

PLAYERS LOOSENING UP

Leaf Coach Continues In Role Of Optimist

TORONTO (CP) — George (Punch) Imlach, general manager and coach of Toronto Maple Leafs, continued in his familiar role as an optimist Friday despite the fact his club trails Boston Bruins 2-0 in their best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final.

Boston, third and fourth games will be here tonight and Tuesday. Then the scene shifts back to Toronto for the fifth game Thursday if the series goes that far.



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

The 1958 harness racing season will see a lot of new horses in action in Maritime tracks, and among them will be three that have been through by local horsemen that will make the fast brigade even more interesting than it has been in the past.

and twenty minutes before post time, all paring lots with a 9,300-capacity, were closed. Other than the disappointment caused by the above, it was a grand opening, and anyone who had a ticket on Sure Con went home with \$30 for a \$2 investment.

Willard MacDonald, Summer-aside, who has owned a lot of good horses, was the high bidder last fall on Mighty Lee, 2.04 1/5, a pacing record taken on a half-mile track. Among his wins was a mile last year in 2.04 1/5, which is really terrific speed for a half-mile oval.

A name not too familiar to Maritimers, Bob Cherrix, was the driver of Sure Con, with the mile in 2.09 4/5. Cherrix also added three other victories on the nine-dash card, winning with R. Y. Chief in 2.11, Leo's Boy in 2.06 4/5 (trot), and Afton Guy in 2.10 1/5. Stanley Dancer drove two winners — William Forbes in 2.10 2/5 and Counsel Hal in 2.09 3/5. The fastest mile of the night was by Leo's Boy (Cherrix) in the sixth event, a class of trotters, for a \$3,500 purse.

Sam Johnston of Fortune Bridge will be remembered as having attended the sale at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, last fall, and he bought one of the most reliable pacers in the Billy Haughton stable — Bertram Hanover, that took a record as a seven-year-old of 2.03 3/5. At Yonkers Raceway on August 7th last year he won a \$2,500 purse in 2.05 1/5, and during the season he won \$7,366. His all-time earnings total \$72,962!!!

The total purse money distributed at the opening meet was \$21,000, and the part-mutuel "handle" for the night was \$2,304,205.

It may be that Ray Stewart of Murray Harbour will end up with the most money won in 1959 for the local pacing brigade with the pacer, Sky Prince, a seven-year-old bay gelding by Sky Raider, that last year had 5 wins, 3 seconds and 8 thirds, with winnings of \$2,959, and a time of 2:05.55. Here are a few of his summaries from last season:

Joe Cherrix, who won four dashes on the above program, is one of the younger drivers who is forging to the front. He is 29 years old, and last year made 354 starts, was 56 times first, 58 times second and 36 times third, with stable winnings of \$33,718.

The above pedigree could be extended to show that this horse has a good chance, because of his breeding, to take a very fast record.

Joe will have twenty horses on the grounds at Yonkers by April 1st, and forty more, to be stabled at Goheen, will follow. This will be the earliest that O'Brien has ever shipped East from Shafter, California. O'Brien has the talent to "clean up" at Yonkers — Shadow Wave, 3, 1.56 3/5 — his world champion pacer, is eligible for all the free-for-all stakes and overnight events at Yonkers. Besides Shadow Wave, his free-for-all pacer group will have Raider Trot, 3, 1.58 4/5 — winner of last year's W. H. Cane Pace; and Adios Express, 2, 2.01.

James (Roach) MacGregor and Dave Wisener left Wednesday afternoon with the new horse owned by Wendell G. Barbour, for Rockingham Park, New Hampshire, where some 300 horses are in training to get ready for the spring racing campaign for trotters and pacers, which opens there on April 3rd.

At Santa Anita Park, California, on March 14th, the three-year-old pacer, William Way, scored one of the biggest upsets of the young season when he won the Arcadia Pace, purse \$6,175, from a fast field in 2:00. It was the first two-minute mile of 1958.

