

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

**HAMILTON TIGER-CATS** are in for a real rebuilding job. This is the statement of Jim Trimble, pilot of the Big Four Champions and opponents of the Grey Cup champions, Winnipeg Blue Bombers, in the November 28 classic.

Trimble has just returned from a scouting trip to the United States and he has stated they will do a job on the Hamilton club from the top down. Jim thinks it's absolutely necessary if the East wants to be real contenders for top honors in Canadian pro football.

Says the talkative Trimble: "We're going to be a much improved team next season and the rest of the league had better be improved also or the east will get their heads bashed in again."

**APPARENTLY** Trimble doesn't think he ran into any bad luck in losing the Grey Cup battle. With a couple of breaks, the Tiger-Cats could have gone back to Hamilton with the coveted mug. However, this didn't give Trimble any false notions of security. He figured the west is superior and if the east doesn't start adding some strength, they need not figure on too many football championships.

It's not very long ago that the east was expected to win just about every Grey Cup game that was played. But those days are no more. Now the west has taken over and the Big Four teams are finding it tough to halt the boys from the Western Inter-provincial Football Union.

And so strengthening teams appears the one and only answer to the problem.

**COMMENTING ON RUMORS** that he is a candidate for the Los Angeles Rams coaching job, Trimble said he wasn't interested.

"Of course, if they offered me \$35,000 a year and a share of the profits, I'd take it." And who wouldn't?

**THE ISLAND SENIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE** renews activity this afternoon before a Boxing Day crowd at Summerside's Civic Stadium.

Charlie Hogan's Aces are hosts to Perfection Penguins and the action should be worthwhile witnessing. In the last three meetings between the clubs, Aces held a 2-1 edge in games and only for sensational goaltending by Thane Doyle might have made it a clean sweep. However, the Birds are determined to put a crimp in Hogan's plans this afternoon and that should mean lively entertainment. Aces, on the other hand, have no intention of losing this home game, their second last in this old year.

So holidayers looking for some place to spend the afternoon have three periods of top notch hockey ready for them. It should be a great two hours fun.

**CUS D'AMATO**, the manager of the former heavyweight champion of the world, Floyd Patterson, was in Toronto the other day. Sportswriters from the Queen City flocked around Cus and fired questions at him from all directions. D'Amato had his license evoked by the New York State Athletic Commission and so one of the logical questions was to ask him if Patterson would fight in that state in an effort to recapture his crown from the present champion, Ingemar Johansson.

Cus replied: "I wouldn't care to comment but they WILL fight. We have a legal binding contract and it must be honored."

**D'AMATO MADE** a gallant try to defend himself and at the same time he blasted away at New York sportswriters. "All I'm trying to do is get the fighters the money they're entitled to. Instead of them getting a mere \$4,000 for an IBC operated show, I try to get them larger purses through the Life-promoter corporation people. In other words why shouldn't a fight between contenders be worth 50,000 or 100,000 to them instead of the closed-circuit-TV people. My argument is that the pay-TV people aren't promoters—they're agents. Only after they get their end do the fighters get paid. Fighters should get part of every nickel people pay at the gate."

**FINALLY CUS** was asked if he considered the fight in which Patterson lost his title to Johansson a bad match. D'Amato was quick to reply.

"No," he shouted "definitely not. You can't say that Johansson was lucky, either. He aimed a punch at a target and he landed on the target. That is not luck. But Floyd Patterson will beat him because Patterson is the greatest fighter in the world. A truly warm human being. He has stuck with me and yet nothing says he had to stick."

Well, they may have clipped Cus's wings but they haven't stopped him from talking. This is one thing that D'Amato can do in spectacular fashion and he intends to keep right on doing it.

And even his greatest enemies will listen to what he has to say.

**CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS** and New York Rangers, fighting desperately for a playoff spot, see action tonight at Montreal and Toronto.

At the Montreal Forum, the Stanley Cup champions will try to down Rudy Pilous and his boys while at Maple Leaf Gardens the Imlach coached outfit will entertain the New York Rangers.

Both teams of late have shown signs of coming to life and this could mean that Canadians and Leafs may have trouble on their hands on these Boxing Day attractions. However, we don't look for any upsets tonight. We call victories for both Toronto and Montreal and if they get them, the playoff hopes of Rangers and Black Hawks will receive another crushing blow.

