

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

## Brunos Are Overdue

TORONTO Maple Leafs may feel the wrath of Boston Bruins this Sunday night. If they don't, then the law of averages doesn't mean a thing.

Brunos are hopelessly in the cellar of the National Hockey League and haven't been able to win a contest in seven starts. They possess one lone point and they got that on opening night when they held Montreal Canadiens to a 4-1 tie. If they are ever going to start winning a few games, then Leafs could be first on their list Sunday when "Punch" Imlach takes his Stanley Cup champions into Boston.

MIND you, the Bruins certainly shouldn't topple the Leafs. On the season play to date, Toronto shouldn't have any trouble with Bill Schmidt and company. But every now and then, a hockey club manager to win a contest, and this could be it tomorrow night.

To date, the Bruins have been horrible. They haven't found out how to score goals and only great goaltending by Johnston has kept the goals-against average at a reasonable figure. They've scored something like eight goals in seven games and four goals in their last six outings. This sure is most inadequate and if that doesn't change soon, the Bruins will be lucky to win 15 games all season.

THEY have tonight to rest and think about the Leafs' invasion Sunday. Perhaps the going out of daylight saving time will bring their woes to an end. At any rate, you can be sure that Schmidt has tongue-lashed them severely for their ineffective play since this season's campaign got moving. Leafs will not treat this contest lightly. The Bruins should be like wounded by now and wounded lions are always dangerous.

Regardless of how much Boston needs this decision, we can't very well start predicting a Bruins' triumph. The record thus far would indicate that the boys from the Queen City will emerge as the conquerors.

So, that's one prediction out of the way.

## Four Other Contests

OTHER Sunday night fixtures see Montreal Canadiens visit in Detroit and we couldn't call anything but Red Wings in this skirmish. Chicago Black Hawks roam into Madison Square Gardens where they are confident that Red Sullivan's Rangers will check the ambitious Windy City crew.

Thursday night finds Rangers visiting in Toronto and Black Hawks guests of Montreal. We are confident that the Bruins will be rather amazed at ourselves last weekend when we called all five NHL games right and two Big Four football games. And at Hamilton, the Tiger-Cats and Ottawa Rough Riders fight it out for first place in the Eastern Conference.

## Jacques Plante Great

RANGERS' Jacques Plante is giving the New Yorkers great goaltending. Right now, Plante has had only ten goals scored against him in five games and six of those came off the sticks of former Montreal Canadiens mates.

Since that 6-2 reverse, Jacques has achieved two shutouts and is the talk of the league. He is tied at present with Terry Sawchuk for the best average, 2.00 and showing no signs whatsoever of cracking under any pressure.

Jacques should have plenty of rubber throwing his way tonight and Sunday when his club plays Toronto and Chicago. Those games surely should be a great test for the talkative goalie, but we have no doubt that he will handle his assignments brilliantly.

He usually does.

## Football Action

TWO big football games at SDU field this afternoon. At 1:30 St. Dunstan's High School entertains an all-star high school team from Lancaster, N.B. and following this PWC hosts Summerside High in a senior 'A' intercollegiate struggle. The Webbs must win if they are out of the playoffs.

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# Podres Arrested On Drunk Charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pitcher Johnny Podres of Los Angeles Dodgers, out with excruciating Tania Dawn in the early hours of the morning, was charged Friday with drunken driving. After he was booked and released, newspaper men complained the man who drove him away almost ran them down.

Police said Podres was observed weaving for several blocks, making wrong turns and driving on the wrong side of the road. Officers said he flunked a test of his reflexes on the breath.

After an hour at central jail, he was released on \$250 bond. A man who identified himself as a Dodgers employee escorted him out.

## JOHNNY PODRES

Times and Herald - Examiner said the man asked them to "forget the whole thing."

