

# Canucks' Toe Blake Plans Few Surprises For Leafs

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MONTREAL (CP) — The tip-off on new line arrangements, which may jell into fixed combinations for the next two games of the Stanley Cup final, came as Montreal Canadiens whirled through a 40-minute workout Monday.

In preparation for games tonight and Thursday in Toronto against the Maple Leafs, coach Toe Blake not only worked the "Richard line" as a unit, but had a brand new combination.

It was the "B line" — Boom Boom, Bonin and Backstrom. Not since the training-camp days of last fall has the burly Boomer — Bernard Geoffron — found himself teamed up with little Marcel

Bonin, the scoring sensation of the playoffs, and rookie Ralph Backstrom.

WANT FOUR STRAIGHT

Canadiens hold a commanding 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven final and, on the coach's word, will go all out in an effort to wrap up their fourth straight championship on Toronto ice.

Canadiens took the first two games at home by 5-3 and 3-1 scores. In the second game the Richard line was reunited for brief spells for the first time since veteran Maurice (Rocket) Richard was sidelined by an injury in mid-January.

Henri, the Pocket Rocket, was at centre, with his big brother and Dickie Moore on the wings. Little Henri did double duty last

Saturday by taking turns also on another line.

"He likes to work, but I think it was a mistake using him on two lines," said Blake. "It was too tiring for him."

Asked about the changes and particularly the formation of a new line, Blake said: "There's really nothing definite, but I'll say I wouldn't hesitate to use them that way. Injuries can force all kinds of changes in an effort to find the right combination."

THE SICK LIST

Blake wasn't kidding about injuries. First, the Rocket was lost because of the fracture of a foot bone. Then Geoffron came down with strained stomach muscles. Beliveau was the next, suffering a spinal injury in the midst of the semi-finals and breaking up the high-scoring Beliveau-Moore-Bonin line.

Beliveau is recovering slowly but is still handicapped by soreness and pain and is not in condition to play.

He is accompanying the team to Toronto, where he can still be treated by the club's doctor and physiotherapist.

"I'm still hopeful we can spring a surprise on the Leafs by getting Big Jean back," said Blake. "There's only a slight possibility he can play Tuesday; a better chance for Thursday's game."

NOT SO GOOD

Beliveau showed up for the workout Monday but didn't take part in it. He looked a bit drawn — and worried. "Not very good," was his reply to questions about his condition.

Defenceman Bob Turner skated but took no part in the scrimmaging. He came out of Saturday's game with a bruised wrist, the result of being hit by a puck. Blake sent the squad through a brisk, 25-minute scrimmage, then had line combinations working in rushes for 15 minutes.

"I'm still not making any predictions about this series," said Blake. "We know we've got two tough games ahead of us."

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### WELLNER PLAY WINNERS

Ladies' champions in the Charlottetown Curling Club and winners of the W. W. Wellner competition were decided over the Elizabeth Macdonald (skip). The week-end. Here are the mem-

bers of the winning rink: Left to right, Anne Steeves, Milly Blakney, F. A. Whitlock and Elizabeth Macdonald (skip). The largest number of ladies ever

participated in curling at the local curling rink this season which has been termed the most successful in the long history of the club.

## SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

First of all, congratulations to that great little midget team from Charlottetown which downed the Nova Scotia champions, the Halifax Midgets, by the lop-sided score of 11-3. Not very often is a Maritime final won so decisively. We recall that in 1949 (we think), a Summerside midget team trounced Truro midgets at Stellarton in a sudden death game for the Maritime championship by the score of 13-5, which was also pretty decisive.

Also, congratulations to the R.C.A.F. Sultans who, like the aces, underdogs in expert opinion, beat last year's Island basketball champs, the Trotters of Charlottetown, three games to one. These boys started the season looking like anything but champions. They improved rapidly as the season progressed, but their humbling of the proud Trotters was quite unexpected.

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that second game, a pretty close affair which ended 3-1. Perhaps, but on the other hand, it looked to us if the Toronto team would have won both games from the Canadians only for that big fellow behind the blue line called Doug Harvey. Put Chadwick in the nets instead of Bower, and replace Harvey with another defenceman, and we'll still back the Leafs for the championship.

This Saturday is "Badminton Day" in Summerside. Dr. Alan Stewart, Earl Smith, Charles Ballem and other local supporters of this game which is strictly for the birds — no insult intended — have had a very successful season, and they are planning for a grand round-up of activities on Saturday with this final tournament to declare Island championships.

### Elliott Begins Science Course

MELBOURNE (AP) — Miller Herb Elliott today began a science course at Melbourne University in preparation for studies due to start at Cambridge University in October next year.

