SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Muff Their Chance

JUST when Toronto Maple Leafs had an excellent chance of gaining ground on first place Chicago Black Hawks, they go and muff the opportunity.

The Toronto squad had the New York Rangers as their guests Wednesday night and most Leafs' supporters figured it was two points for Imlach and his charges. They figured wrong because Rangers left the ring with the two points instead of the Maple Leafs.

It seems strange indeed that Toronto has looked so dismal since Johnny Bower's forced rest. Don Simmons is in nets these nights and he hasn't had much success. We aren't laying all the blame on Don because he probably isn't getting the support he should. Leafs are acting rather disinterested and Simmons is emerging as the goat. In the three games Simmons has played recently he has been scored upon 12 times. That's certainly no average to brag about. On the other hand Bower was breezing along in spectacular fashion, even giving Hall a run for Vezina honors when Imlach and Johnny had their spat. Since Bower left practice in a huff last week, things have gone from bad to worse for the Queen City entry. Indeed they were lucky to escape with a decision last Saturday over Boston Bruins. Had Forbie Kennedy made good on that breakaway and had Dean Prentice not scored on his own goaltender, Leafs would surely have been in trouble.

It's Punch's Mistake

IT'S hard to understand a coach and player feuding at a time like this. Leafs had narrowed the one-time big lead of Hawks and were threatening to take over as pacesetters themselves when Punch and Johnny started acting up. There may be some excuse for Bower. He's getting old and undoubtedly this goaltending job does get on his nerves. You can forgive a guy like Johnny sounding off now and then.

However, it's difficult to explain Inmlach's actions. After all he's the coach and general manager of the outfit and his job certainly isn't to incite players into fits or rage. Especially in Bower's case does this seem most absurd. Johnny was playing terrific goal for Punch and you would think a kind word for the old fellow would have helped a lot.

Instead Imlach blasted away at Bower because he showed some human kindness toward an enemy. He skated out of his net to see if Canadiens John Ferguson was injured after crashing into the boards in Toronto on January 8. Punch reminded Johnny his place was in the nets, not attending to the needs of opposing players.

Bower There Saturday

IT would seem likely that Bower will be back this Saturday when Bruins come into Toronto. After all, the Beantowners beat Simmons six times last Sunday in Boston. Sunday night. Leafs invade Chicago and they could need a couple of Bowers on that occasion. We don't think the Leafs' top brass is going to stand quietly by and watch Leafs lose games with Bower on the sidelines. Our guess is that, whether Punch wants it or not, Bower will be back in charge this Saturday. We are confident his 'injury' will have mended by that time.

It's true that a good coach is most necessary to any team. Players can't be running the show, otherwise things would be chaos. But when coaches pull stunts that appear to do nothing but help the enemy, we are certain the owners will not remain silent.

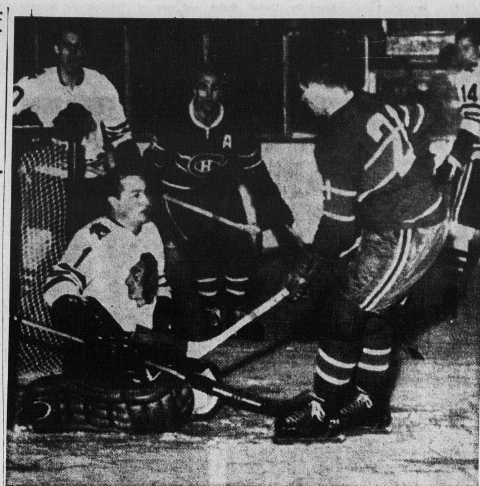
Get ready to greet Bower this Saturday night.

Letter From Des

WE had a letter this week from Des Burge, former Sports editor of the Guardian and now a public relations officer with the RCAF in Toronto.

Des wrote to tell us how great a game Forbie Kennedy played against Leafs last Saturday. He maintains that goaltender Johnston and Forbie were the best Bruins on the ice. Des claims it was obvious from the way coach Schmidt was using Forbie that he has a lot of faith in him.

