New Glasgow And Royals Renew Big Series Here

The Royals-Rangers series which has been idle since last Saturday will finally get rolling tonight with the third game of this current series starting at 7:30 at the Sports Arena.

In the opening encounter of this series the Royals had it all over the New Glasgow squad, giving them an 8-3 trouncing. The Rangers, rusty from a three week layoff, quickly recovered and in the next contest turned the tables on the Royals and took a 6-5 victory.

The Rangers' proved themselves to be worthy opponents for the Royals, having knocked off the Amherst Ramblers in the Allan cup playoffs, and putting on a very good show against Hull Legionnaires. The Rangers will be seeking another feather in their hat when they clash in the next two encounters tonight and Friday.

The Royals on the other hand have a few things to be proud of, having overpowered Summerside Aces for the Island Crown. They also took the Northside Combines to the 'cleaners' in the Maritime quarter-finals. The Royals will be seeking to polish off the New Glasgow squad and take the final step in their attempt to take home the Maritime Title. Should they win the next two games, they will then clash with the Bathurst Papermakers, winner of the New Brunswick Crown.

This should be a very exciting game and hockey fans should attend these next two games and back their team to the hilt. A cheering crowd boosts a team's morale and seems to give them extra energy to play harder than ever even though on the losing end of a contest. It's been a long time since an Island team has held the Maritime title, and those who would like to see the title come to this fair Island should line up for their tickets to this important game.

Once again, the game starts at 7:30 and let all hockey fans make an appearance at the Sports Arena tonight:

SPORT FORUM

Recall Marathon Feats As The Big Day Nears

Sir: The Boston Marathon was in the news in 1907, just as it is today.

The race that year was probably the most unusual and disputed Boston Marathon ever run. Tom Longboat wasn't given much chance to win by the experts.

At Framingham Longboat was pacing the field with a lead of perhaps 20 yards. Bob Fowler of Cambridge, Mass., was second. Below Farmingham, railroad tracks crossed the main road on which the Marathoners were running. While the runners were still 100 yards from the tracks, a shrill whistle of a freight engine started shrilling, warning all, it was pulling a load of cars and to clear the main road. Longboat heard it and started to sprint. He arrived at the track just a split second before the engine and with one mighty surge just crossed the tracks as a bewildered engineer pulled on the rope that led loud toots out of the whistle. The Indian was still ahead of Fowler, but now he was on the other side of the tracks and a freight train was between them.

Perhaps if that freight train hadn't upset the 1907 Marathon it would have been a close duel between Longboat and Fowler. As it was, the Indian went on to win it in 2.23:24, five minutes faster than the course had ever been covered before. Fowler finished gamely several minutes later and Marathon fans of that day had something to talk over for many a month to come. They are still talking about it today.

The first Maritime born runner ever to win the Boston Marathon was the late Dr. Ronald J. MacDonald of Antigonish, N.S. That was back in 1898 and his time was clocked at 2 hours, 42 minutes. The course was then 24-8 miles long. In 1910 Freddie L. Cameron of Amherst, N.S., took top honors. His time was 2 hours 28 minutes., 55 2-5 seconds.

Johnny Miles took top honors in 1926 and again in 1929, although the record books list Miles as a resident of Cape Breton, he is a Canadian by adoption only. He was actually born in Halifax, England.

Easily the two best long distance runners that Prince Edward Island ever produced were the late Michael Thomas and John Paul. The records show that Thomas was the only runner ever to win the Halifax Modified Marathon three times in a row. The years were 1910, 1911, 1912. He competed twice in the Boston Marathon, the first time in 1909 he placed 19th and the following year he was 26th.

Mr. Paul won the Halifax Herald Marathon in 1940 and 1945. He competed three times in the Boston Marathon. The first time out in 1936 he placed thirteenth. In 1940 he ran almost an hour and was forced out by blistered feet. In his third and last try in 1946 John finished 28th.

Road racers are among the hardiest of athletes, because they run for fun. They'll run in any sort of weather come rain or shine. They'll plod when it's too hot for mad dogs and they'll run when snow flakes give others the shivers.

Can you recall of a road race being cancelled because of "inclement elements" as the meteorologists say? The answer is No! The Boston Marathon has been held under all conditions, under conditions that would scare a sled dog or frighten a sphinx.

The gruelling 26-mile 385 yard road race is considered the Kentucky Derby of long distance running. Some 150 runners from as far away as Korea and Sweden will jam up the starting line in rural Hopkinton, Massachusettes at noon Saturday. About two-and-one half hours and many sore legs later about half of them will end up at the finish line in Boston.

