

**SPORTS FRONT**



**Habs Facing Centre Problem**

By CHRIS ANNETT

The Habs and the Leafs are in bad trouble. Montreal can be compared to a batch of donuts that is neither have any centers and it is only too obvious when one glances at the summaries of the games that were played in the past week. The scoring punch is gone. Sunday night they blasted 42 shots at Roger Crozier in the Red Wing cage but managed to score only twice. It is the absence of players such as Bellevue that is hurting for men such as him have a habit of finishing up these plays around the opposition's cage.

The fact that Blake has had to juggle his lineup to compensate for the injuries also is playing more than a little effect on the scoring. Sure they got six goals against Boston Saturday night but one can credit on bad goaling by Johnston. The Habs are still skating and getting their shots but they aren't scoring. They need to be because they are now three points behind the Hawks again and tied with Detroit for second place.

Toronto on the other hand seem to be exhausted after their long spurt of ten games without a loss and have fallen seven points behind the Wings and Habs, thanks to their two losses on the weekend. The Wings edged them 3-1 in Saturday's game and this was a key match for the battle for third place. Then Chicago dropped them Sunday and this spells more trouble for Imlachs charges. However they need not fear about the Rangers or Bruins because these two cellar dwellers are 12 and 18 points back respectively.

As it stands right now Hull has a 13 point lead over Bobby Rousseau and Norm Ullman in the scoring race so a good deal of the speculation has been taken away this early in the season. The only thing to watch is the race for first place and the All-Star voting for the rest of the answers have already been answered. Chicago, Montreal, Detroit and Toronto will all end up in the playoffs again so I guess we'll have to wait until then 'till hands start reaching for the wallets in serious.

**Tough Row To Hoe**

While on the problem of hockey teams having problems lets take a look at Jack Kane's Variety Hockey club. As hockey followers know SDU was to have faced the St. FX pucksters at the University rink last evening but to and behold the heavens opened on the mainland and Antigonish is still digging out from the effects of the blizzard. The SFX hockey team was unable to leave in time to make the game last night and this puts an additional burden on SDU's shoulders.

This week is the one that could make or break the Saints' hope of successfully defending their Maritime Intercollegiate crown for they were to have played three games in the space of six days. These are to be against SFX, UNB and St. Thomas three of the main contenders for the crown. Now, with the SFX game pushed up a day the Saints will have to play three games in five days and that is quite a chore for any team. However this is not any team, this is a team that depends on two lines for their heavy work and you can bet when these players finish their last game on Saturday evening they are going to be a little tired to say the least.

However the Saints have come up with some glittering moments in the past few seasons and it would be yet another feather in their cap if they could pull off these three wins. All one can do is wait and see.

**RAMBLINGS...**

Tom Matte must rate the clutch player of the year. He came up with another great performance on Sunday afternoon by leading the Colts to a 35-3 whipping of the Cowboys and he accomplished his heroics via the air route. Western teams look both the NFL championship and the runner up bowl so it appears as if they have a decided edge in strength for the 1965-66 pro football season.

Pierre Pilote, one of the leading contenders for the All-Star team will be out of action for at least four weeks as a result of a broken thumb that he suffered in Sunday night's game against the Toronto Maple Leafs. Pilote suffered the injury when he engaged the Leafs Kent Douglas in a second period fight. The injury to Pilote is the latest in a series that have hobbled the Hawks' defense corps. Elmer Vasko and Al McNeil have been out of action, and Chicago has recalled Pat Stapleton from the minors.

**NFL, AFL Club Owners Shell Out \$25,000,000**

By MIKE RATHEP  
NEW YORK (AP)—It might have cost National and American football league clubs in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000 to give or take a million or two over the last few weeks to sign college players in the high-pressure war for new talent.

There's no actual way of telling how much the 24 clubs spent but if you can believe reports, the five-figure contract has become commonplace, if it isn't already on the way to becoming obsolete.

At least 20 players are reported to have received contracts calling for from \$200,000 to \$700,000 or a total of about \$7,000,000—just under the going rate for a new franchise complete with 33 veteran players. Danny Anderson of Texas Tech who signed with Green Bay of the NFL for a contract estimated at around \$600,000, is supposed to have turned down Houston's offer of \$887,000, which included a \$200,000 house and \$16,000 worth of furniture.

PRICE SOARS  
Ever since the NFL and AFL began battling over the country's top collegians the price has mushroomed. Joe Namath's \$400,000 was tops last year but at least four players may have exceeded that figure this time.

And when you add in the various free agents signed—maybe as high as 50 for the new Atlanta and Miami clubs—with a \$5,000 bonus and \$10,000 in salary, it's easy to see how \$25,000,000 might have been spent.

Joining Anderson in the \$500,000-and-up group are Illinois fullback Jim Grabowski, who also signed with Green Bay; Texas linebacker Tommy Nobis, who went with Atlanta of the NFL and Missouri back Johnny Roland, who signed with St. Louis of the NFL.

