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Leafs Finally Subdue Bruins Beating Boston Team 5-1 Saturday

(By The Canadian Press)
TORONTO, Dec. 8.—The team that skeptics said was getting by on early-season condition alone—Toronto Maple Leafs—was doing all right by itself with nearly all right in the National Hockey League race behind it, and had finally defeated every other team in the loop.

Leafs drubbed Boston Bruins 5-1 here Saturday night after falling in four previous starts. Every other club had bowed to the team Conn Smythe rebuilt and until last night the Bruins were considered the Bruins as their first.

It was an ex-serviceman, sailor Gabe Stewart, who sparked the Leafs to victory with two goals which he outscored the more experienced Toronto markers went to Ted Kennedy, Syl Apps and Vic Lynn. Perky Dumart scored for Bruins.

Leafs went in front on a play which Bruins suffered a cut in the mouth. Wally Stanowski flipped a shot from the blue line and as Bruins realized the rebound was dangerous, he moved out of his net.

Kennedy swiped at the puck and as Don Grosso tried to check the Leafs centre, his stick nicked his own goal's kisser. Brimek had his glove to his mouth as the puck ricocheted crazily behind the net.

Playing five men to the Leafs' four as three players watched from the penalty box, Bruins evened the count with 38 seconds of the initial session remaining. Dumart scoring.

Leafs added two goals in the second and another pair in the third, both scoring spurges coming within two minutes.

Summary:

First Period

1—Toronto, Kennedy 11:51
2—Toronto, Apps 19:22
Penalties: Henderson, Esnicki, Egan, Boeck, Schmidt (major), Mortson.

Second Period

3—Toronto, Apps 10:09
4—Toronto, Stewart 11:51
Penalties: Guuldin, Mortson.

Third Period

5—Toronto, Stewart (Folie) 4:40
6—Toronto, Apps 6:32
Penalties: None.

Navy Wallops Army In City League Game

Taking the lead in the first minute of play and holding a sustained offensive, Navy basketball team Saturday night advanced into a tie for first place with the S.D.U. squad by downing Army 47-24 in a wide-open City Basketball League encounter.

Finishing the basket consistently with short and long range shots while outscoring the Army boys, the winners led 20-7 at the half. Navy mark and then outscored their opponents 27-17 in the latter half to account for their 23 point margin.

LePage and Smith were the big men in the Navy attack, the former accounting for 20 points and the latter 16. McLeod was top man for the Army with ten points.

Lineups and scores:

NAVY	FG	FT	REB	PTS
J. Cullen	2	0	1	4
E. Smith	8	0	2	20
LePage	10	0	2	20
McKinnon	0	0	2	0
Johnstone	2	1	2	5
Bennetson	1	0	0	2
Totals	23	1	10	47

ARMY	FG	FT	REB	PTS
Goodwin	0	0	1	0
Young	0	0	2	0
Gee	0	0	2	0
Langille	2	0	2	4
McLeod	3	4	1	10
LeClair	0	0	1	0
DeLaney	1	0	1	2
Totals	6	4	10	24

Referees: W. Coos and E. Nicholson.

Beavers Defeat Crescents 6-2

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 8.—(CP)—Saint John Beavers spotted Halifax Crescents two goals on Saturday night and then proceeded to tie the fourth-place entrant of the Maritime Big Five Hockey League into knots and rap in goal enough for a convincing 6-2 victory.

It was the Fitzgerald-Butler-O'Toole line which put the pressure on and carried the play right to the doorstep of "Dutchy" Mumford. In the Crescents' goal. All the time they were on the ice the three Beaver players bowed in. Their efforts were rewarded in the second and third periods when they hammered home five goals. From this line came the outstanding player of the night—Walter Butler.

O'Toole, with three goals, and Fitzgerald, fast and smooth as an old, were stand-outs but Butler spearheaded the attacks. He laid perfect passes, was aggressive throughout, broke up many Crescents' plays between the blue lines and led the Beavers to their victory.

Middle Price, who played up front and on defence, was also a stand-out. He scored the other Beaver goal early in the third session.

Years, Pratt won the Hart Trophy as the N.H.L.'s most valuable player in 1944. He was sold by Toronto to Boston Bruins at the start of this season.



N. Y. Rangers Defeat Boston Bruins 6-4

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Set off by Cal Gardner who scored three goals in less than six minutes, the surging New York Rangers defeated Boston Bruins 6-4 in a lively National Hockey League set-to tonight before a packed 13,900 crowd at Boston Garden.

Gardner took over in the second period, after the Bruins had pulled into a 2-1 lead. After he led matters, he pulled out the game for the blue-shirted rappers two pucks into goalie Frankie Brimek's cage within 39 seconds while the Bruins were short-handed.