The Marathon celebrates two things. One is Paul Revere's famous ride in the revolutionary war that warned the Colonials that the British were coming. The race is held on the Anniversary of the ride, Patriot's Day in Massachusetts. The Marathon also celebrates a gent named Pheidippides, a legendary Greek Hero. According to tradition Pheidippides ran 26 miles to tell of a great victory in a battle at a place called Marathon, then dropped dead.

For 62 years now, the Boston Marathon has been run to celebrate the two events and most of the runners say they'd rather win the Boston Marathon than any Olympic race ever held.

What do they run for? The half million persons who annually watch the spectacle have been asking that question for more than half a century. Nobody really knows the answer.

The runners give every sort of reply from the deadly serious to the screwball One year a minister ran the race and used up his breath asking the runners "How come you're doing this"? One runner told him "I'm running because my mother - in - law asked me". Another replied "I'm running because I'm a darn fool."

One thing is certain the runners don't compete for money. There's no money involved. All the winner gets is a gold medal, a big wreath and bowl of stew. But year after year Marathoners keep coming back to run.

The name of Johnny Kelly has appeared on the race roster for 23 years and "Mr. Marathon" as he is known to long distance runners, has won the event twice and placed second seven times

Why does he run? Last year the 49 year old Kelly said he was running because it was a nice day. There were 140 in the race and Johnny placed 13th.

One of the greatest stories that ever came from the Marathon concerned a man who didn't run for any of those reasons.

Stylianos Kyria Kides was born in Greece where the Marathon started. He trained by running from house to house as he checked light meters in Athens. The company that employed Stylianos sent him to America in 1946 just after the war. He won for Greece.

I am Sir,
WILFRED McCLUSKEY
City

All Games In Full On TV

TORONTO (CP) — The CBC said Wednesday that today's and Sunday's National Hockey League Stanley Cup final games will be telecast in full.

The Thursday game, at Montreal starts at 9:30 p.m. AST with Sunday's, sixth game of the series in Boston, starting at 9 p.m. AST.

The best-of-seven series is tied 2-2.

Bold Venture Run Saturday

FORT ERIE, Ont. (CP) —The $5,000 Bold Venture handicap, the first stakes event of the Canadian thoroughbred racing season is scheduled for the Fort Erie Jockey Club Saturday. The Bold Venture will be a sprint of five furlongs.

SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

Once in a blue moon we become endowed with the gift of prophecy. Not often enough to rent a crystal ball and put up our shingle. Just to remind sports fans, we picked the Bums to win the World Series in seven games in 1955, and verily it was even so. Tuesday we were asked to venture a prognostication of the winner of the Stanley Cup game, with the score. The Bruins, 3-1 we said just like that. You members of the gambling fraternity, don't call us. We'll call you.

As a matter of fact, we think we were mistaken in that 3-1 prophecy, and so was the goal judge and Red Storey. If Toppazini didn't score a four goal for the Bruins, we'd better turn in our television set. Of course, no one can be absolutely sure about a thing that happens so quickly, but we saw, or thought we saw, the net sag. A lot of people looking at television agreed with me, some people sitting behind the net, who could have been all Beantowners, also agreed, and Danny Gallivan and Frank Selke, Jr. also felt sure the puck had gone in. Storey was lucky the goal didn't really matter. Okay, we admit Storey and the goal judge were nearer the play than we were, about 800 miles nearer if you want to get technical.

We've decided to invent a new game -- for minor hockey players. There will no be goaltender, the net will be, say 8 inches wide, and players in order to score must shoot from at least fifteen feet out. After seeing the Rocket in those stanley cup games, we're convinced that low accurate shooting is a very important asset to any hockey player. Baseball pitchers spend hour after hour getting their pitches in the strike zone and finally some of them can pitch to a particular spot seven times out of eight. Our hockey players would do well to practise precision shooting a lot more than they do. It pays off in the case of Maurice Richard who at times looks as if he's just out for a moonlight skate, but he is certainly a lethal dose of hockey player when he gets within range.

We don't keep the Rocket's picture in the back of our watch. We've always been on the Howie side of the famous controversy. But we're building up a lot of respect for the Canadien star by watching him on television. He stays in the "big time" at his age because he is letting his head take some of the burden off his legs. Billed through the years as a blood and thunder battler who scored goals through sheer dominance of energy and hustle, the Rocket is also cool and claculating when he has to be.

