INTERIM REPORT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Things Strangely Quiet

THINGS were really quiet around our desk yesterday morning.

It was in great contrast to the mornings following Canadiens' victories over Toronto Maple Leafs. The 'experts' were thronging, predicting as Toronto and Detroit, both underdogs, headed into the Stanley Cup final.

Phone calls at home following the Leafs' dramatic win were confined to one and that was from a Toronto fan wanting to gloat a bit over the comeback of Imlach and his crew. We heard nothing from fellows like Wendle Cudmore, Kip Morgan or Carman Smith who proclaimed all season long that Chicago was indeed the greatest. Our tormentors of other days were subdued after one of the greatest Stanley Cup semi-finals in history.

WE don't intend to spend a column gloating over the success of the team which we had picked to win the Stanley Cup once again. We thought it was one of the greatest finishes we had seen and it left very little to blow about.

Canadiens surely need not bang their heads in shame. Picked by many to finish out of the playoffs, Toe Blake's boys surprised even their greatest admirers by winning the Prince of Wales trophy. Their display in the series with Toronto was terrific, and they were in the thick of things until Dave Keon sank his third goal of the night. Naturally Toe Blake was disappointed. What coach wouldn't be after losing that kind of a hockey game? Yet, Blake probably proved his coaching abilities to a higher degree than he did with any other Canadien team. He didn't have the super stars, this season, yet he made it home in front in regular season play.

Regardless of the outcome of the finals, it's going to be hard to forget Blake when choosing a coach of the year.

Bower Stands Pressure

WE must confess that we figured that Imlach would rest Johnny Bower after that fifth game. Bower indeed looked shaky in the fourth contest won by Leafs 5-3 and again in Canadiens' 3-2 triumph last Saturday night. The Habs were bothering Johnny and the Habs were giving him plenty of them.

However, Imlach stuck with the ageless wonder and he responded nobly. He blanked the Montrealers in that sixth game and was the outstanding star in Leafs' 1-0 decision in that clincher. When the pressure was at its greatest, Bower rose to the occasion. He justified every bit of confidence that 'Punch' placed in him.

Confident Red Wings

TONIGHT Leafs and Detroit open their best-of-seven Stanley Cup final in Maple Leaf Gardens and it should be another thriller series. However, it's going to be hard to eclipse the drama of the semi-finals which most hockey fans proclaim was their greatest sports thrill.

The Red Wings were popular winners over those Black Hawks. Detroit had to do it the hard way, down 3-2 in games after last Sunday's contest. Leafs had the same picture staring them in the face after Habs edged them 3-2 last Saturday night. Gordie Howe and his associates proved to have much more team spirit than Billy Reay's assembly of superstars. The Hulls and Mikitas couldn't stop those Detroiters who seem possessed with the idea that they just couldn't be beaten.

Undoubtedly the Red Wings, under Howe's inspired leadership are in Toronto today with just as much confidence as ever. However, they ousted Chicago last April in six games, yet fell in five to the Maple Leafs.

We see the Leafs grabbing the series in six but we have been wrong before this.

We'll Talk With Mark

ONE of our best young friends is a lad by the name of Mark Ledwell. We have many phone conversations with this bright six-year-old and have a decided liking for the youngster. His dad is that fellow who pounds out Sports Beat and Mark naturally thinks his father does all the good work.

Thursday Mark was quoted in Sports Beat as calling Canadiens to win 4-3. The author of the column gleefully remarked that the boy had been well trained. We felt sad when we read Mark's prediction.

We hate to interfere in family affairs but there must be some way of letting Mark know that his dad isn't serious when he makes those predictions. We don't want the youngster to think any less of his columnist daddy but he must be told that usually his father is wrong in his forecasts.

Guess we'll have a chat with Mark.

MONTAGUE CURLING PRESENTATION

Trophies were presented on last Saturday evening to the Montague Schoolboy curlers and the Montague Silver 'D' Champions. Mayor B.H. Yeo presented the trophies to the women on behalf of the Mayor and Council, and Mrs Jean Hughes, Principal of the High School, presented the trophies to the boys on behalf of the Mayor and his council. Standing left to right are: Mary Nicholson, Roger Clair, Edith Clay, Steve Clarkson. Kneeling left to right are: Kneeling left to right are; George Inman, Evelyn Cudmore, Larry Johnston, and Connie Ings.

Montague Curling Season Has Successful Closing

The Montague Curling Club wound up a most successful season with its annual ladies bun spiel on Monday night. While enthusiasm always runs high among Montague curlers, this year it possibly reached a new peak with the success, first, of their school-boys, and following this, their unbeaten womens team.