During the finale, the irrepressible Gardner set up Churcho Russell in such flawless fashion that the latter was able to bat in his own rebound for the Rangers' final counter.

The Rangers' other two goals were registered by the veteran Bryan Hextall in the first and third sessions.

The Bruins spread their scoring over the three periods with Joe Carveth scoring twice after Woody Dumart turned on the red light 29 seconds after the opening face-

United Services Team Drops From Big Five Loop

(By The Canadian Press)
MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 8.—Hockey moguls meeting here today buried the young Maritime Big Five League and resurrected the Maritime Big Four Hockey League which produced three Allan Cup winning teams in as many seasons.

The Big Five loop formed early last fall when the Halifax United Services withdrew from the five team circuit leaving four clubs—Halifax Crescents, Truro Bearcats, Moncton Hawks and Saint John Beavers—to make up the new circuit.

Making a fresh start, league heads also scrapped the unpopular Big Five schedule which called for an uneven division of games among the teams in the circuit and drew up a new 57-game schedule on a home-and-home basis.

The league will continue until Feb. 15 after which a schedule of playoff games will be drawn.

LA. Cmdr. Charles MacDonald represented the United Services team at the meeting. He explained that the team had been faced with the loss of three of its best men with no prospects of replacement. In addition the R.C.A.F. counted on to provide players for the team, had failed to do so.

Services withdrawal from the circuit was accepted and league heads immediately set about the task of laying plans to carry on with the four clubs. Major decision reached was that the team standings of the Big Five circuit would not be affected by the Services withdrawal.

After Saturday night's game between Truro and Saint John and Halifax Crescents in third position.

It was decided that as Truro and Halifax have played fewer games than Moncton and Saint John the two Nova Scotia clubs would play three games this week while Moncton and Saint John play only two. Services put on a game struggle in the losing cause and played the game with only eight men in uniform, the remainder of the team having been called away for navy duties.

The victory placed Truro back in a tie for the league leadership with Moncton Hawks who were idle after dropping a game to Halifax Crescents Friday night.

Canadiens Take 5-3 Decision From Hawks

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(CP)—The fast-skating Montreal Canadiens exploded for three goals within five minutes of the second period to clinch a 5-3 decision over the last-place Chicago Black Hawks in a National Hockey League match witnessed by a capacity crowd of 19,215 at Chicago Stadium tonight.

Elmer Lach, who paced the second-place Canadiens with a pair of goals and an assist, shared the spotlight with a Black Hawk rookie 21-year-old Ralph Natrass, who slapped two long goals and assisted Doug Bentley for the third Chicago tally.

Natrass, up from Hawks' Kansas City farm club showed tremendous stick power in his big league debut, both of his goals coming on 60-foot shots.

Legion Practice

A practice session for the Legion team is scheduled for the Forum at 5 o'clock this evening. All players are requested to attend.

Blue Acres To Hold Weekly Racing Card

STELLARTON, N.S., Dec. 8.—(CP)—The Blue Acres Horsemens' Club had decided to hold a weekly racing card at the Blue Acres track starting Jan. 1, it was announced today.

The events will continue throughout the winter season and will probably run to three classes. Sulkies will be used regardless of the track conditions. Heats will be half mile.

N. H. L. Standings

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Pts.
Toronto	19	11	4	0	49	46	26
Canadiens	20	11	6	3	64	45	25
Boston	19	6	8	5	52	19	12
Rangers	20	8	10	2	54	34	18
Detroit	22	7	11	4	66	33	18
Chicago	17	5	10	2	52	71	12

Baseball Meetings End With Signing Of New Major-Minor Pact

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—Philadelphia Phillies purchased veteran pitcher Dutch Leonard from Washington and Pittsburgh obtained outfielder Gene Woodling from Cleveland for catcher Al Lopez in two trades Saturday which featured the closing day of the annual winter baseball meetings.

Further details in setting up a player pension plan were agreed upon as the major league owners sat in joint session with Commissioner A. B. Chandler.

Leonard, knuckleball star for the Senators since 1936, was purchased for an undisclosed sum.

Lopez, mainstay of the Pirates catching department for a long time, goes to Cleveland on a straight trade.

A permanent committee from the two major leagues will guide the pension plan under which each club will put up \$250 a year for each qualified player and the players will match the amount. The leagues guaranteed use of money for radio rights of the world series which last season totalled \$175,000 and guaranteed all net proceeds of the annual all-star game.

The opening pension fund amounts to \$386,000. The players hope to raise the figure to \$675,000 which would enable a player with at least 10 years' service in the major leagues to retire at 45 with a pension of \$100 monthly.

The week-long convention closed on a harmonious note; the formal signing of a new five-year major-minor league working agreement and the reiterated pledge of its officials to fight and stamp out gambling.

