SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Hoop Series Opens

BIRCHWOOD and Queen Charlotte High School basketball teams will meet tonight at Birchwood gym in the first game of a best-of-five set for the City Inter-scholastic hoop championship.

These two school squads are possessed of some right smart basketball players, and coaches Jack Kane and Jack Ready are high on their boys. Kane has a couple of outstanding performers in Eddie Lawlor and Bobby LeClair and Ready is depending a whole lot on the abilities of Ronnie Diamond.

Folks should see some really great action in this inter-scholastic encounter and it is hoped that Birchwood gym will be packed for this contest.

Both coaches have worked hard on their charges and each one of them is desirous of as many as possible watching their boys in action. These same schools gave spectators a great time of it in interscholastic hockey and we have the feeling that the same kind of a fight will continue in this hoop series.

INTERCOLLEGIATE basketball in these parts has been dominated by players from outside the provinces. We don't want these boys to think they are not welcome among us. They are indeed and their talents on the basketball floor have been exceptionally fine. These boys have had no trouble grabbing positions from local hopefuls but this procedure may not continue too long.

Jack Kane and Jack Ready are turning out hoop players these days who are giving promise of being future intercollegiate stars. Indeed Kane insists that he has some players on his team who will be sure Intercollegiate bets if they go to university. Jack doesn't qualify his statement one bit. He believes his lads will be able to hold their own with the best of them.

SO let's give these school hoopsters a good crowd tonight. Get this basketball series underway in fine style. Show the boys and their coaches that you are solidly behind them.

Action starts at 7 o'clock this evening.

Welcome Home

We're glad to see Jim McTague, secretary-treasurer of Old Spain Penguins, back home once again after an operation at Victoria General Hospital in Halifax.

Jim was bothered since last summer with a bad back and finally made his way to Halifax last month for the removal of a disc. He is improving rapidly and hopes to be back at work in about another month.

Glad to see you around, Jim.

Those Dodgers

LAST season the young Los Angeles Dodgers phenoms didn't exactly set the world on fire but this season is said to be the one of decision. It could well be the year of decision for manager Walter Alston.

Last year Walt was criticized for platooning his players. The same problem is there this season and there doesn't appear to be any answer. Given Leo the Lip hasn't a solution.

"I was criticized last year for platooning my outfielders" says Alston. "I wish I could go back to the old Dodger days when I had such men as Hodges, Snider, Furillo, Campanella, Reese and Robinson. When you got players like that, you leave 'em in every day no matter who's pitching or how they pitch."

Alston continues "But when you have a Tommy Davis, a Willie Davis, a Frank Howard or a Duke Snider at his age, you've got to stick with them. I realize it might be better to have a Howard or the Davises play every day but you can't do that when you're fighting for a pennant. Maybe it's all right if you've got a seventh place club, but not when each game means so much."

Congratulations

OUR congratulations to Summerside midgets on winning the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island championship.

The sponsors of hockey in Summerside are a determined group and this determination undoubtedly cost them money. This recent game with Campbellton was a costly affair but Howard Waite saw the thing through to the end.

Minor hockey is on a very good footing in Summerside and it's fitting that teams from this enterprising town meet with success.

Fine going, everybody concerned.

Big Game Tonight

THERE'LL be action galore tonight at St. Dunstan's rink when Hampshire Bulldogs and Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs renew their hockey series for the W.R. Shaw trophy.

The Hampshire boys lead this best-of-seven series three games to two and could clinch the trophy with a decision tonight. If the Nine Mile Creek team conquers, the seventh and deciding tussle will be played Saturday night.

Action is slated for 8 o'clock tonight.

RECEIVES TROPHY

George Monaghan, right, captain of St. Dunstan's High School hockey team, receives the Taylors' Jewellers and Division of Physical Education trophy from Dave Boswell, director of physical education for the province. *St. Dunstan's captured the provincial senior "A" interscholastic hockey crown.

