Habs Whittle Detroit Lead, Richard Marksman In Shutout

Regals Tie Stamps 3-3 In O'Time

SASKATOON (CP)— Forward Ray Manson fired three goals as Brandon Regals battled to a 3-3 overtime tie with Calgary Stampeders in a Western Hockey League game Thursday night before 3,500 fans.

The tie put first-place Brandon eight points ahead of Edmonton Flyers in the Prairie Division and left Calgary in the section's third spot, 17 points back of Edmonton.

Manson's trio boosted his goal production this season to 32 and with his 34 assists put him in sixth place in the circuit's goal-getting race with 66.

Regals took a 2-1 lead in the first period. After a scoreless second period, Stamps tallied twice and Brandon once in the third.

Bruins Paste Hawks To Hound Canadiens

By The Canadian Press

The oldest and probably still the most spectacular player in the National Hockey League may be the answer to Montreal Canadiens' recent problems.

Maurice (Rocket) Richard, 35, and a 15-year campaigner in the NHL, scored two more goals Thursday night, leading Canadiens to a 3-0 shutout over the leading Detroit Red Wings.

The win cut Detroit's advantage to four points over Canadiens, who trailed by eight points only last week and appeared out of contention for the championship they won last year.

In the league's only other game—at Boston—the Bruins pasted Chicago Black Hawks 4-0 to stay three points behind the Canadiens. The shutout was rookie Don Simmons' third in 16 games with Bruins.

NEARING 500

Rocket's goals were his 27th and 28th of the season, and 487th and 488th of an illustrious scoring career which seems far from ended.

It was Montreal goalie Jacques Plante's eighth shutout of the the season. He trails Detroit netminder Glenn Hall by one goal in their fight for the Vezina Trophy.

The Rocket opened the scoring in the first period while Wings were two men short, then made it 2-0 in the second on a typically spectacular rush. Rookie Phil Goyette shot the last goal, also in the second.

The win was Canadiens' first in Detroit this season. They outshot Wings 39-20.

TWO FOR McKENNEY

At Boston, centre Don McKenney produced two goals to lead Bruins. Simmons stopped 23 Chicago shots. Other scorers were defenceman Allan Stanley and Real Chevrefils. Stanley also contributed two assists.

Canadiens, meanwhile, announced that defenceman Bud MacPherson, recently called up to replace injured Dollard St. Laurent but sent down again to Montreal Royals, is being sent to Rochester of the American League to replace injured Benny Wolt.

In Toronto, Leaf forward Gerry James said he has received a "feeler" letter from New York Giants of the National Football League. James quit a professional football career with Winnipeg Blue Bombers two years ago to sign with the Toronto hockey club. Giant officials said they have not yet made James an actual offer.

Sports Trail

By Whitney Martin

NEW YORK (AP)—Never did a prize fighter look and act the part to a greater degree than did Carmen Basilio in disposing of his welterweight challenger, Johnny Saxton, last Friday.

Craggy-featured and craggy-fisted, with a body lean and hard and the muscles rippling with every move, the warrior from Syracuse, N.Y., was every inch a champion.

How good Saxton was can only be surmised. Perhaps the beating he took in their meeting last September left him pulpy, unable to withstand even a moderate punch. But we doubt that Saxton on his best day could have withstood the withering attack he faced.

REAL TIGER

This was no wild swinging, haphazard Basilio, relying upon the ferocity of his attack to carry him through. This was purposeful, deliberate violence, with the punches shorter and for the most part more accurate than in his previous fights, but you could watch his shoulders and see the power and leverage behind each blow.

So Basilio now stands alone among the welterweights, and in such a situation it practically is a tradition that he eye the middleweight crown, now worn by another rock-ribbed, iron-featured battler named Gene Fullmer.

The two have a lot in common. Both have that intense pride and ability to absorb punishment, and both feature a headlong attack with slight emphasis on defence. In these respects they are ponysized Rocky Marcianos.

Fullmer has a little unfinished business to take care of in his own division before considering challengers from a lower class. He must dispose of Ray Robinson in their return meeting, and there always is a chance the once-great Sugar Ray can dredge up enough explosive power to end the fight in the classic style that once was a trademark.

Should this happen, and Robinson regain his title, we believe Basilio would have a better chance against him than he would against Fullmer.

Basilio would be an overstuffed welterweight in going after the middleweight crown. He'd probably take on a few extra pounds, but such a procedure could dull the razor-sharpness he displayed against Saxton.

He would be meeting a natural middleweight in Fullmer, and a rugged, determined one at that. Maybe not in Robinson's class for speed and grace, but a solid man able to take a punch well and plod ahead.

Quit? Naw, I'm Goin' For 6,000 Says Longden

By BOB MYERS

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)—Jockey Longden went back to work as usual today, totally unimpressed with the thought that a man who has just ridden his 5,000th winner on a race track should take a holiday.