The school boys, Roger Clair skip, Steve Clarkson mate, Larry Johnston second stone, and George Inman lead, were coached by Douglas MacGowan, and accompanied on their trip to Regina by their manager Peter Sinclair. This team won the Island school boy curlers championship and went on to Regina for the Dominion Spiel sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company.

There they won two games and gave very close competition on several more. Montague had just settled down from their win when the women curlers under the leadership of skip Mary Nicholson, won the Silver 'D' Bonspiel held in Charlottetown.

This spiel is the Island championship and entitles its winners to enter the Diamond 'D' or Dominion championship sponsored by Dominion Stores, and held this year in Edmonton. In Edmonton the team; Mary Nicholson skip, Edith Clay mate, Connie Ings second, and Evelyn Cudmore first stone, also took two games and gave excellent competition in all.

One of the many highlights of their trip was a special prize presented to the first stone, Evelyn Cudmore at one of the more formal dinners that took place, of a twenty-five pound bag of potatoes, which Mrs. Cudmore carried from the crowded hotel slung gracefully over her shoulder.

On Saturday evening Mayor B.H. Yeo, who was unable to be present for the banquet, made the presentation of the trophies to the ladies silver 'D' champions, on behalf of the town of Montague, inscribed by Mayor B.H. Yeo and councillors. Mr. John Hughes was present and made the presentation on behalf of the Mayor and council to the schoolboy curlers. These trophies also carried the inscription of the mayor and his council.

Besides many regular club competitions the Central Creameries Tyro was played in Montague with a team from the Belvedere Curling club taking top place. So after a busy year, curling in Montague ended again with the annual ladies banquet where the prizes were presented for the year's club curling.

The Olive Poole trophy was won by: Henrietta Clair, Charlotte Gondo, Doris O'Conner, and Ethel Murphy: The Pepler trophy — Blanche Smith, O. Nicholson, Ruth MacDonald, Phyllis Warner. The Jamieson Trophy (mates) D. Nicholson, P. Warner, Annie Bears, Mary Nicholson. The Yeo Trophy — Blanche Smith, Eileen Johnston, Doris O'Conner, Olga Hennigar.

Club competition — Mary Nicholson, Edith Clay, Connie Ings, Evelyn Cudmore.

Tied with Blanche Smith, Doris O'Conner, Phyllis Warner, Ruth MacDonald. Third — Henrietta Clair, Doris Jones, Barbara Mabon, Annie Bears. Consolation prizes were won by Lillian MacDonald, Betty MacNeil, Catherine Stewart, Olga Hennigar.

The evening closed when the members made a special presentation to two of their group who are leaving Montague in the near future, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Jones, who are being transferred to the Morell branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Good wishes for their future were mixed with expressions of regret that this popular couple should be leaving this community.

Two Great Hockey Names Shatter Playoff Records

By ED SIMON

TORONTO (CP) — Gordie Howe and Red Kelly added to their fame and Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens achieved notoriety in the 1964 Stanley Cup semi-finals.

Howe and Kelly each broke an individual cup record and shared in breaking of a third during the hostilities that ended Thursday night. And the Leafs and Habs, singly and collectively, demolished five penalty marks and tied two more.

Howe and Kelly, longtime teamates with Detroit Red Wings and opponents in the cup final that opens at Maple Leaf Gardens tonight, wiped Maurice Richard's name off the books in three categories.

The great Detroit right winger displaced the Rocket as the greatest playoff point-scorer of all time with his 11 points in the Wings' seven-game conquest of Chicago Black Hawks. That gave him a total of 132 points to 126 for the Montreal veteran who retired four years ago.

MOST PLAYOFF GAMES

Kelly, who started as a Detroit defencemen and now plays left wing for the Leafs, surpassed the Rocket in total number of playoff appearances with 135 games to Richard's 133.

The third mark fell to Howe and Kelly jointly when they started their 16th playoff campaign. Ted Lindsay of Detroit and Chicago Dit Clapper of Boston Bruins and Richard had shared the previous record of 15.

The six assists Howe picked up against Chicago extended his lifetime record in the department to 70, a comfortable 19 ahead of Doug Harvey of Montreal and New York Rangers.

RED KELLY

Howe is within striking distance of another of the Rocket's old marks — but this one he could do without. Another 12 minutes in penalties would equal the 188 assessed against the fiery Montrealer in Stanley Cup play.

The vigorous work of the National Hockey League's refereeing staff, particularly in the Montreal - Toronto series, has left its mark on Stanley Cup statistics. Of nine separate categories listed, only two remained unchanged.

