

BATHGATE REGAINS SCORING LEAD

Leafs Edge Habs 3-2; Blueshirts Drop Wings

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Maple Leafs, often berated for giving up when the going gets tough, drove from behind with a three-goal outburst in the second period Wednesday night and held on to edge the league-leading Montreal Canadiens 3-2 in a National Hockey League game.

The win kept Leafs' playoff hopes alive but they failed to gain ground on New York Rangers who occupy the fourth and final playoff berth and beat Detroit Red Wings 6-3 Wednesday night.

NEW YORK (AP)—Andy Bathgate, battling to regain the National Hockey League's scoring lead, checked for one goal and three assists and paced New York to a 6-3 victory over Detroit Red Wings Wednesday night. The triumph gave the Rangers a seven-point lead in the race for the fourth berth in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Bathgate now has 71 points. Trailing 2-0, the Rangers came to life at 6:40 of the second period when Bathgate picked up his own rebound and drilled his 32nd goal into the right corner of the net. Eight minutes later, Andy Hebenton, who had a pair of goals, clinaxed a picture play by beating goalie Terry Sawchuk on an angle shot after taking a blue-line pass from Camille Henry.

Table with hockey scores: Lunde (Howe, McIntyre) 1:55; 3, 7, New York, Hebenton (Sullivan) 12:39; 8, New York, Harlett (Bathgate, Ciesla) 15:28; 9, Detroit, McIntyre (Howe, Ullman) 18:31. Penalty: Bathgate 7:51.

ONLY UNDEFEATED RINK

MacLennan Quartet Bids For Island Curling Crown

Only one rink remained undefeated as play was completed yesterday in the third and fourth rounds of the provincial ladies curling championships being held at the Charlottetown Curling Club.

Miss MacLennan's city foursome defeated two opponents to take the lead in the race for the title and the Crockett Trophy that goes with it with a 3-0 mark.

Silliphant (S) vs. Prowse (C). Hayes (S) vs. MacLennan (C). Cudmore has bye.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS Third Round Silliphant (S) 300 011 022 1-10 Perry (A) 011 200 200 0-6 Smith (M) 210 123 001 0-10 Hayes (S) 002 000 110 3-7

Fourth Round Cudmore (M) 100 400 101 1-8 Silliphant (S) 021 011 010 0-6 Smith (M) 121 134 030 3-18 Prowse (C) 000 000 303 0-6

MacLennan (C) 000 002 422 0-13 Perry (A) 120 110 000 0-7

MacLennan built up a good lead and held on in the late ends to defeat Evelyn Cudmore of Montague 8-7 and came from behind with a big rush in the last four ends in the afternoon to stop Margaret Perry of Auberton 13-7.

MacLennan meets Blanche Smith's Montague rink this morning in a match that will go a long way in deciding the champion. A victory for the city quartet coupled with a loss for Anna Hayes' Summerside rink in any of her three matches today would assure at least a tie for the championship for Miss MacLennan.

Standings MacLennan (C) 3 0 Smith (M) 3 1 Hayes (S) 2 1 Silliphant (S) 2 2 Perry (A) 1 2 Cudmore (M) 1 3 Prowse (C) 0 3

Summerside No. 2: Brenton Clarke, skip; Roy Johnstone, mate; Dave Larkin, second; Ivan Nicholson, lead.

Alberton No. 1: Albert Clarke, skip; Robert Profit, mate; Bert Pridham, second; George Dunbar, lead.

Montague No. 1: Artwood MacDonald, skip; Red Robertson, mate; Sandy MacDonald, second; Homer Moore, lead.

Summerside No. 1: Harry Dickie, skip; Harold MacLeod, mate; Ensor Bowness, second; Earl Cannon, lead.

Charlottetown No. 1: Myron Bell, skip; Had McInnis, mate; Gordon Stewart, second; Keith Acorn, lead.

Charlottetown No. 2: Danny O'Rourke, skip; Paul O'Rourke, mate; Temple Hooper, second; Don Wonnacott, lead.

Victoria Driving Club Holds Another Top Notch Meet

Another ice racing meet, sponsored by the Victoria Driving Club, was held yesterday afternoon at North River Causeway under ideal weather conditions and on a perfect track.

Events of the Week At SPORTS ARENA THURSDAY—Playoff Hockey

Barry's Breeze (Rankin) 8 6 6 Totem Boy (Fall) 7 7 8 Times: 3-12, 31-3.

Winnipeg horses, owned by William Neill, Milton. In the second heat Billie C. Dudds came under the gate first but was set back to 9th position for beating the gate.

FRIDAY—Queens County Ice Sports SATURDAY—Afternoon Skating 2:30 to 4:15

Class A Trot and Pace J. W. Abbe (Ferguson) 5 2 1 Murphy's Abbe (O'Brien) 2 1 5

Class B Trot and Pace My Hero (Neill) 1 8 1 Captain Clegg (Smith) 4 1 2

Export A Cigarettes FILTER TIP

Class D Trot Ray K. (Bernard) 1 4 1 Cedar Crest Deb (Smith) 2 1 4

Class A Trot and Pace J. W. Abbe is owned by Lorne Ferguson, Hampton; Murphy's Abbe is owned by Charlie O'Brien, Covehead; Lillian Pointer is owned by Horace Willis, Charlottetown.

