

# Art Ballum, Dan O'Rourke Meet In P.E.I. Legion Final

The Danny O'Rourke and Art Ballum rinks will meet this afternoon in the finals of the Prince Edward Island Legion Curling championships at the Charlottetown Curling Club.

That was the net result of play at the club yesterday as the five remaining rinks in contention met in four games that eliminated three of the last rinks. The Sinclair quartet was the first to bite the dust as they lost a heartrending 10-9 decision in the afternoon draw against the Art Love rink. However Love curled superbly throughout the game and well deserved the triumph as he counted two rocks in the final end to insure himself of the semi-final berth.

The turning point in the match was probably the sixth end when Love stole three. Sinclair tried to take out Love's number one

and stayed but missed the take-out and allowed Love to count three.

Art Ballum came through with another great effort in the afternoon draw as he handed the Danny O'Rourke rink their first loss, a 10-3 trouncing that was conceded after nine ends. O'Rourke curling a little below par missed a key takeout in the sixth end and that shot made a difference of four or five rocks in the score. Ballum controlled play throughout as he counted in six of the nine ends and held O'Rourke to singles in the third fifth and eight.

Wes Storey and O'Rourke hooked up in the semi-final draw as well as Ballum and Love but the favorites came through as expected. O'Rourke and Storey went to the traditional eastern draw game and Storey saddled

# Clay Fight Plans Are Reshuffled

By AL McNEIL

MONTREAL (CP)—Sorel, a city of 25,000 inhabitants 40 miles northeast of Montreal, is the latest community to throw its hat in the three-ring circus that has surrounded choice of a site for the March 29 Cassius Clay-Ernie Terrell heavyweight title fight.

The surprise bid came from Gerald Pelletier, who manages the community-owned arena there. He made his pitch to Loren Cassina, representing All-Canada Sports Ltd., and Robert Ark, lawyer for the New York-based Main Bout Inc.

Art Greaford, Clay's lawyer, sat in on the discussions.

After Mayor George O'Reilly and the suburban Verdun city council had turned thumbs down on the promoters' pitch Friday morning, the fight group called a press conference for 2 p.m.

However, they failed to show for the meeting, and reporters were forced to seek them out in their hotel rooms.

**EDMONTON INTERESTED**

Meanwhile, reports from Edmonton had Regina fight promoter Nick Zubray negotiating with Cassina to stage the fight in the Alberta capital.

Cassina said the promoters had no comment to make on the subject of the site as they are still dealing with Sorel.

After Cassina's refusal to talk, Pelletier spoke to reporters that while Mayor J. J. Pelouquin of Sorel is in Florida, he had received tacit permission from city council and the town manager to make his bid for the fight.

The Sorel Arena, which seats 4,500 people for hockey, can be re-arranged to accommodate 7,000 for boxing and wrestling, Pelletier said.

Pelletier said there is no athletic commission in Sorel and it remains strictly a matter for council's decision.

The picture became more confused late Friday afternoon when Irving Kirsch, a chartered accountant representing Montreal promoter Sonny Laurence, held talks with Cassina.

After the meeting Kirsch said Laurence would be given permission to stage the fight in Montreal, if he could secure the Montreal Forum as a site.

However, the Forum management has already turned thumbs down on the proposal, as they did on Cassina's earlier bid.

## SPORTS FRONT

# Big Matches Go Tonight

By CHRIS ANNETT

It should be a really big weekend for all the top four teams in the NHL for they are slated to meet at least one of the other top contenders for the coveted Prince of Wales trophy.

For Montreal and Chicago the weekend matches will be extra crucial for they meet face to face on Sunday evening in Chicago and you can bet that Bobby Hull would dearly love to be in his fifty-first goal against the Habs. Both co-holders of the fifty goal mark formerly played for the Habs and it would be a great satisfaction to him if he could score Sunday night before his home town fans.

Strangely enough Hull has scored on each of the opposing teams at approximately the same rate. His favorite team was New York getting 12 against the Rangers and then 11 against the Bruins, 10 against Toronto, nine against Detroit and eight on the Habs.

