

Rangers Defeat Leafs, Bruins Tie Chicago

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (CP) — The last-place New York Rangers upset the league-leading Toronto Maple Leafs 3-1 tonight before 13,465 fans, the largest crowd to see a National Hockey League game here this season.

The Rangers—still left in last place despite their sixth victory of the season—were never headed and were only tied for about two minutes in the first period. Toronto still is in first place, one point ahead of Detroit, idle tonight.

Tony Leswick opened the scoring for New York midway through the first period with Pat Egan and Edgar Laprade the playmakers. Laprade scored New York's other first-period tally.

The Rangers' third goal was notched by Reggie Sinclair early in the third period when he lifted the puck into the Toronto net after taking a pass from Zello Topazzini. Cal Gardner scored Toronto's lone goal unassisted in the first period.

The game was rough and feelings ran high throughout. Twelve penalties were called—four of them majors for fighting. In the first period Gus Morton of Toronto and the Rangers' Ed Slowinski tangled and put on a good boxing exhibition before officials separated them. In the third period Toronto's captain, Ted Kennedy, and Ranger defenseman Allan Stanley mixed it up, each drawing a five-minute sentence.

First Period
1—New York, Leswick (Egan, Laprade) 14:45
2—Toronto, Gardner 16:36
3—New York, Laprade (Leswick, Kullman) 18:05
Penalties — Gardner, Morton (major), Slowinski (major).

Second Period
Scoring—None.
Penalties — Morton, Evans, Stanowski.

Third Period
4—New York, Sinclair (Topazzini, O'Connor) 4:05
Penalties — Mickoski, Evans, Kennedy (major), Stanley (major), Sloan, Stanowski.

BOSTON 4, CHICAGO 3
BOSTON, Dec. 27 (CP) — Boston Bruins pulled out their goalie and, with 31 seconds remaining, forced a 4-4 National Hockey League tie with Chicago Black Hawks before 10,202 fans tonight at the Boston Garden. The erratic Woody Dumart powered a terrific three-goal attack in the final period by scoring twice in less than five minutes.

The Black Hawks, who lost their five previous starts, spotted the Bruins an early tally and then tallied twice in each of the first two sessions to build up a commanding lead.

Roy Conacher notched two of the Chicago tallies and Pete Babando and Doug Bentley the others after Johnny Peirson had denied the Chicago twines.

Early in the finale, Bill Ezinicki put the Bruins back in the contention with an unassisted goal and they bore down in frantic fashion after Dumart banged in his first counter with less than five minutes to go. His tying shot, with goalie Jack Gelineau resting on the bench, was a blazing 50-footer.

Summary:
First Period
1—Boston, Peirson (Ferguson, Creighton) 13:40
2—Chicago, Babando (Mosienko, Dickens) 14:52
3—Chicago, R. Conacher (J. Conacher) 18:43
Penalties: Fogolin (major and misconduct), Horeck (major and misconduct), Guidolin.

Second Period
4—Chicago, Bentley (Babando, Dickens) 6:16
5—Chicago, R. Conacher (Dewsbury) 9:10
Penalties: Fogolin, Ezinicki.

Third Period
6—Boston, Ezinicki 7:20
7—Boston, Dumart (Ezinicki, Schmidt) 15:47
8—Boston, Dumart (Schmidt) 19:29
Penalties: None.

N. H. L. Standings
(Canadian Press)

Team	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Toronto	19	8	7	110	65	45
Detroit	19	6	6	103	61	44
Chicago	11	15	7	86	101	29
Boston	10	16	8	82	103	28
Montreal	10	16	7	79	86	27
New York	6	14	13	63	100	25

Islanders To Give Speed Demonstration

The Islanders Hockey Club, leaders of the Maritime Senior Hockey League circuit, are planning something new in the way of additional entertainment for local hockey fans, and at the same time launch the 1951 section of the schedule off to a flying start.

Next Monday night, January first, when the Moncton Hawks will be the visiting team over home ice, members of the Islanders hockey team, in co-operation with the Forum Management, will put on a demonstration of speed skating, puck carrying and other special events and features before the game gets underway.

Many fans have been expressing their opinions as to which players are the fastest skaters, puck-carriers, back-checkers etc., and now the boys themselves are going to compete against one another so that the fans can vote for themselves who are the best. Special suitable prizes will be awarded for the various competitions, and fans who will be turning out to see the game should get plenty of extra enjoyment and fun out of this novel program being put on by the boys for their entertainment.

Millionaires To Discuss Financial Situation Soon

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 27 (CP) — Executive members of Sydney Millionaires of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League will hold a special meeting shortly to discuss the team's financial situation, it was announced tonight.

This meeting will be followed by a public meeting of fans and supporters when the club's situation will be outlined and plans made for a campaign for funds.

Announcement of the meeting followed a story in the Post-Record today which said "there is a strong possibility" Millionaires will disband within a fortnight because of lack of funds.

Hockey Scores

Quebec Major
Shawinigan Falls 1, Ottawa 6.
Montreal 1, Valleyfield 4.

