

Borden Attempts To End Royals' Jinx On League

SUMMERSIDE — Three periods of good, fast hockey is all that Borden Legion Nationals are looking for tonight, and if they get it, Charlottetown Royals may need help in front of their cage.

The Borden team out-shot Charlottetown, 55-30 last Friday night, but still were on the short end of an 11-5 score. Mainly responsible was Royals' netminder, Dennis Fritsch, who turned back the Borden driver whenever they started to gain momentum.

The win streak, begun by the city squad, will be broken, and Borden appears to be the most

logical choice — at this time — to snap that jinx.

Gabe Keough is performing like an all-star and with a bit more goal-mouth polish, the Borden squad could develop into the winner that they potentially are now.

Tonight's game at 9:15 p.m. (switched from Wednesday night) should attract a large crowd because Borden are hungry and will make every effort to stay out of the cellar. A loss will give them a 1-4 mark, compared to 1-3 for Summerside.

In most of the games against Royals, the Borden Legion club have wilted in the final stages,

but tonight, the Legion Nationals will be aiming to carry on through 60 minutes of free-wheeling hockey action.

Tonight may also be the night when they start to click during the power play opportunities. They came mighty close on Friday, but this time out, they will try even harder.

A good brand of hockey is in store for fans who come out tonight.

Bathgate Back With Red Wings

DETROIT (AP)—Detroit Red Wings recalled veteran forward Andy Bathgate from Pittsburgh Hornets of the American Hockey League Monday.

Bathgate, 34, a veteran of 12 National League seasons, was sent to the minors Nov. 30 because he had not been scoring up to his potential. Under NHL rules he had to spend two weeks with the Hornets before he could return to Detroit.

Detroit sent centre Roy Callen to the Hornets to fill Bathgate's place.

Schmidt To Head Coaching School

The annual Provincial Hockey School for coaches, sponsored by the Provincial Department of Physical Education, will be held in Charlottetown on Wednesday, January 4, and Thursday, January 5.

The Provincial Director of Physical Education, David M. Boswell, in announcing the dates of the school last night, revealed that the chief instructor for the school will be Milt Schmidt, former coach of the Boston Bruins.

Junior League Jottings

Two close games were featured in the past week's schedule with the Saints sweeping out a 6-4 victory over PVI on the 6th and the Rangers scoring a 5-4 win over the boys from Vocational High in a game last Thursday that could have gone either way. In fact the winning goal was scored with less than two minutes of play remaining in the game!

League officials and fans alike are mighty pleased with the close-scoring, exciting games to date in this year's edition of the only four-team City Junior Hockey League in the Maritimes, and the good crowds attending are being treated to a high caliber of play, hard and fast, but with a minimum of penalties. This is the kind of crowd-pleasing hockey with close finishes that brings the fans back for more — so keep up the good work boys.

FIRST SECTION

Because of examinations at two institutions of learning and the late date of the last of these exams (in the vicinity of Dec. 22), a full schedule of games cannot be played each week until after Christmas. However, for the first time in our history, the League will operate between Christmas and New Year's with games on the 27th and 29th. Immediately after the New Year the League will be back to its normal full complement of games each week, in fact expansion to three games weekly is being considered.

THE BALANCE OF THE FIRST SECTION OF LEAGUE PLAY IS AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday, Dec. 13th — PVI vs Rogers Rangers; Tuesday, Dec. 20th — PWC vs PVI; Thursday, Dec. 29th — Rogers Rangers vs PWC; Thursday, Jan. 5th — SDHS vs Rogers Rangers; Sunday, Jan. 8th — PVI vs SDHS; Tuesday, Jan. 10th — PWC vs SDHS.

THE SECOND SECTION COMMENCES THURSDAY, JANUARY 13th, and will carry right on through until all 12 games have been played.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Our panel had a rough time picking the star from the two close games played this week, but finally came up with the name of Bobby Stewart of Rogers Rangers. This rugged young defenceman notched a goal as well as an assist on the winning goal. In addition he was a tower of strength at the Rangers' blue line and led his team offensively with his hustle and drive. Congratulations Bobby, you can pick up your award at our favourite haberdashery, "HAWK" SHOULERS TEAM.

Any doubts that anyone had regarding Hawk Larler's ability to come up with a top contender this year, must have had those doubts dispelled by the Rangers' parade again this season with more than 250 minutes.

