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Kullman Takes Part In Richard-Howe Debate

NEW YORK, (CP)—Eddie Kullman of New York Rangers, who so ably handles the job of checking Detroit's Gordie Howe and Montreal's Maurice Rocket Richard, has stepped into the debate over which is the better right-winger.

"Richard is tougher to handle," Kullman says. "He can break faster, always does the unexpected. And he's all over the ice, on either wing or at centre ice. You never know where he's going to be—this way or that way, over the top of you or under you. He's much shifter than Howe."

In 11 National Hockey League games at New York this season, the 29-year-old native of Winnipeg, who seldom scores himself, has kept Richard scoreless while Howe has only one goal. Away from New York, Howe has scored four times against Rangers, Richard three.

"The records make out a good case for Howe," Kullman admits. "He must be the better player. But I still say Richard gives me a tougher time, and I doubt that Howe is as good as Richard was at his peak."

"Another thing I'll argue with,

says Kullman, "and that's the general disposition to call Howe a cleaner player than Richard. I find Howe more temperamental, and he's more apt to give you the elbow or the stick in a spear job than Richard."

Kullman notes that there are times when the Red Wings switch Howe from his normal right wing position to centre ice in place of Metro Prystal.

"Maybe they're trying to get Gordie away from me," he says. "If that's the idea, I ignore it. That is, I ignore Prystal. As long as Howe is on the ice, he's the man to watch."

Howe, 24-year-old native of Floral, Sask., is the youngest player in N.H.L. history to score 200 goals. He got his 200th and 201st Sunday night against Chicago Black Hawks. His total for the season now is 41 and he has 16 games left in which to score 10 goals and break Richard's record of 50 for a season.

Sport Echoes From Prince County

Guess we'd better quit this prognosticating. We've been double-crossed so often on those predictions that it isn't exactly hilarious any more. The Sun-Hi boys defeated the Freetown Royals without the lend-lease boys from Sussex, Mark Delaney and Vance Harris, by the score of 11-8. Then they got the services of those star performers for a game, and the best they can do is tie the Freetown boys 8-8. That's almost as bad as the Mount Pleasant Bombers taking a 15-1 trouncing from O'Leary, and then turning on the conquering heroes in their own bailiwick to edge them 8-7. How can you make predictions with that sort of thing going on? Maybe we'd better stick to our "echoing." It's very unusual for an echo to be heard before the original sound.

As we write this, the news comes that Gordie Howe has just scored his 200th goal, and his 40th for the season. Which reminds us to congratulate Buck Whitlock on scoring his 300th goal in major play last Friday night. Now if someone will figure out who comes next to Buck in this department. Are there any "200 goal" men in the Maritime Major Leagues? We'll bet a bucket of blueberries the man who ranks second is a long way behind Whitlock. Watson is closing the gap slightly between him and Whitlock this season but we think he will find "passing the Buck" quite a difficult chore. His total is made up mostly of assists, anyway, and although some assists are solid silver, others are pretty cheap looking efforts.

Rumor has it that it was a Halifax fan that threw that bottle on Charlottetown Forum ice last Friday. Imagine what would have happened under those circumstances if the game had been awarded to Halifax. If this is the rule referees go by, all a visiting team will have to do is carry around with them a couple of professional bottle throwers to heave bottles on the playing surface whenever it seems their team hasn't much chance of winning.

Buck Whitlock's scoring his 300th goal was a very rare occurrence. Nothing has happened at the Forum like it before. Who knows, some night the Islanders may score a goal against the Atlantics, and the Halifax boys will not protest to the referee about it. That will be another very rare occurrence, and somebody should be ready to make a presentation of two dozen handkerchiefs to Dugger McNeill if this should ever happen.

More Night Games In Major Baseball Leagues

NEW YORK, (AP)—The night game trend in major league baseball continues in 1953 although St. Louis Browns will play only day ball in New York, Boston and Cleveland.

Announcement of the official American League schedule Monday made it definite that the Yankees, Red Sox and Indians had crossed the Browns off their night game list. It all came out of the Browns' refusal to permit their road games to be televised—without a fee.