Ontario Major
Toronto St. Michael's 1, Hamilton 6.

Quebec Junior
Montreal Nationales 9, Montreal Royals 4.

Ontario Junior
St. Catharines 0, Stratford 3.

Manitoba Junior
Brandon Wheat Kings 7, Winnipeg Canadiens 6 (overtime).

Saskatchewan Junior
Saskatoon 3, Flin Flon 4.

American Hockey League
Pittsburgh 1, St. Louis 2.
Buffalo 7, Cincinnati 5.

A-P-C League

STELLARTON, N.S., Dec. 27 (CP) — Stellarton Royals and Antigonish Bulldogs were winners tonight in two scheduled games of the Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior "B" Hockey League.

Royals defeated Pictou 8-2 here and Antigonish, playing on home ice, racked up an 8-1 win over Truro.

REAL TWINS

SAUNDERSFOOT, Pembroke, Scotland—(CP)—Twin sisters Prunella and Jenny Fullford each had their appendix removed, on the same day and in the same hospital.



Lionel Conacher Selected Top Canadian Football Player Of Half-Century

(This story is one of a Canadian Press series on outstanding Canadian sports figures, teams and events in the first half of the century. Selections were made in a poll of Canadian sports editors and sportscasters.)

By Jack Sullivan
TORONTO, Dec. 27 (CP) — Lionel Conacher, the "Big Train" of the gridiron, is the outstanding football player of the half-century.

He was chosen tonight by sports editors and sports broadcasters who made him an overwhelming choice in a Canadian Press poll on sports greats of the past 50 years.

Conacher, a Toronto Argonaut giant in the 1920s and a headliner in lacrosse, baseball, hockey, boxing and wrestling as well, had almost three times as many votes as his nearest rival, Joe Krol, brilliant kicking half of today's Argos.

Argos Best Team
In the same vote Argonauts were chosen the best football team of the half-century, giving them a clean sweep of the football section of the poll.

The 1950 Grey Cup winners took a close contest by two votes. The Queen's University teams of the early 20s and Montreal Alouettes, 1949 Canadian champions, tied for second. Argonauts consolidated their position with added votes for their 1937 and 1938 teams, both Grey Cup winners.

Hamilton Tigers of 1928 were only a vote behind Queen's and Al's and their 1932 outfit also won a vote. Both Tiger teams won the Grey Cup. Calgary Stampeders, who defeated Ottawa Rough Riders in the 1948 Canadian final, trailed with the Montreal Winged Wheelers of 1931, another Grey Cup team, and the 1910 University of Toronto Club.

Although Americans who had competed for a full season were eligible for the outstanding footballer vote, only two were named in the voting. Not a lineman was mentioned and players who starred before 1920 drew no votes.

Fritz Hanson, the speedy blonde half who brought the West its first east-west title in the 1933 Winnipeg-Hamilton cup game, was in third place and Frank Filchock, Alouettes' brilliant quarterback, took fifth place, the only other American import who drew votes.

Harry Batstone and Pep Leavelle, the great running and kicking halves who won Queen's national titles in 1922 and 1923, were prominent. Batstone took fourth. Leavelle was mentioned along with Ab Box, the Balmly Beach and Argonaut kicker, and Tony Gola, the Ottawa Hunger, Hugh (Bummer) Stirling who booted Sarnia to their Grey Cup win in 1934, also drew a

to Halifax team management about sending understrength rosters to the Island, but he said "I never got any satisfaction from them."

Goalie Yeardon can't be blamed for the situation on Tuesday night. He did the best he could, but it is doubtful if any goalie could have done anything to stop the Islanders the way they were rolling on Tuesday night. But at least they could have been given the satisfaction of knowing they were meeting the best opposition that Halifax had to offer.

Sure Island fans want to see their team win. But they want to see some opposition while they are doing it. Victories like last Tuesday night are hollow ones for any team or fan who likes to play and watch good hockey, but they are not going to put up with "puss in the corner" tactics by Halifax. The Saintamarian management want to pull up their socks in a hurry, or there is likely to be diplomatic fireworks ahead.

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Miners Defeat Sydney 3-2

GLACE BAY, N.S., Dec. 27 (CP) — Their halos shining, Glace Bay Miners again defeated Sydney Millionaires downing the champs of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League tonight 3-2 in a match that produced no penalties.

Bom Mundrick scored the winning goal halfway through the third on a combination with Les Vickers and Ray Marshall. Kenny Biggs shot Miners first marker in the middle stanza and Pirie got the second early in the finale.

Sydney went ahead 1-0 early in the first period on a goal by Eddie Marchant and held a 2-0 lead in the second when Fred Hildebrand tallied.

The fans saw two powerful teams pound out a fast, amazingly clean game.

First Period
1—Sydney, Marchant (McRae) 10:31
Penalties — None.

Second Period
2—Sydney, Hildebrand (Berry, Rokey) 4:38
3—Glace Bay, Biggs (Leger, Gray) 14:35
Penalties — None.