Nice to hear from you, Des, and thanks a lot for your contribution. Hope to hear from you soon again.



GOALIE GLENN Hall of Chicago Black Hawks goes to his knees to blunt this scoring thrust by Montreal's Gilles Tremblay (21) in National Hockey League play at Montreal Thursday night. In the background are Wayne Hillman (20) and Ab MacDonald (14) of the Hawks and Montreal's Henri Richard. (CP Wirephoto)

Montreal Canadiens Blank Chicago Black Hawks 1-0

MONTREAL (CP) — Veteran Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion's goal at 6:48 of the first period gave Montreal a 1-0 victory over Chicago Thursday night and enabled Canadiens to shave the Black Hawks' National Hockey League lead to one point.

It was Geoffrion's 12th goal of the season, his sixth winner, and goalie Charlie Hodge's second shutout of the season.

Montreal now has won three of its last four games against Hawks. Hawks have won five, and two ended in ties in the 10 meetings between the two teams.

Jean Beliveau got an assist on Geoffrion's goal to move him to within two points of the league scoring leader Stan Mikita of the Hawks.

OUTHUSTLED HAWKS

Hawks were outskated and outhustled for most of the game, although they finished in a flurry, yanking goalie Glenn Hall with 46 seconds left in the game to no avail.

The strategy almost backfired when Beliveau missed the empty net by about three feet. Hawks were outshot 32 to 18 by the high-flying Canadiens.

Tempo slowed to a drag in the second period with Canadiens dominating the play for the first 15 minutes.

Hall had to be alert to stop close - in shots by Geoffrion Backstrom and a blazing blueline drive by Beliveau.

Balon got a breakaway, trailed by Hull, but he couldn't control the puck and Hall came out of his net to stop the play by sliding the width of the rink.

Claude Provost, assigned to stop Chicago's blonde winger Bobby Hull, did a magnificent job. Hull got only two shots away all night.

Pierre Pilote had one of his poor nights on the Chicago defence. Hall had to make brilliant saves at least three times when Pilote lost the puck near the goal crease. In the second period, Pilote, trying to clear, almost scored on his own net.

Hodge had a comparatively easy time registering the shutout. His only really severe test came in the rousing third period, when Eric Nesterenko and Ab McDonald hit the post.

Chicago introduced two farm players, centre Phil Esposito of St. Louis and defenceman Autrey Erickson of Buffalo. Esposito had two good chances in the second period, but failed to get his shot away.

SUMMARY

First period — 1. Montreal, Geoffrion 12 (Beliveau, Ferguson) 6:48. **Penalties** — Pilote 10:13, Beliveau 16:53.

Second period — No scoring. **Penalties**—Maki minor and misconduct 13:30, Geoffrion 15:37. **MORE**

Third period — No scoring. **Penalties—none.**

Saves:				
Hall	11	11	10	—32
Hodge	10	4	4	—18

Sandy's Parkdale Royals Take Lead In Big Series

Sandy's Parkdale Royals have taken a one game edge in their series with Johnny's Flying Hawks.

The Royals picked up a thrilling 5-4 victory last night before 840 fans to lead two to one in games.

The two teams battled on even terms for almost the whole game then the Royals managed to score with only five minutes remaining in the game to pick up the important victory.

PLAYS HEROS ROLE

Stu MacLure, playing his first game of the season for the winners emerged the hero of the game as he let loose with a blistering golf shot with only five minutes remaining, that Hawks' goalie Butch Ward couldn't manage to hold on to.

Jim MacLeod and Buddy MacIntyre each scored twice for the winners in addition to MacLure's clinching marker.

Ralph Shepherd, Gerald Noonan, George Dunn and Darryl Doyle all scored singles for the Flying Hawks.

For the Royals it was a come from behind victory as they found themselves down 4-1 at one stage in the first period.

The winners jumped into a 1-0 lead early in the period as MacLeod took passes from Angie Carroll and Eustace Reeves to beat Ward from close in. This lead didn't last long however as the Hawks came roaring back with four goals in quick fashion.