"All I have time for between now and the exams next November is work," said Elliott.

"Certainly I have no time for sport and only hope I will not be too out of form to get fit for the Rome Olympics.

Elliott is studying under a scholarship which pays 600 Australian pounds (\$1,344) this year and increases to 750 pounds sterling (\$2,100) in England.

The only time off he will take will be for his wedding to Anne Dudley in Perth May 2.

## Maple Leafs Again Are In Familiar Role Of Underdog

By RON ANDREWS  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Maple Leafs are in a familiar role for tonight's third game of the Stanley Cup final against Montreal Canadiens. They're the underdogs.

Leafs, who crossed the odds-makers by edging into the National Hockey League playoffs three weeks ago and did it again last week by eliminating Boston Bruins in the semi-final round, aren't given much chance of halting the precedent-seeking Canadiens, runaway league champions.

While Toronto bookies made Canadiens 8-to-5 favorites to win the third game, Leaf coach Punch Imlach was busy telling anybody within hearing range that the Leafs were by no means dead.

"We're down two games in this series but that's all Montreal has won so far," Imlach said.

REGAN TO PLAY

Imlach announced he would have centre Larry Regan playing in his regular spot between left winger Dick Duff and George Armstrong for the next game.

Regan, picked up from Boston on waivers midway through the 1958-59 season, was a key player

## SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS have the biggest engagement of the 1958-59 season on their hands tonight when they play host to the Montreal Canadiens in the third game of the Stanley Cup final.

Leafs, trailing in games 2-0 in this best-of-seven classic, enter this affair tonight in exactly the same position as they did the third game of the semi-finals with Schmidt's Boston Bruins. The Imlach boys dropped the first two battles of that Boston series in Bean town and came back to the Gardens in Toronto still seeking their first victory.

THAT SATURDAY NIGHT they did manage to halt the Bruins' march but it was topped by the narrowest of margins. Leafs trailed 2-1 with less than three minutes of regulation time remaining and seemed headed for their third straight loss. But Gerry Ehaman finally beat the great Harry Lumley to knot matters at 2-2 and in overtime Ehaman again came through with the big goal. Three nights later, on the last night of March, Leafs and Bruins were again deadlocked at 2-2 after sixty minutes of hockey had been played. Again Leafs had the necessary punch in overtime and big Frank Mahovlich sank the marker that sent the squads back to Boston Gardens on a 2-2 basis.

TORONTO never worked harder for two wins than they did for those two. They had home-ice advantage, yet it took overtime in each case to give them the verdict. Hope of doing much in Boston in the fifth game was dim indeed.

YET, THOSE LEAFS went back to the Bruins' home rink and soundly whopped the Bostonians 4-1 before a stunned Boston Gardens crowd. Yes, the same Leafs that needed overtime in both Toronto games, were the real masters in that crucial fifth game in the Bruins' own backyard.

Just to keep supplying the surprises, Leafs came home for the sixth contest and when just about everybody expected them to wrap up the series, they fell victims to the Bruins 5-4.

That sent the teams back to Boston for the seventh and of course you well know the outcome of that affair. Leafs stormed from behind in the third period to oust the home-owners from further Cup play.

YOU CAN'T START counting those Leafs out until the last glimmer of hope has faded. They have been battling all season with the percentages against them and despite this here they are in the Stanley Cup finals.

Tonight Toronto fans are going to Maple Leaf Gardens to see one thing only. That thing is the beating of Montreal Canadiens by their darlings. This talk of four straight may be allowed around Montreal and other cities throughout Canada and United States, but in Toronto no one dare utter such "nonsense". The Cinderella boys know the faith Leaf supporters have in them. They have no notion of letting them down at this stage of the proceedings. They intend to break into that win column tonight and it's going to take a mighty determined crew of Montrealers to stop them.

TORONTO is missing something they had counted on heavily. Frank Mahovlich who starred in the Boston series has yet to hit his peak. And Frank may not reach that peak at all in this classic.

The big fellow went to hospital on his return from Montreal and is being treated for his injuries in the hope it will make him 100 per cent for the rest of the finals. If Frank gets untangled, he could do an awful lot to get Toronto rolling. He has a severe thigh bruise which, of course, doesn't help a guy one little bit.

Larry Regan, the Boston castoff who came back to haunt Milt Schmidt in the semi-finals, will be a starter tonight according to "Punch" Imlach. Larry broke his right hand early in the Boston series but "Punch" is bound he'll play with the aid of a cast tonight.