31 PENALTIES IN OPENER

Leafs and Habs picked up 31 penalties in the series opener at Montreal, two more than the previous mark set by Toronto and Detroit 12 years ago, with Montreal equalling the one-team record of 16. In the same game, the two clubs jointly established a mark of 16 penalties in a single period. The previous record of 15 was shared by Leaf teams with the 1951 Bruins and the 1932 Rangers.

In the third game at Toronto, the two teams picked up 55 minutes in penalties, one minute more than Leafs and Detroit achieved in a single game in 1952. And in both the first and third games the Canadiens equalled the record of eight penalties assessed against a team in a single period with the Leafs also matching it once.

All this unpleasantness was reflected in the penalty totals for the series, in which honors were equally divided.

The 1964 Detroit-Chicago series wasn't exactly quiet either. The two-team totals of 111 penalties and 250 minutes served were also well above the 1963 marks.

Ottawa Shades Maple Leafs 5-4

By STUART LAKE

OTTAWA (CP)—Winger Chesler Koneczny's goal at the 7:13 mark of the first overtime period gave Ottawa Montagnards a 5-4 win over Windsor Maple Leafs Friday night and sent them into a 2-1 lead in games in the Eastern Canada Allan Cup semi-finals.

The best - of - five series resumes here Saturday afternoon. If a fifth game is needed, it will be played Monday night.

Montes, down 3-0 at one point in the third period, roared back to tie the score and then take a 4-3 margin. But Leafs battled back to tie the score at 17:45 of the period and sent the game into overtime.

Koneczny, picked up from Morrisburg for the second game, made no mistakes when he was put in the clear by veteran centre Billy Watson in the overtime period.

SUMMARY

First period — No scoring. **Penalties** — Dufour 11:48, McKay 15:30, Guilbault and Beedle 17:37.

Second period — 1. Windsor, Dufour (G. Roy, Gaudet) 0:17; 2. Windsor, G. Roy (Dufour, Allard) 0:29. **Penalties** — Brooks 3:15, Allard 5:59, Levesque 14:17.

Third period — 3. Windsor, Barteaux (Nolet, Brooks) 4:41; 4 Ottawa, Despard (Larock, I. Anderson) 5:08; 5. Ottawa, Beedle (Stitt) 6:12; 6. Ottawa, Watson (I. Anderson, Koneczny) 6:35; 7. Ottawa, Beedle (Beauregard) 12:32; 8. Windsor, Gaudet (Allard, Beckman) 17:45. **Penalties** — G. Roy, Despard 1:10, I. Anderson 7:17.

Overtime period—9. Ottawa, Koneczny (Watson, McSweyn) 7:13. **Penalties**—G. Roy, minor, misconduct, Despard 8:10.

Ottawa Smothers S'side 9-1

MONTREAL (CP) — A steamrollering offence and tight defence treated Ottawa Montagnards to a virtually unopposed 9-1 victory over Summerside, P.E.I. Legionnaires in the first game of the Eastern Canada Memorial Cup semi-finals.

Montreal's NDG Monarchs are also included in this six-game round-robin set. Each of the three clubs will play two games against the other teams with the winner of the series moving on to play the Ontario Hockey Association champion in the Eastern final.

Three Ottawa players reached the two-goal mark, Jim Charelli, Greg Gordon and Murray Kuntz, while Jean-Paul Groulx, Claude Allain and Gord Hamilton broke loose for one apiece.

Lone marksman for Summerside was Willie Gallant.

During the first two periods Legionnaires offence was completely ineffective as they managed only nine shots on goal to Ottawa's 29. George Dalton was the exception, as he showed occasional bursts of speed but never quite managed to beat Ottawa's defence.

In the final frame the two teams were more evenly balanced, as Summerside's defence stiffened and the offence began to show signs of the style which brought them to the series.

The next game of the set will be played between Ottawa and NDG here Sunday afternoon.

SUMMARY

First period — 1. Ottawa, Groulx (Allain) 4:19; 2. Ottawa, Charelli (Gordon) 14:45; 3. Ottawa, Gordon 17:53. **Penalties**—Campbell 3:12, Bonnar 5:40, Groulx 6:49.

Second period — 4. Ottawa, Gordon (Charelli, M. Bonnar) 1:30; 5. Ottawa, Allain (Burns, Savoie) 4:57; 6. Summerside, Gallant (Dalton) 10:52; 7. Ottawa, Hamilton 14:47; 8. Ottawa, Charelli (Gordon, M. Bonnar) 15:36; 9. Ottawa, Kuntz (Hatoum, Draper) 18:13; 10. Ottawa, Kuntz (Hatoum, Draper) 19:25. **Penalties** — Burns 6:23, McWilliams 6:35, Smith 7:22, Grady 14:30, Poirier 15:25.