Leafs Come From Behind To Win From Detroit 5-4

DETROIT, Dec. 8.—(CP)—After trailing for two periods Toronto Maple Leafs exploded for four goals without reply from Detroit Red Wings in the third period to win, the Leafs defeating Detroit 5-4 to maintain their slim National Hockey League lead.

The Leafs were on the wrong end of a 4-1 count as that last frame opened. A standing room only crowd of 14,262 cash customers saw the Leafs pull the game out of the fire when it appeared they were hopelessly beaten.

Bow Out With 12-6 Defeat

(By The Canadian Press)
TRURO, N. S., Dec. 8.—Ill-fated Halifax United Services, who have foundered in last place since the beginning of the hockey season, bowed out of the Maritime Big Five senior league Saturday as they dropped a 12-6 decision to Truro Bearcats.

Services put on a game struggle in the losing cause and played the game with only eight men in uniform, the remainder of the team having been called away for navy duties.

The victory placed Truro back in a tie for the league leadership with Moncton Hawks who were idle after dropping a game to Halifax Crescents Friday night.

Jacobs' Condition Still Critical

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A nurse at St. Clare's Hospital reported today that boxing promoter Mike Jacobs "had critical condition," but is "still in critical condition."

Jacobs has been at the hospital since he was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage five days ago. After showing signs of recovery from hemorrhage, the 66-year-old fight impresario was seized with a heart attack Saturday.

Down The Alleys

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Y Grads

W. Josey	262	198	210
W. Cudmore	177	172	176
W. Sharma	145	183	236
J. Roach	133	224	135
A. Calbeck	103	129	248
Total	2734		

High single W. Josey 262.
High three W. Josey 691.

Harness Racing At Halifax

HALIFAX, Dec. 8.—Young reinsman Ralph Baxter guided Ernie Gray's Sully to victory in the free-for-all at the Halifax Harness Club's race Saturday, besting his father, Fergie Baxter, who drove Sandy F. and Don McGregor's trotter Judge, piloted by Pat Lavers.

Nose-to-nose finishes, a big horse spill and races cancelled by the dimming daylight highlighted the day's events. Harold Wilson, the big pacer, sent excitement along the rails as he stumbled and fell while swinging back to score.

In an eye-lash finish Harold Grattan took Class C honors from Fergie Baxter-piloted Colleen Adam after the race was declared finished after two heats.

Summary:

Free-For-All

Sully (R. Baxter)	1 1 2
Judge (P. Lavers)	2 3 3
Winning owner: Ernie Gray, Halifax.	

Class B

Previous D. Turner	1 2
Flo Direct (H. Boutilier)	2 3
Harold Wilson (R. Baxter)	2 5
Jacob Wilson (F. Baxter)	4 3
Martindel (R. Kidney)	5 4
Winning owner: Don Turner, Dartmouth.	

Class C

Harold Grattan (W. Baker)	1 1 2
Colleen Adam (F. Baxter)	2 2
Nellie Volo (Gay)	3 3
Nellie Worthy (Drake)	4 4
Winning owner: Wilfred Baker, Dartmouth.	

Class D

Dolly Direct (L. Walker)	1 2 1
Goldie Duds (Geo. Turner)	3 1 4
Miss Cleo Dale (A. Reynolds)	2 3 2
Scotty McLeod (B. Bailey)	4 3 3
Winning owner: Robb and Bay, Kater, Halifax.	

Class E

Lady Chief (Halliday)	1 3 3
Brown Bomber (R. McAlpine)	4 1 3
Tonight at 7:00 City League—Tigers vs. Bombers; Alerts vs. West Enders.	
Billiards—4th round—K. McDonald won from A. Tulle.	

Quick Changes At Madison Sq. Garden

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Madison Square Garden's engineers and mechanics are accustomed to making quick changes but in the last 24 hours they were called on for a little extra hustle.

The Garden featured a collegiate basketball doubleheader last night and as soon as the final game was completed the wooden court was ripped up, seats were moved and the freestanding devices set in motion for a Sunday afternoon hockey game.

No sooner had the last puck been fired when the men started the process in reverse for a pro basketball contest tonight.

Hockey Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE
SATURDAY

Boston 1 Toronto 5
New York 6 Boston 4
Toronto 5 Detroit 4
Montreal 5 Chicago 3

AMERICAN LEAGUE
SATURDAY

Providence 1 Springfield 1
Indianapolis 5 Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 4 Pittsburgh 1
Buffalo 4 Hershey 5
New Haven 4 Cleveland 6

SUNDAY

Hershey 3 Providence 3
Springfield 5 Buffalo 4
Pittsburgh 2 St. Louis 5
New Haven 3 Indianapolis 6

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