

# Sports

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## Teepee Coach Asks O.H.A. To Bar Injured Toronto Player

TORONTO (CP)—Rudy Pilous, St. Catharines Teepee's hockey coach and general manager, has asked the Ontario Hockey Association Junior A League to bar Charlie Burns of Toronto Marlboros for the player's own safety.

The Marlboros forward was severely injured 18 months ago and now wears a plate in his head.

Pilous told an OHA Junior A council meeting Monday Burns is in danger of being killed if he continues playing.

Burns' coach Pilous' warning and said his doctor agreed to let him play hockey if he wears a helmet.

Said Stafford Smythe, Marlboros' general manager:

"The club wouldn't be playing Burns if the doctors hadn't given the go-ahead."

### FRACTURED SKULL

Burns suffered a fractured skull Oct. 19, 1954 during practice.

OHA president Frank Buckland of Peterborough said an OHA sub-committee will discuss Burns Friday.

"Pilous made some serious charges and we certainly intend to look into them," he said.

Pilous said that if the OHA permits Burns to continue playing, the St. Catharines club wants the OHA to give a better relieving the club of any responsibility if something should happen.

## Best Possible Amateurs For Olympics Says Association

MONTREAL (CP)—The Canadian Olympic Association in its current bulletin says Canadian sportsmen have little cause for exultation over the winter Olympic games and that the results indicate "good teams will no longer suffice."

In the future they must be made up of "the best possible amateur experts that can be found, and they must have longer periods of intensive training."

The Bulletin, prepared by Prof. Nelson C. Hart of London, Ont., sounds an early warning: "Now is the time to begin preparations for Squaw Valley, California, in 1960."

The committee would be charged with responsibility for convening an organization meeting of the sports governing bodies concerned.

The Bulletin took a look at the coming summer Olympic Games in Melbourne and mentioned particularly reports on prospects in wrestling and swimming.

Jim Trifunov of Winnipeg, chairman of the national wrestling committee, reported on a number of wrestlers but said many are handicapped in international competition because of lack of competitive wrestling in Canadian centres.

### PLAN FOR GAMES

The Bulletin outlined proposals to put participation in the Pan-American Games on a solid basis. It said a notice of motion will be submitted to the annual meeting of the COA in Toronto April 7 embodying these points:

1. Creation of a sub-committee of the COA to organize, finance, encourage, stimulate and improve Canada's participation in the Pan-American Games.
2. Empowering the incoming board of directors of the COA to appoint provisional members and P.E.I. a provisional chairman of this

### Curling Results

MONCTON (CP)—Fourth round results in the Canadian curling championship here Tuesday:

Manitoba	110 103 212 041-16
N. Brunswick	001 010 000 100-3
Sask.	401 421 021 043-22
Nfldn.	010 000 200 100-4
B.C.	010 002 010 011-6
Alberta	101 101 101 100-7
Ontario	220 011 012 110-11
Northern Ont.	000 200 300 01-6
P.E.I.	110 30 100 201 0-10
Quebec	002 004 021 010 3-13

## Pro Footballers Are Preparing To Go On Strike

By JOHN FARROW  
LONDON (AP)—England's 2,500

professional footballers are preparing to go on strike against floodlit and televised matches.

The big test comes March 13 when Brentford plays Swindon. The following night Wolverhampton is due to play Bilbao of Spain. Both matches are under lights.

If players obey their union and refuse to take part then a "war" may follow with the clubs fining or suspending players for breach of contract.

Stanley Cullis, manager of Wolverhampton, said Tuesday: "If my players don't play they will be breaking their contract with the club. It is a pity we are being made the guinea pigs."

### CONFLICTING ORDERS

Contracts state that a player must turn out for his club whenever required. Friendly matches or floodlit games are not excepted.

The union ordered players to boycott televised and floodlit matches until the Football Association and Football League agree to meet the union and negotiate special pay rates.

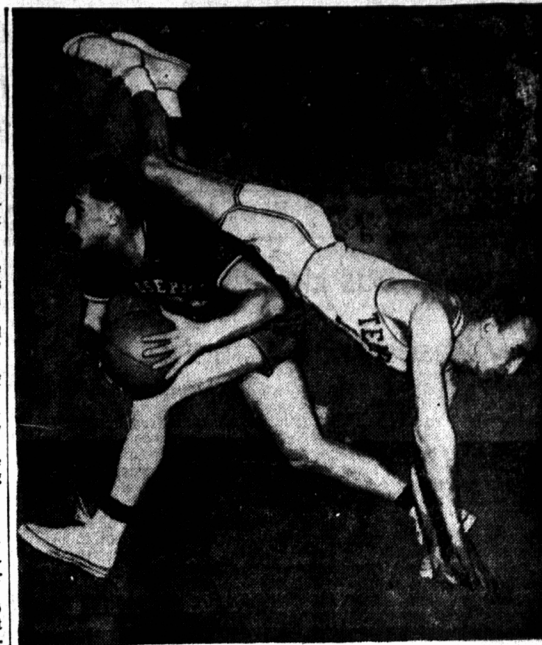
England's weekly league program with matches every Saturday is not affected. But there are other implications to the double ban. Here they are:

1. The British Broadcasting Company has negotiated an agreement to televise the cup final May 5.
2. The England B vs Switzerland B match at Southampton March 21 is another game due to be televised.
3. The end of league matches under the lights.
4. The end of floodlit friendlies between English teams and foreign visitors.

