

Canadian National Team Gets Test At Colorado

WINNIPEG (CP) — Canada's national hockey team, which savored a bit of success this week after being limited to the leftovers in international hockey for 26 months, will know before 1965 ends its chances of enjoying a feast.

The verdict will be written in Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 26-31 when Canada faces three major hockey powers—Russia, Czechoslovakia and Sweden—in an invitational tournament.

The Nationals' 6-1 triumph over the Soviet national team in Victoria last Monday night already has brought back confidence that ebbed after fourth-place finishes in the 1964 Winter Olympics tournament and the 1965 world championships.

The victory ended a famine against the Russian team that had stretched to nine games, including 4-0, 3-6 and 6-2 losses in the first stages of the Russians' current North American tour. The margin was the widest achieved by the Canadian team over a major European opponent since it was formed in 1953 by Rev. David Bauer.

"We shouldn't become too elated over one win, said Father Bauer, "but, at the same time, it must mean something. I think we have arrived."

"The players have reached a point where they are working together," he said.

Much of the credit, Father Bauer said, must go to Jackie McLeod—35-year-old Swift Current, Sask. native who fills the dual roles of coach-manager.

McLeod, a veteran of 10 professional seasons, took the direct approach to correct his squad's weaknesses. He abandoned retirement, laced on the skates and hit the ice Monday night.

He scored two goals and, said Father Bauer, "should have had two or three more."

STRENGTHENS TEAM

Fraser strength was contributed by centre Gary Dineen, a veteran of the original national team who planned to sit out the current season due to pressure

of studies at the University of British Columbia. The 22-year-old Montreal native set up two goals.

Fran Huck, 20-year-old centre from Regina, was another standout, capping his efforts with a picture-play goal.

Huck has sparked the Canadians to 17 victories and two draws in 22 exhibition games, most against minor professional and senior opposition. He has 16 goals and 18 assists.

McLeod said the difference between the Victoria game and the three previous matches against Russia, was "just like night and day."

"We played our positions, no heater-skelter, and they (the Russians) were mere mortals. We kept them off guard and they made mistakes."

Pat Mahoney Wants Athletic Scholarships

CALGARY (CP)—Raising the calibre of Canadian college football and improving Canada's stature in international athletic competition is a responsibility for the country's universities, says Pat Mahoney, president of the Canadian Football League.

The present system of financial aid to promising athletes is "a real hit-and-miss proposition, producing a Bruce Kidd here or Bill Crothers there." Canada could be getting "scores" of good athletes if Canadian universities would adopt athletic scholarships, Mahoney said in an interview.

At the same time, athletic scholarships would improve the calibre of Canadian college football by boosting the number of players "with professional potential." The CFL has "a very definite interest" in players developed by Canadian universities as "a source of talent," he said.

The CFL president was expanding on remarks made Dec. 7 in a speech to a banquet of the Dinosaurs football squad at the University of Alberta, Calgary.

NOT CRITICIZING

He emphasized that the speech was not a criticism of Canadian universities for their lack of concern in sending players into professional ranks — "I can't think of anything they should be less concerned about."

His point was that he cannot accept the idea that Canadian universities "do not care" about the calibre of their football.

"One of the measures of that has to be the number of players you have with professional potential."

In his Dec. 7 speech, Mahoney said that of 131 Canadians on the rosters of the nine CFL teams last season, only 28 came from Canadian universities. Some 61 players were drawn from junior leagues of the Canadian Rugby Union and another 42 from American universities where they received their training.

"The Canadian college draft has settled into a poor third place as a source of Canadian personnel," he said.

He repeated his stand that Canadian universities should "get active" in the reorganized CRU, adopt athletic scholarships and stop letting junior football clubs "push you around" by grabbing player prospects.

CRU IN CONTROL

"The CRU," Mahoney said in his speech, "is the only body that can effectively ensure that a university student will play for his college rather than the hometown junior club."

The CRU, he explained, would ensure that if an athlete were enrolled in a university, he would have to play his football there.

In advocating athletic scholarships, Mahoney said he was not suggesting the lowering of academic standards or implying they were necessary from the CFL's point of view.

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Juv. All-Stars Looking Good

By CHRIS ANNETT

The cream of Charlottetown's Juvenile hockey crop (or almost all of them) hit the ice at the Charlottetown Forum Tuesday evening to face the junior entry from the Provincial Vocational Institute and quite a formidable crew they are. Coach Buck Whitlock had depth at every position in the match and his charges were digging like there was no tomorrow.

Four of the five tallies against the Juveniles and although they have been practicing for a while, their passing tended to be a bit erratic on the odd occasion. However the club showed a bit of ability in breaking out of their own end and the line of Whitlock, Foley and Mike MacDonald showed to no little degree.