Jean Beliveau, out since the early stages of the Chicago set, is also likely to see action tonight. Big Jean could be a tremendous help to the Habs if he's fit for the performance. Of course, Toe Blake will be satisfied he is, if he sends Beliveau over the boards. Toe has a two-game lead and he won't risk the husky Jean unless he thinks he's 100 per cent.

BLAKE ISN'T DOING any advance crowing about the outcome of the series. He knows the record of those Leafs and he'll shout with joy only when Canadiens have captured four games. Until then, the cagy Blake is keeping his fingers crossed.

A FORMER SPORTS EDITOR of the Guardian, Des Burge, is making out fine as a public relations officer with the RCAF. Allison MacKinnon of the Guardian-Patriot staff was in Ottawa last week and spent some time with Pilot Officer Burge. "Des" has Toronto leanings in this series and we compliment him on his choice.

Allison tells us that Des is very happy at his post and looking in the pink of condition.

While with the Guardian Des took a very active part in sports here, not only as a writer but as a player and official. He played softball with the Guardian Angels in the City League a few years back and later served on the executive of both hockey and softball leagues.

Des is stationed at the present time in Ottawa. He will pay a visit to Charlottetown later this year.

in the Boston - Toronto series. He suffered a broken right hand during that set and missed the first two games at Montreal last week, won by Canadiens 5-3 and 3-1.

Regan's right hand will be in a plaster cast, small enough so he'll be able to hold a "stick." "I didn't want to play him during those two skirmishes in Montreal," Imlach said. "I wanted to save him for the big game."

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## Callison, Stan Musial Are Among The Slow Starters

By BEN OLAN

Associated Press Sports Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — There's little doubt that young John Callison and veteran Stan Musial wish the big league baseball season were opening Monday.

It would have, too, had not the schedule maker been asked to make provisions for an earlier start.

Now, the campaign is four days old and Callison and Musial, plus more than a dozen others, will

have to build their batting averages to respectable levels.

Callison, the highly-touted Chicago White Sox rookie outfielder, went hitless in 11 trips in the three-game series with the Detroit Tigers. Musial collected only one hit in 11 tries as his St. Louis Cards dropped three straight to San Francisco.

OTHER "BUSTS"

Hal Smith of Kansas City and Woody Held of Cleveland also had trouble finding the range. Smith failed to hit in 10 attempts and Held was 0-for-9. Hitless in seven times at bat were Bobby Thomson and Dale Long of Chicago Cubs and Johnny Logan of Milwaukee.

Bill White of the Cardinals and Bill Virdon of Pittsburgh managed only one safety in 12 times at bat for .083 marks while Bob Skinner of the Pirates was 1-for-13 for an .077 percentage.

Andre Rodgers of the Giants had difficulty in the field. He had five errors at shortstop in three games.

These poor starters hope to get back into the swing of things today in the "second openers." The American League slate lists New York at Baltimore, Kansas City at Chicago, Detroit at Cleveland and Washington at Boston. In the National League, Philadelphia will be at Milwaukee, Chicago at San Francisco, Pittsburgh at Cincinnati and St. Louis at Los Angeles. The Cincinnati and Los Angeles games are at night.

Heading the list of those who have surprised the fans with their batting proficiency in the first few games are shortstops George Strickland of Cleveland and Alex Grammas of St. Louis. Neither is regarded as a consistent hitter.

Strickland had five hits in eight tries for a .625 average. He had two doubles and two runs batted in. Grammas had 5-for-9 and a .556 mark.

Others who got off winging were Sheran Lollar of the White Sox with eight safe blows in 15 at bats; Nellie Fox of the White Sox, 7-for-16; Jim Davenport of the Cardinals, 5-for-11; Rocky Bridges of Detroit, 6-for-12.

RIFLE SCORES

The following are the results of the last shoot of the civilian small bore rifle club held at the RCMP Barracks. Prizes are awarded to the winners in each of the five classes.

CLASS I

Roy Coles	98
Garth MacLennan	97
George MacLennan	97
Irwin Buell	97
Roy Vessey	96
A. K. Mutch	96
P. J. Landigan	96
D. O. Clark	95
Carl McDonald	95
Bob Barwise	93

CLASS II

Keith Stickings	95
Len McDonald	91
Had Hags	88
Ray MacInnis	88

CLASS III

Allison Gillis	92
Perley Taylor	91
Lorne Dolron	87
Dave Johnston	80

CLASS IV

W. A. Horne	94
Beverly Dickieson	91
Clifford Birt	91
Ted Carter	86
S. MacLean	86
Cecil Taylor	80

CLASS V (Special Target)

Nelson Stevenson	100
Don MacInnis	100
Robert Stevenson	100
Bill Murley	100
D. Stevenson	99
Richard Brown	99
Lloyd Shidots	96
Sidney Carter	96
Lorna Stevenson	96
Blois Coles	94
Andrew Arsenault	83

THINKS BRAVES ARE N.L.'S BEST

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Milwaukee manager Fred Haney confidently reiterated he thinks his Braves are the National League's best on the eve of their 1959 homecoming against Philadelphia Phillies.