### Standings

MONCTON (CP)—Standings in the Canadian curling championship after four rounds:

	W	L
Ontario	4	0
Manitoba	3	0
Alberta	3	1
Nova Scotia	2	1
Saskatchewan	2	2
Quebec	2	2
New Brunswick	2	2
British Columbia	1	2
Prince Edward Island	1	3
Northern Ontario	0	3
Newfoundland	0	4



## This Is Basketball?

Weird and wonderful acrobatics under as Temple's Hal Reinfield are part of the fascination of basketball over him in a freak collision from the spectators' point of view. Here is a sample of the Juliana of St. Joseph ducks from winner, 77-68.

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## Scene Of Dominion Brier

Here is an over-all view of the where the Dominion Curling championship ice lanes in Moncton Stadium/ionships opened (March 5). Eleven Ontario drew a bye in the first round play shown above. (CP Photo).

## Sport Forum

### McLarnin And Pop Foster; Partnership That Paid Off

Sir:—It is believed that Baby Face Jimmy McLarnin was the best managed prize fighter who ever worked in the land of blood and brawl. The team of McLarnin and Charlie "Pop" Foster is now but a legend of bygone days. But Baby faced Jimmy and Pop knew how to stay together. That's the way they started back in the gold-ens twenties, often hated, often loved through poverty and fame, but always together. The world of sport knew them as fighter and manager, they were more like father and son.

McLarnin was born in Belfast, Ireland, on December 19, 1907. He began boxing professionally in 1924. The air was autumn clear one day about 30 years ago when Pop Foster leaned down to tie his shoe and found fortune tangled in the laces. As he straightened up he glanced into the school yard before him and observed a game of leap frog. One of the little fellows playing had the face of an angel and the legs of a young antelope. Pop watched the boy for a long time. He came back the next day and the next. Pop couldn't tell you why he did this all he knew was that there was something about this boy he liked. Then one day Pop saw the boy in a fist fight punching away as though he had a mission in life. Little ripples ran up and down his spine. Pop went home with the boy that evening. They talked of brave and glorious future. The kids name of course was Jimmy McLarnin.

The McLarnin family was a large one and Jimmy's folks knew that Pop Foster was a good man to take care of little Jimmy. Pop and the boy tied up. Pop sold his fishing boats and left Vancouver with his two fistfuls of money. Pop and Jimmy lived in San Francisco for awhile. He taught Jimmy every trick of attack and defence. When he thought that his boy was ready Pop started trudging around begging for a chance for his Jimmy to fight. These two struggled right to the very top. Baby faced McLarnin became the killer of the ring.

One of the best fight attractions in the country in 1933 McLarnin became the welterweight champion of the world. He met and defeated a total of 13 world champions reigning, past or to be. He was elected to the ring hall of fame in 1950.

For thirteen years, Jimmy and Foster travelled the fistic road a pair of hard bitter wanderers in quest of ring glory and gold. Always there was Pop watching his boy fight watching him with something glorious brimming up in his hard old eyes. Around the fight circuit they hated old Pop. They called him a grasping old man, a cauliflower ghou who always drove a hard sharp bargain. But the old pirate always made sure that his Jimmy would get the best break.

Year after year they went along together in this way, shoulder to shoulder. Jimmy the baby faced killer could no more leave Pop than he could tear out his soul, together they went until Jimmy McLarnin retired from the ring and hung up his gloves forever. When he did that through he and Pop had made a fortune of almost a half a million dollars out of the prize ring. It was a partnership that really paid off.

Don't get the idea that Pop Foster was just an ornery stevedore bum who hit the jackpot with a natural born fighter who just could not miss. race Pop's life back a bit, and as he is now 82 this takes a bit of back tracking and you gather that the old boy was

no stranger to a punch on the nose. As a matter of fact the manly art was deep in the Foster blood stream.

Foster Sr., scratched out a precarious living in Yorkshire operating a fight booth in a traveling carnival. An uncle was lightweight champion of England, in the days when the fifters swung bare knuckles that clanged like anvils when they connected. When young Foster was growing up boxing in England was enjoying a boom period, inspired by the fading shadows of the immortal gypsy from County Norwich Jem Mace the great bare knuckle champion. Before young Charles was knee high to a water bucket he watched the magnificent figure of Mace moving about the rink in nearby Newcastle where Mace then well past his prime lived. When Pop was 15 history was made across the ocean in Richburg, Mississippi as John L. Sullivan whipped Jake Kilrain over 75 rounds to win the world heavyweight title in the last championship fight ever fought with bare knuckles.