YONKERS OPENS Ten nights earlier than ever before — March 20th — Yonkers Raceway had its opening meeting with a total paid attendance of 35,023. Extra dates have been given racing in New York, which was the cause of the early opening, and these were requested by Governor Rockefeller, the reason given being that the State of New York needs money, and the "take" they get from this big night racing plant helps out considerably.

However, there is always the surety that spring will arrive, even if it is late, and it will be happier than the trainers and drivers of harness horses in the Maritimes, when it makes its appearance.

free-for-all broke out at centre ice.

48 PENALTY-MINUTES Powers handed out 48 minutes in penalties, 25 to Bruins. It was far from a playoff record, however. Tops for a single game is 102 minutes handed out when Red Wings and Leafs met in Detroit in 1952.

Imlach said he thought Powers handled the penalties well, especially during the second-period fight which featured a sparring match between Bert Olmstead of Toronto and Boston's Guy Gendron. Both got five-minute penalties.

Lumley, spectacular in the Boston goal as a replacement for injured Don Simmons, has been breaking the hearts of his former teammates.

Imlach said he didn't think Lumley was as sharp in the second game as in the first. "Don't get me wrong, though. That guy still played great. Only he was super great in the game we lost 5-1."

CULLEN RETURNS Right-winger Barry Cullen, who suffered a fractured ankle about a month ago, is expected to be back in the Toronto lineup Saturday. This means Garry Collins, called up from New Westminster of the Western League as an emergency replacement, will sit out the game.

"Other than that change I don't expect to have any others," Imlach said. "Johnny Bower played well enough in goal to win both games for us so I guess I will go along with him again in the next game."

Bower and Ed Chadwick shared Toronto goaltending duties during the regular season.

BASEBALL

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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L. McDaniel, H. Nunn (7) and G. Green, Schaffer (7); R. G. Smith, Daniels (4), Gibson (8) and Krewitt, W. — Gibson, L.H. Nunn.

Kansas City 000 011 000-5 11 0 New York 100 000 100-2 8 3

Daley, Reed (8) and House; Kucks, Bronstad (8) and Berra. W. Daley, L. Kucks. HR: NYK: Philadelphia 100 000 000-1 5 3 Cincinnati 040 002 0x-12 15 0

Gomez, Semproch (7) and Thomas; Purkey and Bailey, L. Gomez. HRs: Cin-Ennis 2, McMillan, Power.

Results Of York Rifle Shoot

Jack Andrews 99 Myron Ling 98 Jean Andrews 97 Raymond Vessey 96 Louis Vessey 96 Albert Court 96 A. J. Cuney 95 H. T. Vessey 95 Alan Youker 94 Marjorie Lewis 94 Dewar K. Swan 93 Lorna Vessey 93 Leigh Vessey 93 Harold Taylor 93 Stuart Vessey 92 Renate Schmalz 92 George Proud 91 Willard Murray 91 Frank Vessey 91 Wm. Lidgen 89 Marion Vessey 88 Glenda Campbell 87 David Arbing 87 Pauline Swan 84 Harry Weiton 83 Percy Arbing 82 Marilyn Lewis 80 Ray Hamby 80

'Busby Babes' Makes Top Spot

LONDON (Reuters) — The rambling "B. by Babes" of Manchester United vaulted into first place in the English Soccer League First Division Friday by smashing Portsmouth 6-1 and moving into a strong position for the 1958-59 league title.

League champions in 1956 and 1957, Matt Busby's brilliant young team seemed to be ruined when eight players died in the Munich plane crash a year ago last month.

Now, with an equally brilliant new crop of youngsters, Busby has raised his team to the heights again. Friday's victory was the 16th in Manchester's last 18 league games.

The Babes have been beaten only once in league play since mid-November and Friday moved one point ahead of defending champions Wolverhampton Wolves, who had no game scheduled.