## FOOTBALL DOUBLEHEADER

An all-star football squad from high schools in Lancaster, N.B. plays St. Dunstan's High School squad today in an exhibition game at SDU field. Saints are undefeated this season but face their biggest test at 1:30. Following this regular, Prince of Wales College Wehman fight it out with Summerside High School in a regular provincial senior 'A' intercollegiate tussle. First action commences at 1:30 sharp. Here are four Saints

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# Jacques Plante Fighting Back; Leads Goaltenders

By DAVE BRITTS

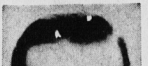
Canadian Press Staff Writer. Unfortunately for the rest of the National Hockey League, Jacques Plante is still fighting mad.

Plante made little attempt to mask his feelings last summer when Montreal Canadiens shipped him to New York for Rangers goalie Gump Worsley.

The four other NHL clubs probably would have been a lot happier if he had been traded elsewhere — say, South Viet Nam.

Plante boosted his own stature along with the Rangers' Thursday night by blanking Boston Bruins 2-0, thereby once again establishing himself as the league's most stingy goaltender and lifting the Bluebirds into a third-place tie with Toronto Maple Leafs.

The six-time winner of the Vezina Trophy seems determined to shake off the stigma of the oft-repeated accusation



JACQUES PLANTE

that he coasted to glory behind the invincible Montreal teams of the 1950s.

LEADS GOALIES. Plante was his second of the season and gave him a trim goal-against record of two goals, five in 10 contests. He leads in both departments.

Tonight Plante and the Rangers—including such familiar fellow exiles from Canada as Doug Harvey, Al Langlois, Phil Goyette and Don Marshall — will meet at Toronto.

Meanwhile, Chicago Black Hawks, leaders in every off-

ense category, take on the fifth-place Canadiens in Montreal.

All six teams are in action Sunday, Montreal visiting Detroit Red Wings, Toronto meeting the winless Boston Bruins and Chicago to New York.

The Black Hawks enjoy a two-point edge over the second-place Wings whom they tied 2-2 Thursday night. In six starts Chicago has won four, lost one and tied one.

Hawks centre Sam Mikita leads in goals (6) and in points (1). His wingman, Ken Wharram, is tied with Montreal's Jean Beliveau for the assists lead with seven and Chicago defenceman Howie Young has the dubious distinction of leading in penalties with 24 minutes.

Toronto will be without right winger Bob Nevin for the two weekend games and perhaps for a Wednesday night game in Toronto against the Canadiens.

Nevin, who will be replaced by utility man Ron Stewart, is still in hospital with a severe bone bruise on his right ankle acquired last Sunday in Detroit.

"There hasn't been much improvement," he said from his hospital bed. "The doctor says I can't leave here until I can walk on the foot, and so far I can't."

The Nevin-Bob Pulford - Ed Shack combination has been Toronto's most productive line so far, collecting 15 points against eight each for the other team.

Because moving Stewart up to right wing means Leafs are reduced to four defencemen, an assistant coach King Clancy tried both Shack and Pulford on the blue-line patrol for a few practice shifts.

His verdict: "Pulford could play there and do a good job. He's a natural."

Gerry Keeling, Day's understudy and a defensive specialist, will start at quarterback for the first time this season.

Eskinens, crippled by injuries and dotted with inexperienced players, will seek to avoid the unenviable honor of going through a season without beating another WFC club. Both Stampedeers launch their climbing assault on the record book tonight in Edmonton against the last-place Eskimos.

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# Jimmy Brown, Y.A. Tittle Ready For Second Meeting

NEW YORK (AP) — Buffalo and New York are slight favorites in two Saturday night American Football League games that open a busy weekend in United States pro football.

Seven National Football League games, including a New York Giants-Cleveland Browns rematch and for the first time the AFL will round out the schedule Sunday.

It will be do-or-die for the Giants in Cleveland, where Y. A. Tittle again will try to outscore Jimmy Brown, who shares the most important test of all may come in Baltimore where Green Bay must try to move the ball without Bart Starr, the injured quarterback. Packer hopes of a third straight NFL title hinge on their success in overcoming this handicap.

The Saturday night action finds Buffalo at home to the Boston Patriots, who share the Eastern division lead with Houston.