President Will Harridge of the league has called a meeting April 21 at New York to discuss the situation.

The American League will play 224 night games, eight more than 1952, while the National League will play 218 or two less than '52. The total for the majors is 442 compared to 436 a year ago.

With each club playing 77 home games, that means about 35 per cent of the two-league total of 1,232 games will be played at night. It's a far cry from the day in 1935 when Larry Macphail first introduced night ball to the majors at Cincinnati.

St. Louis Cardinals will play the most after dark, 51 at home and 32 away. Chicago Cubs do not play night ball.

There will be a two-pronged

"special" opener on Monday, April 13, a day before the full 16-club schedule starts.

In the American, the world champion New York Yankees, shooting for a fifth straight pen-

nant, will be at Washington. The National will have Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.

The regular schedule opens Tuesday, April 14 and closes Sunday, Sept. 27.

There will be the customary three-day break in the schedule in July to allow time for the all-star game, Tuesday, July 14 at Braves Field in Boston.

The World Series probably will start Wednesday, Sept. 30, if there are no tie playoffs.

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Island Ladies Hoop League Schedule

Following is the schedule for the Island Ladies basketball League between the Charlottetown Y.M.C.A., the Summerside High School and the R.C.A.F. W.D.'s.

The League winner will draw a bye into the finals. The second and third place teams will meet in a two-game total point series in the semi-finals while the finals will be a two out of three series.

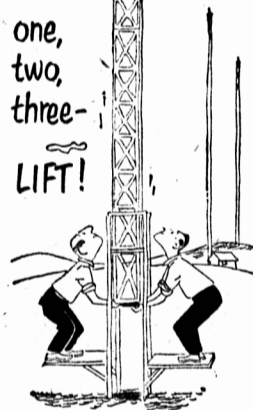
February 24—Charlottetown at Summerside
February 27—R.C.A.F. at Summerside
March 3—Charlottetown at Summerside
March 7—Summerside at Charlottetown.

Boston Braves In Player Deal

BOSTON, (AP)—Boston Braves announced a player deal Monday involving four National League clubs and five players, which sees first baseman Earl Torgeson leaving the Tribe and first sacker Joe Adcock coming from Cincinnati.

Torgeson went to Philadelphia Phillies in exchange for pitcher Russ Meyer and cash. Meyer then was traded to Brooklyn for infielder Rocky Bridges and outfielder-shortstop Jim Pendleton.

The Braves in turn gave Bridges and another player yet to be named to Cincinnati Reds for Adcock.



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Kiner's Expect Visit From Stork

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., (AP)—Ralph Kiner, the home-run clutterer with Pittsburgh Pirates, says he and his wife expect a visit from the stork this summer.

Mrs. Kiner is the national women's indoor tennis champion, Nancy Chafe.

Ralph still hasn't signed a 1953 contract, but said he told Branch Rickey, Pirate general manager Saturday, that he "won't be hard to deal with."

Kiner received a reported \$90,000 for his work during 1952, and although he expects a cut this season, the amount remains in question.

Turpin Outpoints Duggie Miller

LEICESTER, Eng., (AP)—Randy Turpin, Britain's contender for the world middleweight boxing championship, outpointed Duggie Miller, an old pro from South Africa, over 10 rounds Monday night before a capacity crowd of 8,000.

It was an easy victory for Turpin, former middleweight champion of the world.

The Leominster Larruper took command from the opening bell. He dropped the easy-to-hit Miller for two in the second round, for eight in the ninth, and had the South African on the canvas twice in the last round.

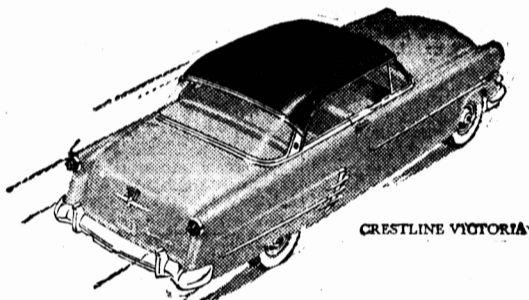
Exact weights were not announced but each had to meet 163 pounds for the non-title fight. Turpin is the British, and British Empire middleweight champion.

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