

SPORTS

Baltimore's High Hopes

WHEN THE AMERICAN League baseball season opens April 17, the always poverty New York Yankees, under the guidance of manager Verne Lund, will be heavily favored to walk through the league competition to capture their 20th pennant since entering the circuit in 1903. Many observers, however, think the Yankees' reign of superiority is Baltimore Orioles. If Hank Bauer's team is to repeat the Yankees, and we very much doubt it will, he will have several "ifs" turn into positive solid ballplayers before the season is far along.

The most important "if" that will have to come through for the Orioles if they are to seriously challenge the Yankees is leftfielder "Boog" Powell. Baltimore needs more run production if they are to improve their 1963 fourth place standing and give New York a serious pennant challenge. The 25-year-old, 235-pound slugger will have to supply a great deal of the needed power. Powell showed considerable improvement last year over previous seasons, 26.8-32.25, but a 1964 season is expected at 30.00.

Bauer's other question marks are Willie Kirkland, right fielder; Jerry Adair, second base; and two unknown outfielders, Russ Davis and Jackson. The Orioles are buying Kirkland's bat will produce better than it did for Cleveland last season, 23.4-37.15. If it does he will help fill the gap that has been present in right field in recent years. Adair was a failure at second base last season, 22.8-36.46, and it is known if they can make the grade in the big time.

Last season's Orioles finished fourth in the AL, and ended with a respectable 2.50 batting average. Their pitching was, and still is, their major strength. They had a 3.45 ERA, fourth best in the league, and this year, behind the potent "Big Cat" pitchers, Milt Parnass, 20.0-26.00; Barber, 20.15; and Chuck Estrada, only the 32nd last year but expected to be more action this time.

Siebern Bolsters Infield

THE ORIOLES' most important acquisition since last season has been a stable first baseman, Norm Siebern. A Yankee cast-off, the 31-year-old slugger came to the Orioles in a straight trade with the Giants. Siebern will have to supply a great deal of the needed power. Siebern, 28-32, will give them a steady hitting, adequately defensive first baseman.

The rest of the team's infield will likely remain put. Adair at second, the slick-fielding Levon Robinson, 29-34, at shortstop, and Dick Brown, 25-30, at third base. The Orioles' main bench strength is a pleasant 1963 surprise after being obtained from San Francisco, who had the No. 1 catcher behind Hank Brantly. They also have a right fielder, Dick Hall, 35, 2.97, who we think could be a good offensive asset.

Handy 34, 3.24. The Orioles' outfield should be sufficient in '64 and if their "ifs" become true will have more power than in recent years with Jackie Brandt, who fell off to .245 last season. Powell, Kirkland, Jackson and Davis. They also have the reliable Russ Brock, 256-267, and rookie that will likely see plenty of action before the season is over, Sam Brown, 267-72.00.

Leafs Meeting the Montreal Canadiens

HALIFAX (CP) — Windsor Maple Leafs captain Andy Murray for the next round of Allan Cup play sets a trail of victims in their wake.

The powerful Leafs, who have coasted through the playoffs so far, met Ottawa Montanards in a best-of-five Eastern Canada final on Sunday.

They have an impressive record behind them as they get into the series with the Ottawa Valley representatives.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Friday at the Charlottetown Club. This is the second round of curling in the April 3-5 p.m.

1-2 — D. Cox, Mark Stewart, P. Miles, M. Doyle vs. H. Dobson, M. MacDonald, B. McLeish, P. Johnston.

3-4 — W. MacLain, A. M. Toole, L. Turner, P. Mackay vs. D. Brown, D. Stewart, A. Galbreath, R. Wilson.

5-6 — C. Fleming, G. Carruthers, E. P. Penney, W. Andrew vs. M. MacGregor, K. Johnston, K. Jenkins, I. MacDonald.

7-8 — B. Leclair, H. MacDonald, D. Henderson vs. P. Fleming, Jim Wilson, D. Leclair.

9-10 — (Open).

