

SPORTS FRONT

By PILLUS CALLAGHAN

A Different Look

THERE'S a far different look to those NHL standings as compared to one year ago when Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs were battling for first place. It's hard to believe but it's nevertheless true that those Red Wings from Detroit are breezing along undetested in their first ten starts. They own eight victories and two ties in that space of time and are riding away ahead with 18 points, five better than second place Chicago Black Hawks who have played two more contests.

SATURDAY night viewers got their first glimpse of the Detroiters and it was quite a look. The Red Wings blasted the Leafs 7-3 before a stunned Maple Leaf Garage.

With the score 2-0 in their favor, it appeared as though the Red Wings were out to break the Detroit record once again. However, Dave Keen's two quick markers changed the complexion of things and for a time the Leafs took over in a big way.

In the third period with the score reading 3-3, Toronto swarmed all over the league leaders and it was only terrific goalkeeping by Saveluk that kept them from even keel. Then came the break with the two Toronto defencemen falling and Gordie Howe, always the opportunist, beating Bower for the Red Wings fourth goal. After that the Motor City gang went to work in earnest and added three more goals to their total before the final siren.

A Winning Complex

THESE Wings looked like a team that felt they weren't supposed to lose. Keen's goals should have started them on the way down but they refused to panic. The Leafs never did get a lead in that contest and that told a lot of the story.

Supposedly tired after that struggle and with the trip back to Detroit to add to the hardship, the Wings probably should have been sitting ducks but they were not. Things didn't turn out that way. Again the Abelmen conquered, this time by a 2-1 score.

Playoff Seems Sure

RIGHT now there's little doubt that Detroit has assured itself a playoff berth in the fourth place Ranger-Argonauts-10 points and the cellar-dwelling Bruins by 13. It doesn't appear as though Rangers or Bruins have the necessary qualifications to overhaul the Red Wings.

Indeed Detroit could cling on to that top rung all season long. Leafs and Canadiens are showing definite weaknesses and Chicago doesn't appear to present any great problem to the present top runners. The Wings have earned a great audience and they are playing the type of hockey that is really paying dividends.

Hardtimers are delighted that Sydney's Parker MacDonald is doing so handsomely. The veteran is having his greatest NHL season and at present is sharing the top spot in the league scoring race. His eight goals are tops for the league.

Detroit's next action comes Thursday night at Montreal Forum where the rather listless Canadiens are hoping their slump will break at the hands of the Motor City gang. They have the idea that Detroit is ready for this contest and there's nothing but optimism among the Wings' quarters. They'll likely face a determined bunch of Habs who haven't treated the Forum fans to a victory for quite some time.

Bower Looks Bad

VETERAN Johnny Bower was anything but spectacular Saturday night. The oldest warrior helped the Toronto squad tremendously these past few seasons but his 36 goals against 11 in 11 games hardly stamp him as a Vaseline trophy contender this season. Terry Sawchuk has 13 goals on him in 10 games.

Johnny looked bad indeed Saturday night and don't be a bit surprised if he gets a rest at Imlich's suggestion very, very soon. It could be the end for Johnny.

Saints, Welshmen Nab Hoop Victories

Junior Saints defeated second BYC 60-42 and PWC Welshmen romped to a convincing 85-48 victory over Phalanx at Saint Dunstan's gym last evening.

For the Welshmen it was sweet revenge for a 59-53 setback handed them by the Phalanx five days Saturday night.

Winning Smith took the pace for the high-flying Welshmen, racking up 22 points. Two teammates were up in the double figures, Stu Ladner scoring 18 and Ron Diamond swishing the double haul.

Boy Douras was tops for the losers with fifteen white trimmings and five Harper picked up eleven each.

Ex-variety star Len Sirels once again headed the SDU scoring parade with nineteen points in the first game of the twin bill while teammate Prascourt followed close behind with 17.

Tom King came up with an 18-point performance for the losers while Earl Murphy garnered eleven.