Sunday finds Montreal visiting in Detroit, Toronto the guests of the Rangers and the Hawks at home to the Boston Bruins. It's a busy weekend for the National Hockey League.

**A WIN** for the Aces this afternoon would shove them into undisputed possession of second place, a spot held now by the Perfectionists.

And speaking of Perfection, this is Penguins' big day at the Stadium. Team sponsors, Central Creameries, are having as their guests all minor hockey players and each and every one will receive a treat of ice cream. Santa Claus will be there and the whole affair should be a great afternoon's entertainment.

Pe Wees and paperweights must be accompanied by an adult. Other minors can attend on their own.

Next Tuesday night at Charlottetown Sports Arena Central Creameries will stage a similar night. That's the evening that Penguins put out the welcome mat for Sandy's Parkdale Royals.

**NOW JUST A WORD** about attendances this season at Island Senior Hockey League games. We haven't the figures available for Civic Stadium but Sports Arena crowds have been just slightly under 600 this season. Up to Christmas last year, the crowds (pardon the expression) were around 150 on an average.

The increase shows that folks will go for good things and this Island Senior Hockey League has really been a good thing.

And president Ivan Doherty maintains the fun is only starting, and we are inclined to go along with him.

**SOOTHSAYER HOGAN** The Aces on the long haul are not nearly as bad as that last paragraph pictured them. They've been playing pretty good hockey if you blot out Wednesday's performance, and we never saw the Coke Grady-Benny Grady-Leroy Clow line go any better than they are being right now. They did ruin Charlie Hogan's

prediction by sharing second place with Penguins before Christmas, but they were knocked back into third place before the holiday dawned. Now, this afternoon, they can take over undisputed possession of the runner-up slot by beating the Penguins at Civic Stadium. We don't know how Coach Hogan's prophecy was worded but he certainly came near to establishing himself as a soothsayer of parts.

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**TOO MUCH FIRE** The line of Angie Carroll-Whitlock, and Wallie Shepherd had too much fire power for the Aces on Wednesday night. The Aces never looked worse but that may have been because the Carroll-Whitlock-Shepherd trio never looked better. We never considered that the Royal Defence was particularly the bruising, belting type of rearguard, but whatever the reason the Aces

fired too many of their shots from the outfield. Long shots were drifting in and sliding harmlessly against Ward's stick. For one thing, the Aces are overdoing the slap-shot routine. Successful results come from a change of pace, and the occasional slap shot can take a goaler and the outer defence by surprise, but slap shots delivered with monotonous regularity from outside the blueline are like a fireworks display, spectacular but doing no damage. Some of the Ace snipers are definitely slap-shot happy. We hope that they recover from the ailment in the new year.

**BEST-DRESSED PLAYERS** Members of the Toronto Marlboros of the Ontario Hockey Association's Junior A league are admired by Jo Anne Gruber of Guelph, Ont., as they arrived at the arena in Guelph Dec. 18 in top hat, tails and white gloves. They did it to prove they are the world's best-dressed hockey team after criticism by Guelph's coach that they came to practices looking



## MISSIS

George Armstrong of Toronto Maple Leafs fires a shot just wide of the Detroit Red Wings net as goalie Terry Sawchuk makes an attempt to catch it during a National Hockey League game at Toronto Dec. 19. Watching the puck, which can be seen just below Sawchuk's glove, are Warren Godfrey (second from left) and Marcel Pronovost, both of Detroit. Leafs won 4-2. (CP Wirephoto)

# Boston Defeats Hawks 5-1 As Rangers Beat Wings 5-2

**BOSTON (AP)**—Boston centre Don McKenney had a hand in four of his team's goals Friday night as the aroused Bruins handed Chicago Black Hawks a 5-1 National Hockey League defeat.

Utilizing his great speed, McKenney scored two goals and picked up two assists for the home team which ended a losing streak at four games.

McKenney was a constant thorn in the side of the Black Hawks who had lost only two of their previous 18 starts. By winning their third in 19 games, Boston pulled two points ahead of

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**CHICAGO** into undisputed possession of fourth place. Two minutes into the second period, McKenney sped from the Chicago blue line, broke between defencemen Elmer Vasko and Pierre Pilote and fired under goalie Glenn Hall. That made it 2-0.

