

SPORTS FRONT

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Canadians At Toronto

MONTREAL Canadians and Toronto Maple Leafs clash tonight at Toronto end this last meeting of the season (that is in the regular schedule) between the two clubs in a tremendously important one to both outfits.

The Leafs can all but set up first place with a triumph. However, if the Canadiens conquer they will be only two points back of the front-running Inatch gang. A Canadiens' victory Saturday over the Black Hawks and a Toronto loss to the Bruins would send the Leafs and Canadiens to the final night all right. However, if they should finish in tie the Toronto club would get the nod because they have the most wins.

The Leafs will do their mightiest to ruin Canadians' chance tonight. If Red Kelly and his associates can achieve a triumph, Canadians will trail Leafs by six big points with each team having only two games to play. This would eliminate the Leafs from any chance whatever of capturing the Prince of Wales trophy.

The Canadiens will budge at the seams for this one. While teams like beating the other fellow at all times, there's always a great kick for some clubs to try to win a certain other club. Toronto and Montreal each clearly love to throw the other for a loss.

It should be a hard fought encounter and the goals could be rought. On the season's progress, Toronto should take it but those ones you should take your very own loss. The Leafs have been underdog for a week ago and took a sound beating. The very next night they stormed into Madison Square Gardens and three the men of Montreal for a one-sided victory.

The Montrealers have managed only three triumphs this over the Leafs in 13 meetings. They've lost six and tied four. The odds are with them to chalk up another victory tonight but the Leafs may pay no attention to them. They will eliminate the Leafs that has kept them from heading the league. This situation is a rare one.

It's usually the other way around.

Individual Races

GORDIE Howe seems a certain winner in the scoring race. The big Detroit has quite a margin and his nearest opponent would need to go a great clip to catch him. Gordie himself will likely pick up a few more goals and assists before the curtain falls Sunday night on the regular 1962-63 National Hockey League season.

In the Vezina trophy race, Glenn Hall would appear to have things under control. However, if the Chicago Blackhawks continues to play Glenn unprotected in these remaining games, Montreal's Jacques Plante or Toronto's Johnny Bower could sneak by.

When we write this Glenn had a five goal cushion over Plante and six over Bower. The Leafs have no chance to tie Plante's Hall's goalkeeping record. He has 21 goals in 1962-63. Bower could go into second place tonight in the goaltender's battle if Toronto conquered Habs by two goals. If either then Glenn Hall would be in for a bit of a fight.

But Glenn seems to have it sewed up this season and the fellow deserves the award. Although he has managed to keep in his average so low.

Playoffs-Start Tuesday

At any rate, the semi-finals begin Tuesday next with the first and second place teams beginning the third and fourth respectively. Right now those first and second place finishers aren't exactly known but they could be pretty well lined up after tonight.

And then the mixup could be worse than ever.

Detroit Whips Blackhawks 5-2

CHICAGO (AP)—Detroit Red Wings today beat the Chicago Blackhawks 5-2 in capturing the National Hockey League title by pounding the Hawks 5-2 Tuesday night in the final regular season game at the Stadium.

The defeat left the Hawks in second place, three points behind Toronto Maple Leafs and only two games left to play. Detroit has three remaining. Toronto is in fourth place. The Wings triumph was the second in a row over the Hawks and Detroit's first of the year on Stadium ice.

SCORES TWO Norm Ullman paced the brigade. Gordie attack with two goals while Bill Gadsden, team leader Gordie Howe added his 30th goal of the year and an assist. Howie Nowlan, New York's Andy Bathgate by eight points with 38 goals and 47 assists for 85 points.

Detroit led only 2-1 going into the final period but Alex Delvecchio sent the Wings on their way with a goal at the 40-second mark of the frame.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Wednesday at the Charlottetown Club (5 P.M.):