Third period — No scoring. **Penalties** — Smith 3:43, 9:42, Campbell Charelli 8:17, M. Bonnar, major, Smith major, Grady minor, misconduct 17:42.

Saves:

Sonier	8	12 9—29
Ferguson	2	6 5—13

Handrahan Inks Ball Contract

Vern Handrahan, the pride of Island baseball enthusiasts has signed a contract with the Kansas City Athletics for the coming baseball season.

Word was obtained of the success of the youthful pitcher from his father, Victor Handrahan, who had received a long call from Vern on Thursday night, from Bradenton, Fla., to inform him of the good news.

Tom MacFarlane, the man credited by the youthful pitcher for much of his success, was thrilled when informed of Vern's good fortune. Indeed a great many people in Charlottetown, although some may be a bit surprised, were thrilled with the release of the good news.

Vern started his baseball career at Charlottetown's Memorial Field where his pitching talents were rather accidentally discovered. Vern played shortstop as a youngster but because of his powerful throwing arm he was asked to take a turn on the mound. His success is now well known to local ball fans. While playing in Charlottetown Vern was also quite a threat to other pitchers as he can really pound a ball out of that infield.

Vern came up through the ranks of the Braves and then got traded to the Athletics. He spent last season with Portland of the Pacific Coast League where he fast developed into a pitcher of big league quality.

Vern received his early education at Spring Park School and then attended St. Dunstan's before embarking on a baseball career.

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Willie Pastrano Maintains Title

By MURRAY ROSE

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Light-heavyweight champion Willie Pastrano opened a wide cut over Gregorio Peralta's left eye and retained his title on a six-round technical knockout of a scheduled 15-round bout Friday night.

The cut was inflicted in the fourth round and the champion worked it over in the fifth.

The gash appeared to be at least 1½ inches wide and blood dripped into the aggressive Argentine's eye.

Maple Leafs Favored To Win Stanley Cup

By ED SIMON

TORONTO (CP) — In a manner befitting a team contemplating the start of a Stanley Cup final, Toronto Maple Leafs disembarked from the Montreal train Friday and headed straight for the ice.

But the practice lacked traditional before-the-battle atmosphere. Players were whooping, skylarking and generally behaving as if they didn't have a care in the world.

The mood was understandable. The night before, they had knocked off Montreal Canadiens 3-1 in the playoff seventh game of their cup semi-final, a game that could have gone either way until Dave Keon scored his third goal, putting the puck into an empty net with seconds of regulation time remaining.

They'll start all over again tonight with Detroit Red Wings, survivors of an equally spine-tingling seven - game ordeal against Chicago Black Hawks. In due time, the tension would build up again. But for the moment, the defending cup champions felt like kids out of school.

So far, the Leafs have been underdogs in an underdogs' playoff. Finishing third, they have eliminated the first - place Canadiens while the fourth-place Wings gave similar treatment to the runner-up Hawks.

FAVORED THIS TIME

This time, the Leafs have to be favored. They defeated the same club in a comfortable five games in last year's final, outscoring them 17-10. They defeated the Wings eight times in 14 meetings in the regular schedule, with three additional games ending in ties.

Over that stretch, they held a 4-2-1- margin on Detroit ice to go with their 4-1-2 edge at home, outscoring them handily on both rinks. The great Gordie Howe hasn't scored against Toronto all season.

All of this means that the Wings, despite their courageous and convincing demolition job on the mighty Black Hawks, are bound to be underdogs again.

The last time a similar situation arose in Stanley Cup play was three years ago. That time the third - place Hawks put out Canadiens, the league titleholders, while the second - place Leafs were Detroit's victims. The finalists split the first four games before the Wings ran out of gas and Chicago won it in six.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Saturday at the Charlottetown Curling Club.

1.45 P.M. (skip rotation)

Ice 1 — (open)

Ice 2 — L. Wellner, D. Douglas, E. MacLeod, V. Mitton vs. R. Ewing, B. Jones, Dr. Jelks, J.S. Taylor.

Ice 3 — F. MacMillan, S. Beaton, R. Spillett, T.W.L. Prowse vs. M. McGuigan, H. Spillett, H. R. Carruthers, E. Tanton.

