

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

**WEEKEND ACTION** in the National Hockey League surely was a bit peculiar and about the only thing that was established after six hockey games were played was that Chicago Black Hawks had finally learned how to keep from losing hockey games.

The Hawks, still far from that fourth playoff spot, managed three out of a possible four points. This was the equal to Detroit Red Wings who came up with a win over Boston Bruins and then battled Montreal Canadiens to a 4-4 tie Sunday night. New York Rangers who share the cellar with the Black Hawks played 500 hockey in these two days, bowing to Toronto 6-3 Saturday and then blanking the Leafs 6-0 at New York on Sunday night.

**WHILE POSITIONS** remained unchanged as the result of these games, there was some indication that both Rangers and Black Hawks still intended to wage a battle for a playoff spot. They trail the fourth place Boston Bruins by seven points but both basement clubs have shown an attack of late that could lift them out of the depths. Of course, they still could manage to catch Leafs or Detroit but their chances of doing that are not to bright. Leafs hold a sixteen point lead over these two clubs and Wings enjoy a thirteen point bulge.

One thing that has encouraged the Rangers and Black Hawks is the failure of fourth place Boston to gain a single point over the weekend. They fell victims to Detroit Saturday afternoon and were blasted by Chicago on Sunday night. That meant Hawks had gained three on the Bruins on Saturday and Sunday and the Rangers picked up two points by virtue of their split with the Maple Leafs.

**MONTREAL CANADIENS** retained their eight point lead over second place Toronto by virtue of their ties with Chicago and Detroit. Leafs got their two points with that Saturday night comeback victory over the Rangers. The Blakemen have 40 points and the Leafs 32 but the Imlach crew have won games in hand on the league leaders.

We are expected to rate such prominence from the Patriot sports columnist, Mr. Flynn. Not only did this young Irishman get around to mentioning us the other day but he saw fit to get our name into one of his headlines. We had never anticipated such recognition in the column of the afternoon daily but we must not let our surprise keep us from thanking him for his consideration of us.

**MR. FLYNN** pounds out a column which is most readable. We must admit we are among those persons who eagerly took forward to reading his views. He makes an excellent job of presentation even though he does resort to a great deal of fantasy. We must admit he has outshone us of late in his sport predictions but realizing there's a long road ahead, we are far from downhearted.

His success as a prophet has apparently gone to his head because he has now entered into the role of a mind reader. Perhaps he is given to a certain degree along this line and if he is then we haven't got a chance with him. We lay claim to no such power. The fact that we called Hamilton to whip Winnipeg in the Grey Cup classic quickly proves how inadequate we can be.

**HOWEVER**, the other day we made an observation that the lead of the Montreal Canadiens was not one that was impossible to overcome. When we did that column the Stanley Cup champions were in first place by eight points over the Maple Leafs. Today that standing remains unchanged and the Leafs still have those two games in hand. If they were able to get those two games into the win column the difference would be only four points. You need not be advanced in mathematics to figure that one out.

We said last week "we are not going to start to tell you that the Canadiens' first place standing is in jeopardy." Surely such a remark cannot be construed to mean that we are figuring the Canadiens are in for a rough time. We did add, however, that the Canadiens, like any other club, could get "knocked around a few times before December ends and the New Year might find the race a bit closer."

Surely this is not the type of statement that can be changed around to give readers the idea that we—and we quote Mr. Flynn "have visions of a possible NHL championship for his favourite Maple Leafs."

**OUR EVENING PATRIOT** sports columnist admits that we didn't say we were predicting any such achievement but he does admit he was "reading between the lines." That apparently is where his mind reading talent was put to work. When he failed to find fault with our column as it appeared, he immediately reported to his crystal ball and read into our column things that even we were not aware were in our mind. To bet that Montreal Canadiens would not win the NHL championship would be as foolish as betting your dough on the Chicago White Sox to win the 1959 world series from the Los Angeles Dodgers.

However, since our good friend has come out and boldly stated that the "Canadiens will win the league title by as many games as they want to" we would like to remind him of a few facts. He doesn't need to read between any lines to know that in their last four games the Canadiens have failed to win a single contest. They were beaten by Toronto and New York and only managed ties with Chicago and Detroit. Two points out of a possible eight surely is not impressive. If we believe, as Mr. Flynn does, that the Canadiens can win the title by as many games as they want to, then we must conclude that Toe Blake and company are only joking with the rest of the clubs.

**LAST SPRING** when the New York Yankees got away to such a horrible start in the American League race, we ran into a lot of folks who still insisted nobody could possibly beat the Bombers. It was well into August before those Yankee supporters would accept defeat. Some sportswriters we know just laughed at the idea of anybody only the Yankees representing the junior circuit in the fall classic.