Red Kelly Is Hero As Leafs Nip N.Y. 3-2 In Overtime

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Sports Editor

TORONTO (CP)—Centre Red Kelly scored at 4:23 of the second overtime period Thursday night to give Toronto Maple Leafs a fiercely-fought 3-2 victory over New York Rangers and a 3-2 lead in games in their best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final.

The 34-year-old centre poked in the rebound on a hard drive by left-winger Frank Mahovlich with Lorne (Gump) Worsley lying flat on his back at the corner of the net.

The goal, Kelly's third of the series, climaxed a tremendous

Imlach Heaps Praise On Leafs Worsley

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto coach Punch Imlach beamed after his Maple Leafs beat New York 3-2 in overtime Thursday night, but he saved a lot of praise for Rangers pudgy goalie Gump Worsley.

"Worsley played a fantastic game," he said. "I've seen a lot of good goaltending before, but nothing like this."

Imlach was also lavish in his praise for Leafs.

"I've never seen this club up as much for a game as it was tonight. They had a lot of chances, but we had better ones. But we couldn't get past Worsley."

Veteran Red Kelly, the quiet-spoken centre who scored the winning goal at 4:23 of the second overtime period, called it "quite a thrill."

HARVEY COMPLAINS

Coach Doug Harvey of Rangers thought the play should have stopped before Kelly's game-winning goal. He said that referee Eddie Powers called "a good game," but added: "He should get his whistle up faster."

Worsley had fallen on the puck after Mahovlich had shot and Gump didn't know where the puck was.

"I was lying on my back and thought the puck was somewhere around my head," Worsley said. "I lifted my head up to see if I could see it. The next thing I heard was the whistle and I thought the play had been stopped, but the puck was in the net.

"I guess when I lifted my head, Kelly poked the puck into the net."

night for Leafs' big line, which had been ominously silent in this playoff against the surprisingly strong Rangers, who won two games in New York after losing the opening pair in Maple Leaf Gardens.

KELLY KEY MAN

Kelly, with left-winger Frank Mahovlich and right-winger Ron Stewart playing in place of the benched Eddie Shack, broke out with devastating firepower to score all Toronto goals. And Kelly, a seasoned Cup veteran, was the key man on all three.

He flipped out a pass from behind the New York nets to Stewart who whipped an eight-footer past Worsley to open the scoring at 7:47 of the first period. Then, at 12:21 of the second session, Mahovlich tipped in the Redhead's 40-foot blast to give Leafs a 2-0 lead.

Rangers, backed up by the sensational netminding of Worsley, fought back to tie it at 2-2 before regulation time with goals in the second and third periods.

Just 80 seconds after Mahovlich's goal—at 12:21—left-winger Guy Gendron beat Toronto netminder Johnny Bower with a 25-foot knee-high blast.

LEAFS IN COMMAND

Leafs completely dominated play for the first half of the third period but Rangers suddenly burst out with an offensive that paid off at 12:31 on centre Earl Ingarfield's third goal of the series.

That was it until Kelly's goal that brought the crowd of 13,331 roaring to its feet with his clinch counter.

It was a heartbreaker for Worsley, the rotund 32-year-old who has been the standout of the series with his acrobatics. He has been the big bulwark in all five games. Time and again he throttled the goal - hungry Leafs with dazzling saves from almost every conceivable angle.

SUMMARY

First period: 1. Toronto, Stewart 1 (Kelly) 7:46. **Penalties**—Duff 3:39, Hafield 8:32, Stanley 8:32, Nevin 9:04, Langlois 19:41.

Second period: 2. Toronto, Mahovlich 1 (Kelly) 12:21; 3. New York, Gendron 3 (Hampson) 13:41. **Penalties** — Mahovlich 4:16, Ingarfield 4:16, Bathgate 10:15, Brewer 10:15.

Third period: 4. New York, Ingarfield 3 (Langlois, Gilbert) 12:31. **Penalties**—None.