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play so far. Combining a nucleus of seasoned performers with a rash of young high school boys, the Hawks has come up with a hustling group with lots of team spirit and "go go". They look better every time out and last Thursday the youngsters really proved themselves by their extra hustle when several of their stars were writing Christmas exams. Don't let Rogers short, they've got spirit and hustle, qualities that could win many a game before the League draws to a close. Next week we'll take a look at the boys at PVI, another hustling outfit.

Glamour galore last Thursday

as Miss Barbara MacMillan was the attractive door prize. By her skill with the puck and stick one might suspect that she could have been well-coached in advance by a former PWC star!

PVI SPORT

Fans were treated to a dazzling sight on Thursday when PVI turned out in the new green and white uniforms, with black and gold helmets. Distinctive and colourful, said uniforms add greatly to the colourful outfits of PWC, Saints, and Rangers already on display.

Diminutive Ronnie Carnich

is evidently found the new uniform to his liking as he came through with a hat trick to christen the new No. 14 on its first League appearance. Nice going Ronnie!

With four well-turned out teams we have no hesitation in saying that our Junior League is as well-equipped as any League in the country.

PVI and Rangers clash

tonight at the Forum in the last League game before Christmas. It should be a dandy and with only ONE goal separating the teams in their two games to date. See you at the Sports Palace at 8:30 tonight.

Belvedere Curling News

The big event for this week at the Belvedere Club will be played on Friday night when the finals in the Patterson Shield will take place. The Patterson Shield is a new early season mixed curling event and this year 16 teams were entered. The championship game has a risk skipped by Bill Boyles with Fran Boyles, Gerry Burgoyne and Willie Cadmore going against the team of Andy Humphrey, Tillie Acorn, Lester Taylor and Ev. Rogers. Game time is 8:30 for the championship game and three other games to determine consolation sectional winners. Immediately following the games Mr. Bert Patterson will be on hand to present the Shield and also prizes to the winner and runner-up.

This past week at Belvedere

saw the start of the annual Turkey Shoot, the continuation of the Patterson Shield and the winning of the opening event was Al McCurdy, Joe Saunders, Brodie Lantz and Louis Kay.

This is the fourth season for

curling at the Belvedere Club and this year the Club has its best increase in membership to date. Curling conditions have been excellent this year and all signs point to a banner season.

In addition to the finals in

the Patterson Shield this week will see a continuation of the Men's Turkey Shoot and the start of an elimination event that leads to the Quebec Winter Games. This is a mixed event and P.E.I. will be represented by one team. Belvedere teams entered in this event are skippered by Don Macdonald, Earl MacLeod, Bill Beer, Frank Acorn, Lloyd Cox and Malcolm McQuig.

The top two teams from

Belvedere go in to a Provincial Competition starting December 27.

GYMNASTICS OPEN SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES

A mass performance of gymnastics by 1,500 youths opens the second South Pacific Games at Noumea in the French colony of New Caledonia last Friday. New Caledonia, a volcanic island 750 miles east of Australia, was the site of a U.S. air base during World War II. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Paris)

Detroit Desperate For Players, Recalls Young

DETROIT (AP) — A 2-for-1 trade with Los Angeles Blades or one-time National Hockey League bad boy Howie Young might be nullified because Detroit Red Wings overlooked the waiver rule, the NHL club said Monday night.

Earlier, the Wings announced they had sent centre Murray Hall and defenceman Al LeBrun, both 26, from their Pittsburgh farm club in the American League to the Western League Blades for Young, 23, a defenceman.

WILL TRY AGAIN

However, a Wings spokesman says the deal might fall through because Detroit was unable to clear waivers from the five other NHL clubs on the two minor league players.

"We're trying to renegotiate the trade by offering other players not subject to waivers," said the spokesman.

The Wings, desperately in need of defencemen to bolster their sagging back line, currently are last in the NHL.

Young's last season in Detroit was 1962-63 and he set an NHL record for penalty minutes with 273.

He posed discipline problems for the Red Wings, once despoiling for four days.

The Wings traded him to Chicago at the end of the 1962-63 season for goalie Roger Crozier and another player.

Chicago said Young to Los Angeles after about half a season.

YET NHL MARK

Young promptly set a Western

League record for penalty minutes with 227.