SOFT GOAL

The first goal for the Hawks was of the 'soft' variety as defenceman Ralph Shepherd flipped a shot in from center ice that Frankie Roper misjudged. Noonan put the Hawks ahead for the first time in the game minutes later and then Dunn and Doyle scored to give the Hawks a commanding 4-1 lead.

Buddy MacIntyre got the Royals back into the game when he banged in Carroll's rebound from in front of the net.

The Royals stormed back in the middle stanza to score two fast tallies and tie up the game.

Jim MacLeod, who played a great game for the winners started the Royals on the trail back when he fired the puck past Ward, directly from a faceoff deep in the Hawks' zone.

A few minutes later, MacIntyre garnered his second goal of the game from a goal-mouth scramble. Both teams tried hard in the remaining minutes of the period but great goaltending on the part of both Ward and Roper held the score down.

HIT POST

In the third period, the two teams battled it out on even teams for the better part of the period. The Hawks came close on two occasions as first Willie Dunn and than Ralph Shepherd hit the post after having Roper beaten.

SUMMARY

First Period: 1—Royals, MacLeod (Carroll, Reeves) 3.54; 2—Hawks, R. Shepherd 5.57; 3—Hawks, Noonan (Pollack) 10.48; 4—Hawks, G. Dunn (W. Dunn) 11.24; 5—Hawks, Doyle (MacGonnell) 13.47; 6—Royals, MacIntyre (MacLeod, Carroll) 17.27. **Penalties:** Carroll, 4.13, Gillis 8.57, Carroll 14.36.

Second Period: 7—Royals, MacLeod (Carroll) 1.25; 8—Royals, MacIntyre (Carroll, MacLeod) 7.52. **Penalties:** Carrol 4.25, Noonan 6.40, Reeves 12.44, Gillis 16.42.

Third Period: 9—Royals, MacLure. **Penalties:** MacIntyre, Gillis 4.04, Reeves 11.50, MacIntyre 13.25.

Borden Nationals Nip Legionaires

BORDEN — The Borden Nationals took over the giant-killing role last night in their own rink, defeating the Summerside Junior Legionaires for the first time anyone has beaten them this season. The final score was 4-3. Previous to this game, the Juniors had played twelve games, won eleven, and tied one.

The Juniors took an early lead, scoring two unanswered goals in the first period. Borden came right back with two in the second to knot the count. In the third period, Borden scored two more before the Juniors came back with a single tally, which was one short of earning them a tie, and preserving their record.

Nick Fillmore and Alan Gaudet were the Junior marksmen in the first frame, Fillmore whipping a backhander to beat Johnston after receiving a pass from John Poirier. Alan Gaudet staged one of his solo dashes to make it 2-0.

Alger Cutcliffe scored the prettiest goal of the night at the 14 minute of the second period in a solo from the red line, and Ev White backhanded a 15-footer behind Sonier two minutes later.

Willard Leard put Borden ahead early in the third period, and Gerald Cutcliffe, Borden rookie and brother of Alger and Gord, raced in all alone on Sonier when his check tripped, and scored what proved to be the winning goal. At 13.07 the Juniors came back with one marker, Dave Martin salting way a rebound from Lloyd Gallant's whistling drive, coach Grant Grady pulled his goaler with less than a minute to play, but to no avail. Referees Matthews and Gravelle called 8 minor penalties, the Juniors getting five The teams split a pair of majors, Ev White and Paul MacWilliams, getting five minutes each for fisticuffs.

HUNTER'S CORNER

New Trend Of Thought Opens Concerning Wildlife

A news item that appeared in the Charlottetown Guardian quite recently was most enlightening and opened up a new trend of thought where our wildlife is concerned. Trout in a B.C. Hatchery have developed ulcers due, according to hatchery officials, to overcrowding. It is quite possible that other causes, combined with living conditions, also contributed their share in causing this outbreak. The great majority of the human race consider the lesser forms of life in the wild, birds, fish, animals, insects, reptiles, etc. are, when boiled down to its last analysis, just a prize collection of zombies. How wrong can one get? Many of them, like birds for instance, have built in radars. They can pin-point a limb on a certain tree or a nest site under the eve of a barn from a point thousands of miles distant and land right on target despite darkness, storms and hundreds of miles of open water to cross.