The Hawks play Toronto tonight and it should be another real battle to the finish. Rookie goalie Al Smith managed to hold Hull off the score sheet in the last game but Bruce Gamble will be having his first go at Hull tonight and it is more than likely that the Blood Bomber will hit the magical 51 mark against him. On Sunday they meet the Habs and this will be a four pointer in every sense of the word. Should the both clubs win their Saturday night games the winner Sunday night will have a big advantage.

The Hawks need the win a bit more badly than the Habs for the latter are only one point behind the Hawks but have a game in hand. Should the Hawks take the game they will be three points in front (still assuming both win tonight) and that will give them a one point lead if the Habs win the game in hand. However if the Habs win they will be out in front by a point with that game still to play.

The two leaders will meet only two more times after the weekend game. At present the Habs are leading their 14 game series 6-3-2 but should the Hawks win the remaining three matches the two clubs will have even records.

The Habs have a bit easier schedule for the rest of the season (on paper anyway) as they play five games against the Rangers and Bruins as compared to the Hawks 5. The Habs meet Detroit once more, the Hawks twice. The Hawks play Toronto twice however while the trouble team for the Habs meets them three times. It should be a read race to the wire and may be the best team win.

# Rangers Leave Today

Rogers Rangers leave today for Fredericton where they will meet the Red Wings in a best of seven series for the N.B.-P.E.I. version of the Junior hockey title. The Fredericton team is very highly rated and they have given the Halifax Junior Habs two good tussles this season bowing out however 7-5 and 7-3 in Halifax.

The high flying line of Jamie Kennedy, Cecil MacDonald and Joey Brown is expected to skate with the number one line of the Red Wings and Charlottetown's second line will likely more than hold its own too. Norm Hawk Larler has built a sturdy defensive corps and at the moment the only problem seems to be a slight lack of depth. Should the team put out 100 per cent for the entire series there is not too much barring them from pulling what would be a colossal upset in the eyes of all good mainlanders.

# RAMBLINGS . . .

The CINCINNATI REDS, favorites to win the NATIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE title last season have almost the same roster this year and are having a good deal of trouble signing their pitching staff . . . Their pitching ace is asking \$50,000 this season and this follows the general trend set this season . . . It will be funny if none of the big pitchers are signed in time for the start of the regular season . . . S.F.X. Hockey team drew the bye into the semi final round of the CANADIAN INTERCOLLEGIATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS where they were to meet the UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO BLUES in a sudden death game . . . What a situation . . . British swimming officials were expected to vote today on whether a one legged swimmer could participate in swimming tournaments. Two judges had previously ruled that MONICA VAUGH could not comply with butterfly rules stating that the two legs must move simultaneously . . . BILLY MACMILLAN's line scored three goals against the U.S. team in the first game of the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS but MacMillan was not awarded even an assist . . . CANADIAN HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING champion GEORGE CHUVALO has fallen from the top five contenders in the world rankings . . . MICKLE MAXTLE is taking batting practice for the NEW YORK YANKEES several weeks before he was expected to . . .



# WATERED DOWN

Gay Brewer, Jr., of Dallas, Tex., heads up a spray of water as he hits this shot from the rain-soaked fairways before play in the second round of the Pensacola Open Golf Tournament was delayed a day

# TODAY'S CURLING DRAWS

The following is the curling draw for Saturday at the Charlottetown Club: 1.30 p.m. (rotation) Spares needed.

Ice 1 - F. Curtis, R. Ewing, Dr. Jenks, E. MacDonald vs A. E. Piercey, F. Corcoran, E. Tedford, T. Winter.

Ice 2 - A. Bagnall, H.R. Carruthers, E. Tanton, R. Spillet vs S. Beaton, H. Spillet, F. MacMillan, T.W.L. Prowse.

Ice 3 - (2 p.m.) Legion final.

Ice 4 - C. Asprey, D. Douglas, H. Douglas, L. Wellner vs T. White, R.C. Parent, B. MacNeill, Harvey Douglas.

Ice 5 - V. Mitton, B. Rogerson, N. Nicholson, A. Garrett vs J. MacDonald, A. Jones, K. Kennedy, G. Gallant.

3 p.m.

Ice 1 - Open.

Ice 2 - (ladder) B. Acorn vs Dr. MacDonald.

