

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

**TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS** had another of those weekends for which they are now famous.

On Saturday February 7th, the Imlach-Olmstead crew outplayed the Detroit Red Wings by a wide margin to vacate the cellar of the National Hockey League. The Leafs played like real champions that night and certainly gave their supporters new hopes as far as the playoffs are concerned. But the very next night they go into Chicago and perform like a bunch of inexperienced youngsters and fall victims to Rudy Pilous and his Black Hawks 7-2.

**THE PERFORMANCE** was hard to figure out in the light of Leafs' play the night before, but the cold hard facts were that Chicago had crushed the Toronto outfit by a five-goal margin.

This past Saturday the Maple Leafs were about as hot an outfit as you have seen all season. They broke loose from those Black Hawks in the second period and won with the greatest of ease. Indeed, it was only stellar netminding by Glenn Hall that prevented the Hawks from absorbing a much worse lacing than they did. The Leafs won 5-1 but Hall stopped several that had goal labelled all over them.

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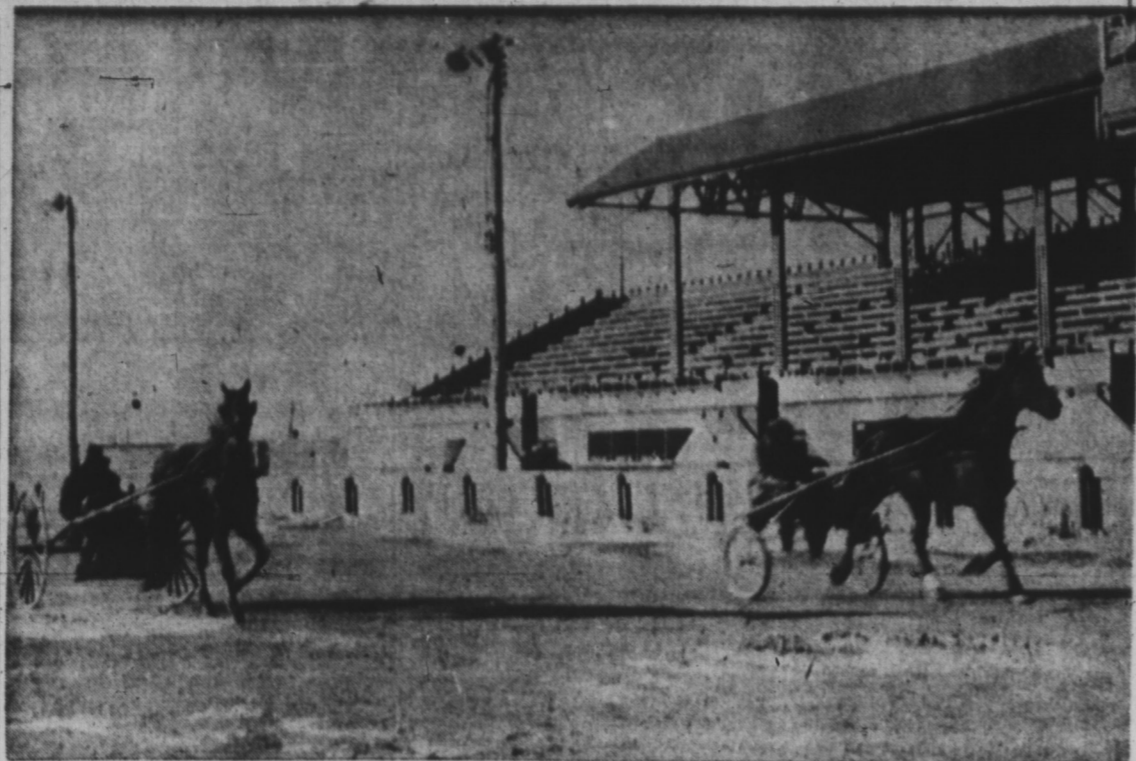
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## HORSES WORKOUT AT RACEWAY

The main portion of the Summerside raceway was free of snow on Saturday and Frank Callbeck, driving Donald Clegg and George Becker behind Cor-

onation Sue took advantage of this co-operation by the weatherman to give their horses a workout. Donald Clegg is owned by driver, Mr. Callbeck and grabbed

himself a mark of 2.13 at Charlottetown last August 28th. Coronation Sue is owned by the Marcol Stables.