A Red Wing spokesman said Young has reformed. So far this season he's scored four goals and 15 assists and is the highest scoring defenceman with the Blades.

He has 43 minutes in penalties, which a Red Wing spokesman said was high, but not too high for a defenceman.

The Wings scouted Young this season before making the trade. They sent centre Murray Hall and defenceman Al LeBrun from Pittsburgh of the American League to Los Angeles for Young.

Red Wing coach Sid Abel said: "The reports about him are just tremendous."

He will join Wings in time for a game Wednesday against first-place New York Rangers.

We Used It All, Natch

OTTAWA (CP) — Provincial governments are continually looking to Ottawa for more money but in the field of amateur sport and physical fitness, some have trouble spending the amounts they now have.

The annual report of the health department's fitness and amateur sport directorate tabled in the Commons Monday shows that for the 1965-66 fiscal year only two provinces—Manitoba and Prince Edward Island—used their entire allotment.

Manitoba was eligible for \$63,876, Prince Edward Island had \$38,227.

In all, the provinces claimed only \$708,959 of the \$1,608,000 available and \$185,900 of this was in the form of supplementary grants—\$85,000 to Newfoundland and \$20,900 to New Brunswick.

Newfoundland used \$40,505 of the \$49,828 it was entitled to under the grants structure, which provides a \$5,600 grant for each province plus a share of the remainder of the fund based on population.

New Brunswick also was close to the limit, using \$32,281 of a possible \$33,525.



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SPORTS FRONT

Humility Bower's Principal Quality

By KEN MACPHAIL

It is our intention, as they become available, to give condensed profiles of present, and sometimes past, National Hockey League stars. We'll lead off with something of an ancient, agile, and artistic Johnny Bower, Toronto Maple Leafs' number one goalie. The first two adjectives, there can be no dispute with, but the third may leave some room for doubt.

Johnny Bower insists that he was born in 1924, which is what the NHL manual says. What it doesn't say is that he served overseas with the Canadian Army in the early years of the second world war, and still came back to play junior hockey in 1948. A bit of mental arithmetic with these figures doesn't seem to add up right, but we'll go along on the assumption that he's 42, at the least.

Bower came to Toronto from the Cleveland Barons of the American League in 1958 in a straight cash deal insisted on by Billy Reay, then the coach of the Leafs, and now, of course, with Chicago Black Hawks. John, because of the results of previous big-time experience, did not want to come. He had been brought up to the New York Rangers in 1953, and played the whole year for them, and while they didn't make the playoffs, no blame should have been attached to Bower, because he had a goals-against average of only 2.6 and scored five shutouts.

But after a fine season like this, he found himself demoted to Vancouver of the western league, and one Gump Worsley moved into his job at New York. After that he was sent to Providence of the American conference and finally back home to Cleveland in 1957. By that time, he was sick of globe-trotting, and was quite content to spend the rest of his career and life in the Ohio city. But on the advice of his general manager, he consented to go to the Leafs, and neither party has been unhappy about the deal ever since.

Bower, who club physicians say has the body of a 25-year-old, alternated with Ed Chadwick in his first season with the Torontoites, but his sophomore year saw him performing in 66 games, with Chadwick doing the remaining four. Ever since that time, coach Ingham has been pessimistic about John's reflexes, and is continually making deals for goalkeepers, with the idea that his number one backstop can't go on forever. It has probably been Ingham himself, due to his training and conditioning sessions, who has kept Bower at the top of his chosen occupation, and John has never been known to gripe about them.

One may or may not have heard of the fine goalie's venture into the arts. He recorded a children's song some time ago, and although we can't think of the name of it at the moment, it is said to have been well received. So well, in fact, that Eddie Shanck, hearing of Bower's extra income via the disc market, volunteered to do a deal with John whenever the latter next sang a little. Somehow, the idea of Eddie's face on a record jacket seems a bit far out for us.

Perhaps Leaf Captain George Armstrong best sums up the team's feeling for the apocryphal wonder who hangs out the Vezina trophy once on his own and once in partnership with Terry Sawchuk. "He's a clutch goalie and there's just no way of telling how much this team owes him, how much money he's put in all our pockets," says Armstrong. But John Bower doesn't feel anybody owes him anything, and his humility, if surpassed by anything, is only equaled by his desire to play as well as he can, for as long as he can, anyway that he can.