"If we hit, we'll win everything," Haney said after directing the Braves through a light workout. "That's all there is to it. We just have to hit."

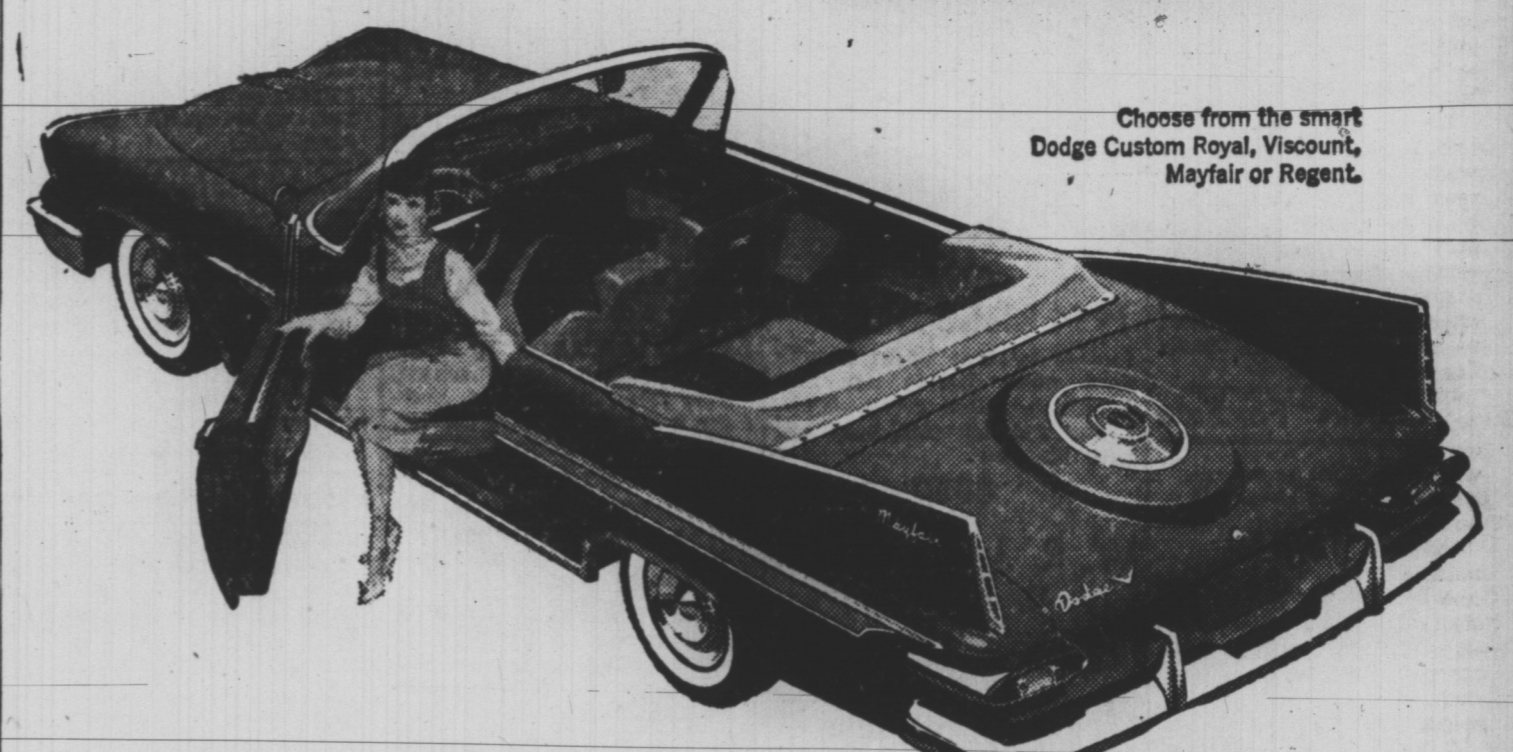
HAMILTON TICATS SIGN IMPORTS

HAMILTON (CP) — Hamilton Ticat-Cats of the Big Four Football Union Monday signed another import, Jim Fraser, a 230-pounder from Wisconsin.

Fraser was voted the outstanding lineman in the 1958 Blue-Gray game at Montgomery, Ala.

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