

# Abbies And Fredericton Capitals Meet Tonight In Opener At The Forum

The Charlottetown Abbies and the Fredericton Capitals will meet at the Forum tonight in the first game of the P.E.I.-N.B. Intermediate playdowns. The second game will be played at Fredericton on Saturday night.

Capitals will go into tonight's contest as heavy favorites to win the two-province championship. On their lineup is a host of stars who played in organized hockey leagues for several seasons, some of them with top notch amateur clubs in Upper Canada.

The Capitals this season have played several exhibition games with Big Six teams. Early in the season they played to a 6-6 draw with the Moncton Hawks and followed this up with a 7-4 loss to the Saint John Beavers.

But those past showings don't mean that the Capitals have won the P.E.I.-N.B. title. Before they win they must beat the Abbies and the local players are ready to fight with the Capitals for the title which was won by Fredericton last season.

The Capitals won the New Brunswick intermediate title by defeating the Bathurst Papermakers three games to two in the N.B. finals. The Abbies defeated the Georgetown Eagles twice to win the Island crown.

The game tonight will get underway at 8.30.

Following is the Abbies lineup. Goal, F. Strain; defense, Perry, Ready, Burge, MacDonald; forwards, Brown, Strain, Ledwell, Dowling, Howatt, LeClair, Hurry, C. MacDonald, MacGregor.

# Present Trophies In South Shore Hockey League

Presentation of trophies was made following the hockey match between the Freetown Royals and Cape Traverse at the Bedeque Rink on Tuesday evening.

Taking part in the presentation were the following South Shore Hockey League officials: Pres. Mr. Claude Delaney, Vice-Pres. Mr. Ira Crozier and Secretary Mr. John Myers. These gentlemen are being commended on their very capable handling of the league throughout the season, with special appreciation to the secretary who kept scores and records so efficiently.

Trophies presented were as follows: Simmonds and MacFarlane for League Championship to Freetown Royals; Horace Wright for team placing first in regular league schedule to Freetown Royals; J. F. Arnett trophy for team placing second in regular schedule to Cape Traverse Royals; Bedeque Rink trophy for highest scorer to Edgar Taylor of Freetown Royals; S. Shore League trophy for player getting most selections as a star of the game to Robert MacMurdo of the Freetown Royals.

The ten top point getters of the league were: 1. Edgar Taylor, Freetown; 2. Fred DesRoches, Albany; 3. Clayton Mill, Freetown; 4. Layton Schurman, Summerside; 5. Robert MacMurdo, Freetown; 6. Don Darby, Summerside; 7. Neil Walker, Summerside; 8. Malcolm Bradshaw, Albany; 9. Shelton Ferguson, Cape Traverse; 10. Vance Harris, Summerside.

Spoons were then presented to the players who scored the most number of stars in the three star selection in each game. Receiving spoons were: 1. Robert MacMurdo, Freetown; 2. Wallace Muttart, Cape Traverse; 3. Fred DesRoches, Albany; 4. Edgar Taylor, Freetown; 5. Clayton Mill, Freetown; 6. Gordon Cutcliffe, Cape Traverse; 7. Don Darby, Summerside; 8. Shelton Ferguson, Cape Traverse; 9. Wendell MacFadyen, Cape Traverse.

Concluding one of the most successful hockey seasons on record for this league was a presentation by the rink manager to Lester MacLeod as top scorer in 1951.



For tireless Brigadier Bill Reid, members of the Charlottetown Rotary Club, Playground Commission, Abegweit Club and a host of others, last night was a memorable one at the Forum. The printing on the covers of the programs described it as Charlottetown's first Minor Hockey Night and the good sized crowd of fans who sat in on the proceedings were treated to four smart hockey games. They were also given a birds eye view of what has been taking place at the Forum every Saturday night since the minor league was organized early in the winter.

But a birds eye view was all they received. We were present when the first games were played and we were there last night to see the last contests but we did miss quite a number of games throughout the schedule. The first thing that was noticeable last night was the big improvement in the calibre of hockey the boys were playing in comparison to that of early in the season.

The players who took part last night were a pretty good cross-section of the boys who have been playing in the leagues all year. That they were able to show an improved ability to play hockey must be a source of great satisfaction to Brigadier Reid and the others who worked so hard to organize and conduct the league. For without this league, its clock-like organization and the assistance of former hockey players it is doubtful if many of those kids would have had any opportunity to play hockey or to get the chance to develop their hockey talents.

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Tigers—Goal, P. Tanton; defence, F. Gauthier, D. Frizell; forwards, E. Tiedrish, J. Davis, V. Frizell, A. MacDonald, S. Ladner, H. Sentner.

Wally Sharpe, George Francis, the President of the Abegweit Club, Alan MacKinnon, Wendell Beaton, Dr. L. E. Prowse, Mr. MacLean and a host of others who were either coaching the teams or acting in some other capacity. And in the background running the show was Brigadier Reid.

After talking to most of these men we know that they were rewarded with satisfaction for most of their extra-curricular work. Ernie Reid showed a measure of his satisfaction last night after the paperweight game when he lifted young Freddy Gauthier to his shoulders and triumphantly carried him to the dressing room. Young Gauthier had just scored the three goals as his team which was coached by Reid won the paperweight championship by defeating the Spring Park Springers 3-2.

And some of the benefits which the kids received can be obtained from glimpsing at the showings of the Abegweit teams this season. All of the minor league Abbie teams were formed from players participating in the minor leagues and they won four out of the five Provincial titles in which they participated. These results will also show in the years to come when Charlottetown will have Maritime championship junior teams composed of players who are getting their hockey know-how in this minor league.

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After easily winning the first two games in Montreal coach Dick Irvin was a bit irked by his players' performances on Boston ice, where they suffered 4-1 and 3-2 setbacks.

"If three or four of our players had not suffered a letdown here, we would have won four straight," Irvin said.

Boston coach Lynn Patrick was thrilled by the Bruins' play on their home rink. In Montreal he saw the Bruins out-played from start to finish in both games but they gained a tremendous lift as soon as they returned home.

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# Smythe Blames Himself For Leafs' Showing

TORONTO, April 2—(CP)—Managing director Conn Smythe of Toronto Maple Leafs conducted a post-mortem on his club today and said that results over the National Hockey League season "are my fault."

"I have no one to blame but myself," he told a press conference today after the defending Stanley Cup champions were knocked over four straight by the league champion Detroit Red Wings in the best-of-seven cup semi-finals.

"I have nothing to say about the team. They put us in the playoffs and did very well. The same goes to the coach (Joe Primeau) who did a remarkable job in getting them into third place with the material he had.

"The results are my fault. . . the signs were shown last year, against Montreal Canadiens in the Stanley Cup finals and something should have been done then. It was up to me to do something then."

Smythe said that Primeau could have the coaching job next year if he wanted it.

And if Joe-centre man in the Leafs' famous Kid Line of Charlie Conacher and Busher Jackson in the early '30s—doesn't take it, the job will go to King Clancy, another former Leaf player now coach of Pittsburgh Hornets of the American League, a Toronto farm club.

Smythe said there will be personnel changes in the club next year—four on the forward line and one and possibly two on defence. But he said there would be no "grab-bag deals or rummage sales."

He said there was some truth in rumors that he was interested in Harry Lumley, Chicago Black Hawk goalkeeper as a possible replacement for the Leafs' Al Rolins, but Hawk president Bill Tobin was "too demanding."

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