11-12 — A. MacDonald, P. Burdett, A. Horne, E. MacInnes vs. J. Burden, G. Mackay, N. MacNeill, C. O'Rourke.

13-14 — D. O'Rourke, W. Blaney, G. Lidstone, M. Traker vs. A. Love, M. Dockendorff, D. Farrer, M. MacNeill.

15-16 — L. Blakely, I. MacLellan, I. MacKinnon, P. MacDonald, J. Peters, E. O'Donoghue, D. Dalziel, M. Acorn.

17-18 — B. Acorn, O. MacDonald, J. Squartrights, A. MacKinnon vs. D. Wonnacott, A. Barron, B. O'Rourke, B. Squartrights.

(Note) If you are unable to curl, please get your own substitute.



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and Al Langlois (left) of the Detroit Red Wings during the game at Detroit. The Wings won, 3-0.

SQUEEZE PLAY

INHALING 38 minutes of the game. In the while contest Senior Cup of seven (AP Wirephoto).

Legion Shades Sydney: Captures Junior Chship

SYDNEY (Special) — "We are the greatest." "Take me in eight and prove you're great."

These words made two months ago in the busy night club were heard time and again in the dressing room of the Legionnaires as they prepared for their 3-2 overtime win over the freed up Maritime Junior Hockey Championship in straight games.

The Legionnaires proved they were the greatest Junior team in the Maritimes as they captured the local honors in their typical come from behind fashion.

DAVID GAUDET Legion Captain

First Period — Sydney: Mulvihill 1-0, 2-1, Sydney: MacDonald (Saunders) 12-3, Summerside — Martin 1-0, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 5-1, 6-1, 7-1, 8-1, 9-1, 10-1, 11-1, 12-1.

ALL OUT EFFORT

The Island's final game was a three team affair. The Islanders won 3-2 in overtime.

HUNTER'S CORNER

Early Sunday morning Mellett looked the pasture field over. Over 200 plovers were busy feeding on grass, hoppers and crickets and were so busy that they were calling to him without their taking to wing.

Duck Darkened Skyline Is Seen No More On P.E.I.

I have, on occasion, in this column, written about the plentiful flocks of fish and game in this province 30 and 60 years ago. I feel that many of our present day hunters, if or when there is anything to hunt, look upon my reminiscences of hunting in this province as just a glorified pipe dream.

Mt. Stewart Tops Seven Mile Road

Mt. Stewart defeated Seven Mile Road 6-3 in the first game in their best of three Interregional curling competition for the Island Championship. The game was played at the Georgetown rink on Wednesday night.

J. Whalen Rink Wins Competition

A rank skiped by John Whalen won the old Spain competition for the first and second year curlers which was held on Wednesday night at the Charlottetown curling club. The score for the ten-end game was Whalen 10-5, John Whalen 5-10.

Chicago Lips Red; Toronto Bar Is Hero

BY JACK SULLIVAN
Canada Press Sports Editor
DETROIT (CP) — Murray Balfour tipped in Stan Mikita's blue-line drive to give Chicago Black Hawks a 3-2 victory in their Thursday night ice hockey triumph over Detroit in the second game of the best-of-seven Stanley Cup semifinal at two games apiece.

Chicago's right winger, who returned to action in the post-season series for the first time since suffering a groin injury late in January, broke up the game at 8:21, just four seconds after Red Wing defence man Bill Gadsby returned to the ice after sitting out a holding penalty.

The Hawks, who played their best game of the series, twice came from behind to defeat the Wings who had dropped to 3-4 and 3-0 victories after running up a 4-1 lead in the first period. The teams move to Chicago for Sunday's fifth game and return here Tuesday for the sixth.

Goalkeeper Roger Crozier, 22, was the victim of the Hawk victory. He had taken each of the two goals in the second period from Terry Sawchuk who went out with a recurring groin injury. The Wings were ahead 2-1 at the end of the first period. MacDonald and Gordie Howe.