## PLAYOFF BERTH CHEAP AT \$100

**Gordie Fined But Feels Sorry For Coach Abel**

By JACK SULLIVAN

A professional athlete fined by his club for indifferent play usually screams robber. But not Gordie Howe.

This was revealed last week, a few hours after it was announced that Coach Sid Abel of the Wings had fined 14 of the 18 Red Wing players \$100 each, including Howe.

**SYMPATHY FOR ABEL**

"I felt sorrier for Sid than I did for myself," Howe told MIT (Toronto Star) Dunnell.

Dunnell almost flipped, but Howe went on: "Mind you, I never like to lose money. It will be worth \$100, though, if the fines help us to get into the play-

offs. If the club perks up suddenly, they'll say the fines are the answer. Every time we play a poor game the fines are liable to become a habit."

Howe is the workhorse of the National Hockey League, and it was surprising when he was included in the mass fining. He kills off penalties, hops over the boards when the other team is short-handed and is usually on the ice 30 or more minutes a game.

Just a few days before Abel's announcement, Howe took things into his own hands after the club had won only one game and tied two others in a 10-game stretch. As captain of the team, he called a meeting of the players.

A Detroit newspaper man learned of the session and was told by Howe: "I wanted to give them a chance to make any suggestions they might have."

Dink Montreal (Gazette) Carroll wondered if Howe had established a precedent by calling a meeting. It wasn't.

"I've seen it happen quite often when a team is in the doldrums," Coach Toe Blake of Montreal Canadiens told Carroll. "I like to see them call a meeting when they're not doing good. It means they're interested in what they're doing and they want to win. A lot of things can be ironed out."

Phil Watson, the talkative coach of New York Rangers, scoffed at

the idea of player meetings. He told Carroll: "They're for the birds. You have to tell the players what to do all the time. Leave them alone and they're into arguments and maybe fights."

A few weeks ago Ted Workman, president of Montreal Alouettes in the Big Four football union, told Jack (Ottawa Citizen) Kinsella that the league had received "four substantial offers" from firms wishing to sponsor league games this season.

What's more, Workman added, the offers exceeded "appreciably" the amount received from a Montreal brewery the last three years.

**Murray Harbour Upsets Souris**

Murray Harbour Bruins upset Souris Legion 6-4 at Souris last night in the first game of the best of three series in the second round of Intermediate C playoffs.

Clements paced the winners with a 3-goal effort. Other markers for the Bruins were picked up by Stewart, Herring, and Harris.

Souris snipers were Ferron, Cheverie, A. Jarvis and MacIntyre.

Referees L. Jay and E. LaVie handed out a total of seven penalties, four going to the Bruins, including two majors.

**PLAYOFF OPENER**

**Juniors Face Royals Tonight**

It's playoff time in the C and D hockey league and Parkdale Royals and Garrison Juniors start things off tonight at the Sports Arena, presenting their first contest in the best-of-three semi-final round.

Other semi-final participants are Navy Tars and Summerside Aces who get their first taste of playoff action Thursday night at the Sports Arena.

That Aces-Tars series will be completed before Juniors and Royals tangle in their second meeting. That one is set for one week from tonight. Aces and Navy play their second one Friday in Civic Stadium and the same ice surface is the site of the third

game Monday if necessary.

Royals and Juniors have been quite a time with each other of late. There isn't much to choose between the teams and last Thursday's 5-5 tie is the best proof of that statement.

There should be plenty of action right through this series, with the pace starting fast here tonight.

Game time is 8.15.

**ATTENTION CARPENTERS**

(Local 1338)

Monthly Meeting

At Labor Hall

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Wednesday

February 18

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**Bulldogs Edge Combines 4-3**

L. Balderson paced Hampshire Bulldogs to a 4-3 victory over Annapolis Cobines at North River Rink last night. This was the second game of a best of five series in Intermediate B playoffs. The series is now tied at one win apiece, with the contest taking place at Souris Thursday night.