When Chicago closed the gap on Bill Hay's goal less than a minute and a half later, McKenney assisted Jerry Toppazzini's first score in 27 games.

McKenney raced from deep in his own zone, split Pilote and Jack Evans to repeat his earlier goal at 2:18 of the finale for a 4-1 margin. McKenney also aided V. Stasiuk while Chicago was short-handed in the opening period.

Doug Mohs also scored for Boston.

**First period:** 1. Boston, Stasiuk (McKenney, Bucyk) 11:12. Penalties: St. Laurent 10:41, Flaman 14:00.

**Second period:** 2. Boston, McKenney (Flaman, Labine) 2:00; 3. Chicago, Hay (Hull, Nesterenko) 3:25; 4. Boston, Toppazzini (Labine, McKenney) 9:04. Penalties: Leach 14:20, Sloan misconduct 15:28.

**Third period:** 5. Boston, McKenney (Toppazzini) 2:18; 6. Boston, Mohs (Meissner, Burns) 18:27. Penalty: Evans 6:36.

**Stops:** Hall 6 9 15-30; Simmons 10 6 4-20; A-12-209.

**DETROIT (AP)**—New York Rangers rallied with four goals to overcome a 2-1 deficit and hand Detroit Red Wings a 5-2 beating

in a Christmas night hockey game here. Brian Cullen scored two of the Rangers' goals within 16 seconds in the final period. Cullen, a benchrider most of the season, scored his fourth and fifth National Hockey League goals this season.

In scoring their first victory on Olympia ice this season, the last-place Rangers pulled within one point of fifth place while Detroit remained anchored in second.

The Red Wings moved ahead twice, first on Marcel Pronovost's 20-foot backhanded screen shot midway in the first period.

The Rangers tied the count 1-1 in the same period when rookie Bob Kabel made a 10-foot kill off Andy Bathgate's passout.

Detroit went ahead again in the second as Jerry Melnyk's wide shot that hit Bill Gadsby on the shin and deflected into the cage.

The Rangers got even and took the lead in the space of 13 seconds. Red Bowness tied it with a 20-foot footer after intercepting Val Fontaine's pass and Eddie Shack provided the lead on a 40-footer that Terry Sawchuk missed.

(Take in line-ups, summary) **First period:** 1. Detroit, Pronovost (Delvecchio, Ullman) 7:31; 2. New York, Kabel (Bathgate, Prentice) 15:20. Penalties: Bathgate 10:27, Bartlett misconduct, 12:28.

**Second period:** 3. Detroit, Melnyk (McNeill) 6:02; 4. New York, Bowness 15:06; 5. New York, Shack (Gadsby) 15:19. Penalties: Hanna, Delvecchio 9:32, Bowness 18:12.

**Third period:** 6. New York

Brian Cullen (Popein, Schinkel) 5:40; 7. New York, Brian Cullen (Gadsby, Popein) 5:56. Penalties: Heberton 8:58, Marcon, Prentice 13:04, Gadsby 13:44, Hanna 18:05.

**Stops:** Paille 10 4 5-19; Sawchuk 4 6 6-16; A-12,894.

## STANDING

	P	W	L	T	F	A	P
Montreal	32	19	6	7	115	73	45
Toronto	31	14	11	6	80	89	34
Boston	33	11	17	5	105	119	27
Chicago	33	9	17	7	87	94	25
New York	32	9	17	6	98	118	24

## Fight Champ Big Winner

**BUENOS AIRES (AP)**—Argentine heavyweight boxing champion Jose Georgetti received an unexpected Christmas present Thursday. He won 6,000,000 pesos (about \$75,000) in the annual Argentine Christmas lottery. He didn't even know he was a winner until he telephoned his parents.

The champion's father had told Jose he had bought him some lottery tickets but wouldn't tell him the number because "it was the most ugly one of all."

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# Russ Jackson Acclaimed Outstanding Male Athlete

**TORONTO (CP)**—Russ Jackson, handsome six-footer who gave up a Rhodes Scholarship to play professional football Wednesday night was acclaimed Canada's outstanding male athlete in a terrific battle with a man nearly twice his age.