Ice 3 - Legion.

Ice 4 - Open.

Ice 5 - Open.

7 p.m. (mixed)

Ice 1 - Henry Douglas, Jo Vautour, L. Burke, A. Storey vs W. Reddin, S. Flemming, J. Shelton, H. MacKinnon.

Ice 2 - I. MacKinnon, G. Mackay, J. Keith, Y. Keith vs C. Flemming, I. Duffy, J. Anderson, V. Anderson.

Ice 3 - Dr. Kelly, K. Douglas, G. Gallant, P. Reddin vs D. Douglas, L. Hennessy, B. Rogerson, E. Douglas.

7.30 p.m.

Ice 3 - Rendezvous, D. Cameron vs Kip Ready.

Ice 4 - (Storey) W.R. MacNeill, Dr. MacKay, G. Schleyer, F. Callaghan vs C. Asprey, D. Ward, H. MacDougall, Dr. McLean.

8.30 (mixed)

Ice 1 - M. Pursey, M. Stewart, D. MacLean, R. MacFarlane vs E. MacDonald, O. MacDonald, V. MacDonald, P. MacKay.

Ice 2 - A. Love, M. Jones, G. Brookins, J. Farquharson vs B. Acorn, H. Love, J. Farquharson, M. MacNeill.

Ice 3 - P. Perry, D. Stewart, D. Livingston, G. MacInnes vs F. Burke, D. Cormier, A. Trewhin, B. Brookins.

The following is the draw for Sunday in the Garrison Sergeant's Mess curling spiel:

Ice 1 - E. Shaw, R. MacDonald, A. MacLeod, H. Robbins, vs J. MacLean, C. Ings, H. Robbins, E. MacLure.

Ice 2 - K. Sullivan, L. Sinclair, I. Furness, M. Boiser vs G. Warner, P. Johnstone, N. Thompson, L. MacLeod.

Ice 3 - E. Shaw, R. MacDonald, A. MacLeod, H. Robbins, vs J. MacLean, C. Ings, H. Robbins, E. MacLure.

Ice 4 - D. Clark, A. Bears vs E. MacDonald, K. Hughes, D. Sorrie, L. MacDonald.

Ice 5 - P. Perry, D. Stewart, D. Livingston, G. MacInnes vs F. Burke, D. Cormier, A. Trewhin, B. Brookins.

# National Hockey Team Prepares For Big Games

By CARL MOLLINS

L. J. UBLJANA, Yugoslavia (CP)—Canada's desire to cut the championship group in world amateur hockey tournaments to eight teams from the present fifty finally appeared certain of acceptance Friday.

Officials of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) said the plan, rejected when Canada put it forward in 1964, could go into effect in 1969.

Federation members met here in conjunction with this year's world championship, in which play opened Thursday. There was no action Friday in Group A, in which the top eight countries battle it out for the title now held by Russia, but games were played in Groups B and C.

Canada wants five teams playing for the title in a double round-robin series, instead of eight teams in a single round-robin series as at present.

**CONFIDENT OF APPROVAL**

J. F. (Bunny) Ahearne of Britain, president of the IIHF, said the discussion among delegates from member countries Friday made him confident the new system will be approved at the next full congress by IIHF, in Vienna in August.

But it was too late to make any changes for the 1967 world championship, also scheduled for Vienna, or for the 1968 Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

Meanwhile, Canada's national team was in a happy mood but, with the Russians looming on the horizon, it could not be accused of over-confidence.

The Canadian players worked out Friday in a businesslike style, following an impressive 7-2 victory over the United States in their first game of the tournament Thursday.

**TEAM PRACTICES**

Playing-coach Jackie McLeod directed pass-and-shoot exercises for an hour in preparation for Canada's game against Poland this morning.

Today's schedule: (all times EST)

Canada vs. Poland, 4 a.m.

Czechoslovakia vs. Finland, 7:30 a.m.

Sweden vs. East Germany, 11 a.m.

Russia vs. United States, 2:30 p.m.

The Russians remain strong favorites to keep the title they have held since 1963, but the consensus here was that the Canadians were the most convincing team on the ice in any of Thursday's games.