Heavy footsteps along a stream bank will cause trout to stop feeding and seek some under bank cave where they'll lie motionless. A shadow across a pool will also put trout off a feeding spell. Birds learn quickly just who are their friends and who to trust. I had a robin, when I farmed at Mount Albion, that would fly to the apple tree near the kitchen door and tell me when a cat was on the premises or the bronzed grackles were conducting a raid. The swallows would follow the cat and hover above their enemy. It came in handy when the cat was trying to sneak off through a weed patch or in the standing hay. Whenever the rifle would crack, and I rarely missed, silence would fall over the premises. One robin tried to move into the kitchen with us. We returned one afternoon and found a nest started on the mantle above the stove. We moved to the City that fall and the following spring I purposly left the kitchen door ajar and she raised a brood in a nest built on the same mantle and on the same spot she had started the nest the spring before.

LIKE HUMANS

Crows and ravens think just like us humans and often outthink us. When ravens make a play for lambs, and newly born lambs are a prime target, they will try to blind the mother and make a play for her eyes. They have a beak almost as hard and sharp as a pick axe. Robins that are under harrassment from bronzed grackles, become irritible and family bickerings occur. One has to remain near the nest site while the other forages for food. They become bedraggled looking and quarrels break out once in a while. Family worries and the strain of feeding their little ones take their toll. That will give most anyone ulcers... robins included along with the trout.

The farm I took over after the war was ideal for robins and other nesting birds. A heavy spruce hedge sheltered the house and orchard on the east side and a similar hedge sheltered the farm buildings from the north. The bronzed grackles gave the robins a rough passage and English sparrows took over the mud nests the Swallows built under the eve of the farm that faced the south. The 12 guage shotgun was noisy and too expensive so I ordered a 22 cal B.S.A. target rifle with a 6 hole peep sight from a firm in Montreal. It weighed between eight and nine pounds and was accurate to a hairs breadth. I could hit a bulls eye the size of a five cent piece three times out of five at fifty yards.

On a day when the light was right, particularly in the early morning or late evening, a crow up to 150 yards had about one chance in 10. English sparrows at 25 yards were duck soup and bronzed grackles at 75 were in the same category. It didn't take me long to get the English sparrows, crows and prowling house cats under control but the bronzed grackles were a tougher proposition. They were both brazen and numerous. They had their headquarters in the old home grove about 125 yards west of my farm buildings. One morning I lay prone amid a fern bed in the grove and killed 17 without a miss. Once I got them whittled down to a pair or so the robins could handle the situation in my absence. A robin is quite a fighter and has courage to back it up.

QUITE A PROBLEM

House cats gone wild were quite a problem at the start but after I had put a few to sleep the swallows and robins caught on fast. The swallows would hover over the cat, like spotting airplanes, while it was in the open fields ajoining the farmyard and the robins would take over once it had gained the shelter of the hedge and buildings. The first six months I silenced seven big toms with heads as large as any Nova Scotia or New Brunswick wild cats. After that it was two or three a summer and the strange part of it was that not one of my neighbors reported cats missing. If a cat tried to reach the farm buildings between dawn and dusk it would have a regular curtain of swallows hovering over him and taking power dives that came so close the swish of air would ruffle his fur. After the swallows left for the south the robins and song sparrows would pin point any cat that visited the premises including the orchard or hedge rows. And don't think for a moment they... the birds... didn't know what they were doing. One specific robin would fly to the red astrachan tree near the kitchen and say 'thanks' with a few cheery notes and a flirt of its tail and then fly off about its business. Why was I so hard on cats? I stopped to lift a gate, made of six inch boards,

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CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Friday at the Charlottetown Club.

