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Mains And Albright Sign 1955 Contracts With Argos

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TORONTO, (CP)—Toronto Argonauts, reiterating their defiance of the Big Four Football Union's official stand on the signing of National Football League players, today announced that tackle Gil Mains and guard Bill Albright of New York Giants have been signed for the 1955 season.

The announcement by team manager Harry Sonshine that the two players had jumped their NFL teams to play with Argos came only three days after Big Four officials and NFL commissioner Bert Ball met in Philadelphia in an attempt to work out a no-raiding pact.

The Argos blocked an agreement by refusing to approve any pact that would prevent them from signing eight of the NFL players with whom they have been negotiating.

FIRST SIGNED
Mains and Albright are the first United States players signed by the Toronto team. It previously had been reported unofficially that they were two of the players approached by Argos in their campaign to sign established NFL stars.

Their plans led to the Big Four deciding at its annual meeting, with Argonauts dissenting, to respect player options and contracts of NFL teams. The Toronto club agrees in principle to a no-raiding agreement but opposes any move to make it retroactive in the case of the players they have signed or offered contracts.

Neither Mains nor Albright had signed 1955 contracts with their NFL teams but both were under option for another year. Both said they did not consider they were committed to sign for next season. The six-foot-three, 230-pound

Mains, who starred as a defensive tackle with Detroit, and Albright, a four-year veteran with the Giants told Toronto newspaper men they signed with Argos because they could make more money playing in Canada. They said also Argos promised them a chance to make money in other fields.

S'ide Curling Club Schedule

Curling schedule for Summerside Curling Club Wednesday, January 26th.
7:00 P.M.—
E. Offer vs. W. Jenkins
W. Morrison vs. W. Hayward
E. Corney vs. E. Hickey.

Furgol Plans To Compete In British Open

NEW YORK, (AP)—Ed Furgol, lame-armed U. S. open golf champion, announced Tuesday he plans to compete in the British open golf championship at St. Andrews July 4-8.

Here to receive the Ben Hogan Award, given annually to the player who overcame the greatest physical handicap to make a success in golf, Furgol said: "I am looking forward to playing in the famous old course which I have heard about for years. I am still having trouble with a muscle in my right arm but I hope the injury is healed before the British open."

Furgol's left arm is 10 inches shorter than his right as the result of a childhood accident. He developed trouble in his right arm during an Australian exhibition tour last fall and had to return home.

Toronto, Montreal, Chicago Players Lead In Balloting

MONTREAL, (CP)—Two members of the Toronto Maple Leafs, one from Montreal Canadiens and a rookie from Chicago Black Hawks led the polls in the balloting for National Hockey League individual trophy awards at the halfway mark of the season.

Announcement of the leaders was made by the NHL Tuesday night. Ted Kennedy, Toronto centre, is the leading contender for the Hart Trophy, awarded the player adjudged most valuable to his team. Sid Smith, Leaf left-winger, topped the poll for the Lady Byng Memorial Trophy, awarded for the best type of sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct combined with a high standard of playing ability.

HARVEY'S LEAD WIDE

Doug Harvey, Montreal defenceman, had a wide lead in the voting for the James Norris Memorial Trophy, which goes to the defenceman showing greatest all-round ability.

Eddie Litzenberger, Chicago forward, was the choice for the rookie award—the Calder Memorial Trophy.

Kennedy received 40 points in the voting for the Hart Trophy. Closest was his teammate goalie Harry Lumley, with 23. Maurice Richard of Montreal was third with 19.

For the Lady Byng Memorial Trophy, Smith received 50 points. Red Kelly of Detroit, winner the last two years, had 34 and Danny Lewicki of New York Rangers 27.

WINNERS GET \$1,000

As top defenceman, Harvey received 72 points, more than any player in the voting for all trophies. A unanimous poll would have given 90. Red Kelly was second choice with 40 points and Fern Flaman of Boston Bruins third with 17.

Litzenberger, sold by Canadiens to Chicago in early December, received 54 points as top rookie.

Goalie Jacques Plante of Montreal was second with 41 and New York's Larry Poppin third with 22. Balloting will be done again after the second half of the season. Total points for the two halves decide the season winners. Each winner gets \$1,000 from the NHL.

The voting is done by a panel of hockey writers, broadcasters and telecasters in each of the six NHL cities. The total point value for each city is 27. Five points are given for first choice, three for second and one for third.



IN THIS CORNER

It surprised us greatly to learn that the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League executive had decided at their meeting in Moncton Sunday afternoon to stick with the old format of their local playoffs.