**Tyne Valley Beats Tignish**

**TIGNISH**—Tyne Valley Clover Farmers continued their winning streak in the third game of play-off's with the Tignish Aces, when they trounced the Aces 6-2 in the Tignish Centennial Community Sports Arena on Tuesday night before a large turned out of fans. It was a well played game that tied 2-2 at the end of the second period.

Tyne Valley had the edge all the way in the third period getting four goals, two in the last eight seconds of play.

Talling for Clover Farmers were: J. Gorrell 2, A. Cameron, T. McCaul, R. MacArthur, and I. Baglole with one each. For the Aces it was C. Keough, A. Hackett.

# Toronto Flexing Muscles As Playoffs Draw Near

By JERRY GLADMAN  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Stanley Cup-time is drawing near and Toronto Maple Leafs are beginning to flex their muscles.

The Leafs haven't looked this confident nor as close to attaining their peak since the 1962-63 season when they captured the National Hockey League championship and the cup.

And while first place isn't as close as it was in 1962-63, the Leafs are deadlocked for third place with Detroit Red Wings and the 10-point deficit certainly is not insurmountable.

However, there are many who feel the Leafs aren't really gunning for the top spot, although they'll take a shot at it if it's within their reach. The Stanley Cup is their main aim and their chances are much better than they were earlier in the season.

The Leafs now are definitely a far cry from the lowly, dismal club which floundered around in fifth place a few months ago were prime candidates to finish out of the playoffs for the first time since 1958.

**HAD MANY PROBLEMS**

Cocach Punch Imlach's troubles at the time were too num-



BOB PULFORD

erous to count. A shortage of defencemen; not enough goals on the part of the club's big guns; his musclemen weren't checking; his fighters weren't fighting.

But miracle of miracles, it's an entirely different situation now.

# Pope Motor Aces Shade Nationals

SUMMERSIDE — Pope Motor Aces continued their playoff mastery over Borden Nationals last night at Civic Stadium here by coming from behind in the third period and scoring a 4-3 victory.

The victory gave the Aces a 3-0 lead over the first place finishing Nationals in their best of nine Prince County hockey league semi-final series. The fourth game is slated for the Stadium this afternoon.

Big George Dalton scored the winning goal with less than three minutes remaining in the game. Borden defenceman Dale MacWilliams was attempting to clear the puck out of his zone when Dalton stole it from him and whipped it into the twines.

Some 1,000 fans saw the Nationals take a 2-0 lead in the first forty minutes of play only to see the Aces bounce back in the final frame and outscore their opponents 4-1 for the margin of victory.

The Nationals got on the score sheet at the 3:32 mark of the opening session when Willard Leard scored after Armand Taylor and Don MacWilliams had worked the puck into the opposition zone.

The score went to 2-0 in favor of Borden at the 12:58 mark of the sandwich frame, this time the puck coming off the stick of Freddie DesRoches.

The score might well have been much higher in favor of Borden in these first two frames had it not been for the fantastic netminding of Gerard Smith. In the opening period the visitors outshot their opponents 13-4 and outshot them 9-5 in the middle frame.

# Morell RHS Wins Title

Morell Regional High School won the Kings County Interscholastic Senior B championship in Morell last night by defeating Souris Regional High School 4-0.

Donnie Sanderson was top scorer for Morell with three goals while Richard Green scored the other Morell marker. Dennis MacKay played an outstanding game in the Morell goals.

Referee Brian Louis called 17 penalties, 10 to Souris and seven to Morell.

# DART RESULTS

The following are results of Thursday nights play in the inter-club dart league.

Brace "A" at Brace "B" 3 2

CLA at Legion "A" 2 3

Sportsman at Legion "B" 4 1

Firehall at Sgts. Mess 0 5

**STANDINGS**

TEAM	P	W	L	P
Sportsman	75	50	25	100
Legion "A"	75	47	28	94
Brace "A"	75	45	30	90
Sgts. Mess	75	44	31	88
Brace "B"	75	42	33	84
CLA	75	30	45	60
Firehall	75	21	54	42
Legion "B"	75	21	54	42

The following are next week's schedule and last week's results.

Legion "B" at CLA (to be played Wed. 9 March at 8 p.m.)