Ice 4 — C. Asprey, L. Turner, A. Garrett, C. White vs. F.W. Curtis, L. Johnston, W. Farrell, G. Gallant.

Ice 5 — R.C. Parent, H. Douglas, P. Whitlock, R. Carr vs. I. White, Dr. Willis, G. Storey, K. Cantwell.

3.15 p.m.

Ice 3 — Grace MacKay vs. Jean Giddings.

7 p.m. (mixed)

Ice 1 — H. Douglas, K. Douglas, G. Rodd, E. Ranahan vs. D. Douglas, M. Stewart, H. Coffin, C. Sentner.

Ice 2 — W. Rodd, S. Flemming, S. Rodd, C. White, J. Douglas.

Ice 3 — W. Farrell, A. Trainor, T. Burke, I. MacDonald vs. L. Turner, M. MacDonald, B. Partridge, C. Phillips.

Ice 4 — B. MacGregor, M. Toole, B. McGill, C. Bolger vs. D. Dillon, H. MacDonald, G. Gallant, M. Jardine.

Ice 5 — A.E. Piercey, D. Stewart, S. Willis, E. Douglas vs. D. George, M. Farrell, M. White, W. McGill.

8.30 p.m. mixed

Ice 1 — (open)

Ice 2 — L. Blakeney, A. Wood, G. Lidstone, M. MacNeil vs. A. Love, M. Dockendorff, J. Wilson, M. Ball.

Ice 3 — Dr. Higgins, H. Love, N. MacNeill, D. Cormier vs. H. Peters, M. Blakeney, K. Cantwell, A. MacKinnon.

Ice 4 — I. MacKinnon, B. Squarebriggs, B. Crockett, P. Dalziel vs. B. Acorn, G. MacKay, A. Horne, W. Robinson.

Ice 5 — J. Squarebriggs, M. Acorn, B. Ball, R. Wilson vs. K. Dalziel, J. Higgins, A. MacEwen, G. Crockett.

School Meetings Set For Today

The annual meeting of the interscholastic Athletic Association will take place this morning at Birchwood High School, commencing at 10 a.m.

Some of the more prominent topics of discussion will be: Minutes of last annual meeting, report of winter term activities; referee in chief's report; spring program; national affiliation; eligibility rules, and election of officers for the coming season.

Palmer Leading Tourney; Reeled Off Four Birdies

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Arnold Palmer reeled off birdies on four of the last six holes Friday for a four-under-par 68 which sent him into a commanding four-stroke lead after 36 holes in the Masters golf tournament.

Added to his first round 69, the birdie march over Augusta national's sun - soaked 6,980 yards gave the Latrobe, Pa., links idol a total of 137, seven under par, and made him an overwhelming favorite to capture an unprecedented fourth Masters crown.

He also was in position by duplicating his efforts of the first two days, to tie the record of 274 set by Ben Hogan in 1953. Many said it might never be done.

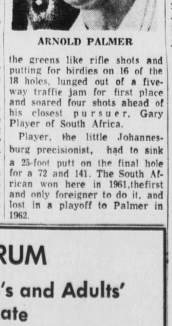
Amateur Gary Cowan of Kitchener, whose opening round 71 put him well up with the leaders Thursday, blossomed to a 77 Friday for a 148 total.

Toronto's touring pro Al Balding fired his second consecutive 75 round for a 150 total. Four stroke back was Nick Weslock of Toronto, Canadian amateur titleholder, with rounds of 73-78—151.

Vancouver professional Stan Leonard had another difficult day, firing a 76 to go with his opening-day 77 for a 153 total.

Palmer hitting his irons to the greens like rifle shots and putting for birdies on 16 of the 18 holes, lunged out of a five-way traffic jam for first place and soared four shots ahead of his closest pursuer, Gary Player of South Africa.

Player, the little Johannesburg precisionist, had to sink a 25-foot putt on the final hole for a 72 and 141. The South African won here in 1961, the first and only foreigner to do it, and last in a playoff to Palmer in 1962.



ARNOLD PALMER

Another stroke farther back, five behind Palmer, were Don January of Dallas, Tex. and former U.S. open champion Gene Littler of Lajolla, Calif., with identical 70-72—142 scores.

January dumped two tee shots in the water on the 155-yard peninsula 12th hole and had to chip in from off the green for a three-over par six.

Littler came to the final hole four under par for the tournament, hit his tee shot into a treacherous trap, hooked his approach into the crowd, pitched on and three-putted for a two over par six.

Similar miseries plagued the 24-year-old defending champion Jack Nicklaus, the player designated to succeed Palmer as the No. 1 man in professional golf.

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