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McDonald and defenseman Pierre Plante, who scored on a 25-minute power play in the third period to tie the game 2-2, were the other Hawks to score.

Alex Delvecchio, an old National League pro and a nifty playmaker with the Wings, was the unfortunate victim of Plante's counter, a 30-footer that struck the goal from 40 yards out.

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that game and got to the arena Thursday night just 2 1/2 hours before the opening faceoff.

SUMMARY
First period — 1. Detroit, Macdonald 1 (Ullman, Delvecchio) 7:15; 2. Chicago, McDonald 2 (Wharram, Mikita) 8:04. Penalties—Barkley 1:35, M. Pronovost 3:31, Wharram 3:31, Vasko 5:46.

Leafs Blast Canadiens Big 'M' Fires Brace

BY TOM WILLIAMS
TORONTO (CP) — Big Frank Mahovlich paced Toronto Maple Leafs to a 5-3 victory over Montreal Canadiens Thursday night as Leafs tied their best-of-seven Stanley Cup semifinal here Tuesday for the first time.

Mahovlich scored two goals and three assists as he led the line of Red Kelly and George Armstrong in domination of the Canadiens every time they were on the ice. Kelly and Armstrong each scored a goal and Andy Bathgate related the other Toronto marker.

J. C. Tremblay, Jean Beliveau and Guy Lafleur combined to score for Canadiens, all on long shots as Leafs goaltender, Claude Boyer played the game's shakiest game of the season.

Canadiens were assessed a total of 45 minutes in penalties including two 10-minute misconducts and three major fights. The Canadiens were penalized for Laperrerie scored on a blue-line shot at the 26-second mark of the third, with Boyer missing it with his glove hand.

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First period — 1. Toronto, Bathgate 1 (Mahovlich, Kelly) 2:50; 2. Montreal, J. C. Tremblay 2 9:42; 3. Toronto, Armstrong 1 (Mahovlich, McKenzie) 16:34. Penalties—Borton, Richard 1:15, Harper 2:27, Stewart major and minor, Borton major, Richard major, Borton major, Pronovost, Palford 3:41; Burt 6:33, Borton 8:41, Beliveau minor and misconduct 16:12, Brewer 19:00.

The fighting erupted at 3:47 of the first, with Leafs' Ron Stewart and Canadiens' Guy Borton parrying off in one bout and Toronto's E.ddie Shack tangling with Canadiens' Henri Richard in the other.

Stewart took a split decision from Borton, landing a couple of good punches while Richard battled Shack to a draw until the Leafs player butted him and drew blood from the little center's brow.

Stewart was given an elbowing penalty with referee John Ashley recognizing his role as instigator in the outburst—and the Canadiens' Henri Richard, Shack and Richard took major and Leafs' Bob Palford and Borton minor penalties. Richard received minor roughing sentences.

START AGAIN
The bad feeling boiled up again with five seconds remaining in the first period. Richard professed their lead was a monotonous checking barage.

John Ferguson barreled into Stewart behind the Montreal net, and they started swinging with the Montreal winger landing a couple of good punches before a scum of officials and players tied them up.

Ferguson was assessed fighting major and an elbowing minor while Stewart received a major and a misconduct—auto.

FORUM

ATHLETE OF YEAR
VANCOUVER (CP) — Lynne Pomfret, 16, who set 11 Canadian open swimming records in long-course pools last year, six of them in freestyle and five in individual medley, has been chosen Vancouver's junior athlete of the year. She's the daughter of Jack Poole, a coach of the Vancouver Amateur Swimming Club.

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TEENS (OVER 15 YRS.) AND ADULT SKATING
FORUM
8:30 — 10:30 TONIGHT

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CH'TOWN DISTRICT JUNIOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
Charlottetown "Legionnaires"
St. Dunstan's
SATURDAY, APRIL 4th—7:00 P.M. (Please Note Time)
STUDENTS—35c; ADULTS—60c (1st Game in two out of three series)

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