Legion "A" at Sportsman

Brace "B" at Sgts. Mess

Brace "A" at Firehall.

# PLAY-OFF HOCKEY CIVIC STADIUM SATURDAY 2.30 P.M.

Borden Nationals vs. Pope Motors Aces

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Defence: The first problem behind the blue line cropped up prior to the start of the season when Carl Brewer decided to retire prematurely, leaving a big gap to fill.

Injuries also played a part in weakening the Toronto defence as rugged Bob Baun sat out five weeks with a knee injury and shortly after Marcel Pronovost, Brewer's replacement, was sidelined.

But Imlach reached down to Rochester, Americans of the American Hockey League and came up with Larry Hillman, who has done a tremendous job. With Baun back in action and regulars Allan Stanley and Kent Douglas, the Leaf defence is solid.

There was a time earlier in the campaign when the Leafs couldn't buy a goal, particularly the team's top snipers, Frank Mahovlich, Dave Keon, Ron Ellis and Bob Pulford.

**SCORE REGURLY**

But the four finally came to life and have been scoring regularly. Add Eddie Shack to this list—he has 21 to date compared to his previous career high of 16—and a shortage of goals is no longer a problem.

Checking: With Bobby Baun back and leading the way, the Leafs are handing out checks with the viciousness of old, knocking down opponents left and right. Any club that looks to outmuscle the Leafs is in for a rough night.

Fighting: This can be summed up briefly—Orland Kurtenbach. The former Boston center displayed his ability to use his fists recently as he carved up Montreal Canadiens' Terry Harper. His presence gives the Leafs a policeman which they sorely lacked earlier this year.

And most important, the Imlach luck has returned. Swamped by injuries to his goalie platoon, Imlach has always managed to come up with an ace in the hole.

**STAND-INS TRIUMPH**

When either regular, John Bower or Terry Sawchuk, had to sit out, Imlach assigned Gary Smith of the Americans the backup job. Then, when Bower and Sawchuk were both out of action, Al Smith of the junior Toronto Marlboroughs hit the scene and registered a victory against Chicago Black Hawks in his first start.

As if things weren't bad enough, injuries claimed Gary Smith so Imlach turned to Bruce Gamble of Tulsa Oilers of the Central Professional League. In two starts against the Canadiens, Gamble had a 3-3 tie and posted a 4-0 shut-out.

But now with things going well for him and Toronto, the other three top clubs could have their hands full come playoff time.

The Leafs take on Chicago at home tonight and will attempt to stop Bobby Hull from setting a new record. Hull will be after his 51st goal of the season, which will break the record he shares with Maurice Richard and Bernie Geoffreon of Montreal Canadiens.

The other game tonight has Detroit at Montreal. Sunday's schedule has Toronto at Boston, Montreal at Chicago and Detroit visiting New York Rangers.

# X-Men Blow Game

SUDBURY — (CP) — A four-goal spurge in the last 2 1/2 minutes of the game gave University of Toronto Blues a 6-4 victory over St. Francis Xavier University X-Men Friday night.

The win moved the Blues into the Canadian intercollegiate hockey championship finals today.

The X-Men went into an early 1-0 lead but the Blues came back and tied the game 2-2 seconds later to end the first period tied 1-1. The X-Men from Antigonish, N.S., took a 2-1 lead in the second period and appeared to have the win clinched when they led 4-3 with two minutes and 49 seconds showing on the clock.

Toronto got one goal back at 17:11 of the third period.

A penalty to Blaise MacDonald of the X-Men at 17:23 opened the gates and the Blues rapped in two fast goals to take a 5-4 lead.

In the final minute the St. Francis coach pulled his goalie, but the move backfired when Hank Monteith scored his second goal of the night in the empty cage.

# Tignish Teams Nearing End

League hockey teams in Tignish are struggling against snowstorms and mild weather to complete their play-off series with other centres. The minor and little league teams have won over teams in their area, and are betting wins with bigger arenas.

The Tignish Pee-Wee team continued their winning streak on Tuesday evening when they won over the RCAF Pee-Wee team 3-2. For Tignish it was Gay Richard, Glen McRae, and Larry Arsenault. For RCAF, Bobby Hanson, and Kenny Saint John.

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