

# Some hockey history in the thick of the season

By Bill LeGrand

Since the emergence of professional hockey, the Yuletide has brought many examples of sports lore and legends.

NHL teams used to play on Christmas night before the second expansion (1967/68).

On the Gaspé, my small transistor radio could pick up signals from U.S. stations in New England.

A special treat was to hear the Bruins' broadcaster in the '60s. Traditionally, the Bruins and Rangers would face off Christmas night.

Poor Boston seemed to be everyone's 'sentimental team' - a club that invented creative ways to lose and

did 80 per cent of the time.

Still, the Beantown Sextet has some colorful radio announcers, far less smooth and practiced than Danny Gallivan or Rene Lacavalier.

When the Rangers would score, one guy would growl, "Da bums from de big apple hit our boys (bays in Bostonese) again."

Often he wouldn't announce who had scored on the other side, savoring his descriptions for Bruins' goals (a rare occurrence) or fights (a frequent happening).

One Christmas night he wished "peace on earth (earth pronounced ert) to all but Ranger fans."

Boston couldn't light a candle to the Rangers. From the late twenties to the early fifties, the Broadway Blueshirts never lost a game on Christmas.

It was proclaimed that old St. Nick was really a Ranger fan, and this was his annual gift to the Manhattan Sixpack.

From 1925 to 1942, their crosstown rivals, 'the Amazing Americans', usually lost on Christmas Day.

In making the playoffs only once between 1925/26 and 1934/35, it was claimed by the press that even Santa Claus couldn't help the pathetic Americans, whose Brooklyn supporters loved them at all costs.

The Canadiens once threw Santa Claus out of the dressing room in '47/48. Dick Irvin's boys were enduring an unaccustomed parting from the other clubs, and the Flying Frenchmen were in no mood for seasonal greetings.

Back in 1913, the Canadiens and the Wanderers- both of Montreal- introduced hockey to the fair city of Toronto. It was billed as "a seasonal exhibition match of goodwill."

Newly Lalonde and Joe Hall obviously started to celebrate early. Leading their respective forces into battle, they brawled for 40 minutes.

The Hogtown cops eventually broke up the fun and arrested the two antagonists.

Joe and Newly were placed in a common cell where they played poker and cheered one another like old buddies (which they were off the ice), until they were released.

Toronto was so horrified of the violence, that they iced two professional teams in the old NHA for 1914.

Today, the rinks around the NHL are closed for Christmas for a good purpose- to allow the players to have time with their families.

Yet, for us nostalgic buffs, we recall the old times with a note of fondness.

Personally, I believe the old man in a red suit was never a Ranger fan. He's disguised as an owner and prowls the corridors of Maple Leaf Gardens.

## Lots of action in North Shore Tourney

The North Shore Hockey Tournament last weekend saw lots of play between teams from Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Manitowadge, Red Rock, and Marathon.

Listed are the scores for those games.

Game 1 had Terrace Bay beating Schreiber, 3-2. Terrace Bay goals were scored by Dallas Davis, who had two, and a single by Danny Roy.

Schreiber's goals were scored by Derick Martin and Sal Figliomeni.

In goal for Terrace Bay was Mitch Bolduc and for Schreiber it was Chuck Boon.

Game 2 pitted Manitowadge against Terrace Bay and Terrace Bay won again by a score of 5-2.

Manitouwadge goals were scored by Jason Hales and Dwaine Boyd.

In goal for Terrace Bay was Kevin Leclair and for Manitowadge it was Colin Quade.

Game 3 had Marathon beating Red Rock, 12-3.

Game 4 had Schreiber beating Manitowadge, 2-0.

Manitouwadge cleaned Red Rock, 12-1 in game 5.

Andrea Dunn scored the lone Red Rock goal. For Terrace Bay, Dion Bozec and Kenny MaDore scored three each and singles were added by Dallas Davis, Danny Roy, Todd Hansen, Kevin Boucher, Mark Thompson and Steve Kostiuik.

Mitch Bolduc was in goal for Terrace Bay and Desmond Maidmint was in goal for Red Rock.

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Game 6 was won by Marathon, 6, over Manitowadge, 0.

In game 7, Terrace Bay cleaned Marathon, 9-3. Terrace Bay goals were scored by Kenny MaDore, who had three, Danny Roy, who had two, and singles were scored by Dion Bozec, Steve Kostiuik and Dallas Davis.

Game 8 had a tie between Schreiber and Red Rock, at 5.

Game 9 had Terrace Bay beating Marathon 9-3. Terrace Bay goals were scored by Kenny MaDore, who had three, Danny Roy, who had two, and one apiece by Dion Bozec, Steve Kostiuik and Dallas Davis.

In goal for Terrace Bay was Mitch Bolduc and for Marathon it was John Young.

Marathon beat Schreiber in game 10, 5-2.

In the last game, 12, Manitowadge beat Red Rock 5-4.



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