Exhibition Hockey To-night S. D. U. vs. Garrison Jr. Game Time 8:15 Admission .50 and .25 cents

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ICE SKATING TONIGHT 8-10 P.M. AT THE SPORTS ARENA Regular Prices Prevail

Class A Trot and Pace J. W. Abbe (Ferguson) 5 2 1 Murphy's Abbe (O'Brien) 2 1 5

Class B Trot and Pace My Hero (Neill) 1 8 1 Captain Clegg (Smith) 4 1 2

Tignish Captures League Crown Tignish hockey team won the Prince County rural and commercial hockey league at Civic Stadium last night, defeating Town Taxi 10-6, and thereby winning the final series for the championship in two straight games.

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FREE PASSAGE British parents emigrating to Australia may take any number of children under 19 free of charge.

Class B Trot and Pace My Hero (Neill) 1 8 1 Captain Clegg (Smith) 4 1 2

Class C Trot and Pace Brown Budlong (Hughes) 1 3 1 Just in Time (Kelly) 2 1 7

CURLING DRAW 9 P. M. Physical Fitness Ice 2 — W. Rodd vs. A. Saunders.

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Juvenile Abbies To SDU Today All members of Juvenile Abbies are asked to meet this afternoon at W.G. Barbour's, whence they will make the trip to Saint Dunstan's University for a regular Juvenile League fixture.



KEEN CURLING IS SEEN

Yesterday's matches in the curling championship produced some of the most keenly contested games of the bonspiel. Here Anna Hayes of Summerside watches a teammate's shot anxiously. In the background is Blanche Smith of Montague, whose team upset the previously unbeaten Hayes rink, 10-7.

EIGHT TEAMS ENTERED

Legion 'Spiel Opens Today

MONTAGUE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN Six rinks from three Island centres will journey here this morning in an attempt to wrench the Island Legion curling championship from the fast grip of the Montague Curling Club which has held it for the past two years.

Two teams each from Alberton, Charlottetown and Summerside will match stones with two Montague foursomes in an effort to take the crown, out of Montague for the first time since Island championship Legion play was inaugurated two years ago.

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Play will begin at 9 a.m. shortly after Mayor Bruce H. Yeo officially opens the bonspiel by tossing the first stone. The competition is a double knockout affair.

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Seen as top bet to make an interesting bonspiel for defending champion At MacDonald

are the Harry Dickie Summerside rink and Myron Bell of Charlottetown. Bell recently won acclaim for his showing in the British Consols play when he fought all the way to a final playoff before bowing to Jiggs MacDonald of Charlottetown.

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SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

THAT 5-1 TRIUMPH over Montreal Canadiens really was a mighty big one for Phil Watson's New York Rangers.

The victory halted New York's winless streak at seven and sent them five points up on Detroit Red Wings who were maulled 4-1 at home by Milt Schmidt's Boston Bruins.

Before Sunday's action commenced, Rangers' supporters were really on edge. They held a three-point lead over the Red Wings. At that Detroit had one game in hand. A win for Detroit and a loss for the Rangers would reduce the margin to a single point.

HOWEVER, THOSE RANGERS who had looked rather hopeless the night before in Toronto, did a real about-face. They had a 3-0 lead before Canadiens broke into the scoring column in the second stanza, then fired home two unanswered tallies in the third.

While this unexpected happening was occurring, Boston Bruins were having a fine time for themselves right on Detroit ice. On Saturday these same Bruins were crushed 6-0 by Canadiens, so it was natural that Red Wings' fans were anticipating a Detroit triumph.

But the Bruins, like the Rangers, were in no mood to do a repeat of Saturday's performance. They are still very much interested in second place and right now they are only three points back of those Chicago Black Hawks. Each team has 11 games to play, so Bruins can make it with ease.

They caught the ambitious Wings flatfooted, hanging a 4-1 defeat on them.

ALL OF WHICH pleased New York to no end. The Rangers who seemed headed right out of the playoff picture, now look on a much rosier picture today.

Unless the bottom drops out of the New Yorkers entirely, they are semi-finalists in the 1958 Stanley Cup playdowns. And even though the Rangers do go to pieces, that's no assurance that they'll miss the spring show.

In case some of our readers think we have forgotten whom we picked to miss the playoffs, we repeat it here and now. Detroit and Rangers were the two we predicted wouldn't make it. We are convinced we are right on the Wings but Toronto let us down by allowing those Rangers in there.

THE PROVINCIAL intermediate finals, MAHA edition, begin Friday night in Summerside with the Aces playing host to Charlottetown Royals in the opening game of a best-of-seven series.

Aces will present practically the same lineup that played Navy Tars in the recent C and D series but Royals will be a far cry from the outfit that performed in the house league throughout the winter.

Sandy Frizzell has registered with his Parkdale crew several boys who wore Navy uniforms all season long. Fellows like Jimmy Duffy, Frankie Roper, Lorne Hennessey, Wally Shepherd, Junior MacLeod and Billy Hughes are to line up with the Charlottetown team.

Glancing at the two teams on paper, we would say that Royals had the most formidable looking squad. They have a lot of fine hockey players but whether they will go smoothly as a unit is a big question.

ACES HAVE BEEN together since early fall. They know each other's every move and they are young and fast. Some folks are predicting that Royals shouldn't encounter too much trouble with the westerners, especially after the way the Navy-Aces series went. They are calling the Royals to win the provincial crown handily.

We won't disagree with them when they maintain Royals should conquer. However, we feel it's going to be a tough series and that the Charlottetown club is going to have to step lively all the way.

Action returns to the Sports Arena next Tuesday and Thursday. Friday the fourth game is at Civic Stadium. Number five is also scheduled for the western capital, with the sixth in Charlottetown on Tuesday March 10. If a seventh game is necessary, it will be played in Summerside on Thursday March 12.

Folks should see some pretty fair hockey games before this series is completed.

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