6.50 P.M. Friday Knock-out. (Spares needed)

Ice 1 — D. Jardine, C. MacDonald, D. Wood, G. Gallant vs. R.C. Parent, A. Gill, G. Wilson, J. MacLean.

Ice 2 — H. Dobson, E. Ford, B. Parke, I. Webster vs. L. Turner, K. Kennedy, J. McBrearty, B. McGill.

Ice 3 — D. Matheson, A.E. Piercey, H. Love, J. Simpson vs. Dr. Prowse, K. Dalziel, T. Walker, S. Willis.

Ice 4 — J. Brooks, F. Cox, F. Miles, B. Partridge vs. B. Boyles, Dr. Willis, H. Edwards, Dr. Cameron.

Ice 5 — D. Cox, N. MacNeill, V. Chisholm, A. MacEwen vs. G. Anderson, C. White, W. Carr, G. Rodd.

8.30 p.m. Rendezvous (Sec. A)

Ice 1 — Open.

Ice 2 — G. Kays vs. B. LeClair.

Ice 3 — H. Peters vs. A. MacDonald.

Ice 4 — R. Ewing vs. G. Stewart.

Ice 5 — E. Tanton vs. W. MacLaine.

Players Asked To Report Sat.

SUMMERSIDE — The following Bantam hockey players are asked to be at Civic Stadium Saturday at 5 p.m.

Blaine Muttart, Dale Small, Aren Sherry, Darrel Trainer, Charles McNally, Melvin Bernard, Ronnie Kelly, Richard MacDonald, Jimmie Palmer, Emanual Gallant, Billy Jenkins, Gary Casey, Daryl Desroches, Wayne Leard, Gary Birch, Errol Thompson, Donnie Cameron, Dereck Burns, Sandy MacDougal, Allen MacWilliams, Paul Atkinson, Thomas Geburt, Richard Gallant, Derek Gallant, Elmer Cormier, Allan Warren, Buddy Cameron, Paul Williams, Felix Richard, Douglas DesRoches, John Steele, Gary Rayner, Dale Cannon.

Full equipment is to be worn by all players at this practice.

CURLING DRAW FOR MONTAGUE

Following is the Montague curling draw for January 17th.

7 P.M.

Ice 1—Clarkson Shield C. Nicholson, M. Wigginton, D. Herring, B. Sharpe, Dr. L. A. Johnstone, A. Jones, B. Ferguson, C. Sollos.

Ice 2—D. McGowan, T. Clair, G. Murphy, S. McKinnon, J. Cudmore, A. Sullivan, L. Stewart, Wm. Sharpe.

9 P.M.

Ice 1—Clarkson Shield. A. Robertson, E.F. MacDonald, E. Duvar, B. DesRoches, F. Vuozzo, D. Clarkson, K. Sullivan, J. McNeill.

Ice 2—Open.

STANDINGS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

National League

	W	L	T	F	A	Pt
Chicago	22	13	7	132	96	51
Montreal	21	11	8	125	103	50
Toronto	21	13	6	119	99	48
Detroit	15	19	7	102	124	37
New York	13	21	6	118	134	32
Boston	9	24	8	87	127	26

TO-DAY AT THE FORUM

FRIDAY, JAN. 17th.

8:00-10:00 a.m.—Parkdale and Sherwood Regional High
11:00-12:00 a.m.—Parkdale Elem.
12:45-1:45 p.m.—P. W. C.
4:00-6:00 p.m.—Figure Skating
6:00-7:45 p.m.—Minor Hockey
8:30-10:30 p.m.—Teens & Adults Skate

Bruins Beat Red Wings

BOSTON (AP)—Gary Dornhoefer, a 20 - year -old rookie, scored his first two National Hockey League goals on deft tip-ins Thursday night as Boston defeated Detroit 5-1.

Playing his first season in professional ranks and his fourth game in the majors, Dornhoefer broke a scoreless deadlock at 14:20 of the second period when he steered in a 40-foot shot by Tom Johnson.