First overtime period: No scoring. Penalties—None.

Second overtime period: 5. Kelly 3 (Mahovlich) 4:23. **Penalties**—None.

Saves:

Worsley	13	13	11	15 — 52
Bower	12	7	10	10 — 39

STANDINGS

Best-of-seven semi-finals

	W	L	F	A
Chicago	3	2	17	12
Montreal	2	3	12	17
Toronto	3	2	15	14
New York	2	3	14	15

TOP TEN

	G	A	Pts.	Pen.
Mikita, Chi	3	8	11	4
Hull, Chi	4	6	10	8
Moore, Mtl	4	2	6	6
Kelly, Tor	3	3	6	0
Hay, Chi	3	3	6	14
Horton, Tor	2	4	6	4
McDonald, Chi	2	4	6	0
Ingarfield, NY	3	2	5	4
Balon, NY	2	3	5	0
Gilbert, NY	3	1	5	2
Goyette, Mtl	1	4	5	4

Florida City Prepares Ban On Boxing

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—A city commissioner prepared Thursday legislation either to ban or place stringent controls on professional boxing and said the death of Benny (Kid) Paret Tuesday prompted the move.

City Commissioner William Mason, who proposed the ordinance, said:

Gary Player Leads Early In Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—South Africa's Gary Player, the forgotten champion, picked up where he left off a year ago and fired a brilliant five-under-par 67 Thursday for the first-round lead in the Masters golf tournament.

Finishing in semi-darkness in a raw, cold drizzle, Player nailed a birdie three on the final hole to go two strokes ahead of Julius Boros, who had checked in two hours earlier with a 69.

While the crowd hugged the 18th green, Player sent a bouncing drive some 260 yards down the middle, punched a No. 4-iron shot to within eight feet of the cup and calmly sank the putt for the best round of the day.

Tournament favorite, Arnold Palmer, also scored a birdie on the final hole by sinking an 18-foot putt for a 70. He was bracketed in third place with Mike Souchak, the former Duke football star, and two darkhorses from Florida, Dave Ragan and Gardner Dickinson Jr.

HOTSHOT DROPS

One of the tournament hotshots, young Jack Nicklaus, dropped temporarily from frontline contention by shooting a 74.

Par for the 6,980-yard Augusta National Course is 36-36—72. Only a handful could break it in their first-round try.

Five players were tied at 71. They were the reigning U.S. open champion, Gene Littler; former PGA champion Bob Rosburg; George Bayer, Don January, and Billy Maxwell.

Boros, 42, in producing his great round, resurrected an old blade putter that he had used 10 years ago in breaking Ben Hogan's reign in the U.S. open.

Sam Snead, bidding for an all-fourth masters crown at the age of 49, was one of more than a half-dozen players who shot even par 72.

Ben Hogan, one of the game's immortals whose 274 still stands as the Masters record, was a tragic figure as he finished with a 78. Almost flawless from tee to green, Hogan lost his confidence on the greens.

Al Balding of Toronto fired a 73-75—148. Stan Leonard of Vancouver shot a 37-40—77 and amateur Gary Cowan of Kitchener, Ont., wound up with a score of 40-43—83.

BASEBALL SCORES

Exhibition

At San Antonio, Tex.

Los Ang. A	000 100 010—	2	9 2
Houston	000 000 201—	3	8 2

Duren, Bowsfield (6), Chance (7), Spring (9) and Rodgers; Shantz, Woodeshick (4), Tiefenauer (9) and Ranew.

At Lakeland, Fla.

St. Louis	000 200 130—	6	9 3
Detroit	300 001 010—	5	7 3

Jackson, Bauta (8), L. Mcdaniel (8) and Oliver, Swatski (7); Mossi, Gladding (7), Kline (8), Fox (9) and Brown, Osborne (9). HRs: StL—Musial. Det—Cash.

At St. Petersburg, Fla.

