

FRONT

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What About Those Bruins?

BOSTON BRUINS are indeed the most amazing team in the National Hockey League. In seven games with the pace setting Chicago Black Hawks, the Bruins have been able to amass seven big points, but the Hawks tucked away. No other team in the loop can make such a boast. The Hawks have the better of the argument with all other four clubs. The Bruins own only 21 points and the Black Hawks have been instrumental in supplying one-third of that number. Against all other outfits, the Bostonians show a shabby 14 points out of a possible 42.

Their showing against Chicago has kept Bruins in a fight for that last playoff spot. Although Detroit Red Wings are showing definite signs of sewing it up in fast order. Without the help of Chicago, Boston would be hopelessly out of the NHL scramble.

But Christmas night the Beantowners fans were in no Christmas mood. They felt their darlings had no business standing a 2-1 decision to the Toronto Maple Leafs. Bruins appeared to have presented the game to Toronto as their Christmas present. At least that's what the fans thought. They never saw one minute of the Leafs any credit for coming up with a good performance. They showed the ice with anything they could get their hands on. It was all in protest to Boston's lack of performance.

And there was a pretty fair crowd at that. Nearly 14,000 persons.

Now Is The Time

IF Toronto Maple Leafs want to end into that seven point lead held by Chicago, they had better start mighty soon. Right now Leafs trail the Hawks by seven points. In addition, they have two 14 point deficits and need to win both of these (that's always a big order) the gap would be narrowed to three. That would mean that things would be getting a bit interesting.

This coming Sunday night Toronto pays its final visit of 1963 to the Windy City. That's a hard place to earn two points. Last season they did not that they lost to Chicago. The following Saturday the Hawks are back in Toronto. Folks haven't forgotten the scenes which were enacted the last time Chicago came to the Big Apple.

Should Toronto capture both these decisions, the fat would be in the fire. Chicago would have a couple of decisions. Leafs can't just forget any ambitions they have of repeating as first place finishers.

Off To Kentville

CHARLOTTETOWN Centennials are in Kentville today and tomorrow. Brian Lewis is in charge of the lads and the Charlottetown Minor Hockey Association referee-ship is high on his charges. Brian Lewis boys have played in the Valley town. A right smart account of themselves in the Valley town. The boys to this tournament. It definitely shows they are really on the ball.

HUNTER'S CORNER

Worst Blizzard In Memory Might Save Rabbits Life

The Old Year of 1963 is tottering across the border of the never-never land, with battered scythe still clutched in his falling hands, but still holding energy in his make-up to give with the worst blizzard in living memory at least in this century. It was a book of Remembrances "whose date back when the roads were covered with 15 feet of snow and one could sit atop hunting poles with feet still in contact with the snowy material until 1963 was something out of this world. Huns, pheasants, geese and ducks were present on many island homes as reports are still coming of escapes that savour of the miraculous. Several men who have a record with respect to stamina and resourcefulness, that when 10 mile an hour gusts hit them they had to crawl on their hands and knees. It was akin to swimming in snow. Several men were rescued in the last stages of exhaustion. One had attempted to walk on his hands and feet from where car stalled to one of her home.

Miles upon miles of Trans-Canada Highways were swept as clear as mid-summer. The woodlands and swamps are buried in snow and this blizzard could be Nature's method of saving our rabbit population by being practically wiped out in many sections. They were sure had a safe Christmas with all warnings for the New Year and they most certainly need the break. On two afternoons I went out in an area across the river and listened to the baying of hounds howling and the barking of a dog. I estimated an approximate three rabbits in a swamp and a pair in the other. I heard one shot echoed far and one distant thicket and maybe a minute later the voice of the hound was heard howling from the swamp to the westward. I heard a gun speak twice in rapid succession and a pair of snipe 20 minutes later a single shot was heard and the baying of the hounds in the distance. Some hunters go after rabbits with such zeal one could imagine they had a rabbit on their heads — I mean the rabbit heads.

The Old Year of 1963 will go down on the record as the year of the Wild Goose. Reports indicate that the kill exceeded all other previous records. The mentality of our present day crop of hunters is a real puzzle. I have never satisfied. I know of groups of hunters who are never in a mood to give the birds a break. If they bag their limit of geese one day they are keen as a hawk to go after the next day and the next following. Goose hunting is not a game for green home and assumed goose.



Mr. Matheson led it be known

TOPPAZZINI RECOVERS PUCK

Jerry Toppazzini of the Boston Bruins recovers a puck during the game against the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Bruins were leading 2-1 at the time.

Marlene Stewart Streif Named "Woman Of Year"

By JACK SULLIVAN told of the award in the 29th Toronto (CP) — Marlene Stewart Streif won three major pool titles. She won the Ontario Open and the Canadian Open. She was named "Woman of the Year" by the Toronto Star. She is a professional golfer and has won several national titles.

Summerside Juniors 'Win On Their Own'

SUMMERSIDE — Summer side's Junior Legionaires scored an easy 10-4 victory over visiting Moncton Juniors in a benefit game for Kensington's Mike Mann at Civic Stadium yesterday. The game was a success for the Summerside team, who won their first game since the start of the season.

YANK SAILORS GIVEN ADVICE

GLASGOW (Reuters)—U.S. sailors arriving for duty at the Polar submarine base in Holy Loch, Scotland, are being given advice on how to behave in the area. The advice includes not to drink too much alcohol and to be respectful to the local population.

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Khushchev Visit To India Delayed

NEW DELHI (Reuters)—Russia's visit to India early next year has been postponed, a spokesman for the Indian ministry said at a press conference here Thursday. The delay is due to the postponement of the visit to the Soviet Union.

Hunting Accidents

From 1951 to 1960 in North America, 33 per cent of the total hunting accidents were caused by hunters who were not properly instructed. The statistics show that safety training is essential for hunters.

Conservatives & Liberals Meet In Game Of Week

This week's Minor Hockey "Game of the Week" should be the most unique attraction yet held at the city's ice house. Premier Walter Shaw's Tories will take to the ice at 8:20 p.m. to do battle with Alex MacDonnell's Liberals. Both parties are primed for the contest.

At a late hour last night the Premier predicted a landslide victory for his Tory Club. When contacted, the leader of the opposition was quick to take offence to Mr. Shaw's statement. Mr. Matheson said, "After checking over the lineup, it seems to me that a Liberal victory is evident."

Curling Draw

The following is the curling draw for Friday at the Charlottetown Club. The draw is for the curling season and includes various teams and players.

Holiday Inns System Planned

MEMPHIS (AP)—A coast-to-coast network of Holiday Inns for Canada was announced Thursday by the Memphis-based Holiday Inns of America and a group of Canadian developers.

Curling Draw For Montague

Following is the draw for curling tonight at the Montague Curling Club. The draw includes various teams and players.

WESTERN EDITOR KILLED

JARVILLE, Alta. (CP)—Funeral services will be held here today for Richard V. Beamish, 40, of Saskatoon, western editor of the Family Herald, who was killed in a traffic accident Monday.

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