That ended a scoreless string of 154 minutes, 22 seconds, by Detroit rookie goalie Roger Crozier, who shut out the Bruins in two previous meetings.

SUMMARY

First period — No scoring. **Penalties**—Howe 2:59, Jeffrey 9:34, Oliver 9:41, Barkley 17:30.

Second period — 1. Boston, Dornhoefer 1 (Johnson, Oliver) 14:20; 2. Boston, Mohns 3 (Kurtenbach, Hebenton) 19:56. **Penalties**—Ingram and Leiter 5:09, Smith 9:33, Hebenton 9:57, Gadsby 13:33, M. Pronovost and Kurtenback 17:19.

Third period—3. Detroit, Ullman 8 (Gadsby, Smith) 0:30; 4. Boston, Dornhoefer 2 (Oliver, Boivin) 6:36 5. Boston, Kurtenbach 8. 9:39; 6. Boston, Green 2 (Kennedy, Leiter) 12:16. **Penalties**—Jeffery 5:01, A. Pronovost and Mohns 5:31, Johnson 12:54.

Saves				
Crozier	16	9	8	—33
Johnston	10	7	11	—28

Queen Charlotte To Meet S'side

SUMMERSIDE — The Prince Edward Island Interscholastic Junior A girls and boys basketball leagues open at Civic Auditorium tonight with Summerside high hosting teams from Queen Charlotte of Charlottetown.

The girls contest is scheduled for 7 p.m. and the boys game 8.15.

The Queen Charlotte teams are coached by Mrs. John Stearns and Robert Millar while Shirley White directs the Summerside girls and Flying officers Peter Davana and Larry Watt handle the boys.

Defending provincial Junior A, champs, Birchwood, will see action later in the month.

Combines Meet Juniors Tonight

SUMMERSIDE — If you've ever seen a rock 'em-sock 'em game of hockey, you'll see one at Civic Stadium tonight when those bitter rivals, Alan Warren's Texico Combines take on the Junior Legionaires for the fourth time in P.C.L. play. The two teams tied 6-6 the first time they met, but the youngsters have trimmed the older, more experienced boys in the last two outings, and it's no exaggeration to say that the players who held the hockey spotlight in Summerside for so long don't like it. They'll be giving everything they have to knock those Juniors off in this one. There is an old saying that youth must be served, but don't expect the Combines to believe that tonight. They'll be out to show that experience and hockey savvy can win over flaming youth every time-out—from now on. It should be the hardest-fought battle of the season. Game time is 9.15.

Juveniles Play Montague Team

The Juvenile Citizens will play Montague R.H.S. in Montague tonight.

The following players are asked to be at the forum at 6 p.m. this evening. Coach — Dick Brown. Goal — John Reid. Defense — Kevin Smith, Kenny Scott, H. Murchison, Wayne MacDougall, B. Weatherbie, J. Kennedy, A. Flood, B. Doherty H. MacQuaid, A. Arsenault, J. Dowling, Jack MacEachern, Billy LeClair, Colin Campbell.

If you are unable to attend, please call 4-4464 between 12 and 1 o'clock.

FORESTS ARE VAST

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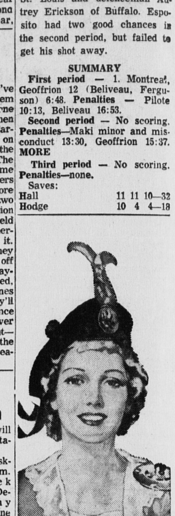

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ATTENTION HOLSTEIN BREEDERS

The Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown is selling by Public Auction at Falconwood Farm on Friday afternoon, January 17th at 2:00 p.m. 15 bred and open heifers. This is a very fine lot of stock and will give breeders of Holsteins an opportunity to purchase foundations stock for replacement in their herds.

Sale starts at 2:00 p.m. sharp.

Mr. Ivan Kerry
Auctioneer

P.E.I. Department of Agriculture

HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Intermediate ("B" and "C") and Minor (Mosquito, Paperweight, Pee Wee, Bantam) for provincial playdowns.

Date Deadline - January 20

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