The lineup are as follows:—Saints—Sirois 19, Davis 3, Corcoran 4, Chery, Callaghan 2, Francis 17, MacDon 2, Mullally 2, Grant 1, Farrell 3.

Soviet Athletes Will Compete In U.S. Meets

NEW YORK (AP)—Valery Brumet and Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, the Soviet Union's first record-holders in the high and broad jump events, will make their return appearance in the United States indoor track meets this week.

The Amateur Athletic Union confirmed an announcement by Tass, the Russian news agency, that three Russian athletes, including this famous pair, had been invited.

The third member of the squad is Valery Bulshchev, sliver middleweight in men's national championships at Belgrade in the 50-centners in 1960.

Brumet, who recently raised his world high jump mark to 6 feet 10 inches, and Ter-Ovanesyan, credited with cracking Ralph Boston's broad jump with a leap of 22 feet 10 inches, were popular competitors in the indoor meets here two years ago.

CLOSING THE DOOR

Detroit Red Wings goalie Terry Sawchuk (1) braces for Bruno Horvath (6) in the first period game at Detroit Thursday. Sawchuk turned every shot away and shut-out Rogers as Detroit won 4-0. Detroit defenceman Marcel Pronovost comes in from behind. (AP Wirephoto).

Veteran Sam Etcheverry Has Praise For Successor

By JACK HAND
NEW YORK (AP)—Sam Etcheverry used to be the toast of Montreal. He never did become the toast of St. Louis. Debuting quarterback behind 23-year-old Charley Johnson, the old pro spoke politely, and most sadly, about his successor again tonight.

His scene was the Monday luncheon of the pro quarterback club. Etcheverry was invited to be guest speaker some time ago. Nobody guessed he would be No. 2 at this stage.

"It was a tough spot for Sam but he rose to the occasion. 'Johnson has a wonderful arm,' Etcheverry said. 'He can be an outstanding quarterback in this league with protection.' He said the 'with protection' bit as though it had been written in capital letters."

"He gets rid of the ball without getting trapped... like some fellows do. 'For a young man he has a lot of poise. The coaches kept him in the back field because he's so deep when he throws. He didn't get far enough against Cleveland and we had a bad day. But he has been practicing every day, dropping back eight to 10 yards before he sets to throw.'"

RECALLS SAM'S BIG DAYS
Kyle Rice, backfield coach of New York Giants who just barely beat St. Louis Sunday 31-28, recalled Etcheverry's great 4 years in Canadian football. He was almost a legend in Montreal where he played with the Alouettes for nine years and won 163 touchdown passes.

Etcheverry was bothered by a sore arm all last season, his first in the National Football League. When the club lost three of its first four games this season, coach Wally Lemm shifted from Etcheverry to Johnson, second-year man from New Mexico State. The only time Sam gets in a game is to punt or hold a placement.

"What is the difference playing under Wally Lemm and Pop 'Iv' somebody asked. 'Lemm doesn't criticize anybody,'" said Sam. "He takes all the blame. Iv is a little more standoffish with the players. I guess you would say Lemm sets closer to the men on the club."

"How about the race?" "I thought we could win it until Sunday. Now, maybe we'll win it."

George Dixon Beat Mark By 113 Yards

TORONTO (CP)—George Dixon, Montreal Alouettes' lightning-fast halfback, averaged seven yards every time he carried the ball in the Eastern Football Conference this season.

The 196-pound former University of Connecticut star rolled up a record 1,520 yards in 216 net plays to win the individual rushing title in addition to the scoring championship, which he took with 90 points on 15 touchdowns.

Official league statistics reflected Monday's score that Dixon beat by 113 yards the former BFC ground-gaining record of 1,407 yards set by Dave Thelen of Ottawa Rough Riders in 1960.