The players receiving about \$350,000 are Tulsa quarterback Billy Anderson, Los Angeles, NFL; Michigan State tackle Hal Lucas, St. Louis NFL and LSU tackle Dave McCormick San Francisco, NFL.

LINEBACKER BENEFITS  
At \$325,000 are Oklahoma linebacker Carl McAdams, New York, AFL; Kentucky halfback Roger Bird, Oakland AFL; Mississippi halfback Mike Dennis Los Angeles, NFL; Mississippi tackle Stan Hindman San Francisco, NFL.

The \$300,000 group shows LSU tackle George Rice Houston, AFL; Missouri tackle Francis Peay, New York NFL; Kentucky quarterback Rick Norion, Miami, AFL; Arkansas tackle Glen Ray Hines, Houston AFL. In the \$200,000 and above category are Kentucky tackle Sam Ball, Baltimore, NFL; Michigan tackle Bill Yearby, New York, AFL; Massachusetts end Mil Morin Cleveland AFL; Tulsa tackle Willie Townes, Dallas, NFL.



**ALLEN NEW COACH OF RAMS**

George Allen (LEFT), a defensive coach for the Chicago Bears since 1962, is announced as new head coach of the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League yesterday by Dan Reeves, Rams' owner. Allen, 43, will succeed Harland Svare, who was dismissed after last season. (AP Wirephoto)

**NHL Board Of Governors To Consider Applications**

By AL McNEIL  
MONTREAL (CP)—The National Hockey League's board of governors will meet in New York Feb. 7 to 9 to consider applications from one Canadian organization and a dozen U.S. groups seeking a spot in the league's proposed expansion plans.

Clarence Campbell, NHL president, said Monday he is looking "hopefully" to the meetings for some definite decisions aimed at getting a second six-team division beyond the planning stage.

The league proposes to add half a dozen teams to the present six-team loop for the 1974-75 season if possible, or if not, by the opening of the 1968-69 schedule.

"It's quite possible an announcement will be made at the meetings concerning the allotment of franchises," Campbell said. "I'm looking hopefully to some decisions being made then."

UNLIKELY SIX NAMED  
However, it was "extremely unlikely" that a full complement of six new franchises would be decided in New York.

The fact a city has been deemed "suitable" to NHL requirements does not necessarily mean a franchise will be automatically allotted there, he said. By last October the league announced Vancouver, San Francisco - Oakland, St. Louis and Los Angeles are centres meeting NHL standards.

The San Francisco - Oakland selection was made contingent on the completion of the new Oakland Alameda, scheduled to open early next year with a 13,000-plus seating capacity, or modernization of the Cow Palace—current home of San Francisco Seals of the Western Hockey League.

Completion of a proposed new arena in the Pacific National Exhibition grounds at Vancouver is the league's stipulation to that city. It is understood that Vancouver's application comes from the current owners of Vancouver Canucks of the WHL.

The NHL president said 12 applications have been received at league headquarters from groups in the U.S.

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**Tournament Of Champs To Get Underway Today**

By DAVE MILLER  
TORONTO (CP)—As eight of the world's best curling rinks prepare for today's opening game of the Tournament of Champions bonspiel the only thing bothering United States champion Bud Somerville is a pair of pants.

"They rip," he said in an interview before his first game against Chuck Hay's foursome from Perth, Scotland.

"They ripped last year when we won the U.S. and world championships and I've had a little trouble this year."

He slapped his ham-like thighs. But the six-foot curlier from Superior, Wis., believes he has the problem licked for the four-day tournament here. He's brought along three extra pairs, one or two sizes larger than his 38-inch waist.

Somerville was invited to the tournament after he twice defeated 1965 Canadian champion Terry Braunstein of Winnipeg in the Scotch Cup to end Canada's five-year reign in the world championships. He'll have his hands full during the round-robin play.

TOP RINKS ENTERED  
Besides Hay and Braunstein, the entry list includes Hec Gervais, defending champ; Ernie Richardson, four-time world champion, and Doug Cameron, runner-up in last year's tournament.

Rounding out the eight-team list are two Ontario rinks skipped by Jack Polybank, all-star skip in the 1965 Canadian championship, and Jim Sharples, Toronto Curling Association winner.



**DOUG CAMERON**

The first of seven draws in the series produces a rematch of last year's final between Gervais' Edmonton foursome and Cameron's rink from Charlottetown.

Cameron, the East Coast's lone entry, electrified last year's crowds with his accurate hitting and cool drawing skill. While the final was close, Gervais piled up an early lead to win 6-3.

In other first-round matches, the favored Richardson rink from Regina meets Toronto's Sharples and Polybank of Kirkland Lake plays Braunstein's Winnipeg quartet.

The tournament, with a first prize of \$5,000 in household appliances, was summed up by more, D. Sorrie, Mrs. Taylor vs E. Duvar, E. Worth, L. Nicholson A. Bears.

9 p.m.  
Ice 1 - Dr. P. MacIntyre P. Warner, H. Robbins, Helen Robbins vs Dr. W. MacIntyre, B. MacNeil.  
Ice 2 - C. Nicholson, M. Nicholson, C. MacKinnon, E. MacLure vs E. MacDonald, D. O'Connor A. Coneen, B. MacKinnon.