Well, the Yankees watched last October's series from the sidelines even though most of the experts said it couldn't happen. This doesn't mean we predict such a fate for the Canadiens. On the contrary, we are of the opinion the Blakemen will repeat as NHL champs. But we are also of the opinion that they will have more than their share of trouble with all clubs the rest of the distance.

We can't go along with that wild statement that Blake, Richardson and company will win "by as many games as they want to." But then we haven't joined the mindreaders' club yet.

## Who Should Control Mobs At Football Tilts-Is Query

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Who is supposed to control unruly mobs at football games? That was the question being tossed back and forth Monday as an aftermath of the near-riot which marked the win of New York Giants-Cleveland Browns game at Yankee Stadium Sunday.

"Not us," said police commissioner Stephen Kennedy. "I don't intend taking policemen off the street to police a private enterprise. It's up to the people there to provide their own protection."

Jack Mara, president of the Giants, pointed a finger at the Yankee Stadium management. He said he saw a storm brewing and warned the management to get ready for trouble.

## Syracuse University Is 1959 Hoop Champ

**DECLINE COMMENT** — The Yankee management declined immediate comment. Private police are hired to handle Yankee Stadium crowds.

With the Giants leading 48-7 and one minute, 53 seconds left to play in the game, hundreds of the standing-room-only crowd of 64,436 surged down onto the field, tore up one goal post and stormed across the field headed for the other.

Paul Brown, coach of the Browns, and his players scurried for cover. They left the field and went to their dressing rooms. The Giants remained on the field but got into a protective huddle on the sidelines.

"Some of those people were standings, followed by Texas, 391 points and yielded 59.



### CAN ROYALS STOP THEM?

Perfection Penguins and Parkdale Royals battle tonight at the Sports Arena in an Island Senior Hockey League fixture, with the league lead at stake. Last time the two local teams met, Parkdale made a last period comeback to nip the Penguins 7-6. Coach Lorne Hennessey of the Perfectionists is figuring on this trio above to get the Penguins even tonight. Jack Kane, left, Apps Arsenault, centre and Merrill Pineau have scored a total of 19 goals to date. They hope to boost that total by a sizeable margin tonight but Parkdale has far different ideas. It should be the best battle of the year with action starting at 8.30.

## National League Reaffirms Stand Against Expansion

By JACK HAND  
**MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)** — The National League Monday reaffirmed its stand against expansion. It said also it would consider favorably a conditional application for a third major league by an acceptable group.

The National League's action matched a similar announcement made after its Columbus, Ohio, meeting last May.

"There is not sufficient sentiment at the present time to consider expansion," said National League president Warren Giles.

Giles said no vote was taken after a 30-minute discussion. The National League voted to recommend that the all-star

game in 1961 be played at San Francisco. The Chicago vice president, as alternate.

The National League re-elected Phil Wrigley, Chicago owner as vice president, and re-elected Walter O'Malley, Los Angeles president, as the executive council member, with Bob Carpenter, Philadelphia owner, as alternate. John Galbreath, Pittsburgh owner was re-elected to the player pension committee.

The national voted unanimously to permit Los Angeles to play its 1960 games in the coliseum and agreed to hold its next winter meeting at St. Louis.

Neither the National nor American League considered expansion at their morning session. Each was expected to go into the matter later.

### Curling Draw

The following is the curling draw for Tuesday in the pre-Christmas "spiel". Skips please notify team members.

**7:00 P.M.**  
Ice 1 — Open.  
Ice 2 — F. W. Curtis, O. K. Presby, Dr. Higgins, N. MacKay, vs. Dr. MacDonald, F. MacMillan, F. Stephens, W. Carr.  
Ice 3 — A. Likely, Geo. Kays, Dr. Drysdale, A. Garrett, vs. G. Stewart, F. Johnston, J. Squarebriggs, H. Hogg.  
Ice 4 — Addie MacDonald, B. MacGregor, B. Acorn, P. Devlin, vs. F. Hansen, R. Ketch, T. White, R. Shaw.  
Ice 5 — H. Dobson, T. Whitlock, Dr. O'Hanley, C. Bartlett, vs. H. R. Carruthers, L. Phillips, R. Chambers, T. Walker.  
**8:30 P.M.**  
Ice 1 — Open.  
Ice 2 — Mel. Jenkins, G. Anderson, C. Boudreaux, T. Goodyear, vs. J. Burden, M. Reeves, L. Windsor, H. Horsford.  
Ice 3 — G. Bennett, D. Wonnacott, C. Asprey, Dr. Roberts, vs. W. MacLaine, D. Matheson, H. Douglas, Joe McKenna.  
Ice 4 — H. Peters, A. Burke, W. Farrell, D. Crosby, vs. Bill Burnett, A. Humphrey, L. Doyle, D. Douglas.  
Ice 5 — K. Acorn, C. Whitenack, R. Manning, Jack Ridd, vs. Dr. Gallant, R. Carr, Roach McGreggor, F. Bradley.