SEEK TO RETAIN CROWN

A bowling quintet from the Charlottetown Kinsmen Club, winner of last year's National Bowling Championship of Kinsmen and the Gemmill Trophy, emblematic of same, are out to do it again. Thursday night at the

Rollaway Club, the Kinsmen five racked up a total of 4,117 points in a bid to retain their national crown. High-3 totals for each member were as follows: Bob Bradley, 724, Eddie Martin 763, Joe Shelton 637, Dave Walker

387, Dr. Loyola Duffy 1,066. Dr. Duffy's total was a new high-3 record for the Rollaway alleys. Team members BACK ROW—(l to r) Eddie Martin, Bob Bradley, Dr. Duffy; FRONT ROW—Dave Walker, Joe Shelton.

Badminton Tournament Reaches Showdown Stage

By GERRY LA FONTAINE

Canadian Press Staff Writer QUEBEC (CP) — Ricky Steadman of Lethbridge, Alta., won the junior men's singles crown at the Canadian badminton championships Friday night and Ann Murray of Winnipeg successfully defended her junior women's singles title.

Both concentrated on power games, Steadman defeating Lane Bickel of Calgary 15-6, 17-14 and Miss Murray shading Gail Riley of Calgary 11-8, 11-8.

Miss Murray's win was good for her third consecutive crown. In early play Friday the juniors sifted down to their rounds of four in singles, doubles and mixed. Their doubles finals will be played Saturday morning along with finals in open consultations and senior men's doubles.

women's champ from Winnipeg Ont., 17-15, 15-9. The junior women's doubles final Saturday will be an all-Winnipeg affair with the pundits giving the edge to Miss Murray and Miss Borland who played a driving, aggressive game in beating Carol Ashby and Sidney Shakespeare of Vancouver 15-10, 15-9. The other half is Noreen Wicks and Brenda Bartlett who had difficulty before shaking off the Toronto team of Judy Jarvis and Jane Davies 15-8, 16-18, 15-9. Another one-city final will be the junior mixed doubles with Rolf Paterson and Miss Ashby against Tolman and Miss Shakespeare.

Losers of first-round games in the open could enter the consolation while the over-40 men had their own competition. There was no play for senior women.

Lane Bickel of Calgary won his junior singles semi-final, beating Keith Tolman of Vancouver 18-14, 15-9. Ricky Steadman of Lethbridge, Alta., defeated Gail Riley of Calgary, 11-8, 11-8. Rolf Paterson of Vancouver, former American Hockey League

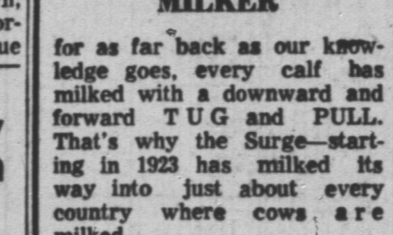
S'ide To Honor 'Windy' Steele

SUMMERSIDE — Monday night will be "Windy Steele night" at Civic Stadium in Summerside. Between the first and second periods of the game between the Aces and Windsor Maple Leafs there will be appropriate ceremonies to pay tribute to Windy for his excellent work with the Summerside club this year.

With Bob Schürman in the role of master of ceremonies there will be presentations of gifts from merchants of the town and individuals.

A box will be set up in the Stadium to give people a chance to contribute. Much of the credit for the success of this year's Aces is due to their fine coach, Clarence "Windy" Steele, former American Hockey League

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Nine Mile Creek, Hampshire Clash At Arena Mon.

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The game is scheduled to get underway at 8:15. Following the game a skate will be held.

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THE OLD MAGICIAN Blackpool, with the old magician Stanley Matthews back on the wing, crushed Chelsea 5-0. Tottenham Hotspur, once again a formidable club with Scotland captain Dave Mackay joining Northern Ireland captain Danny Blanchflower on the halfback line, beat Aston Villa 3-2. Spurs now are virtually safe from relegation. Portsmouth and Leicester seem certain to be sent down to the Second Division.