Foster was 21 and a well scarred veteran himself when he took over a tough spindly-legged 18-year-old named Spike Robson and taught him the tricks of the trade. The Foster-Robson partnership led swiftly up from the gloomy Leeds gymnasium to some of the classic fights of old time ring history, against such greats as George Dixon, Joe Bowker, Abe Attell, Joe Gans and Terry McGovern. "Never did win a championship, did Spike," says Pop. "He was the best-easily the uncrowned featherweight champion of the world and the greatest fighter I ever saw including Jimmy McLarnin."

I am, Sir, etc.,  
Wilfred O. McCLUSKEY,  
Charlottetown.

### 675 HOCKEY RHUBARBS

Nobody loves the referee. Even if he's right he's wrong. In The Standard this week Sports Editor Andy O'Brien tells of the hard life of the hockey whistle-blowers and of the 675 arguments that occurred in one season in the N.H.L. Hockey fans will enjoy this article. Get The Standard—on sale now, complete with magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents.

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### Freetown Royals Win Semi-finals Over Rangers

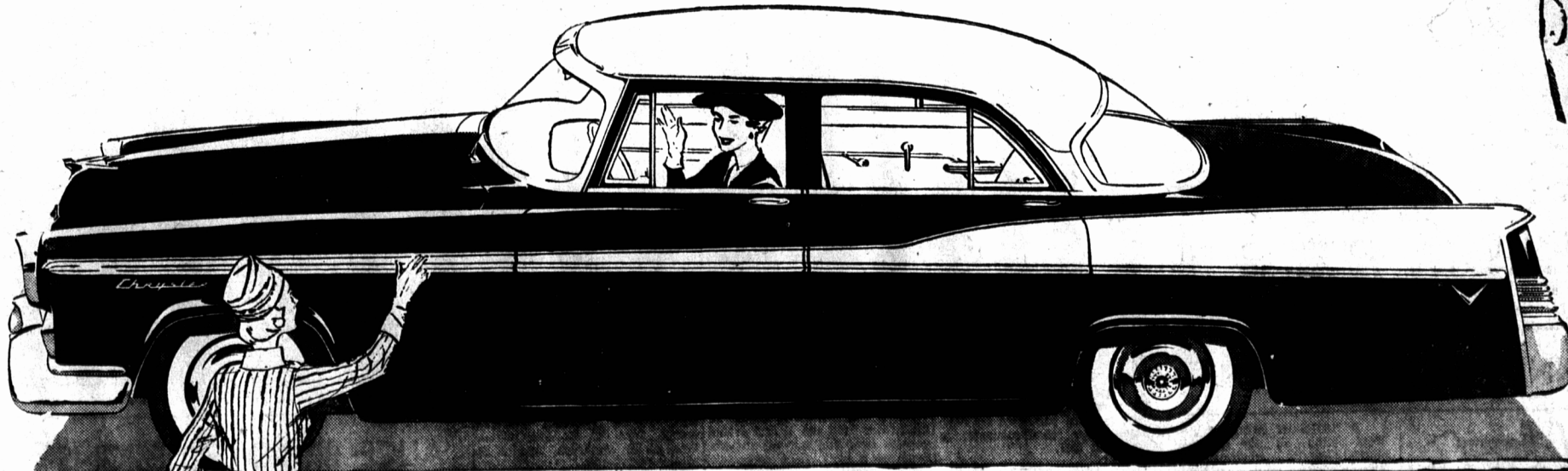
The Freetown Royals defeated the Lot 16 Rangers 4-1 at Bedeque Rink Monday night to take their best-of-three semi-final series for the South shore league championship in two straight games. MacMurdo, Taylor, W. Campbell and Smith did the scoring for Freetown, and Ernest Campbell was the lone sniper for Lot 16.

Canadian production of writing inks was valued at \$516,000 in 1954, against \$416,000 in 1945.

### G'town Girls Blank Montague

In a crowd-pleasing game played in the Georgetown Rink on Monday night the smart Georgetown High School Girls Hockey Team defeated the visiting Montague High School Girls Hockey team by a 3-0 score. The first period was scoreless. In the middle frame Georgetown scored twice as Annie David netted the twines assisted by Ella David for the first goal and Ella David scored the second unassisted. In the final stanza, Annie David again made the red light blink to make the final score read 3-0.

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	G	A	Pts	Pen
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Howe, Det.	35	39	74	96
M. Richard, Mtl.	36	31	67	81
Sloan, Tlo.	35	27	63	96
Otmstead, Mtl.	11	51	62	94
Bathgate, NY.	18	42	60	53
Geoffrion, Mtl.	24	30	54	60
Reibel, Det.	17	37	54	10
Kelly, Det.	16	38	49	37