THIS AND THAT

If the facial features of the song which graces this column daily seem splattered with egg on Monday morning, it's due to the fact that publication deadlines prohibit us from reviewing Sunday night's games, and often than not, we probably will have reviewed both not between our 10-copies, in our effort to make some kind of a lightning observation. Though we'd add that as a bit of self-defense against those who may want to come and take us away... In the weekly NHL telecast on Saturday night last night, according to Boyle, will be seeing the Boston Bruins visiting Maple Leaf Gardens on Christmas eve. Look for the team to be having some fun for a pre-Christmas treat... Light-heavyweight champion Jess Turner makes his fourth title defense of the year when he takes on Dick Tiger of Nigeria in a 15 round bout at New York's Madison Square Garden on Friday night, Dec. 16. It is a 5-1 favorite over the 37 year-old former middleweight king... Ken Eddy's father brought him back a hockey puck from Ireland the other day, and Roy claims this must have been the reason for his first hat-trick in the NHL. "I got back from Dublin Friday," Eddy said after Saturday's game. "He brought me a leprechaun. Guess it worked the proper magic..." Andy Bathgate notched the winning goal Sunday night as the Pittsburgh Hornets edged the Cleveland Blades 6-5, while adding down their eighth straight victory. Maybe Andy's ready to come back into Sid Abel's arms.

Switch Of Emphasis Has Rangers In First Place

NEW YORK (CP) — Adding muscle to muscle is paying off for New York Rangers.

The Rangers, usually at or near the bottom of the standings in the National Hockey League, are in first place for the first time in more than five years.

The last time New York reached the head of the pack was Nov. 22, 1961, but Rangers could stand the property only three days before dropping back. They finished fourth that season and lost in the Stanley Cup semi-finals to Toronto Maple Leafs four games to two.

The last time the Rangers finished first was 1942 and they led 4-2 to Toronto in the semifinals.

Before the current season started coach Emile Francis put together a team of the biggest players in the NHL and warned everybody to look out.

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21 assists, but youthful Red Gilbert is closing in fast. Gilbert, recovered from a spinal fusion operation to mend a back he originally injured as a junior, scored five goals in New York's last three games and now has 13. He also has nine assists for 22 points.

Geoffroy, trying a comeback as a player after a brilliant career with Montreal Canadiens and a two-year stint coaching Quebec Aces of the American League, couldn't buy a goal through most of the training camp last fall. But now he has four goals and 11 assists.

He's right behind Marshall, who has 13 goals and eight assists.

Ingarfield has 18 points on six goals and 12 assists and Howell, a defenceman, has 17 on six goals and 11 assists.

Canada Enters Championship Matches Against E. Germany

MELVILLE, Sask. (CP) — Canada meets Sweden and Czechoslovakia faces Russia March 29 on the final day of the 1967 world hockey championship, Gordon Jukes of Melville said Monday.

Jukes, secretary-manager of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, released the dates of all games in a bracket.

The competition at Vienna begins March 18 and ends March 29.

Canada's national team opens against East Germany March 18. Following games are against Finland, March 19; West Germany, March 21; United States, March 23; Czechoslovakia, March 25, and Russia, March 27.

The national team leaves Winnipeg March 3 and is scheduled to play March 5 and 7 in Czechoslovakia. The tourists also will play March 9 and 10 in Sweden and March 13 and 15 in Austria before resting for two days before the tournament begins.

The team returns March 30. The Group A schedule:

March 18—Canada vs East Germany, Finland vs Russia, West Germany vs Czechoslovakia, United States vs Sweden.

March 19—Canada vs Finland, United States vs Russia.

March 20—East Germany vs Czechoslovakia, West Germany vs Sweden.

March 21—West Germany vs Canada, East Germany vs Russia, United States vs Czechoslovakia, Finland vs Sweden.

March 22—No games.

March 23—United States vs Canada, West Germany vs Russia, Finland vs Czechoslovakia, East Germany vs Sweden.

March 24—No games.

March 25—Canada vs Czechoslovakia, Sweden vs Russia, East Germany vs United States, West Germany vs Finland.

March 26—Finland vs United States, East Germany vs West Germany.

March 27—Canada vs Russia, Sweden vs Czechoslovakia.

March 28—West Germany vs United States, East Germany vs Finland.

March 29—Canada vs Sweden, Czechoslovakia vs Russia.