Dixon averaged 7.5 yards and 12 of his touchdowns came from ground plays and three off Hailback Bobby Kuntz of Hamilton Tiger-Cats finished way behind Dixon for second place in the rushing race. Kuntz picked up 813 yards in 121 carries for an average gain of 5.4 yards in edging out halfbacks George McLaughlin of Toronto Argonauts and Ernie White of Ottawa for the runnerup spot.

McLaughlin gained 810 yards, with an average of 5.5 yards in 147 carries, and White ran 814 yards in 151 carries for an average of 5.4 yards in 135 ball-carrying efforts.

ROTE LEADS PASSERS
Quarterback Tobin Rose, who played out his option with Toronto Argonauts and will not be back next season, was the top passer in the league. The passing title is based on total completions, Smeace Caldwell of CTV and the CBC's J. Alphonse Ouellet.

Recently the Board of Broadcast Governors asked for co-operation of all private television stations to carry the CBC's J. Alphonse Ouellet.

All pro football rights now are owned by the CBC. In August proposed a regulation that in effect would require the CBC and its privately-owned affiliated stations to carry the CTV network's sports.

Details on the current negotiations were not available here. However, it was reported that the arrangement now being considered would involve sharing of ownership by the networks between the two networks on the equal basis. Both would carry the Grey Cup.

Bower Will Be Replaced By Veteran Don Simmons

TORONTO (CP)—Johnny Bower, veteran Toronto Maple Leafs goalie will be replaced by Don Simmons of Rochester Americans. Manager Coach George Imlich said today. The move follows the 74th annual given Leafs by Detroit Saturday night.

Simmons, 32, will take over from the 38-year-old Bower when the Leafs meet New York Rangers in their next National Hockey League game in New York Wednesday.

The promotion of Simmons from the American League farm club forces moves over from the Leafs' farm club system.

Jerry Cheevers will move from Sudbury Wolves of the Eastern Professional League to Rochester, Imlich was still not certain who would replace Cheevers at Sudbury.

Simmons played the last two games of the Stanley Cup final against Chicago Black Hawks last spring when Bower was injured.

Bower was last taken from the leaf net while healthy in the 1958-59 season. His first with Toronto, when Ed Chadiwick took his place.

Bower won his job back that time and went on to take the Vezina Trophy as the top NHL goalie in the 1960 season.

The possibility of further changes in the Toronto lineup was hinted at by the announcement that Boston's assistant general manager, Mil Schmidt, had scheduled possible trade meetings with Leaf officials.

Dixon Grabbed Honors With Little Opposition

TORONTO (CP)—Two years ago George Dixon saw his hopes for the Eastern Football Conference's scoring championship crumbling in the last game of the season.

Sutherland won the scoring title last year with only 68 points. Dixon, plagued by injuries, had only 46 and Racine, who took over the kicking chores this season from Gary Schneider, didn't even get on the scoring list.

Garry Henley of Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Dick Shatto of Argonauts tied for fourth spot with 72 points each. Henley had only 12 points and was in a tie for 20th place in 1961. Shatto's total last season was 45 points, which put him in a four-way tie for seventh.

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Statistics compiled by The Canadian Press show the Montreal Alouettes halfback with 30 points on 15 touchdowns in 14 games, 11 points ahead of runner-up Racine of Ottawa Rough Riders.

Back in 1960, his first year with the Alouettes Dixon entered the last game of the season against Toronto Argonauts with 100 points. He was held scoreless and Argonauts' rookie Gilchrist scored 27 points to jump from third place to the championship with 115 points.

NO DRAMATICS
There were no such dramas this season. Dixon took over the lead in early September after five games, although he had never opened a wide spread, he didn't let the contenders get too close.