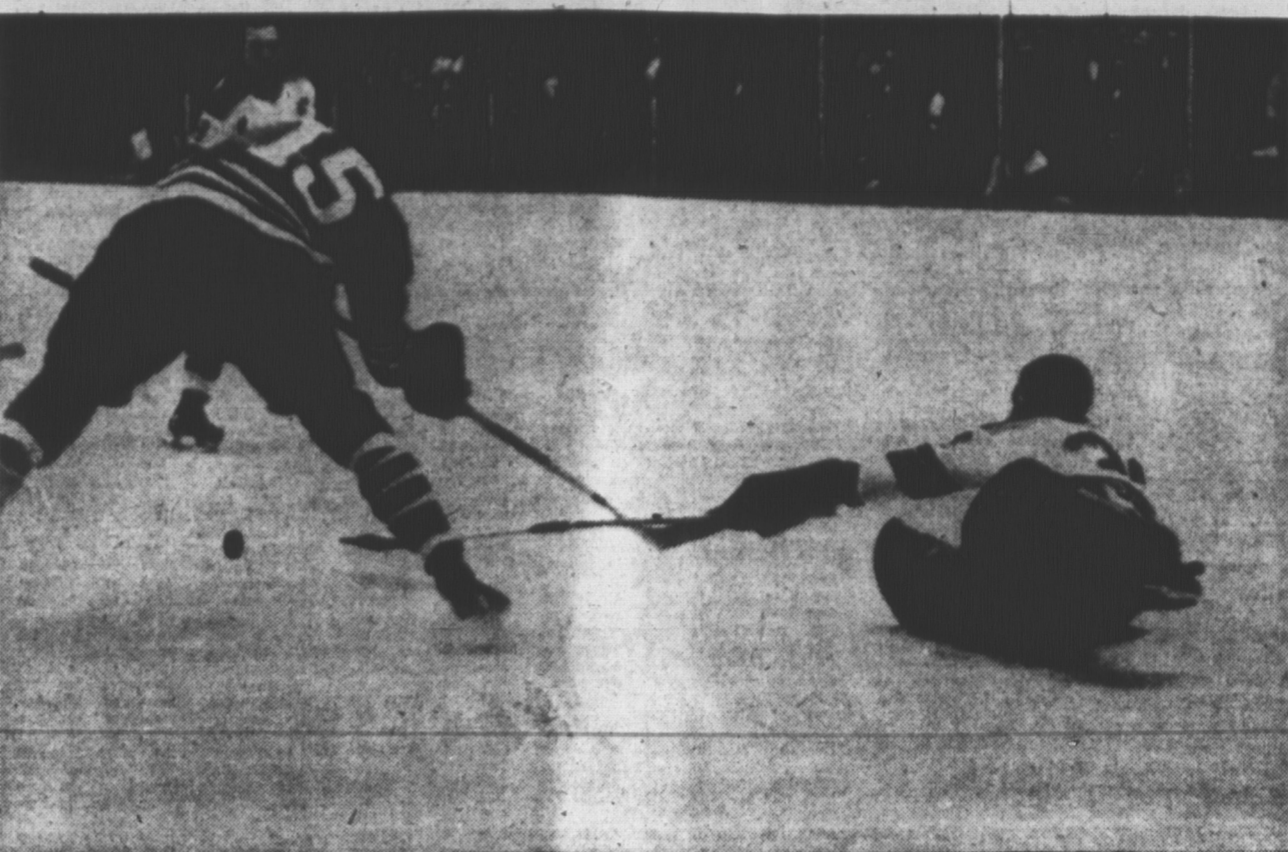
Goal tending looks to be the Juveniles main problem although one of their netminders lined up with the PVI club. Claybourne looked a bit slack on a couple of occasions, although on others he came up with some big saves. At the other end of the rink John Reed, industriously turned away enough rubber to keep a factory going even though he was beaten 12 times.

Four of the five tallies against the All-Stars came off the sticks of two other Juvenile players, Herman McQuaid and Paul Stanley, giving Bucko visions of more strength still when these three boys join the club.

This club could be an answer for the problems facing the Junior league if they were allowed to join. Prince of Wales and Rogers would be the main losers in that players of the calibre of Bobby Doherty, Barry Turner, Foley and Whitlock, the MacDougalls etc., would be wiped out from their rosters but it would all be for the sake of having a third strong team in the loop. PWC has enough strength to take the losses while Rogers are generally considered to be so weak as to overlook anyway. That's what the fans must think for they sure aren't coming out to see the defending league champs take it on the chin.

However it is not too likely that PWC would agree to such a move because as it is they just managed to squeeze by SDHS in their first encounter. The Saints would not lose one player to the Juveniles (to my knowledge and the move could give them a clear road to the championship).

