they have been making particularly strong showings in their last few starts, and have given some of the top teams in the league, including the Saints themselves, a tough time of it before bowing to defeat.

The Saints only managed to squeeze out a narrow 7-6 victory over the airmen in their last meeting at Summerside a week ago Saturday night, and had to come from behind to do it.

So there should be plenty of action and excitement tonight, when the Saints will be coming out strong to consolidate their second place spot and the Meteors gunning for their first league victory. It will be the last game of the schedule for Saints, who are riding four points behind the league leading Abbies, who still have one game to play. R.C.A.F. will still have a game with Crystals and one with P.W.C. after tonight's clash.

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Local Schoolboy Curlers Undefeated After Two Rounds In Playdowns

Sports Forum NOT SAFE TO PROPHECY

Sir, — Who is kidding who now? And what "stronger" opposition do the highly vaunted juvenile Abbies need than that which they received last night from the Kensington Juniors. And how does the word "upset" fit its way into your headlines? Kensington, it is true, ran into a spot of bad luck when after two practices and no games had to face the Abbies in the "awe-inspiring" atmosphere of the Charlottetown Forum; even at that the score was 9-4, not bad for a start. Then Kensington in no uncertain manner defeated first the Vics and then Summerside by 11-3, while the team that you suggest should seek intermediate opponents to test their skill upon could only scrape by Summerside by 7-6. We consider here that things were quite normal last night in Kensington and by no means an "upset". Your assumption in Friday's Guardian that as far as Kensington was concerned they might as well default the game to the Abbies came an awful cropper last night when the Kensington boys decisively defeated the Abbies.

Your superior tone in Friday's Guardian did not sit well with our citizens. Hockey is a queer game and the Abbies may yet make that trip to the mainland, but it will not be without a fight from the lads here. Kensington Juniors have been both by Charlottetown and Summerside much underrated, but they are the team to watch in this league.

Hoping that you will give the Kensington boys at least the benefit of being considered from now on in the same league with the Abbies.

I am, Sir, etc.
SIDNEY J. DAVIES

Feb. 18, 1950.

APPLE CART UPSET

Sports Editor,

Sir, — So the Abbies need stiffer competition? They found it last night. Friday night, Kensington, you said, couldn't repeat the performance. They did. How about it Mr. Editor. In future don't be quite so hard on the other team; a writer is not supposed to see things one sided.

I am, Sir, etc.
A SPORTS FAN.

(These were dealt with in our issue of yesterday. — Sports Ed.)

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