After some of the jobs which the referees, employed with the ACSHL, have handed in this season and especially the one which we witnessed in the Hub City on Saturday evening, it left very little doubt in our minds that the league would have any hesitation in deciding to swing out a few green-backs to Upper Canada and bring a pair of specialists in to do a right job of wistle tooting in the playoffs so that when they were over nobody could say that it was a referees series or any such statement to that effect.

But, as has been the case all year, the league comes up with the most unexpected decisions and unless things change greatly in the ACSHL field of refereeing, fans will have lots to complain about in the finals.

The meeting Sunday knocked two points off the Islanders' arch-rivals, the Moncton Hawks and added two to the total points of the Amherst Ramblers. The Islanders then took over sole possession of first place in the four team conference and have since then increased it while the Ramblers also climbed to within two points of the second place Hawks. After Sunday's fiery fracas in the Windsor Hotel, during which manager Jim MacDonald of the Hawks got all steamed up and pulled out, MacDonald stated that the McNeill club has placed protests in the league's hands against all other clubs except the Islanders for the use of players without proper playing cards since December 5. However, another supposed deadline has come and gone yesterday and we hope that there will be no further bickering in regard to who can bring in a player and who can't for the rest of this season.

Later Sunday night in a press statement, Jim MacDonald said that the Hawks were well aware that they could register several other protests in that would in all probability wreck the four-team circuit and cause all the teams to be suspended from Allan Cup competition this year. Such scandal there must be in the ACSHL, when the teams have not been suspended already with all the trouble which they have experienced, it makes us shudder to think of how disgraceful a certain existing bargain in the league must be when they could seemingly cause a Canadian Amateur Hockey League to be suspended from its own competition. Statements like this will soon give the league a bad name and give the CAHA cause to look into the records of its entrants. However, we fail to believe such conditions exist because it would be almost impossible to have any further violations of rules in one league than has already been revealed.

The Islanders slid into a 6 point lead in the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League once again with their 3-2 win on the York Arena last night and are showing definite signs that it was lack of conditioning that caused certain scores of last week. In Monday's game at the Forum, the Brklacich team looked very good in every quarter and should improve with every game now that they have a chance to get their plays working since all their men are back in the line-up. Another tough series is coming up when they play the Hawks in the Hub City tonight and then again at the Forum Friday. Tonight's battle for the Islanders will be a hard one in that they will be playing their third game in as many nights and along with the added tiring of the long road trip to the New Brunswick capital yesterday and back to Moncton today. In the meantime, defenceman Fred Weaver of the Hawks has been having lots of luck in busting the shoulders of opposing forwards. Several weeks ago in a Saturday night affair in the Hub City, Weaver charged Lorne Hennessy hard into the boards and put the fast left-winger out of the game for two weeks. Again Monday night in Bailey Arena he smashed Paul Saindon and the high-scoring wingman will be side-lined for an indefinite period.

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LITTLE SPORT



Curling News From Local Rink

Following is the latest curling news from the local rink:
Last-overs Competition:
A. Howard, C. Maclean 5
E. Macdonald, C. Whelan 7.
Prizes:
H. Bear, J. B. Bagnall 6
J. A. Ommundus, D. A. Macdonald 7.
Draw for Tonight:
One British Consols game at 5 o'clock.
7 o'clock: One, British Consols game; one game in the Leveaux Competitions, C. Maclean vs. E. Macdonald.

Two games in the President's prizes: Emmet Macdonald, Henry Douglas, A. Myers, Don Snow vs. G. Anderson, S. Taylor, Don Macintyre, John Dingwall.
A. A. Macleod, C. Boudreau, C. Houde, W. Rodd vs. Earl Macleod, H. Stead, Bill Robinson, Edward Macdonald.

9 P.M.: Four games in British Consols.

Following is the standing of British Consols teams after last night's games:

Team	P	W	L
C. MacDonald	8	0	0
W. MacDonald	8	7	1
S. MacDonald	8	6	2
Dr. Prowse	8	4	4
H. Atkinson	8	4	4
F. Acorn	8	4	4
E. Hansen	8	4	4
E. McInnis	8	4	4
J. Burden	8	3	5
E. Wood	8	2	6
D. Hill	8	2	6
D. Saunders	8	2	6

Hockey Scores

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Atlantic Coast Senior
Charlottetown 3 Fredericton 2
Ontario Junior A
Hamilton 2 Guelph 7
Toronto St. Michael's 2 Galt 3
Laurier Trophy
Trois-Rivieres 3 St. Catharines 7
Chatham 7 Niagara Falls 10
Owen Sound 6 Windsor 6
Quebec Senior
Valleyfield 0 Shawinigan Falls 3
Quebec Junior A
Quebec 3 Montreal 1
Intercollegiate
Laval 2 Montreal 1
Northern Ontario Senior
Sault Greyhounds 1 Pembroke 4

Islanders Edge Fredericton 3-2

FREDERICTON, (CP)—Charlottetown Islanders edged the tail-end Fredericton Capitals 3-2 Tuesday night and stretched their lead in the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League to six points over Moncton Hawks. Hawks and Amherst Ramblers were idle.

