SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Backs To The Wall

MONTREAL CANADIENS and New York Rangers have their backs solidly to the wall as they face Chicago Black Hawks and Toronto Maple Leafs in weekend Stanley Cup action.

Both Canucks and Rangers trail in their best-of-seven sets three games to two and a loss in their next encounters means the end of the rail for each outfit.

The fact that the Rangers are on the brink of elimination should not cause too many raised eyebrows. After all the Rangers just managed to squeeze into the playoffs and they are making a pretty fair showing against the second place Leafs. Indeed it took Toronto a little better than 54 minutes to prove their supremacy on home ice Thursday night. A bit of a break and Rangers could be leading this series as the teams get set for the sixth game tonight.

However, despite the New York loss, Lorne 'Gump' Worsley must be a happy man. After a blasting from Murz Patrick early in the series, the 'Gump' has answered with probably the greatest goaltending the Stanley Cup semi-finals or finals has ever known.

It was this Mr. Worsley who kept the Rangers in the game Thursday night and made overtime necessary. Had 'Gump' been having an ordinary night, the Leafs would have had the whole affair nacked away long before the close of the third period.

But Worsley was stingy as he possibly could be. He rose to such heights that the ardent Maple Leafs' fans were upon their feet applauding the little man. His work insnired the Rangers to fight from behind that 2-0 score and finally knot the matter at 12:31 of the third stanza.

After that equalizer, the Rangers sprung to the attack and it was veteran Johnny Bower who was forced to kick out some sizzlers. Bower had a tough break on Rangers' first goal when, after stopping Gendron's long blast, he allowed the rubber to slip between his legs.

Leafs Deserved Win

HOWEVER, on the night's play the Leafs richly deserved their triumph.

They played sound hockey and refused to panic after that two-goal lead had evaporated. Rangers had the spirit after Imlach had knotted matters and it took some stout playing by the Toronto club to hold the invaders in check.

And it was fitting that 'Red' Kelly should prove such a hero for the Imlachmen. Kelly set up Stewart and Mahovlich for the first two Leaf markers and then sank Mahovlich's pass for the clincher in the second overtime.

The win should make the Leafs a solid choice to close out the series tonight at Maple Leaf Gardens. If they don't, they'll have trouble galore managing a decision at Madison Square Gardens in a seventh game.

One thing is sure and that is that Worsley can't be any better tonight. Thursday night he broke the hearts of these Toronto sharpshooters with his superb netminding. In spite of his performance Leafs managed that all-important win that made tonight's episode a must for the visiting Rangers.

What About Canadiens?

THE OTHER semi-final action is something to talk about.

Canadiens had a 2-0 lead in the series and promptly dropped the next three games to these ambitious Hawks. Sunday night before those rabid Chicago fans, Rudy Pilous and his charges could qualify for a berth in the Stanley Cup finals.

The Hawks will be favorites to do just that and it will take a determined group of Blakemen to send the series back to Montreal Forum. The Hawks broke the home ice jinx Thursday when they overcame the Canucks in Montreal. Undoubtedly the Montrealers feel that they are equal to such a task in the Windy City.

What Blake is looking for is a stout game from his defence. That nart of the Habs looked mighty slack on Thursday night, esnecially on the first goal in the third period. With Hawks leading 3-2, the Canadiens backed right in on Plante as Red Hay nut his team in front 4-2.

The Canadiens will be desperate for a decision in this Sunday night struggle and Chicago had better not take anything for granted. After all, the Habs have taken wins out of Chicago before this season and to a man they are determined to do it again.

We know the odds are with the Hawks to finish the series Sunday night but we are expecting this series to continue through until Tuesday. The Blakemen outplayed the Hawks badly in that first period Thursday but they didn't keep applying the pressure. Apparently you can't let up on these world champions.

The Canadiens have found that out.

Challenge Accepted

IT pays to advertise.

RCAF Sultans found that out in a hurry when their basketball challenge to Charlottetown Pirates got a quick reply from manager Jack Ross.

Jack phoned us yesterday to tell us that a best-of-five series for the provincial senior 'C' basketball crown would open Monday night, April 9 at the RCAF base. The second game is scheduled for Summerside High School on Thursday April 12 and the third at Charlottetown on Saturday April 14. Dates of the remaining games were not yet decided upon.

This shapes up like an interesting series and basketball followers should see some nifty ball dished up.

Action starts Monday night at 7:45.

Ch'town Riflemen Visit Murray Hbr.

Wednesday April 4th was a big night at the Murray Harbor Rifle Range when the home club entertained the Charlottetown Club to a friendly return night of shooting.

