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Detroit Hockey Club Takes First Playoff Contest

DETROIT, April 12.—(AP)—The Detroit Red Wings were off to a flying start in the final Stanley cup hockey playoffs today and it looked as if the New York Rangers would have a hard time catching them.

The Red Wings, playing without their two star forwards, Ted Lindsay and Gordie Howe, whipped the New Yorkers 4-1 last night in a game that became one-sided after the first 40 minutes of play.

The victory put the Wings one up in the best-of-seven championship series which shifts to Toronto for games No. 2 and 3 on Thursday and Saturday night. The pregame 13-5 odds in favor of Detroit to win the series went up a couple of points.

The fast New Yorkers grabbed a one goal lead in the first period during which they skated rings around the Detroiters.

But the National hockey league champions Red Wings surged back with a four-goal blitz in the second period to tuck the game away.

After that, the Detroiters played strictly defensive hockey against the Rangers' futile efforts for a tally.

The game lacked the blood and thunder atmosphere that marked Detroit's bruising semi-final series against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

In fact, a goodly number of the 13,415 fans filed out of the rink in boredom midway of the final period.

New York, which surprised by slapping down Montreal in the semi-finals, had a lot of tough luck.

The Rangers picked up a first period goal on Buddy O'Connor's six-foot poke, and just missed connecting on two other shots that bounced off the Detroit goal posts behind goalie Harry Lumley.

Coaches Lynn Patrick of New York and Tommy Ivan of Detroit agreed in post-game discussions that those near misses cost the Rangers the game.

Lindsay and Howe, members of the Detroiters' powerful Lindsay-Howe-Sid Abel line, watched the action from seats behind the Detroit bench. Both were injured in the semi-final round.

Lucky Beavers Second In Coast Hitting Honors

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—(AP)—San Diego's Padres took over top team hitting honors in the Pacific Coast league games up to and including those of April 9.

The team batting averages for the first two weeks of the season:

San Diego .345
Portland .335
Oakland .325
San Francisco .315
Sacramento .305
Los Angeles .295
Hollywood .285
Seattle .275

Sports In Brief

RACING
NEW YORK—Ferd (\$9.50) upset the favored Middleground in the six-furlong Count Fleet purse at Jamaica.

SAN BRUNO, Calif.—Favorites won the first seven races at Taboran, including Feudel (\$4.30) in the featured event.

GENERAL
PHILADELPHIA—Andrew Ponzi, 47, former world's billiard champion, died of a heart attack.

GREEN BAY, Wis.—John L. (Tarran) Taylor was named assistant coach of the Green Bay Packers football team.

PHILADELPHIA—The Cleveland Browns and Philadelphia Eagles signed to meet in the first game of the professional football season Sept. 16.

Blind Bowlers To Get Chance

COLUMBUS, O., April 12.—(AP)—A dozen kids, six blind and six partially blind, get their sports thrill of a lifetime April 28.

They'll bowl, as full-fledged contestants, in the 47th American Bowling congress.

The members of the two teams, all students at the Ohio State School for the Blind, from 14 to 17 years of age, don't expect to finish last in the big barrage, either.

The boys come from all parts of the state, but Columbus has adopted them as its own for the pin classic which opens here Saturday.

A dozen new shirts, 12 pairs of shoes, and a dozen new bowling balls were donated anonymously, as was the \$81 entry fee. On top of that, various unknown donors showered \$100 for equipment, 23 used balls and 31 pairs of bowling shoes for use on the two alleys at the school.

The ABC, running from April 15 through June 13, features a \$377,000 prize list for 5109 five-man squads, 11,155 two-man teams, and 22,393 singles competitors. The event is the seventh largest in the 47-year history of the congress.

HORSES WILL RUN

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—The horses will run this year at Portland Meadows.

William Klepper, former owner of the Portland Baseball club, said yesterday he had leased the track from the bank which recently took it over on a mortgage foreclosure.

A 25-day season, running from May 15 to June 10, is planned.

Four Northwest Fighters In AAU Semi-Final Round

BOSTON, April 12.—(AP)—Four northwest battlers were in the running today for titles in the national AAU boxing tournament.

One of the quartet, all of whom battle in tonight's semi-finals, caught tournament fans by surprise last night. That was Wendell Delorme of Portland who pulled the biggest upset of the annual event in decisioning highly regarded Willie Davis of Washington, D. C., in the 135-pound division.

Davis had won his two earlier bouts with easy knockouts but Delorme's straight and highly polished lefts and rights to the head swung the nod to the Portlander.

Dick Rall, hard-hitting featherweight from Seattle, moved up to the semi-final bracket in his division with a three-round knockout win over Cpl. Peter Schire, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Carl Mills, Fort Lewis 160-pounder, won his third fight of the tournament with a decision over William McNeese of Port Bragg, N. C., and Dick Graddon, Seattle welterweight, took a split nod over Ralph Jones of New York City.

Washington Crews Will Go To Poughkeepsie

SEATTLE, April 12.—(AP)—University of Washington crews will row in the transplanted Poughkeepsie regatta June 17, without the "if."

Athletic Director Harvey Cassill said an invitation to the Marietta, Ohio, event had arrived from the Intercollegiate Rowing association. Earlier he had said the university would attend, if invited. The school is not a member of the I. R. A.

All three crews—varsity, jayvee and freshman—will shoot for the unofficial national crown at the Marietta regatta.

Ken Keltner Released

TOPEKA, Kas., April 12.—(AP)—Kenny Keltner, third baseman for the Cleveland Indians for the last 12 years, was given his unconditional release today.

Manager Lou Boudreau conferred with Keltner last night in his hotel room and broke the news. Keltner went to the Indians from Milwaukee.

"It was the hardest job I ever had to do as manager," said Lou. "We've been playing together for 11 years."

Keltner now may negotiate for himself with any team as a free agent. He was released after Boudreau conferred with Hank Greenberg, general manager of the Indians.

Triangle Track Meet May Be Held Today

If the weather man cooperates, Roseburg junior high track aspirants will compete in their first triangular meet today against Glendale high school and the Roseburg Jayvees.

The meet is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on the Finlay field track.

A total of 14 events are on the agenda and all running events will be three-fourths of the regular distance, to accommodate the younger boys.

Canucks, New Westminster Ready For Hockey Finale

The Vancouver Canucks and the New Westminster Royals will decide the playoff champion of the northern division of the Pacific Coast hockey league tonight at New Westminster.

If the Royals' pattern of luck holds, they should win. They have won three playoff games at home and dropped but one. Further, the Royals have yet to lose two games in a row.

Last night the Canucks kept the playoffs alive by defeating the Royals in Vancouver, 6 to 1 to deadlock the series at 3-all.

Tonight's winner goes to Los Angeles to open the league final best-of-seven series for the Henderson trophy Saturday night.

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