The Combines had control of play in the first two frames, scoring three goals to the Bulldogs' one, but in the Bulldogs broke loose to score three unanswered goals and grab the win.

Only other marker for the winners was fired by H. Hughes. Jenkins scored a brace, and Peters one for the losers.

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**THE SPORTS ARENA**

## P.E.I. LOSSES OPENER

# Nova Scotia Schoolboys Score Surprising Win

**CALGARY (CP)**—Nova Scotia, a fighting rink from Bridgewater, Monday upset the defending Canadian high school curling champions from Northern Ontario 11-10 in an extra end.

Down 8-1 after five ends of the opening round of this year's final, the Nova Scotia crew came back to post three in the sixth, two in the eighth, one in the ninth, three in the 10th and one in the 11th when Tom Tod, Northern Ontario skip, missed a take-out shot with his last rock.

After its brilliant start, Northern Ontario scored only on the seventh end.

In other first round action, Alberta edged a surprisingly strong Prince Edward Island rink 8-7, Ontario swamped British Columbia 10-3, New Brunswick defeated Quebec 10-8 and Saskatchewan downed Newfoundland 9-6.

The Nova Scotia rink broke into cheers after its win over the champions and a crowd of about 100 that stayed to watch the extra end gave them a standing ovation.

Alberta, which until the Nova Scotia victory was the tournament's dark horse, was pressed to the end to beat the Prince Edward Island rink from Charlottetown. The easterners made it close with a three in the final end, the highest-scoring end of the game.

The Ontario-British Columbia game was never in doubt after Ontario counted two on the first end and a single on the second.

Newfoundland jumped into a one-point lead on the first end but saw it vanish when Saskatchewan came up with a four-ender in the second and added singles in the third and fourth.

The Quebec-New Brunswick match followed somewhat the same pattern, as the Val d'Or rink went into a 1-0 lead after New Brunswick scored four in the second. Quebec came back with two in the third but New Brunswick counted three in the fourth.

Most of the crowd interest was centred on the Northern Ontario-Nova Scotia game after the Eastern rink, skipped by Wayne Rhodenizer, started to show it could give the champions a battle.

A measure was needed to decide the final rock on the tenth end which gave the Nova Scotians a three to tie the game.

**WEST HOLDS EDGE**

In the 12 years the Dominion finals have been played, the west has won the championship nine times. Saskatchewan has had seven titles.

First round play was 15 minutes late starting because players were late arriving from a reception sponsored by the province of Alberta. They were taken to the Stampede Corral, home of

**MACS CLOBBER SWEDES 17-3**

JOENKOEPIG, Swedes (CP)

Canada's Belleville hockey team romped to a 17-3 victory over a provincial combination in an exhibition game here Monday night.

The Belleville team, which will represent Canada in the world hockey championships in Czechoslovakia, took a 5-0 lead in the first period, stretched the margin to 8-1 in the second and then fired in nine goals in the third period to two for the Swedes.

The game in this south-central Swedish town was watched by 4,200 fans.

**THE STANDINGS**

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Standings after one round of the Canadian high school curling championship:

| G.W.L. |                      |
|--------|----------------------|
| 1      | Ontario              |
| 1      | New Brunswick        |
| 1      | Alberta              |
| 1      | Saskatchewan         |
| 1      | Nova Scotia          |
| 0      | Manitoba             |
| 1      | British Columbia     |
| 1      | Quebec               |
| 1      | Newfoundland         |
| 1      | Northern Ontario     |
| 1      | Prince Edward Island |

**HOCKEY SCORES**

North Shore Senior

Moncton 5 Miramichi 6

N.B. Intermediate A

Devon 14 Fredericton 6

(Best-of-three playoff tied 1-1)

Sackville 6 Memramcook 5

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**Events of the Week**

At **SPORTS ARENA**

**TUESDAY**—Playoff Hockey Juniors vs. Royals

**WEDNESDAY**—Pre-school skate 1:30 to 3 p.m. Afternoon skate 4 to 5:30. Regular evening skate 8 to 10

**THURSDAY**—Playoff Hockey Navy vs. S'ide Aces

**FRIDAY**—Parkdale School Ice Sports

**SATURDAY**—Afternoon Skating 2:30 to 4:15

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