

# Young Trade Cancelled; Hawks Have Prior Right

NEW YORK (CP) — The Howie Young deal, which would have seen the former had boy of hockey return to the big leagues after long exile in the minors, has been called off.

Young remains the property of Los Angeles Blades of the Western Hockey League. His move back to Detroit Red Wings of the National League was blocked by Chicago Black Hawks, an NHL club which claims prior right.

The deal collapsed Wednesday, a few hours before Young and the Wings were scheduled to meet New York Rangers.

Detroit had made a deal with Los Angeles to send two players to the Blades in exchange for Young. The players—Bob McCord of Timmins, Ont., and Alex Faulkner of Bishop's Falls, Nfld.—were ordered to return to their clubs in the Detroit chain. McCord is Pittsburgh Hornets of the American

League and Faulkner to Montreal Wings of the Central professional League.

**CAMPBELL EXPLAINED**

The tangled situation was explained by Clarence Campbell of Montreal, NHL president: "Chicago has the right of first refusal on any player owned by Los Angeles under an agreement the two clubs signed in 1964. This agreement runs through to July 1, 1967."

Campbell said the Blades had no authority to make the trade with Detroit, but said his office was not instrumental in barring Young's return.

He said the Hawks vetoed the trade by advising Los Angeles they intended to hold them to their pact. He said a telegram declaring Chicago's position was sent to his office at the same time.

Sid Abel, Detroit's general manager and coach, said he had not known of the Chicago-Los Angeles pact when the deal was made.

"The deal is off. We shook hands on it, but now I know that there was some special agreement."

Young, 28, played for Detroit from 1960 through 1963, compiling a record 273 penalty minutes in the 1962-63 campaign. He was traded to Chicago in June, 1963, and the Hawks sold him to Los Angeles in mid-season of 1963-64.

**YOUNG UPSET**

In Los Angeles, Young was

reported upset over the turn of events.

Tommy Ivan, Hawks' general manager, said: "The Red Wings and everybody else knew that when we traded Young to Los Angeles in 1964 certain concessions were made in our favor so far as his repurchase or anything else was concerned."

A Blades spokesman said: "We don't know whether Chicago is trying to blackmail Young or whether they really want him."

The Young trading began Monday when Red Wings offered forward Murray Hall of Kirkland Lake, Ont., and defenceman Al Lebrun of Timmins, Ont., off their Pittsburgh farm club.

**PLAYERS CLAIMED**

The trade fell through when an unidentified NHL club put in a claim for Hall or Lebrun. Both were removed from the waiver list and returned to Pittsburgh.

# Starr Named MVP of NFL

NEW YORK (AP) — Bart Starr, Green Bay Packers' brilliant quarterback, has been named the "Most Valuable Player" in the National Football League in 1966 by the vote of a panel of The Associated Press.

A total of 19 NFL players were mentioned in the balloting by a committee of sports writers and sportscasters, three from each of the 15 league cities. Four of the 45 did not vote in this category.

Starr won by a wide margin with 19 votes to six for runner-up Larry Wilson, St. Louis Cardinals' blitzing safety. Don Meredith, Dallas Cowboys' quarterback, got four votes. Leroy Kelly, Cleveland's able successor to Jim Brown as a ground gainer, drew three votes.

Brown, who retired last summer, was the 1965 winner.

Starr, 35 on Jan. 9, is having his best season in his 11th year as a pro. He has a spectacular 62.2 percentage of pass completions and a fantastic record of only three interceptions in 381 attempts, a 1.2 percentage

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Warriors	Celtics	Pistons	Lakers
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# MARITIME RACING

HALIFAX (CP) — Scots Command was the only double winner on the 10-dash harness racing program in the mud and rain at the Exhibition Raceway here Wednesday.

Single dashes went to Water Freight, Hermes Spud, Jarrotown Ann Amishland, Fluffaway, Sonnie Wickham, Irish Frisco and Jolly May.

Fastest three furlongs was in 48 seconds by Hermes Spud and fastest three-quarters of a mile in 1:48.1 by Water Freight.

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# SPORTS FRONT

## Can Gordie Reach 700?

By KEN MACPAIL

Gordie Howe, of the Detroit Red Wings, probably means as much to his team as Sandy Koufax did to the Los Angeles Dodgers, and unless the big native of Floral, Saskatchewan, is going well, the team seems to fall into the doldrums.

Howe has one consuming ambition, and that is to score 700 regular season goals. Heading into this season, the starry winger had a total of 624, plus 65 playoff markers, and there's no doubt that he'll pass the 700 plateau in total goals before the season is much older. But Gordie will not be content with this, and it remains to be seen whether he'll be around long enough to reach the coveted mark in regular game tallies.

There are several arguments that make a lot of sense to both sides of this question. One, of course, is Howe's age, 38. For a man this old to be setting himself a quota of about 70 goals before retiring is maybe biting off a bit too much but this is no ordinary man we are speaking of, and sheer physical strength and determination just might be enough to carry him to the peak he desires.

Another factor that should also be taken into consideration is the expansion of the league next year, which is certainly going to give the power-hitter some extra runs. As Alex Delvecchio, Howe's teammate, says, "There's no question that expansion is going to dilute the talent in the league, and it should add two to three years to the careers of guys like Howe and me."

Jack Adams, one-time coach and general manager of the Wings, who signed Howe for Detroit, is much more optimistic about the situation. "Gordie should hit the 700 mark and play for another three years or so," said Adams. "He is so much better than most of the players that he could slow down by 50 per cent and still be one of the best in the National Hockey League." Adams added.

Some feel Howe is slipping. Other teams should have players who slip so badly. The record book says that Gordie, who played all 76 games last season, and had 75 scoring points consisting of 29 goals and 46 assists, ranked behind only four other people in the scoring race. They were Hall, with a record 97 points; Mikita with 78; Bobby Rousseau with 76 also; and Jean Beliveau with 77. When you figure that this was his 30th season in the big time, you wonder just how far the man is going to go, and how many times he's going to tear the record book to pieces.

This player extraordinary, who has had over 300 stitches taken in his face, and has broken ribs, wrists, shoulders and feet, has almost superhuman strength, and his responsive powers are fantastic. In the 1959 Stanley Cup playoffs, when Howe was 28, and in his fourth season with the Wings, he tried to check Toronto's rugged Teddy Kennedy, and was smashed into the boards. He suffered a brain concussion, fractured skull, chestbone and nose, and deep cuts in his right eyeball.

A delicate brain operation was performed, and after kicking death in the teeth, Howe came back to play all games the next season, win the scoring race with 26 points, and begin a four-year reign as the point-getting champion.

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