

SPORTS FRONT

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The Blue Bombers Again

ONCE again Blue Bombers are the Grey Cup champions. Saturday and Sunday, Bud Grant's cripples managed to eke out a 26-27 triumph over the heavy favorites, Hamilton Tiger-Cats. That was the score when fog chased everybody, including the players, home Saturday, and it didn't change one bit after the completion of nine minutes and 29 seconds of play Sunday. The Tiger-Cats managed to have the better of the play in these minutes on Sunday but they couldn't get a touchdown, couldn't get a field goal, nor could they come up with a single which would have sent the game into overtime.

PENALTIES surely killed the Hamilton club, especially on Sunday when they definitely were running out of time. Those "no yards" infractions were really stupid and in our opinion cost Trimble and his boys the Grey Cup.

Don Sutherland's kicking for the extra points after the touchdowns and for the field goal attempts were far from brilliant. These were the main weaknesses the Tiger-Cats displayed against a group of westerners that refused to concede one game.

We thought the Bombers' ability to move the ball on second down was a great factor in their narrow success. Ve'ry often, Winnipeg was held to small "trick" plays on first down situations but usually Hal Ledyard and Kenny Pleen were able to take successfully to the air on second down and get yardage enough to kick on the first down. This ability saved Winnipeg from giving up the ball and thereby giving Hamilton a chance to start any kind of a victory march.

Tough For Halter

COMMISSIONER Halter came in for loads of criticism for the two-day dust. However, no matter what Halter has done he would have been wrong. He hoped they could get through the struggle Saturday without an interruption and we think, regardless of the fog, he should have allowed the game to be completed.

However, it's easy to stay at home and criticize and we know we surely wouldn't have wanted to be in Halter's place Saturday.

Toronto's veteran sportswriter, Ted Reeve, interviewed Saturday, made no attempt to conceal his displeasure at the game being called. Reeve felt the players could still see the ball and that's what mattered. Players themselves agreed with Reeve when reporters got to him after the action on Saturday.

But Halter was hard pressed for a decision and he made the one that naturally was best. He surely couldn't have enjoyed one minute of the action that memorable December afternoon.

Eagles Look Weak

RCAP Eagles are having their troubles in this Island Senior Hockey League.

The cruelest blow yet was dealt them Sunday by their neighbors, Prince County Combies, who went right into the ice base and crushed them 8-3.

In the early moments of the game, the Eagles assumed a 2-0 lead and naturally the supporters of the Airmen were thinking in terms of the first taste of victory. However, the Eagles had little left after this and Combies came on to score eight goals with only one answer from the Eagles.

It would seem that Eagles need additional strength to compete in the loop. This is in no way in criticism of the club which gives its best every performance. However, the facts are there. They haven't won a decision and they were able to do no better than grab a draw with Penguins in their first home game.

Perhaps after the New Year, the Airmen will have some new faces in their lineup. We hope so and we also hope if the new faces are there they'll be able to cause plenty of trouble for the other three teams. Right now, the Eagles are a weak "B" team and for their sake and the sake of the league they need "A" at a real hurry.

Walks will start staying away in droves of the competition isn't there to date, it hasn't been there when the Eagles performed. They took 18-2 and 8-2 at the Sports Arena and a 10-3 pasting at Summerside.

These things just aren't good enough.

Pirates, Saints Notch Victories

Pirates had to come from behind in the second to defeat BYC 60-42 and host Saints clobbered RCAP 80-38 in basketball action at Saint Dunstan's gym last night.

The Pirates were trailing the BYC team 18-17 in the first half but in the final session outscored their opponents to the tune of 33-23.

Stu Lavers paced the Ross-ecoged winners with a 27-point performance while Emmett Ellsworth swished the twinsten for 24 points for the BYC five.

The second game was fairly close in the first half with the Saints leading by only eight points at the half, 37-29. They really opened up in the final period, however, racking up 52 points while holding the airmen to only nine points.

Phil Mullally topped all point-getters with 29 with teammate Len Strivis hitting the 22 mark.