Kansas City	100 011 120—	6	11 0
New York N	000 000 014—	5	11 2

Ditmar, Grim (8), Osinski (9) and Azcue; Anderson, Gatewood (4), Hook (7) and Cannizzaro. HR: KCy—Siebern.

At Savannah, Ga.

Cincinnati	000 000 000—	0	5 0
Chicago A	000 040 01x—	5	7 0

O'Toole, Sisler (8) and Johnson; Pizarro, Score (8) and Oliar. HRs: Chi—A. Smith, C. Smith.

At Miami, Fla.

Minnesota	042 000 000—	6	10 1
Baltimore	000 000 020—	2	8 1

Lee and Battey, Zimmerman (7); Estrada Wilhelm (8; an Lau. HRs: Minn—Allen, Versalles, Rollins.

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Phila.	000 000 001—	1	11 2
New York A	000 011 00x—	2	7 0

Owens, Hamilton (6) and Dalrymple; Stafford and Howard.

FIRST CENT

Cent as the name of a coin was first proposed in 1782 by Gouverneur Morris, assistant to the U.S. finance superintendent.

NO. 9 COMING UP - - - - By Alan Mayer

Sale Of Reds Is Approved

CINCINNATI (AP) — Stockholders of the Cincinnati Baseball Company approved Thursday sale of the Reds baseball team to a new company, Cincinnati Reds Inc., headed by William O. Dewitt, now president and general manager of the club.

The purchase price was $4,625,000.

Sale of the club to Dewitt and his still undisclosed associates previously had been approved by the National League.

Originally the deal covered 95½ per cent of the stock which has been owned by the Crosley Foundation, a charitable organization. The foundation was created under the will of the late Powel Crosley Jr., to operate the ball club and other Crosley holdings. Crosley who had been principal owner of the Reds, died last year

Hawks Take Series Lead With 4-3 Win Over Habs

By LAURENT CHIASSON

MONTREAL (CP) — Chicago Black Hawks capitalized on defensive lapses for a 4-3 victory over Montreal Canadiens Thursday night and a 3-2 lead in games in their best - of - seven Stanley Cup semi-finals.

Black Hawks, defending cup champions, now can wrap up the series if they win the sixth game on home ice Sunday night.

If Canadiens win the sixth, a seventh and deciding game will be played here next Tuesday night.

Bobby Hull, Bronco Horvath, Ken Wharram and Bill (Red) Hay scored the Chicago goals while Phil Goyette, Claude Provost and rookie Gordon (Red) Berenson tallied for Canadiens.

Wharram got the decisive goal at 19:14 of the second period, snapping a 2-2 tie after Montreal goalie Jacques Plante had been caught out of position.

Hay made it 4-2 early in the third and Canadiens tried to fight back, but after Berenson put them within one goal Hawks took over with relentless forechecking and backchecking.

WITHDRAW PLANTE

Plante was pulled out in favor of an extra attacker with about one minute left, but with the exception of a close-in shot by Dickie Moore, Canadiens had no real good chances.

The win puts Hawks in the same position as last spring when they eliminated Canadiens in a similar semi-final series and went on to win their first Stanley Cup in 22 years.

Last spring, Hawks won the fifth game here and wrapped up the series in the sixth game on home ice.

Plante had a bad night and faced only 29 shots compared to 38 by Chicago's Glenn Hall.

He was trapped at the side of the net when Ab McDonald whipped a short pass to Wharram who just had to dump it in.

In the second minute of the third, Pierre Pilote carried from his own blue line and when the Montreal defence blocked Plante's view, Hay scored.

The crowd of 14,959—largest here for the series—let loose with a big ovation when Berenson closed the gap to 4-3 at 10:26 of the third.

It was Hawks third straight win in the series after losing the first two by 2-1 and 4-3 scores here last week.

MAKES MISTAKE

Plante got off on the wrong foot at 2:55 of the first when he elected to play Hull instead of the puck.