In that division, Fulham practically clinched its claim to move up by taking its most important win of the year, a 6-2 trouncing of league-leading Sheffield Wednesday. The win moved Fulham into the lead, one point ahead of Sheffield.

Bearded Jimmy Hill, president of the Soccer Players' Union, led the Fulham scoring splurge with three goals. In the Third Division, Brentford continued its winning streak by whipping first-place Plymouth Argyle 3-0.

SHOULD BEAT HABS AT STADIUM

Fading Hawks Work Out For Last-Ditch Stand

CHICAGO (AP) — The fading Chicago Black Hawks worked out on their home rink Friday, girding for a last-ditch Stanley Cup playoff stand against Montreal Canadiens on Chicago Stadium ice tonight and Tuesday.

"If these players can't have enough pride to come back and get the Canadiens in the stadium," said Black Hawk coach Rudy Pilous, "then they just don't belong in the National Hockey League."

The Canadiens, popping loose a surprise hatcher man in little Marcel Bonin, easily vanquished the Black Hawks, 4-3 and 5-1, in the first two games of the cup-game semi-finals in Montreal.

"Bonin has caught fire," observed Pilous, "and he's skating like 40,000 miles an hour." The Black Hawks arrived at noon by plane after a delayed flight. The Canadiens left Montreal by train Friday and arrive today for the first playoff game here which will pack a capacity 17,000 into Chicago Stadium.

NETS FOUR GOALS With the Hawks concentrating

One optimist was Hawk publi-

city man Johnny Gottselig, himself a star of Chicago's Stanley Cup champions of 1934 and 1938. "In that 1938 Stanley Cup playoff, we got up off the floor in every one of the series," recalled Gottselig. "Things can change quickly in a short series."

"We're bound to get the puck rolling for us pretty soon; we're overdue to break out of a slump we actually have been in since our 5-3 victory over New York March 11."

Pilous indicated he will stick to his same lines for the third game, including the No. 1 unit of Ed Litzemberger, Tod Sloan and Ted Lindsay.

Frank Tripucka Goes To Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—A five-for-one football deal will send quarterback Frank Tripucka to Ottawa Rough Riders from Saskatchewan Roughriders in exchange for five players, it was learned Friday night.

Named by Ottawa in the deal are guard Larry Hayes backs Frank Fraser and Karl Hinzinger, tackle Jim Marshall of Iowa and quarterback Tom Dimitroff.

Tackle Tom Jones of Ottawa may be involved if Marshall, a highly regarded 20-year-old, declines to report to Saskatchewan, it was learned from club officials. There may also be cash handed to the Regina club if any other players decline to go through with the deal.

Coach Frank Clair, now at his home in Indiana, engineered the trade and club officials here acknowledged details.

THIRD QUARTERBACK With the veteran passing ace Tripucka, Ottawa adds its third quarterback. The club already had signed Don Allard of Boston college and has Canadian quarterback Russ Jackson.

FAN CRITICISM Tripucka had expressed a desire to leave Regina, where he had encountered fan criticism after performing for several years. At one stage, Toronto Argonauts were said interested in acquiring him.

Sam Berger, immediate past president of the Ottawa Rough Riders, said the club now will have three top-notch quarterbacks and "that's what we want."

He indicated the club was not satisfied with performances last year by some of the players involved. If Ottawa should hit an injury streak, it had ample production.

Both Fraser and Hinzinger are Canadians. Hayes, who also doubles as linebacker, is an import who broke his leg last year after being named an all-star his first year. Dimitroff played with Ottawa the last two years but broke a leg last season as well and now is serving with the American forces.

Jones, a trade alternate, is a huge import lineman who has been with Ottawa for two years. Marshall had been signed re-

LIVING COSTS DOWN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lower food prices pushed U.S. living costs down one tenth of one per cent in February. The labor department statistics bureau said its index declined to 123.7 per cent of the 1947-49 base. That is the highest February index point on record, however, one per cent above last year.

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