The City shots mustered two teams of their best marksmen, calling on the York Club for help, to try to down the fisherfolk from Murray Harbour.

Well, they did just that but not without some stiff competition. For a time it looked as if the two city teams were reeling a bit, but they regained their balance, and came through to take 1st. and 2nd places.

The Charlottetown "Hot-Shots" compiled a total of 473 points and the Charlottetown "Whiz-Bangs" a total of 470, against a 460 registered by the Murray Harbour "Fishermen."

At the conclusion of the match, Wm. J. Harris, president of the Murray Harbour Club presented prizes to the winning team the "Hot-Shots," and to the runner-up team, the "Whiz-Bangs."

Lunch was then served by the ladies, who were cheered by the visiting marksmen.

The highest individual scores for the night was "Al" Mutch, with a 99 out of 100, followed closely by Ralph Jenkins, Ken Jay, and Mary Lea, each with a 98.

A busy man for the night was the range officer, "rookie" Crilly Lea, handling out a total of "two" penalties.

The following are the team results, out of a 500 possible, with the last two scores counted out.

Charlottetown "Hot-Shots"	
Al Mutch	99
Tom Vessey	96
Bruce Hillstrom	94
Edgar Jones	94
Dave Durber	90
Pere Landrigan	87
Edna Kelly	85
	473
Charlottetown "Whiz-Bangs"	
Ralph Jenkins	98
Ken Jay	98
Mary MacLean	96
Lorna Vessey	92
Raymond Vessey	89
Dave Johnston	89
Eldon MacLean	80
	470
Murray Harbour "Fishermen"	
Mary Lea	98
Jim Gordon	95
Randal Richards	93
Wm. J. Harris	92
John Goshee	91
Fred C. White	86
Bert MacLeod	87
	460
Other individual scores were:	
Betty Mellish	94
Jim Jordan	90
Ellis MacPherson	84
Alden Gordon	81
Bruce MacLeod	80
Derrell McClure	80

- TO ATTEND BALL

LONDON (Reuters)—Princess Margaret and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon, will appear masked at an annual festival next June in Bath, western England, it was learned Wednesday. They and 500 other guests will wear black tricorne hats, white masks and colored cloaks for an 18th century Venetian evening on the River Avon.

MIXED CURLING CHAMPS

A rink skipped by Allison Saunders captured the first mixed curling championships at the Charlottetown Curling Club last night. The quartet defeated a foursome skipped by Wendell McLaine in the finals. Members of the winning team from left to right are Marjorie Doyle, Arnold Llewellyn, Isobel MacDonald and Allison Saunders. Members of the McLaine rink are Eric Gillespie, Vilma Andrew, Lois Shaw and skip McLaine.

Habs Have Back To Wall In Attempt To Take Cup

By LAURENT CHAISSON

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Canadiens have their backs to the wall in an attempt to wrest hockey's coveted Stanley Cup away from the Chicago Black Hawks.

They trail the aggressive Hawks 3-2 in games in their best-of-seven cup semi - final series after losing 4-3 here Thursday night and now face the difficult task of winning in Chicago Sunday night to stay live.

"Yeah, it's going to be rough," said coach Toe Blake Friday. "But if we can't win an away game we don't deserve the cup.

The Canadiens appeared to be in the driver's seat a week ago after winning the series' two opening games here. But the Hawks fought back for two wins at Chicago Stadium and gathered the necessary momentum to pull them through in the fifth game.

The Canadiens plan to fly to Chicago today for Sunday's do-or-die contest. If they win, the series' seventh and deciding game will be played here Tuesday night. If they lose the Hawks advance into the finals against Toronto Maple Leafs or New York Rangers.

The Hawks, meanwhile, were back home Friday, confident they've got Montreal on the run.

"This thing is not over yet," piloting Hawk coach Rudy Pilous. "But we're playing with more confidence. After all, we hold the Stanley Cup and we have the pride that goes with it. It might be hard to take it from us."

The Hawks are in the same position as last spring when they outclassed Canadiens in a similar semi - final round and beat Detroit Red Wings in the finals for their first cup win in 22 years.

A year ago, Hawks won the fifth game here and wrapped up the series in the sixth game on home ice.

The Canadiens have not been playing to season form in this series.

Only the Phil Goyette-Claude Provost-Dickie Moore forward unit has been clicking. When they were flying to a fifth straight National Hockey League championship, three lines were producing.

The club is suffering through injuries, but they also had them during the season and still won.

They're weaker down the middle, though, since centre Henri Richard was shelved about a month ago with a broken right wrist.

Ralph Backstrom, another centre, and right winger Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion also are ailing.