Third Period
4—Glace Bay, Pirie (Biggs, Kornek) 3:44
5—Glace Bay, Mundrick (Vickers, Marshall) 10:31
Penalties — None.

Conacher Thrilled Fans

Conacher, now 50, Liberal member of Parliament for Toronto Trinity, a successful business man and the father of five, thrilled fans of the 20s when football was a different game from today's variety.

Without the forward pass, emphasis was on kicking and running the ends as well and plunging, and Conacher was good at all of them. Thousands of older fans have an unforgettable memory of Conacher—a peaked cap pulled down on his forehead and wearing old-fashioned, short canvas football pants—galloping down a gridiron with his distinctive high-knee action.

In his first year of senior football he led Argos to a 23-0 victory over Edmonton Eskimos in the east-west final. Turning pro in hockey cut short his football career but not before he had sampled the American variety when he played on the Bellefonte Academy team at Pittsburgh. Then, when he was over 30, he appeared briefly with a professional team which played exhibition games in Toronto in 1933.

As an outstanding all-round athlete, Conacher starred in wrestling, boxing, lacrosse, baseball, football, and became one of the greatest defencemen of his day in professional hockey.

He was a better-than-average sculler, swam well and ran 100 yards in 10.4 seconds in a baseball uniform. He boxed four exhibition rounds with Jack Dempsey and won the praise of the heavyweight champion.

Possessed of a powerful physique and phenomenal endurance, he often played in lacrosse and baseball or football and hockey in the same day and started in them all.

Conacher didn't try to skate until he was 16 but six years later he refused an offer of \$5,000 to play with Montreal Canadiens. He turned pro in 1926 and stayed in the big time for 11 years, first with New York Americans, later with Chicago Black Hawks and then, when he seemed washed up, staged a brilliant comeback with Montreal Maroons.

Halifax St. Mary's In 5-3 Victory Over Hawks

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 27 (CP)—Halifax St. Mary's rapped in three goals in the last period tonight to take a 5-3 win over cellar-dwelling Moncton Hawks in a Maritime Major Hockey League game.

Danny Wilkes, Hughie Campbell, Frank Grabowski, Hennessey and Willie Watson were the scorers for the Halligonians. Frank Imont led the Hawk attack with a pair of goals and Mike Demchuk netted the other.

After numerous near misses through an under-manned Moncton defence for two periods, the Saintamarians found the range in the final frame, one of their markers coming in the dying seconds of the contest while Hawks were playing six forwards in a desperate attempt to knot the count.

The first period was scoreless and the teams scored two goals each in the second.

Hawks led 3-2 at the 12-minute mark of the last period on Imont's second goal of the night. But St. Mary's again tied the score a minute later on a goal by Grabowski, and Hennessey and Watson went on to give the visitors a two-goal margin over the Monctonians.

The game was clearly played, only one penalty being handed out to McLaughlin, in the first period. St. Mary's dominated territorial play most of the way, outskooting the Hawks 32 to 16.

Both teams were short-handed. St. Mary's used 13 players, two of them, Hennessey and Carver, from the Halifax Junior League.

Hawks used 11 regulars and drafted Jus LeBlanc from the Moncton Industrial League for defence duty. Joe DeMonte and Larry Dunville were the only regular defencemen used. Jean Paul Jeanneau and Charlie Phillips were released last week-end, and Gus Galipeau has been called to Waussocket, R.I., by the death of his mother.

Halifax — Goal, Yeardon; defence, McLaughlin, Grabowski; centre, McGregor; wings, Carver, Thomas; subs, Powers, Campbell, Digear, Watson, Wilkes, Hollett, Hennessey.

Exhibition Hoop Game Tonight

Local hoop fans will be able to see some action tonight at the Y.M.C.A. gym when the Prince of Wales College squad and the Y.M.C.A. will tangle there at seven o'clock, in an exhibition encounter.

The same two teams, who will be meeting later on next month when the Island Physical Fitness Basketball League schedule gets rolling, will meet again over the Y.M.C.A. floor at the same hour on Saturday night.

Moncton — Goal, Colvin; defence, Delmonte, Dunville; centre, Barkwell; wings, Demchuk, James; subs, LeBlanc, Denny, McKenzie, Imont, Dowling, Burgess.

Officials — Swain, Taylor, Bradshaw.

First Period
Scoring — None.
Penalty — McLaughlin.

Second Period
1—Moncton, Demchuk (Barkwell) 1:12
2—Halifax, Wilkes (Hollett, Watson) 4:04
3—Moncton, Imont (Delmonte, Demchuk) 5:29
4—Halifax, Campbell (Watson) 17:00
Penalties — None.

Third Period
5—Moncton, Imont (McKenzie, Burgess) 12:52
6—Halifax, Grabowski (McGregor, Thomas) 13:50
7—Halifax, Hennessey (Digear, Campbell) 16:30
8—Halifax, Watson 19:35
Penalties — None.

RIGHT AT HOME
LONDON—(CP)—There's a stray bird hotel in the Hampstead district. The guests, mostly brought by police or boys, are well cared for by the manager, William Sparrow.

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