Hull broke through the defence of J. C. Tremblay and Lou Fontinato, then lost control of the puck. But Plante was coming out of his net and the puck skipped over his stick for a 1-0 Chicago lead.

Canadiens tied the score at 6:13, Goyette beating Hall after Provost had intercepted a pass from Hawks' Reggie Fleming.

Provost got around Chicago's Bob Turner inside the Chicago blue line, took a pass from Moore and beat Hall at 13:08 to give Canadiens a 2-1 lead.

Fleming made the big play for Horvath's goal that tied the score 2-2 at 17:27. He intercepted a pass from Fontinato behind the Montreal net and passed to Horvath standing uncovered about 20 feet in front of Plante.

WASN'T ROUGH

It wasn't a rough game. Referee Frank Udvari handed only nine minor penalties and none figured in the scoring.

Canadiens dressed Ralph Backstrom and Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion, both nursing injuries suffered in the third game, but they weren't used regularly.

Backstrom, who suffered a slight left shoulder separation and sat out the fourth game, took several turns.

Geoffrion, who twisted his chronically gimpy left knee, was on the ice only once—in the first period.

LINEUPS

Chicago: Goal—Hall. Defence—Pilote, Vasko, St. Laurent, Evans, Turner. Forwards—Hay, Balfour, Hull, Mikita, Wharram, McDonald, Horvath, Nesterenko, Fleming, Melnyk, Kuryluk.

Montreal—Goal — Plante. Defence—Johnson, Talbot, J. C. Tremblay, Fontinato, MacNeil. Forwards — Goyette, Provost, Moore, Beliveau, Rousseau, G. Tremblay, Backstrom, Geoffrion, Hicke, Berenson, Marshall.

Referee — Udvari. Linesmen —Favelich, Armstrong.

SUMMARY

First period: 1. Chicago, Hull 4 (Mikita) 2:55; 2. Montreal, Goyette 1 (Provost) 6:13; 3. Montreal, Provost 2 (Moore) 3:08; 4. Chicago, Horvath 2 (Fleming) 17:27. **Penalties** — Vasko 8:06, Evans, Backstrom 9:31, Mikita 14:04, Talbot 18:46.

Second period: 5. Chicago, Wharram 2 (McDonald, Mikita) 19:14. **Penalties** — Evans 6:36, Evans, Backstrom 10:33.

Third period: 6. Chicago, Hay 3 (Pilote) 1:39; 7. Montreal, Berenson 2 (J. C. Tremblay) 10:26. **Penalties**—Hull 5:22.

Saves:

Hall	18	9	8	—35
Plante	6	8	11	—25

HAWKS OPTIMISTIC

Blake Blames Loss On Stupid Mistakes

By BRUCE STOVEL

MONTREAL (CP) — Optimism raced through Chicago Black Hawks dressing - room Thursday night after the team's 4-3 victory over Montreal Canadiens to take a stranglehold 3-2 lead in games in their best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final.

"I think we can do it," coach Rudy Pilous said.

Stan Mikita, 21 - year - old centre who has sparked Hawks through the series, said "yeah, we can win Sunday. We'll play the way we've been and kick the hell out of them."

Toe Blake said tersely, "we're not out yet" in the morgue-like Canadiens dressing-room.

"We outplayed them by far, but we lost on four, stupid mistakes. We gave them four goals. 'DONE THE HARD WAY'

"We've got our backs to the wall now, but we can do it. This team has done everything the hard way."

A few dispirited cries of, "they beat us here, we can beat them there" echoed in the silent room. Players undressed with eyes riveted on the floor.

In Hawks' room, Bobby Hull, who scored the fourth goal of the series, said with confidence, "we'll win Sunday. I frankly can't see how we can lose, the way we've been playing."

Bill (Red) Hay said the game had shown the same pattern of the other four in the series: "We can put together two good periods and they can only play one."