New York Jets return to the Polo Grounds against Denver Broncos after losing two California games that cost them the eastern lead.

GIANTS MUST WIN. The big one in the NFL will be played at Cleveland before 80,000 fans. The Giants, trailing by two full games, know they have to win to stay alive against the all-winning Browns, 6-0 to New York's 4-2. The Browns are favored on Brown's running and Frank Ryan's passing but the Giants are confident they can give Tittle better protection this time. Two weeks ago the Browns won 35-24.

SAIGON (AP)—South Vietnamese government sources said Friday that 114 Communist guerrillas were killed or wounded in a clash in the Mekong delta province of Vinh Binh. The sources said 64 bodies were counted on the battlefield Thursday. Government casualties in the clash and ensuing search operation were said to be six killed and 30 wounded.



JIMMY BROWN

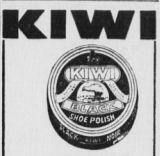
has to fall back on John Rauch, the stand-in for Starr, who suffered a broken hand at St. Louis. It will be up to Rauch to keep the Packers moving against a tough Colt team that still counts itself in the race, only two games back.

The Chicago Bears return to Wrigley Field, no longer unbeaten but tied with Green Bay for the Western lead at 5-1. The Bears face the injury-weakened Eagles, who won't have Sonny

Jurgensen. King Hill will pass with Ralph Guglielmi, picked up from New York on waivers, as his backup man.

In other NFL games Sunday, Philadelphia is at Chicago, St. Louis at Washington, Dallas at Pittsburgh, Minnesota at Detroit and San Francisco at Los Angeles.

Sunday AFL games have Oakland at San Diego and Kansas City at Houston.



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# Scoring Records Will Be Feature

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Records, the scoring race and strategy in coaching will be their clubs sharp but healthy for the post-season activity will feature the first eight days of the Western Football Conference 1968 season.

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## Rough Riders Meet Ti-Cats

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Pro football supremacy in Eastern Canada is on the line today in Hamilton's Civic Stadium where Ottawa Rough Riders and Hamilton Tiger-Cats meet for a rubber match that should decide the Eastern Conference leadership.

The clubs are locked at the top of the EFC with 16 points each from 12 games. Regardless of season-closing games next week, the winner in Hamilton clinches first place. A deadlock in the standings would be decided in favor of the team with the best record against its rival in top place and Hamilton is tied at present with Toronto in top meetings.

A Sunday afternoon session in Toronto between the Argonauts and the invading Saskatchewan Roughriders means nothing to final standings in either conference.

But Nobby Wirkowski's Argos could pick up the flicker of late prestige if the eastern club manager to stop the Regina crew, which nailed down a playoff spot in the Western Conference by beating Montreal Alouettes 32-0 Thursday night.

REPUTATIONS AT STAKE. Individual reputations also are at stake in the weekend struggle. Ottawa quarterback Rick Jackson, nominated as outstanding player and best Canadian player, will be up against first quarter Bernie Faloney's reputation as a clutch player.

## Kinkora Beats Athena High

Kinkora Regional High School defeated Athena Regional High School 44-0 yesterday in an Intercollegiate Senior B Zone football contest.

The win was the second straight for Kinkora in the best of three sets. They now advance against the winner of the Tisbury-Olary series.

Halfback Leo Smith was the star for the winners as he scored four touchdowns. Bill Noonan, another half-back, was close behind with three TDs. Smith also kicked two conversions.

## Canada Is Tied For Second Spot

CP from AP-Reuters. VERSAILLES, France — Bertie Walman and Gary Player of South Africa hammered out two sub-par rounds of 69 and 70 to stroke lead at the halfway point of the Cape Golf Open today.

Their 35-hole combined total was 377.

The South African's hot round eased them past the first-day leaders, Canada and the United States, who tied for second behind at 278. Spain also shared the 278 bracket. Australia's entry at 292, was only one team in close contention.

MAN-MADE SNOW. Britain's first snow-making machine is being installed at ski slopes at Glenheg near Perthshire.

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## GORDIE HOWE FAILS AGAIN

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