The galloping grandpappy reached the figure in the fourth race at Santa Anita Thursday, another milestone in his 30 years of thoroughbred racing.

JOHNNY LONGDEN
... Rides his 5,000th winner.

Is he ready to hang up his track? "Naw, I'm just starting now," quipped 47-year-old John Eric.

Longden came by invitation to the press box after his ride aboard Travis M. Korr's Bonto, the favorite.

The race, his third of the wet, sloppy afternoon, had been a head-to-head duel between Bonto and Flying Finish II all the way for the six furlongs.

When did he think he had the race won?

John's well-creased face broke into a grin.

"At the finish," he shot back. No. 5,000 was Longden's 25,706th mount and the win brought his purse earnings to a staggering $10,787,280. The mounts and money represent those scored only on the North American continent.

The total wins include victories in seven countries—Canada, the United States, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia and Mexico.

Softballers Meet Wednesday

Election of executive and officers for the Prince Rupert Softball Association will be held Wednesday night in the Savoy Hotel Sample Rooms at 8 p.m.

All members are urged to attend.

Besides the annual study of the constitution, discussion on last year's problems, pro-tem president, Len Harrington stated,

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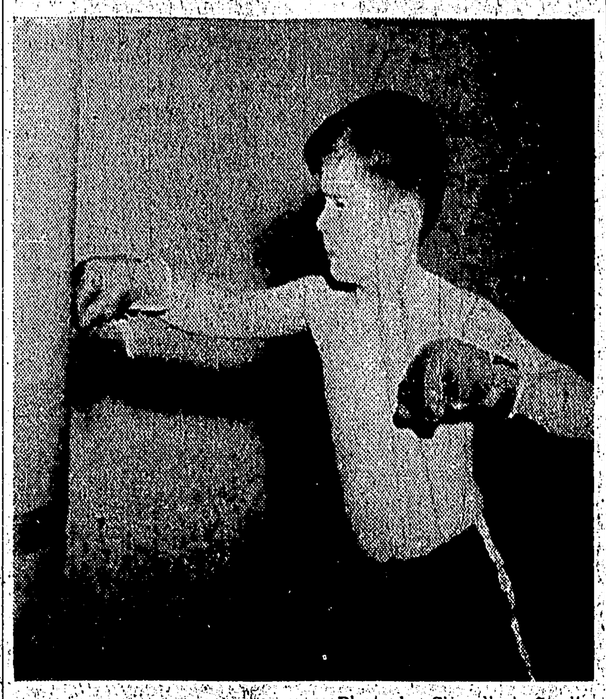

Photo by Chandler's Studio
Eager boxer FRANK NEILSEN to go twice tonight.

Everything Set To Go For Exhibition Card

Everything is set to go for tonight's exhibition boxing card at the Civic Centre. All that remains is for the fighters to be on hand and the opening bell to ring.

The card, scheduled to start at 7:30 sharp, will feature members of two Civic Centre boxing classes, instructed by Maurice Bishop and Dick Ayres. There is a possibility of two young boxers from Andy Marshall's Navy Drill hall stable being on hand. Billy Saunders will meet Darrel Stevens in one of the more experienced exhibition bouts.

Refereeing some of tonight's bouts will be Benny Windle, well-known former boxer and veteran of more than 150 professional fights. Mr. Bishop and Mr. Ayres will referee the other events.

Last night for three and a half hours, the two instructors, Civic Centre recreation director Gordie McCutcheon, maintenance man Jack McIntosh and six members of Elks Lodge 342 erected the solid oak ring. Helping out were Elks Exhaulted Ruler Don Wanamaker, former Centre athletic director Fred Calderoni, Roy Boychuk, Tony Antoniuk, Jack Gable, Harold Marshall and boxer Darrell Stevens.

At least 15 bouts are planned for tonight, with several of the more eager lads fighting twice.

Tickets, for which there are only two prices, 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for students, will be sold at the Civic Centre counter.

The gymnasium door will be opened at 7 p.m. There are no reserved seats.

Bea Hardy Double Winner In 708 Loop

Bea Hardy of Pinheads in "A" division of the Local 708 Mixed Five Pin Bowling League captured double honors last week rolling 284 for women's high single game and racking up 694 for women's high triple.

Over in the men's play, Charlie Dearaway of Hotshots snared men's high single game of 294 while men's high three was scored by Jack Finlayson of BTU's with 635.

Both team high single and team high three were won by All-Stars with 1047 and 2935.

In "B" division Alfil Johnson of Powerhouse took double honors with women's high single game of 248 and high triple of 592.

Men's high single was scored by Vince Wells of Maniacs with 248 while Peter J. Lester of Digesters racked up 642 for high triple.

Team high single was rolled by Woodroom with 891 while Powerhouse chalked up 2399 to take team high three.