### Today's Minor Hockey Schedule

11-12 a.m. — Skate Notre Dame Girls.  
4-4:30 p.m. — Paperweight-QSS Larks and Loons.  
4:30-5:00 p.m. — Bantams QCHS Crows and Gulls.  
5:00-5:30 p.m. — Pee Wee-PSS Hornets and Foxes.  
5:30-6:00 p.m. — Pee Wee-Royalty etc. Cubs vs Parkdale etc. Parkers.  
Referee: Leroy Barrett, Reggie Profit.

### Summerside Minor Hockey

Minor hockey Tuesday, Dec. 8th  
10:30 — 11:30 a.m. — No. 2 Paperweight Minor.  
3:00 — 4:00 p.m. — No. 1 Paperweight Minor.  
4:00 — 5:00 p.m. — No. 2 Paperweight Major vs. No. 3 Paperweight Major.  
5:00 — 6:00 p.m. — No. 4 Pee-wee vs. No. 5 Pee-wee.  
6:00 — 7:00 p.m. — No. 1 Pee-wee vs. No. 3 Pee-wee.

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Syracuse will receive The Associated Press trophy emblematic of the national championship — the first eastern team to win the honor since Army in 1945. Superbly coached by Ben Schwartzwalder, a former West Virginia centre, the Orangemen swept through a 10-game schedule impressively, scoring at least three times on every foe and dominating final college statistics.

They led the nation in total offence, rushing offence, total defence, defence against rushing and in scoring. They piled up 391 points and yielded 59.

# P.E.I. Aces, Sandy's Royals Battle To 4-4 Stalemate

The P.E.I. Aces roared back from a 4-1 deficit at the end of the second period to fire three unanswered tallies in the final frame and gain a 4-4 tie with the Charlottetown Royals at Civic Stadium last night before a crowd of over 300 fans. Claude Gaudet of last year's "kid line" was the only sniper to score two goals. Defenceman Grant Grady chipped in with three assists.

The first period ended 1-0 for Royals on a goal by Willie Dunn who sank a rebound after the visitors had bombarded Mann for almost a minute. The period featured wild shooting in the part of both teams, players working in close time and again to miss the net. This was particularly true of the Royals who blew a lot of fine chances that way. The period ended with only 6 shots on each goaler.

Freddie Burke made it 2-0 early in the second period, sweeping in from left wing after a neat job of stick handling

Royals: A. Carroll (Josey) 16.6 5. Royals-A Carver (A. Carroll) 19.58 Penalties-none.  
Third Period: 6. Aces-Gaudet, (R. Gallant, Deighan) 6.45 7. Aces-C. Grady (Grant Grady) 14.40 8. Aces-Gaudet (G. Harris, Grant Grady) 18.35 Penalties-Ulric-Gallant (game misconduct) Shots on net  
Ward 6 12 8 25  
Mann 6 10 4 20  
Referees- Elmer Phillips and Gerard Bernard.

### ATHLETE HAS 'STAR' DISEASE

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Another Soviet athletic hero has come afoul of public opinion. Accused of having succumbed to "star disease", gymnast Dmitry Leonkin has felt the blunt edge of an attack in Komsomol Pravda, paper of the Communist Youth League.

It took up where Leonkin's mates on the Ukraine gymnastic team left off, in a letter demanding that Leonkin be stripped of his title of master of sport and fired from the team.

He is accused not only of being snooty but of disgraceful goings on with two young ladies described in the story as having "violet lips." What they are alleged to have done is depicted in the paper's article only with asterisks.

Available record books here don't show it but the paper says Leonkin won gold and silver medals for the Soviet Union in freestyle gymnastics at Helsinki in 1952 and rates him as one of the six best gymnasts in the country. The records show he tied for third in the rings event.

**NEW AIRLINE SERVICE**  
**ROME (Reuters)** — The Italian Alitalia airline will open a service in March between Rome and Chicago via Milan and Montreal. It was announced Monday. The service will operate twice a week, first with DC-7's and from July by DC-3 jetliners.

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