Tyne V. Bombs Kensington 10-3

SUMMERSIDE — Tyne Vety Clover Farmers continued annihilating the opposition, tallying the Kensington Bombers, by the score of 10-3. Gerry Morrison scored 4 goals, David Birch 3, Ron MacArthur, Merrill Cameron, and Jack Gerrill 2 each. Geo. Campbell and James Dymott got singletons.

Detonocoman Elmer Gervett chalked up 7 assists. George Bernard, A. Bernard, and Don Chambers scored the Kensington goals. Charlie Morrison and Bob McCallum were the referees.

The Hillcrest strikers beat Albany in a much closer game which ended 10-4. Louie Poirer scored 4 goals for the winners, Gerry White had 2 goals and 2 assists, Clarence Simmons one goal and 3 helpers, Ellsworth Waite, Eddie Peters, and Ted Arsenault racked up single tallies.

Smith Murray scored three for St. Pauls, Geo. Murray 1, Willie Leard 1, and Al Lipson 1. Bob McCallum and Denny Linn handled the whistles.

HOCKEY SCORES

NSSHL
Amherst 7, Windsor 7.
Meriton 7, Halifax 5.

Szawara was tops for RCAP with 12 points.

Lineups are as follows:
Pirates: MacLean 12, Strang 10, Atkinson 8, MacEachern 3, Lavers 27, MacKinnon, MacPherson, Howatt, Hyndman. Total 60.

BYC: J. Basba, E. Beagan, E. Murphy 12, R. MacDoughall 4, E. Ellsworth 24, L. Saslole 2, Total 42.

Saints: Strivis 22, D. MacDonaid, J. Madcock 2, H. Callaghan 7, P. Mullally 29, P. Grant 13, J. Gilroy 4, L. Farrell 12. Total 88.

RCAP: Cunningham, Hemmings, Szawara 12, Runtveldt 6, Cooke, A. Dollimore 6, Murphy 10, Mitchell. Total 38.

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SPORTS ARENA



POWER PLUNGE
Quarterback Joe Zuger of Hamilton Tiger-Cats hands off to fullback Bobby Kuntz (23) in early action of Grey Cup football classic against Winnipeg Blue Bombers in Toronto's Exhibition Stadium. Kelly (54) and Dick Easterly. Other Tiger-Cats are Ellison (CP Wirephoto)

Bruins Acquire Kennedy In Trade With Red Wings

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Bruins acquired wing Forbes Kennedy from Detroit Monday and sent defenseman Pat Stapleton and winger Wayne Connelly to a farm team to make room for two new young players.



FORBES KENNEDY

Boston gave Detroit left wing Andre Pronovost in exchange for the 27-year-old Kennedy, who has been playing for the Red Wings' Edmonton farm in the Western Hockey League.

Connelly and Stapleton were sent to Kingston of the Eastern Hockey League, making room for rookie center Bob Lelander and defenseman Eddie Westfall who come up from Kingston.

Letter, only 21, played with Boston in its two weekend games, scoring one against Toronto Saturday night. Westfall, 22, who joined the team Monday, was in the Bruins last season, playing in 63 games.

WITH WINNERS 3 YEARS
Kennedy, five-foot-six and 193 pounds with the Red Wings five seasons back, scoring 27

points in 70 games. He has been back and forth between the National Hockey League and the minors since then, playing in

Today's Minor Hockey Schedule

The following is today's minor hockey program:

11 a.m. — 12 a.m. — skate, Notre Dame girls.
4 p.m. — 4:40 p.m. — BHS Bantam Hawks and Eagles.
4:40 p.m. — 5:20 p.m. — BHS Bantam Bears and Tigers.
5:30 p.m. — 6 p.m. — QCHS Bantam Crows and Gulls.

Bob Marshall and R. Manz led the visitors with a brace of goals with Bill Mulligan and Bob Flynn getting the others. Xaverians built up a 4-0 lead in the first period and held a 7-2 margin going into the third when the Saints caught fire.

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