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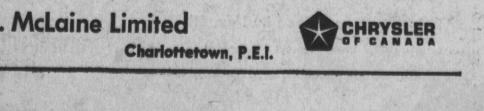
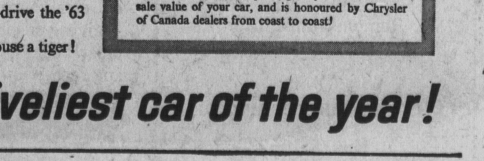
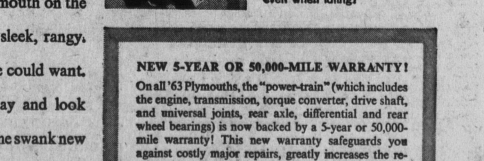
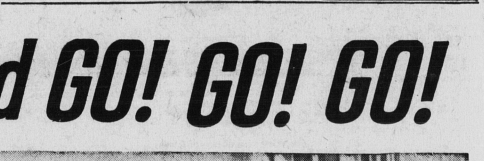
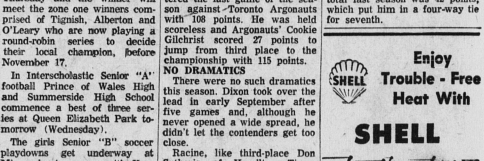
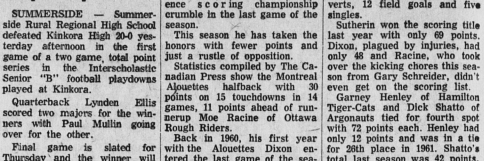
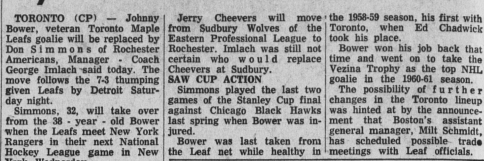
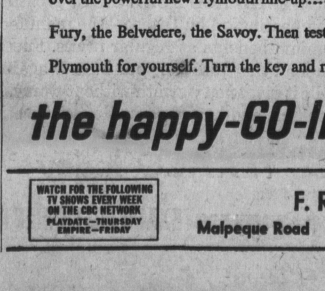
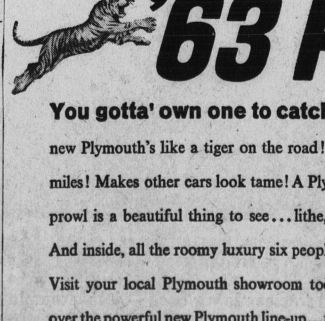
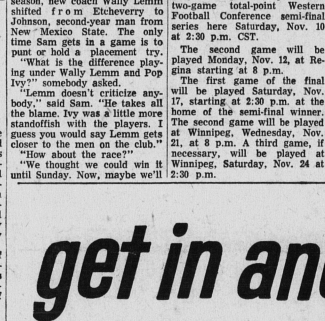
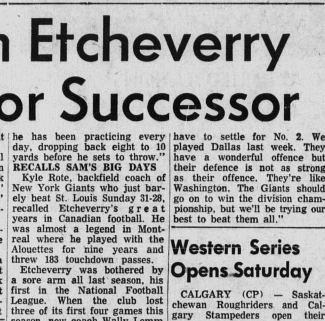
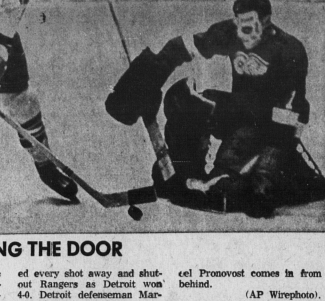
The boys will also play Saturday at Misouche in a sudden death encounter and the winner will advance against O'Leary in zone one in the semi-finals with that winner playing Stouffville for the Provincial championship.

Western Series Opens Saturday

CALGARY (CP)—Saskatchewan Roughriders and Saskatchewan Stampeders open their two-game total-point Western Football Conference semi-final series here Saturday, Nov. 10 at 2:30 p.m. CST.

The second game will be played Monday, Nov. 12, at Regina starting at 8 p.m.

The first game of the final will be played Saturday, Nov. 10, at the home of the semi-final winner. The second game will be played at Winnipeg, Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. A third game, if necessary, will be played at Winnipeg, Saturday, Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m.



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