The 23-year-old Jackson, a native of Hamilton and first-string quarterback with Ottawa Rough Riders, was hoisted to the top of the 25th annual Canadian Press year-end poll by the country's sports editors and broadcasters. He beat out 45-year-old Stan Leonard of Vancouver, undoubtedly the greatest golfer in Canada's history.

The award was the second to Ottawa athletes this week. Earlier, skier Anne Heggtveit won the poll as the country's top female athlete.

CP asked voters to name the best three Canadian male athletes, in order, and points were counted on a basis of three for first place, two for second and one for third. Forty-four were named, but it was evident as returns piled in from more than 100 voters that Jackson and Leonard were the top choices.

**CLOSE BEHIND** The final count showed Jackson with 132 points on 26 first-place ballots, 24 seconds and six thirds. Leonard, who can hold his own with the world's top golfers and whose previous best showing in the poll was a fifth-place finish in 1958, was a bang-up second with 119 points—24 first-place votes, 13 seconds and 21 thirds.

The others weren't close, not even the phenomenal 38-year-old Maurice Richard who has topped the poll a record three times in the last eight years—1952, 1957-58.

The Rocket, old man of pro hockey with Montreal Canadiens and poll winner with 149 points in 1958, received only five this time—one first and two third-place choices.

Dickie Moore, Canadiens left-winger who won the National Hockey League scoring title in 1958-59 with a record 96 points, was a distant third with 52 points. Johnny Bright, Edmonton Eskimos' power runner and earlier voted the outstanding football player in the country, nudged out Gordie Howe for fourth place.

Bright took it with 34 points. Howe, great right-winger with Detroit Red Wings, was fifth with 30 points.

The CP honor was a big personal triumph for Jackson, who jumped from McMaster University in the Ontario Intercollegiate Conference into the tough pro ranks where Canadian quarterbacks usually pick up nothing but bench slivers. He beat out highly-regarded Americans for the Ottawa job and football observers were quick to salute him.

Jackson first hit national prominence Nov. 12, 1958, at Montreal. It was the Big Four's sudden-death semi-final and Jackson confidently quarterbacked Riders to an upset 26-12 win over the Alouettes.

But he still hadn't won the signal-calling job. This season, the Riders brought in Frank Tripucka from Saskatchewan Roughriders and the team promptly lost its first five games.

Tripucka was traded back to the western club, Jackson took over and Riders were practically unbeatable. The club won 10 of its next 11 games.

Leonard deserved his high placing in the poll by his tremendous play. In the summer of 1958 he stunned links experts by winning the \$40,000 Tournament of Champions at Las Vegas and this year scored his major success in Melbourne, Australia, where he won individual honors in the Canada Cup tournament for the second year in a row.

Earlier in 1959 at Hull, Que., he posted a record seventh victory in the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association tournament, and was low Canadian for the eighth time in the Canadian open championship at Montreal.

Professional hockey and football players filled up most of the other spots in the poll.

Representing hockey were goalkeeper Jacques Plante, Doug Harvey, Boom Boom Geoffrion, Jean Beliveau and Tom Johnson of Montreal Canadiens; Andy Bathgate, New York Rangers and Johnny Bower, Toronto Maple Leafs.

Football players included: Gerry James, Charlie Shepard, Buddy Tinsley, Kenny Ploen and Jim Van Pelt of Winnipeg Blue Bombers; Don Getty and Jackie Parker, Edmonton Eskimos; Dave Thelen, Ottawa Rough Riders; Bernie Faloney and Ron Howell, Hamilton Tiger-Cats, and Dick Slatto, Toronto Argonauts.

Canadian heavyweight boxing champion George Chuvalo of Toronto received seven votes and Yvon Durelle of Baie Ste. Anne, N.B., retired British Empire and Canadian light-heavy titleholder, received three. Other athletes, who caught the selectors' eyes included:

Bob Paul, Toronto, and Don Jackson, Oshawa, Ont., figure skaters; tennis player Bob Bedard of Sherbrooke, Que.; Doug Kyle, Calgary, second in the 10,000 metres race and third in the 5,000 metres in the Pan-American games at Chicago, and the Richardson brothers from Regina, 1959 Canadian curling champions.

way to spend the Boxing Day holiday. So all roads lead to Civic Stadium this afternoon where a mighty battle for the runner-up spot is almost bound to take place. Game time is 2:30.

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