Copper Leyte shot the winning goal with little more than two minutes to go in the last period. Bill MacDonald of Fredericton had knotted the count early in the session.

The first period ended 1-1. Doug McPhee counting for Caps and Lorne Hennessy equalizing. Charlottetown's Bob Gray fired the only goal of the middle stanza.

Charlottetown — Goal: Shirley; defence: O'Connor, Hinchberger, Campbell; forwards: Leyte, Car-

Doubleheader At North River Rink

Hampshire, led by the two-goal efforts of F. MacLean and G. Watts scored a 5-4 victory over Winsloe at the North River rink last evening in the first game of a double-header. W. Tremere was the other Hampshire marksman, while I. Vessey had a brace and Doiron and Langer collected singletons for the Winsloe club.

In the second game, York edged Long Creek 3-2 with C. Lewis, I. Watts and K. MacDonald counting for York and J. MacDonald and M. MacDonald for Long Creek.

Brion Whipped By John Holman

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., (AP)—Cesar Brion, a tough Argentine boxer who has never been knocked out, was so thoroughly whipped by underdog John Holman Tuesday night that the referee stopped the heavy-weight bout in the fourth round.

Holman, of Chicago, knocked Brion down in 2:27 of the fourth round and referee Jimmy Peerless halted the match without a count when Brion grabbed Holman's ankles.

Some 2,400 persons at Miami Beach Auditorium saw the Chicagoan, who at 205½ outweighed Brion by 2½-pounds, nail Brion repeatedly with chopping short rights. Brion took a five-count in the first round.

Big Quebec Bonselpiel Will Open Today

QUEBEC (CP)—Forty Quebec curlers start play today in the provincial preliminary to the 42nd Quebec international Bonselpiel—an annual event highlighted by streaming sirens, colorful receptions and high-jinks of all kinds.

Today a championship rink from each of 10 districts in Quebec open a four-day round robin tournament to decide the provincial championship. Winner of the meet will represent Quebec in the Canadian curling championships at Regina March 6.

Sunday, fire trucks and police paddy wagons will stream towards Quebec City's Palais railway station to meet the special trains bringing in some of the estimated 600 curlers and spectators for the international section of the bonselpiel. Out-of-towners coming in for the week-long international traditionally get colorful greetings.

SOUTHERN DOMINION

The two large islands of New Zealand have a combined area of



Big Gun For Blueshirts

By JACK BESI
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NEW YORK, (CP)—Danny Lewicki is beginning to play up to the form that made him one of the most talked-about junior hockey stars of his time.

The 23-year-old forward whose entry into the National Hockey League four years ago attracted so much publicity is the top scorer for New York Rangers and also is the club's defensive star.

Lewicki was named as left wing on the NHL's second all-star team when mid-season choices were announced last week.

Danny's defensive achievements this season have surprised many fans, who attributed Toronto Maple Leafs' willingness to sell the Fort William native to his alleged failure as a two-way player.

goals and it assists place him high in the league scoring race and make it virtually certain Danny will have his best season since 1950-51 when he broke in with Toronto and scored 34 points.

Ranger coach Muzz Patrick attributes Lewicki's defensive success to his talent for getting under way quickly. "I wouldn't say he is the fastest player on the team," Muzz explains, "but he is the fastest at getting away. The way he gets back on his wing, the other team hasn't many chances to get plays started."

The five-foot-nine, 160-pound father of two small boys has played most this year as right-winger on a line centred by Bones Raleigh and Ron Murphy on left. They are the Rangers' highest scoring line with 76 points among them.

Danny himself is happy about this year's shift to New York, which netted the Leafs a reported \$15,000. He credits the "different style of play" with the fact he is having his best NHL season. "I have more of a free hand in scoring goals," he says. "The Rangers do not stress the defen-

sive game to the extent that Toronto does. With the Leafs it was check, check check and just wait for that one break."

CENTRE OF CONTROVERSY
Outside of Montreal's Jean Beliveau, Lewicki was perhaps the NHL's most heralded recruit when he broke in with the Leafs four years ago. His debut was widely publicized not only because of his great amateur record but also because of the famous "C form" controversy which preceded it.

Two seasons before, Lewicki had played junior hockey with Stratford. He wished to remain with them the next year. However the Leafs had Danny's C-form contract, under which they could control his hockey movements when he became 18. That was near the end of the 1948-49 season.

Leafs general manager Conn Smythe insisted Lewicki play the next year with Toronto Marlboro Juniors, a Leaf farm club, and Lewicki reluctantly agreed.