The Canadiens turned in their best performance of the series Thursday night, but lost on what Blake called "four stupid mistakes."

The mistakes were the four goals that got by Jacques Plante.

The masked goalie was the victim of a bad bounce on Hawks' first goal by Bobby Hull, the goat on the third by Ken Wharram and hampered by his own defencemen on the other two by Bronco Horvath and Hill Hay.

About the only thing Canadiens could get excited about from the loss was the play of rookie Gordon (Red) Berensen, who only has been in nine professional games after a brilliant college career at the University of Michigan.

Birchwood Cops Series Opener

Jack Kane's Birchwood High School basketball team defeated Queen Charlotte High 77-47 in the first game of a best of five series for the City Interscholastic basketball title at Birchwood High last night.

A bumper crowd of over 400 fans, mostly students, saw these rival schools display some of the best basketball seen in Charlottetown in some time.

Coach Jack "Spy" Ready saw his North River Road players fall behind 11-1 early in the game but in no time at all the QCHS hoopsters were leading 19-17. This lead was shortlived however and the Birchwood team went ahead and never looked back.

At halftime the winners were leading by twenty points with the score reading 48-28. Kane had his players pressing at all times and as a result they outscored Queen Charlotte 29-19.

IS SPARKPLUG

Guard Carl McQuaid was the sparkplug for the winners both ways. He played an outstanding game defensively and had a hand in setting up numerous Birchwood scoring plays.

In scoring E. Lawlor was tops with 34 points, followed way behind by B. LeClair with 11 points. Teammates Hubley and Weatherbie were next with 10 points each.

Jim Webb paced the losers with fifteen points, several of these on shots from way out. Ronnie Diamond was next with 12 points and Hal Ladner followed one point behind with 11.

Referees for the game were Dave Hyndman and Bert McQuaid.

Here are the lineups:—

BHS:—B. LeClair 11, K. White K. Hugley 10, J. Bordage 2. B. Weatherbie 10, A. Arsenault, C. McQuaid 6, E. Lawlor 34, D. Mullally, D. Connolly — Total 77

QCHS:—J. Webb 15, R. Diamond 12, Lyall Huggan 2. Hal Ladner 11, R. Boyles, 1, R. Giggey 5, G. Likely, H. MacLean, B. Munroe 2. Total — 47.

Creek Evens Final Series

Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs are battling right to the wire in their best of seven final series for the W.R. Shaw trophy. The Creek team, which has been fighting a long uphill battle, last night downed Hampshire 5-1 to square the series at 3-all.

Over 600 fans watched the defending champs fail in their attempt to wrap their second straight title in one of the roughest games of the season.

The deciding game goes tonight at Saint Dunstan's at 7:30 sharp with a skate slated following the game. Players from the Cornwall and Pownal clubs are urged to be on hand as trophies and awards will be presented following the completion of the game.

P. Smith paced the winners with two goals and singles went to W. Taylor, B. MacDonald and E. Smith.

L. Doiron counted the goal for Hampshire.

SPORT OF KINGS

Bowling Is Trying To Fill The Gap Until Ball Starts

This is the in-between time on the sport front in the Eastern King's area. The hockey season is well over, and the baseball season is not quite here. With the weather the way it has been, and if the ground keeps drying at its present rate, it won't be too long before the baseball season is here.

Bowling is trying to fill the gap until that time. Men's and Women's League playoffs are well underway in Souris, and the Mixed League has started.

At the start of the playoffs we made a batch of predictions, and as each round continued, we made more predictions. So far, out of eight different series we are 100 percent correct. Kind of makes us proud, it does.

The finals are underway in the Women's League, with the Snowflakes leading the Pixies two games to one. We had called this round for the Pixies and we are not deserting them. We still think they'll win the next two and the championship. It will mark, no matter who wins, the first time that a Lucky Six team did not win the title. The Abbies actually won it one year, but were mostly Lucky Six players under another name. The Lucky Six did not compete this year.

FIRST ROUNDS COMPLETED

The first rounds of the Men's League have just been completed, and as we predicted, the winners were the Nobody Wants Us, Federals, and Perfectionists. The Nobody Wants Us will now meet the Perfectionists in the semi-finals, which will be a best of three series, with the winner advancing against the Federals. Our prediction for the semi-finals is for the Perfectionists to emerge the winners.

Not only that, but, we predict that they will also win in the finals to annex their fifth successive championship. Their present streak of four straight titles is, in itself, a league record, with the previous high being two straight.