The Juveniles are hoping to cop a Maritime championship this season and to do so they need plenty of first rate competition from now until the start of playoffs. So you see the All-Stars entry into the league could prove to be beneficial all the way around the board.



LOOKS MORE LIKE HOOK-EY

New York Rangers goalie Don Simmons (30) uses stick to try to hook puck away from Eric Nesterenko (15) of Chicago Black Hawks in second period of hockey game last night. (AP Wirephoto)

Chicago Shades Rangers; 'Golden Hawk' Records 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Stan Mikita's goal at 13:38 of the final period gave Chicago Black Hawks a 4-3 National Hockey League victory over New York Rangers Wednesday night.

The triumph moved the Black Hawks into a first-place tie with Montreal Canadiens, who were idle.

Mikita's 18th marker of the year capped a strong comeback by Chicago, which trailed 3-1 at the 44-second mark of the second period.

Bobby Hull, who hit for his

24th and 25th tallies of the year, opened the scoring for the Hawks when he converted on Chico Maki's pass from the boards behind the New York net at 8:24 of the first period. Rod Gilbert's slap shot eluded the Chicago netminder at 11:10 and the game was tied.



BOBBY HULL

Hadfield 2 (Goyette, Gilbert) 4:4; 5. Chicago, R. Hull 25 (Pilot, Wharram) 8:39; 6. Chicago, Wharram 12 (Maki, R. Hull) 13:29. Penalties—None.

Third period—7. Chicago, Mikita 18 (Mohns, Ravlich) 13:38. Penalties—Mohns 2:13, 16:14.

Shots on goal by
New York 13 5 4—25
Chicago 9 7 9—35
Attendance—16,666.

BOOSTS LEAD

Bob Nevin put New York out front at 17:40 of the initial period on passes from Jean Ratelle and Mike McMahon, and Vic Hadfield boosted the New York lead to 3-1 in the first minute of the second period.

That was it for the Rangers. Hull scored his second of the night at 8:39, while New York's McMahon and Arnie Brown were in the penalty box. Ken Wharram took a pass from Maki at centre ice and skated in alone at 13:29 to pull Chicago even.

Hull's two goals and one assist boosted his league scoring lead to five points over Mikita and six over Montreal's Bobby Rousseau. Hull has 25 goals and 16 assists for 41 points.

SUMMARY

First period—1. Chicago R. Second period—4. New York.

NHL STANDINGS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

	W	L	T	P	A	P
Montreal	15	6	4	91	62	34
Chicago	15	8	2	102	66	34
Detroit	12	10	4	92	75	28
Toronto	12	10	4	71	75	28
New York	6	14	7	76	96	19
Boston	5	18	3	58	116	13

Mr. Campbell Threatens Action

MONTREAL (CP)—Clarence Campbell, National Hockey League president, announced Wednesday that no further fines will be levied against players involved in a brawl during a game at New York's Madison Square Garden last Sunday night.

However, the league president said that while five players—four from Montreal Canadiens and one from New York Rangers—were assessed a misconduct penalty and an automatic \$50 fine, the league must take steps to further discipline players who participate in a fight without leaving the bench.

Campbell said the misconduct penalties and automatic fines were against Montrealers Henri Richard, Jean Beliveau, Terry Harper and Dick Duff and New York's Jim Neilson, who left their benches and took part in the altercation.

"This incident points up a deficiency in the playing rules in failing to provide for appropriate penalties for players who participate in an altercation without leaving their bench," the league president said, referring to the fact that several New York players managed to get in their best licks while still on the bench.

"The situation will have to be rectified," Campbell said.

RAMBLINGS...

It's Toronto's biggest Christmas card, it costs \$150 and it lasts a month. Anonymous "friends and admirers" of former National Hockey League star Charlie Conacher rented a bill-board here near his home to wish him Merry Christmas. Conacher, a player with Toronto Maple Leafs in the 1960s, is recovering from a heart attack.

Vienna's hopes of staging the 1972 summer Olympic Games were shattered Tuesday when the Austrian government failed to agree on whether to give the city financial support in its bid for the games. Since Vienna needed money from the government for the project, the cabinet's failure to guarantee support meant the city will not be a candidate. Montreal recently announced its intention to apply for the 1972 summer games. The 1968 summer Olympics will be held in Mexico City.

Jesse Owens, former United States Olympic track champion, entered a plea of no contest Tuesday to a charge of failing to file income tax returns for the year 1959 to 1962. His new plea means he neither admits nor denies the charge. Previously he had pleaded not guilty. The federal government alleges he owes \$29,135 in back taxes for those years. Judge Joseph Sam Perry of U.S. district court continued the case to Dec. 30. Owens, now 52, is a youth welfare director.