Stafford Brilliant As N.Y. Nips Phils

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Right - hander Bill Stafford, lowering his earned run average to a spectacular 1.69, became the first member of New York Yankees pitching staff to go nine innings as the world champions edged Philadelphia 2-1 Thursday at Fort Lauderdale.

A key performer in the 1961 pennant race when he posted a 14-9 record in his first full year in the majors, the 23-year-old Stafford has been virtually untouchable this spring. He allowed 11 hits — all singles—against Phils but walked only one while striking out six.

Yankee runs were scored by Tom Tresh and Joe Pepitone, who both came home while doubleplays were in progress. The victory brought Yankees record to 17-8 and left them in a tie with St. Louis for the best mark on baseball's exhibition train.

Cards, getting an early lead from Stan Musial's first exhibition homer, nipped Detroit 6-5 at Lakeland and handed Tigers their eighth consecutive loss.

In other games, Minnesota defeated Baltimore 6-2 at Miami Chicago White Sox blanked Cincinnati 5-0 at Savannah, Los Angeles Dodgers beat Cleveland 4-2 at Tucson, San Francisco belted Milwaukee 3-2 at Phoenix, Houston overcame Los Angeles Angels 3-2 at San Antonio and Kansas City edged New York Mets 6-5 at St. Petersburg.

Benfica Ousts Hotspurs 4-3

LONDON (AP) — Benfica, the defending champions from Portugal, qualified Thursday night for the final of the European Cup soccer championship with an aggregate goals score of 4-3 after home-and-away matches against Tottenham Hotspur of England.

Tottenham defeated Benfica 2-1 in the second leg before an excited crowd of 65,000 at London's White Hart Lane Stadium. The Spurs threw everything into the attack but the compact Benfica defence held them out.

Benfica won the first leg 3-1 in Lisbon.

Landis Has Injured Leg

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—Centre-fielder Jim Landis left the White Sox Thursday and flew to Chicago for treatment of an injured leg.

Manager Al Lopez said if Landis isn't ready for the club's home opener Tuesday he will be replaced in the starting lineup by rookie Mike Hershberger.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Friday at the Charlottetown club.

7 P.M. (Rotation)

Ice 1—D. George, Dr. Webster, S. Bryenton, A. Brace vs J. Cameron, C. Michael, F. Morgan, J.S. Taylor.

Ice 2—J. Burden, B. Veinot, Dr. Beck, Dr. Craig vs G. Bennett, D. Douglas, Dr. Roberts, Dr. Drysdale.

Ice 5—A. MacDonald, Dr. MacEachern, Dr. Hooper, H. Dobson vs C. Campbell, P. O'Rourke Dr. Kelly, W. Farrell.

8 P.M.

Ice 3—(Championship mixed final). Al Saunders vs Wen MacLaine.

Ice 4—Consolation mixed final

8.30 P.M.

Ices 1, 2 and 5 open for mixed curling. Games will be arranged.

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Kid Paret's Body Flown To Miami

NEW YORK (AP)—The body of boxer Benny (Kid) Paret was flown to Miami Thursday for burial. A total of 20,000 persons filed past the casket of the former welterweight champion in two days at a Bronx funeral home before it was taken by hearse to Idlewild Airport.

Mrs. Lucy Paret, 21-year-old pregnant wife of the fighter who died early Tuesday 10 days after he was beaten into a coma by Emile Griffith in a Madison Square Garden title fight, arrived in Miami earlier Thursday to make funeral arrangements. She was carrying a wreath labeled "champ," which will go atop Paret's casket.

"I want to have the funeral Sunday," Mrs. Paret said on arrival in Miami. She added she has no bitterness toward Griffith.

A seven-man committee of the New York State legislature opens hearings here today on whether to abolish boxing in this state.

Hayward H. Plumadore, an assemblyman from Saranac Lake, N.Y., and former professional boxer and wrestler, is a likely choice to head the committee.

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