AT MONTAGUE  
The following is today's draw at the Montague Curling Club:  
7 p.m.  
Ice 1 - G. Worth, R. Ferguson, J. Murphy, R. Leard vs Dr. Johnston, E. Shaw G. Murphy A. Wright.  
9 p.m.  
Ice 1 - Farmers Competition. K. Sullivan vs H. Moor.

SKATING TONIGHT FORUM  
8.30 - 10.00 P.M.  
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AT SOURIS  
The following is today's mixed Curling Draw at Souris.  
Ice 1 - M. Birt vs B. McLaren.  
Ice 2 - D. Townsend, S. Coffin, C. MacDonald and A. MacDonald vs B. Rowan, C. Rowan, S. Tourin and S. Turling.  
9-11  
Ice 1 - R. Jenkins vs Dr. Kasser.  
Ice 2 - D. LaBrec vs C. Galant.

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Ice 2 - F. Vazozzo E. Cud-

George Dillon, second-stone on Cameron's P.E.I. rink: "Every rink is tough. I don't think it's possible to go in there and win every game or even think of winning every game. We'll just have to do our best and hope for a break."

SEE KNOCK-OUTS  
Most skips agreed the tournament would be strictly a knock-out affair, a type of game favored by Western Canada rinks. The only question mark in the knock-out strategy is Hay's rink, traditional opponents of the Scottish draw game.

The tournament starts with one draw today, but the action picks up with three draws Wednesday and Thursday. The top four rinks play in a semi-final Friday afternoon and the two winners meet Friday night.

Officials have added a new rule this year to eliminate the low-scoring, blank-end strategy. Teams are allowed to blank one end, but if a skip blanks two in a row, he will lose last-rock privilege on the next end.

**DART RESULTS**  
The following are results of play in the inter-club dart league.  
Sportsman at Brace "A" 4-1; Brace "B" at Legion "B" 4-1; Sgts. Mess at CLA 3-3; Fire Hall at Legion "A" 3-2.

**Tignish Hockey Booms Along**  
Little League, Minor and intermediate hockey and free skating for the younger children filled a full day of activities on Saturday at the Tignish Centennial Arena keeping coaches and managers with not to many idle moments. It is encouraging to see some of the parents and older adults accompanying the younger children to the arena, this felt needed for a long time by the Directors will help to ease the strain of responsibility, if adults take more interest in the expanding sports and recreational program that is a major one, that can only be carried on successfully by the cooperation of each adult individual.

A large turnout of hockey fans are following community hockey that now has five teams in play. Tignish Aces and O'Leary Maroons played their first game on Centennial ice Wednesday night. Aces topped the score at 4-2.

Scoring for Aces were A. Hackett, A. Handrahan, and Joe Cheverie for the Kid line, and Terry Gavin.  
For the Maroons it was James Smallman and George Bernard. Goalkeepers were: Gerald Gough for Aces and Gerald O'Rogerson for Maroons. Referees were: G. McGregor referee in charge and Joe Dorsey. The week ahead is packed with action hockey. Beside community league play the Aces will play Tyme Valley and O'Leary on Wednesday and Friday nights.

**Rural Hockey**  
There will be a practice for the Rural Minor Hockey League Paperweight teams, the Blades and the Canucks at the Charlottetown Forum this evening beginning at 7.30.

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**Bruins Trade Fleming**

BOSTON (AP)—Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League traded left-winger Reggie Fleming today to New York Rangers for right-winger John McKenzie.

It was the seventh player change for the last-place Bruins since the season started.

Fleming, 29, has scored four goals and had six assists this season. He joined the Bruins last year and scored 18 goals and had 23 assists.

Fleming had been in the Bruins' doghouse for his lethargic play. At a recent practice session, Fleming was sent off the ice for loafing and "given a good tongue lashing," coach Bill Schmidt said.

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**Houston University Banned From Bowls**

WASHINGTON (AP)—The University of Houston was found guilty of three football recruiting violations Monday and was slapped with a severe three-year probation that prohibits the school's football team from appearing in post-season bowl games.

The penalty was announced at the National Collegiate Athletic Association convention.

At the same time, the NCAA council, policy-making body of the organization, removed one-year probationary status from Arkansas and West Texas State, and returned them to full membership.

The council's action prohibits Houston's football team from appearing in post-season bowl games for three years, beginning immediately, and does not allow them to appear on any national television broadcasts.

Houston was charged with violations involving financial aid—in each case free transportation—in 1963 and 1964; with five violations involving recruiting—mostly transportation and entertainment of prospective athletes—1962-65, and on one count of conducting out-of-season football practices.

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**KIDD NOT KIDDING**  
Billy Kidd, 22-year-old student of Stowe, Vt., is shown in action as he won the giant slalom event at Adelboden, Switzerland, yesterday. He flashed down a fast and difficult course in near perfect conditions to victory in 1:49.59 minutes. (AP Wirephoto via cable from Adelboden).

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