Swede Pucksters Drop Canadians

By AL McNEIL

MONTREAL (CP)—Sweden's touring hockey team opened a four-city Canadian tour here Wednesday night with a narrow 3-2 victory over a reinforced squad of Montreal Junior Canadiens of the Ontario Hockey Association Junior A circuit.

The Swedes outplayed the OHA representatives for more than 45 minutes of the game as they scored the lone goal in the opening period and came up with two unanswered counters in the middle frame.

The combined Montreal squad saved its best effort for the final 15 minutes of the game, getting two goals less than 40 seconds apart.

The Junior Canadiens were bolstered by netminder Peter Sternig and defencemen Roland Campeau and Bob Lemieux of the Muskegon, Mich., International League team.

They also picked up several other junior A players—Danny O'Shea from Oshawa Generals and Andre Lacroix, Mickey Redmond and Danny Grant from Peterborough Pites.

The Swedes drew first blood at the 7:27 mark of the opening period when Lars Nilsson beat Sternig from the left side of the net.

The Peterborough line of Lacroix, Redmond and Grant was the only threesome able to keep up with the visitors in the opening period.

Leif Holmqvist in the nets for the Swedes, turned back Grant after Redmond had carried the puck right in and fed a perfect pass to his linemate.

Seconds later, Grant had another opportunity, killed by a sparking save by the Swedish netminder.

For the Swedes, Hakan Nygren missed a golden opportunity when he picked up a mangled pass at the Montreal blue-line and skated straight down the ice only to shoot the puck directly into Sternig's pads.

Bjorn Palmqvist made it 2-0 for the visitors with only 44 seconds elapsed in the middle period.

RELAYS PASS

Johnson on his own blue line and Johnson relayed to Palmqvist, who was in the clear on the left side. The Swedish forward skated in on Sternig unmolested and made it 3-0.

Montreal's Bob Campeau was serving a penalty at the time. Grant finally put the Canadians on the scoreboard at the 8:29 mark of the final period when he beat Holmqvist from just outside the crease.

SUMMARY

First period—1. Sweden, L. Nilsson (Sjverstrom) 7:27. Penalties—Lemieux 7:54, Campeau 10:01, Lacroix 10:40, Bylund 14:30, Henrikson 17:42.

Second period—2. Sweden, Palmqvist (Johnson) 5:26, Nilsson (Sjverstrom) 5:26. Penalties—Lemieux 5:10, Nygren 15:46, Johnson 15:46.

Third period—4. Montreal, Grant (Redmond, Lemieux) 8:29; 5. Montreal, Lacroix (Redmond, Grant) 9:07. Penalties—Johnson 2:45, Wickburg 5:33.

Shots on goal by:
Sweden 9 10 10—29
Canadians 8 13 16—37
Attendance—3,459.

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CHILDREN—15c ADULTS—25c

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SPORT ECHOES

Xmas Topics Prove Scarce

By NORMAN MacDONALD

The Prince County Hockey League, from which most of our gossip springs, has suspended operations for the Christmas break. There will be plenty of excitement in curling later on in the season. Since we are to have both the British Consols and Silvertown "D" competition in Summerside, but right now the boys are playing for turkeys, and that of course, is for the birds. Congrats, Thane Bagloe, and team, and happy picking off the wish bone. We might turn in our desperate need for copy to the popular bowling game, but we'd have to realize that casual bowling is the order of the day. There may be a few high singles and even high threes, but that will have nothing to do with pinfall. What to write about? Well, maybe we could reminisce. But how many times already have we mentioned Russ Phaneuf's fantastic catch in left centre, Reid, or Alan Stewart's peg to the plate to Bob Schurman to cut off a potential Charlottetown winning run, or Les Gaudet's haases-loaded home run in Dartmouth that sent the few Summerside fans into a dance of delirium which the modern teenager couldn't hope to imitate? The adventures of Dr. "Lippy" Gaudet in Bathurst, have been told and retold by "the realm". There's a thing to write about just now. Ho-hum, what shall we write about?

We might work a paragraph on penalties. We often criticize players for getting too many trips to the penalty bench, but it seems fairly well proved that the "Lady Byng" boys, like Leo "The Lip" Durocher's "nice guys" don't win ball games. What team do you think is leading the N.H.L. in penalties? Of course, the Canadiens. Now guess which team has the least penalties? You've guessed it. The lowly Boston Bruins. You have to be aggressive to win hockey matches and being aggressive involves a considerable risk of being chased to the sin bin by the referee.

Here's something else that has been said over and over again, but will certainly bear repeating. A Merry Christmas to all our readers.

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