Right now, we have to correct a misunderstanding. This writer is known to be anything but a Montreal fan, yet last week we called for Montreal to best Chicago in six games. That is what we hoped would happen, but, at the same time, we were hoping for the exact opposite. And Forbie, if Chicago does manage to upset Montreal, they're definitely going to lose out to Toronto.

Did anyone ever notice the pattern Maritime teams follow when they advance along the playoff trail against teams from Upper Canada? Say it's a best of five series, the first three games are close, maybe even some overtime, with the Maritime squad winning one, and then comes the fourth game. The team from Upper Canada usually wins going away. Amherst lost like that, and when we turned the radio off tonight, it was 5-3 for Ottawa over Halifax.

Are there explanations?

Lions Stage Curling 'Spiel

SUMMERSIDE — A total of 12 teams from St. Eleanors, Summerside, Kensington, Charlottetown and Parkdale are entered in the Lions Club district curling championship to be staged today at the Summerside curling rink. This is the first event of its kind and is intended as an annual bonspiel.

The competition will be a double knockout affair for the P.E.I. Concrete Products trophy donated by Mayor J.E. Morrison who will officially open the 'spiel by throwing the first rock.

The first draw gets underway at nine o'clock this morning with a windup banquet, at which the trophy and prizes for the runners up will be awarded, at six o'clock this evening.

CURLING DRAW

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

1.45 P.M. Rotation (For Numbers) Spares needed.....

Ice 1—D. MacLennan, Dr. Jelks, Dr. Beck, B. Cook vs A. MacDonald, D. Douglas, Dr. Roberts, A.E. Piercey.

Ice 2—H. Douglas, P. Connolly, J. Caron, G. Bennett vs E. MacDonald, B. O'Rourke, J. Brooks, D. Matheson.

Ice 3 — F. MacMillan, H.R. Carruthers, S. Beaton, R. Spillett vs. E. Matheson, Hal Spillett, L. Wellner, E. Tanton.

Ice 4—Dr. Hooper, C. Campbell, Dr. Webster, Dr. Drysdale vs F. O'Rourke, O.K. Presby, C. Downe, Dr. Craig.

Ice 5—H.C. Atkinson, J. MacDonald, C. Whitesnet, F. Simpson vs C. Flynn, W. Carr, C. Flemming, K. Cantwell.

3.15—All ices open.

MIXED CURLING

7 P.M.

Ice 1—Open.

Ice 2 — Bill MacNeill, M. Toole, T. Roper, K. Duffy, Clary Flemming, M. MacDonald, E. Ranahan, W. Deacon.

Ice 3—H. Douglas, M. MacNeill, I. Duffy, D. Eagles, D. Douglas, F. Rossiter, M. Garrett.

Ice 4—A. Garrett, G. MacKay, S. Fleming, Mrs. J. MacDonald, S. Eagles, V. Andrew, G McInnis, L. Hennessey.

Ice 5—Open.

8.30 p.m.

Ices 1, 2 and 5 open.

Ice 3—A. MacDonald, G. Carruthers, S. Bryanton, B. Lidstone Art Love, Ev. Goss, B. Boyles, G. Cormier.

Ice 4—L. Turner, O. MacDonald, A. Wilson, Jean Zakem, T. Whitlock, Helen Love, Joe Zakem. J. Morley

EVEN THOUGH BENCH-WARMER

Harris Has No Qualms About Picking Up Pay

By BILL MacDOUGALL

TORONTO (CP)—Centre Billy Harris of Toronto Maple Leafs has no qualms about picking up his cheque each pay day, even though he's probably the highest-paid bench-warmer in the history of the National Hockey League.

"I don't feel guilty, that's for sure," he said in an interview. "But it's a lot nicer to be playing. I'll tell you that. I've finished the last three seasons on the bench, and it gets discouraging."

The smooth - skating stickhandler has more talent, and more bench-splinters than any NHL bench-warmer had had for many a year.

Three-quarters of this season he got on the ice for little more than a faceoff or the occasional shift.

The record books say the 26-year-old centre dressed for 67 games. Actually, he had a regular shift for only 18 games when other centres were injured. His average is nearly a goal a game—15 counters and 10 assists.

REPLACED KEON

Until Tuesday night's fifth game of Leafs' best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final against New York Rangers, Harris saw no more action than in most of the season's games. He took over for injured Dave Keon at the end of the second period and stayed at that spot until the game ended at 4:23 of the second overtime session. Although he didn't figure in any scoring, the six-foot centre didn't look out of place between wingers Dick Duff and George Armstrong.

It's doubtful that if Harris was involved in a trade he would be sent to the minors. The Rangers are known to be anxious to get him and have made several unsuccessful attempts to work a deal with Toronto. And it's not likely any other club in the NHL would pass up a chance to get him.