6:30 P.M. SEAGRAM SEC. B"
1. D. Hill, B. Hill, G. G.
2. D. Dillon, D. Ward, V. O'Rourke, H. Dobson, C. Fleming, C. MacNeil.
3. F. Hansen, Dr. McEachern, D. Bell, P. Whitlock, vs. J. Bayden, Geo. Dillon, D. Jarman, H. Simpson.
Ice 3 Dr. MacDonald, Dr. Cox, M. Keenan, A. Garrett, G. G. Stewart, A. Saunders, B. Acorn, J. Vautour.
Ice 4 Dr. Gallant, T. Whitlock, E. Brock, A. Gill, vs. J. Squaresbriggs, R. Ketch, R. Manning, B. O'Rourke.
Ice 5 A. Humphrey, D. Wonnacott, S. Warwick, V. Robertson, vs. F. W. MacNeil, G. MacNeil, S. Scaurbridge, K. Kennedy.
6:30 P.M. (SEAGRAM SEC. B)
Ice 1 O'Neil, vs. J. M. Bennett, R. Taylor, Dr. Hooper, K. Jenkins, G. Lidstone.
Ice 2 Doug Cameron, N. Nichol, vs. M. G. Bennett, R. Ewing, Bill Soper, M. MacLellan.
Ice 3 B. LeClerc, A. Levesque, A. Hallam, C. Carr, vs. A. Burke, B. Beer, Dave Cox, N. Bell.
Ice 4

OLIVER SURRENDERS

Pee Wee Oliver, Los Angeles infielder, throws up his hands as he is tagged by Detroit Tigers third baseman Don

Wert as he is run down in first inning of exhibition game in Lakeland yesterday. Oliver was caught between first and second

and after Wally Moon struck out on a 3-and-2 pitch. In foreground is the Detroit first baseman. (AP Wirephoto)

BHS Takes Hoop Tilt

Birchwood High School, backed by the 16-point performance of Kevin White, a 6-foot, 4-inch 15-year-old, defeated Queen Charlotte High 53-17 in an exhibition basketball game at BHS yesterday afternoon.

White also controlled both backboards, pulling down 15 rebounds.

The Birchwood team dominated the play all the way and at halftime were leading 30-3. Other top scorers for the winners were Billy Weatherly 12 and Andy Arsenault 11.

Top for the losers was George Wootton with eight points. The game was capably handled by Len Sirols and Larry Ferrell.

Ontario Team Leaves Tuesday For Montreal

OTTAWA (CP)—Bolstered by a \$1,000 donation collected by fans to meet their expenses, the Prescott-Kemptville Comets left by air Tuesday for Montreal to meet Moncton Hawks in a best-of-five series in the Allan Cup eastern play-off.

Comets, unheard of outside their own league a month ago, knocked out the highly-rated Ottawa Senators, they are undefeated in the playoffs.

The appeal for funds was successful, with hundreds of fans responded in financial donations.

The series opens in Moncton tonight.

Sask, P.E.I. Game Gets Pace For Today

PORT ARTHUR (CP)—An extra-end between Saskatchewan and P.E.I. was held at the Port Arthur Shellbrook and Doug McGowan of Moncton, P.E.I., Tuesday set the pace for a battle of undefeated rinks today in the fifth round of the Royal Canadian Curling Championships.

The afternoon, fourth round, was held up at completion as the two rinks waited for the extra end to defeat McGowan 8-7 as the stubborn Islanders scored six goals in the 10th and 12th ends to tie in regulation limits.

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Luis Rodriguez Is Confident Of Title Win

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Well-timed title contender Luis Rodriguez, a serious contender in the ring but a funder of it, repeated Tuesday he will win the championship from Emilio Griffith.

The Griffith-Rodriguez fight is scheduled for Saturday at the MGM-Casino in Las Vegas. Rodriguez will fight Dodger Stadium with two other world championship 15-round fights which were raised one day last Saturday.

Yes, I still think I knock him out," said Jovial Luis, the Cuban fighter who says he lives in Free Cuba, meaning Miami, Fla.

York Blanks Fairview

York defeated Fairview 5-0 in intercollegiate "C" playoff action in the first of two games at the York rink.

Gord Vessers scored both goals for the winners. The series is now scheduled at 1 a.m.

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Minor Hockey Results Tues.

There were just two minor Hockey contests run off yesterday at Sports Arena. In the first game Hornets and Bears played a 5-all tie in an exhibition "Pat Fitzgerald, Bob McKenna and Kenny Dowling flashed the red light for Bears.

In the second game of the day, which was a second game in a home - and - home series, Salpes defeated Ducks 1-0 on a goal by Jimmy Theriault.

This win ties the series up at 2-1. A deciding game will be played Thursday at 5 o'clock sharp.

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