Looking back, Danny says: "After all that trouble I would just as soon see a kid not sign a C form... it puts unnecessary restrictions on him."

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Musial Can't Comprehend Why Williams Is Quitting

By JOE REICHLER
NEW YORK (AP)—Stan Musial, who can't quite comprehend why Ted Williams wants to quit while he's still one of baseball's top stars, plans to retire himself—but not until he achieves one great ambition.

The National League's top hitter has a burning desire to wind up his brilliant career with 3,000 major league hits. That is an achievement attained only by the elite—seven to be exact.

The St. Louis Cardinals' outfielder and slugger estimates it will take him three years to join the 3,000-hit club of Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Hans Wagner, Eddie Collins, Napoleon Lajoie, Adrian Anson and

not to go and see the game at the Forum but to phone between two and three hundred queries to the Guardian Office on nights there is a game at the rink and many more on an night the Islanders play away. The club can't use telephone fans and with a few attendances similar to the one they had on Monday, the club is going to have tough struggling to carry on till playoff time. As many, who know, have said, "The hockey being played in the league this year is far superior to that of other years." Our estimation is that Island fans just didn't bother to take a look at the brand of hockey being played this season and so lost interest. They have had senior hockey in Moncton just as long as on the Island and it still proves popular enough there to get average gates of 3,000 with a second place club whereas the average attendance at the Forum has been only 1,000 with a first place team.

The City Hockey League opens tonight at the Forum with a double-header providing starts for all four entrants. For three teams it will be their debut in City League competition and for the Royals it will be their debut in hockey, period. The Parkdale squad was a member in the North River League last season while the Montague club played in King's County competition. The Montague club have amalgamated with the Primrose boys this year and every indication points to a power packed representative from the eastern end of the Island. The Saints, winners of last season's play-downs, are the only representatives of last year's City League. All the teams, except the Saints, who have entered Maritime Intercollegiate competition, have signified their intentions of registering for Maritime Intermediate play-downs.

Paul Waner. He'll begin his 14th active big league season next April with 2,418 hits, 582 shy of the coveted 3,000. That means he must average 194 hits for the next three years. He collected 195 last year.

SOME CHEATED
"I'm only 34," Stan said. "And it's a young 34. My birthday was last November which means that after three baseball seasons I still will not have reached my 37th birthday."

"I realize that in the old days they said a player was just about through when he turned 35. But in those days, it was a common practice for players to cheat on their ages. When an old-timer admitted to 35, he actually was about 38 or 39."

"As for Williams, I can't understand why he would want to quit now. He's still the greatest hitter in baseball. I hope he's not serious. Baseball will miss him."

Musial, along with Brooklyn's Gil Hodges, was honored Monday night by New York press photographers for being the most co-operative and obliging athletes. Musial said he also hopes to play in another world series and perhaps add a seventh batting title along the way.

Bobo Olson Best Fighter For TV

NEW YORK (AP)—Middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson, chosen recently as the "fighter of the year" by the Boxing Writers Association, Monday was named the "television fighter of the year" by Ring magazine in its "TV annual."

Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano finished 11th in the boxing magazine's second annual poll although he did not appear directly on TV. His two title bouts with Ezzard Charles were televised in theatres only.

Suspend Lindsay 10 Days

DETROIT (AP)—Captain Ted Lindsay of Detroit Red Wings Tuesday was suspended from National Hockey League play for 10 days as a result of a rinkside scuffle with a fan during a game at Toronto Saturday night.

The suspension was ordered by NHL president Clarence Campbell following a meeting of club officials, players and officials which the fracas occurred.

The order means the Wings will be without their flashy forward for four games scheduled between now and Feb. 4, the day the suspension is lifted.

City Hockey League Opens Tonight With Twin Bill

The newly formed four-team City Hockey League will commence play at the Charlottetown Forum tonight with all four entries getting started in a double-header. The first game of the evening will start at 7 p.m. with the Saints meeting the Parkdale Lions while at 8:30 the Charlottetown Royals cross sticks with the Montague Primroses.

At present, plans are to hold the game at the Forum with all being in the form of twin-bills. This system will remain only as long as ice is unavailable at the Montague and Saint Dunstan's where they have to depend on the weather to produce a sheet of natural ice. Because of this the schedule as yet is indefinite except for the games tonight.

FORUM DATES

JAN'Y 25th to 29th
Wednesday—CITY LEAGUE HOCKEY 3 Games — 7:30
Thursday—P.S. SCHOOL SPORTS
Friday—Children's Skating 4-5:30 HOCKEY—MONCTON—8:30
Saturday—Skating 3-5 to 6 College Hockey 5-8 to 10 ST. THOMAS vs. S. D. U.

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