Toronto coach Punch Imlach says he'd trade Harris if he got a suitable bargain. "I'd trade any player if I got the right deal."

SERIOUS STUDENT

Harris, a polite, serious-minded fellow who off the ice acts and looks more like a scholar than an athlete, has his reasons for not yearning for a trade. At 26, he is just a little more than a year away from a bachelor of arts degree with an economics major, and a move away from Toronto might slow down his studies.

Harris makes no bones about admitting why Toronto coach Punch Imlach leaves him on the bench so often.

"Imlach has three centres who he thinks are playing better than I am," he said, referring to Red Kelly, Bob Pulford and Keon. "He's told me that.

"And I respect Imlach because he makes the moves that he thinks are right for the club."

Some hockey observers figure Harris' main problem is his lack of weight and his susceptibility to getting knocked off stride too easily. His 187 pounds spread over six feet make him anything but burley.

Worsley Is Happy Playing For Harvey

By BILL MacDOUGALL

TORONTO (CP)—Goaltender Lorne (Gump) Worsley is happy with the new deal he is getting with New York Rangers, and the way he is playing lately Rangers have every reason to be happier than he is.

The Gumper, as many affectionately call him, has been a one-man fort often in Rangers' Stanley Cup semi-final series against Toronto Maple Leafs and Thursday pulled out all the stops in a performance that had everyone gasping.

It was in vain, as Rangers lost 3-2 in overtime to Leafs who hold a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series going into the sixth game Saturday.

Gump's a lot happier now than in the old days when he and coach Phil Watson, now with Boston Bruins, had a running feud, often because Watson thought the goaltender was too pudgy.

He didn't mention Watson by name, but said in an interview "it's like the difference between night and day now that Doug's here. It's a pleasure to play now."

MEANT HARVEY

He was referring to coach Doug Harvey, the long - time Montreal Canadiens defenceman who this year took over the coaching job at New York, still taking a regular shift as a rearguard.

"Doug explains things to you. He doesn't just blast you off your feet."

This is Worsley's fourth appearance in Stanley Cup playoffs and his goals-against average has sharpened. In the 14 playoff games he played before this series, he allowed 65 goals for an average of almost five a game. In the five games of this series he has allowed 15 goals, an average of three a game.

In the 60 games he played this season, he allowed 171 goals for a 2.90 average and had two shutouts, neither against Leafs.

York Club Has Shoot	
Following are the results of the shoot held at York on April 4th.	
CLASS ONE	
Jack Andrews	97
Bill Crockett	96
Dewar Swan	94
CLASS TWO	
Cecil Watts	100
Gordon Vessey	99
Angus Cluney	97
Lloyd Vessey	96
Louis Vessey	95
Raymond Birt	88
Alan Brown	87
CLASS THREE	
Laken Lewis	88
Raymond Chappell	87
Leigh Vessey	84
CLASS FOUR	
Ernest Prowse	91
Freddy MacLaren	89
Frank Vessey	88
Nelson Vessey	80
CLASS FIVE	
Lynn Ernst	85
Barry Gallani	80
Garth MacGougan	80
Teddy Hucz	80
Walter Douglas	80

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

—of—

P. E. I. Harness Racing Circuit

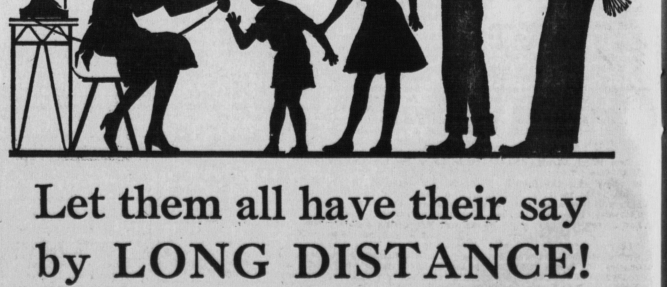
7 P.M. MONDAY, APRIL 9th

AT HORSE AND SULKY CLUB

(Over Old Spain)

Admission $1.50

Tickets may be obtained at Old Spain



Let them all have their say by LONG DISTANCE!

Family gathering by telephone? Happens every day! It's only natural for the whole gang to want to talk with that far away relative. Short of an actual visit, there's no more intimate way to keep in touch. Inexpensive too! Isn't there someone, somewhere you would like to call TONIGHT?

LONG DISTANCE RATES ARE CHEAPER AFTER 6:00 P.M. WEEK DAYS AND ALL DAY SUNDAY

THE ISLAND TELEPHONE CO. LIMITED

6427