RESULTS

A Division

Automats 1, BTU's 3; Hotshots 3, Pilot Plant 1; All-Stars 3, Pinheads 1.

B Division

Woodroom 3, Mighty Mites 1; Digesters 1, Powerhouse 3; Electrons 1, Maniacs 3.

COLDEST YET

KAPUSKASING, Ont. (CP) — January was the coldest month ever recorded at this northwestern Ontario town's weather station. Average temperature of 0.2 below zero was 12 degrees colder than the record a year ago.

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Tom Pearson Tops Mixed Ten Pinners

Tom Pearson of Jakes topped honors in the Mixed Ten Pin Bowling League Sunday capturing men's high single game of 212.

Mon's high three was scored by Don Hartwig of Dominoes with 565.

In the Women's play, Jean Dixon of Jakes took high single game of 176 while Pearl Woon of Dominoes racked up 443 for three high games.

Both team high single and team high triple were rolled by Dominoes with 843 and 2320.

Results: Star Cabs 4, Blowouts 0; Dominoes 4, Lonely Ones 0; Jakes 3, Luckies 1.

STANDINGS

Dominoes	53
Star Cabs	42
Jakes	34
Luckies	31
Blowouts	26
Lonely Ones	21

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Major Leagues Swing Into Training, Nearly 30 Players in Holdout Roles

By The Associated Press

Nearly 30 players assumed the traditional "holdout" role today as the major league clubs officially opened the spring training season.

Milwaukee Braves were minus three important regulars—19-game winner Lew Burdette, relief pitcher Ernie Johnson and centre fielder Billy Bruton. All were in camp at Bradentown.

Brooklyn's National League pennant winners, needed to sign only Sandy Amoros to complete their roster. The other six senior circuit members had all players present and accounted for.

Amoros arrived at Vero Beach Thursday. But Vice-President Buzzy Bavasi, who handles contracts, was out of town.

The American League picture was quite different. The world champion New York Yankees signed Don Larsen to close their ledgers Thursday. But the other seven clubs still had at least 20 blank contracts.

CHICO UNSIGNED

Heading the list in number was Cleveland with five but shortstop Chico Carrasquel was the only missing regular.

Sammy White, a catcher, infielder Billy Klaus and outfielder Jim Persall and Gene Stephens have not come to terms with Boston Red Sox.

Southpaw Billy Hoeft was considered Detroit's biggest problem. But Eddie Robinson and outfielder Gil Coan were still unsigned. Kansas City's headaches were pitcher Maury McDermott, recently acquired in a multi-player deal with the Yankees, pitcher Tom Morgan, infielder Hee Lopez and catcher Hal Smith.

Baltimore's Willie Miranda, who hasn't been heard from since he returned his first contract unsigned in January, is the Orioles only holdout.

Washington listed outfielder Roy Sievers, catcher Clint Courtney and pitcher Elevio Hernandez among the unsigned. Chicago's worries were pitcher Ellis Kinder, who is reported to have agreed to terms but has not signed his contract, pitcher Jim McDonald and infielder Tommy Brown.

One-Half of Finals Decided As Canadians Eliminate V's

Only one-half of the Okanagan Senior Hockey League final make-up remains to be decided, and that comes up tonight.

Vernon Canadians, regular season titleholders in the OSHL this year, finally eliminated Penticton Vs Thursday night with a 7-3 victory. It gave them the best-of-seven semi-final 4-3 in games.

The second semi-final series, between Kamloops Chiefs and Kelowna Packers, moves into its seventh game tonight with the possibility of an "overtime" series. Kelowna hacked Kamloops' series lead to 3-2 Wednesday night by dumping the Chiefs 5-1.

With one game tied, league rules provide for a windup tonight. If Kelowna wins the regular encounter, tying the series at 3-3 the teams wil play a sudden-death overtime period to decide the semi-final winner.

The victors meet Vernon Saturday night in the first game of a best-of-seven final.

At Vernon, it took seven players to score the Canadiani' goals as Vernon swung a 3-1 lead in the first period and stretched it to 4-2 in the second.

Curling Draws

Booth Memorial High School curling draws for play this Saturday are as follows:

Danny Pick vs Robert MacGregor; Mike Powers vs Clyde Robinson; Arlene Johnson vs Keith Inkster; Gerry Wilkins vs Judd Anderson; Byron Kellough vs Eric Kristmanson; Alleyn Ritchie vs Lloyd Kristmanson.

With gloves almost as big as himself, Paul Hackett, 60 pounds, prepares to do battle at Civic Centre boxing show tonight.

17-Year-Old Takes World Skating Title

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Seventeen-year-old Carol Heiss rules the world of women's figure skaters today with no one in sight offering a serious challenge.

The honey-blonde from Ozone Park, N.Y., successfully defended her international championship here Thursday night, receiving the first-place vote from each of seven judges.

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