Probable Pitchers

NEW YORK (AP) — Probable pitchers for today's major league games (last year's won-lost records in brackets):

American League

Detroit at Chicago—Lary (11-16) or Foytack (14-11) vs Wynn (14-17)

Kansas City at Cleveland — Maas (10-14) vs Grant (0-0)

Washington at Baltimore (night)—Stobbs (8-20) vs Pappas (0-0)

New York at Boston—Kucks (8-10) vs Brewer (16-13)

National League

Pittsburgh at Milwaukee—Law (10-8) vs Burdette (17-8)

Chicago at St. Louis (night)—Hobbie (0-0) vs L. McDaniel (15-9)

Los Angeles at San Francisco —Newcombe (11-12) vs Antonelli (12-18)

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SOCCER RESULTS

LONDON (Reuters) — Results of soccer matches played Wednesday night in the United Kingdom:

International Match

Wales 1 Ireland 1

English League

Division I

Portsmouth 3 Manchester U 3

Division III Southern

Crystal P 2 Queens P R 3
Exeter 2 Shrewsbury 1
Gillingham 1 Bournemouth 1
Norwich 5 Newoprt 2
Southend 2 Plymouth 1
Torquay 1 Northampton 0
Aldershot 2 Colchester 1

Division III Northern

Chester 2 Rochdale 0
Chesterfield 0 Southport 0
Wrexham 2 York City 2

Scottish League

Division I

Motherwell 4 Queen's PK 1
East Fife 2 Falkirk 1
Hibernian 1 Dundee 1
Rangers 4 Raith R 1
Clyde 3 Kilmarnock 2
Queen of S 4 Celtic 3
Thd Lanark 3 Airdrieondians 1
Aberdeen 0 Hearts 4

Division II

E Stirling 3 Hamilton 1
Forfar 0 Dunfermiline 1
Dundee 1 Alloa 7
Stirling 2 Stranreer 1
Ayr 0 Berwick 0
Cowdenbeath 3 Arbroath 2
Montrose 1 Morton 2

St. Laurent Lost To Habs For Remainder Of Series

MONTREAL (CP) — Defenceman Dollard St. Laurent of Montreal Canadiens suffered a fracture of the left cheek bone in Tuesday night's Stanley Cup game in Boston, x-ray examination showed Wednesday. He's out of the finals.

It is the second cheek - bone fracture for the defenceman in a month. The right cheek-bone was fractured in a game in Montreal March 15 against Chicago Black Hawks.

St. Laurent was injured Tuesday when he was checked by Leo Labine of Boston Bruins. Canadiens spokesmen said Labine's elbow caught St. Laurent. The Montreal player fell to the ice. He also suffered a slight concussion.

He accompanied his teammates home and was sent to hospital on arrival.

Trout Fishing Contest Is Held

The Evening Patriot's annual trout fishing contest once again proved highly successful, with some really fine trout brought to the newspaper's offices for judging yesterday at noon.

Eddie Michael of Charlottetown had by far the greatest display and chances are he would have copped more than one prize if the contest rules had allowed. As is was Eddie got first for the best and cleanest fish.

Top award for the largest went to Steve Thorns also of Charlottetown, His entry weighed an even two pounds.

Herb Poole and Clarence Reid both of the City were first and second respectively in the best-catch of three competition and "Tuddy" MacKinnon, Charlottetown and E. Walker, Charlottetown, R.R. 6 were 1-2 in the classification, the best catch of ten or more trout.

Contest judges were Ralph Jenkins, Bruce Wonnacott and Frank "Duck" Acorn.

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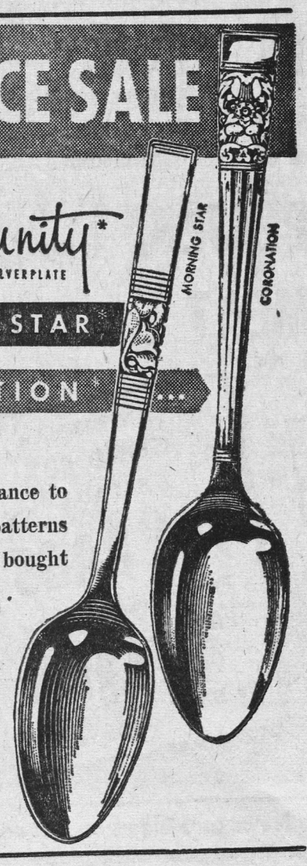

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