

Islanders To Take On Atlantics Here Tonight

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Leafs Shut Out Habs In Christmas Eve Game

TORONTO, Dec. 25 (CP)—Toronto Maple Leafs scored two goals in the third period and netted Harry Lumley to shut out the second-place Montreal Canadiens 2-0 in the only Christmas Eve game in the 1952-53 National Hockey League season.

The Leafs, who pulled into a fourth-place tie with Boston Bruins, treated the crowd of 12,474 fans to a real Christmas treat as they fought the Canadiens in the dying minutes to give Lumley his second shutout in 34 games this year.

Chunky Gordie Hannigan, a 188-pound left winger, beat Montreal goaltender Gerry McNeil at 4:59 of the last period to pull the Leafs to 1-0 and left-winger Harry Watson got the other on a dazzling shot at 10:37.

Until Hannigan took a pass from defenceman Jim Morrison's rebound behind McNeil, the Canadiens appeared to have the game well in hand. During the first and second periods, they rushed Lumley and only his great work saved the Leafs from defeat.

Hannigan's goal came on a seemingly harmless looking play seconds after Geoffrion had roared in on Lumley on a perfect play. Bobby Hassard picked up the puck on a faceoff and fed it to Morrison who drove the puck into McNeil's pads. Hannigan was right on the spot for the rebound and McNeil had no chance on the play. From then on the Canadiens couldn't get an effective play working. Watson put the Leafs ahead on a 20-foot shot. The assist went to Phil Maloney, up from Pittsburgh for his first game.

Referee Red Storey called only four penalties during the game. Three of them went to the Leafs. Lumley, who played the main part in getting the Leafs their 33rd victory—which gave them 33 points—stumped the Canadiens seconds after the opening whistle. He kicked out 14 shots in the first period, nine in the second and another nine in the third.

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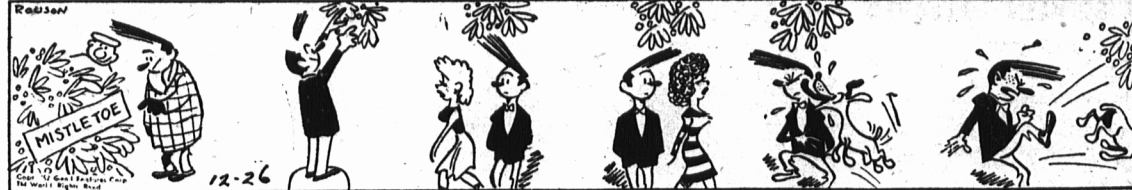
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There's a third period jinx hanging over the Islanders that coach Murph Chamberlain hopes will be lifted tonight. This jinx is evident only in the games with the Halifax Atlantics as a survey of the Islanders-Halifax games of the season will show. During the past two months the Islanders have played the Atlantics eleven times and only on one occasion have they skated off the ice victorious. But in at least seven of those games the Islanders have been ahead or even with the Atlantics at the end of the second period.

A hasty check-up on ten of the games between the two clubs this year discloses the above facts. Four times the Atlantics have come from behind in the third period to snatch the game from the Islanders. On two occasions the teams went into the third period even-even and the Islanders came out on the winning end. Once the teams played to a regulation time tie and the Atlantics won the game in overtime.

This strange course of events did not start this year, we should point out. The pattern was set in the Islanders-Halifax play-off last spring. Twelve times in those four games the Atlantics came from underneath to win. Twice they made their comeback in the third period and both times they overcame three goal deficits. On the other occasion the teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the second and Pete Leswick won the game for the Garrison City representatives in the final frame.

In abbreviated form the plain fact of the matter is that the Atlantics have won ten of their last fifteen games from the Islanders in the third period. The reason is not a difference in condition for the Islanders have been fairly successful in winning from the Miners and Millionaires in the last 20 minutes. It could be an attack of over-confidence for there is good reason to feel the game is in the bag when your team is leading by about three goals. It could also be the lack of a defensive style of play to protect a two or three goal lead.

All that is in the past as the two teams step on the ice at the Forum tonight. The Islanders full well know that this one is one of their big games of the season. Its big in the sense that they need to win it in order to get near the Haligonians in the standings and they need to win it to prove to their followers that they have the goods. The players have been smarting since their defeat last Friday and they know their only revenge is through a victory tonight.

Riding in the Islanders favor will be the return of Gus "The Big Swede" Gustavson. Gus has not played against the Haligonians yet and the Halifax forwards have not felt the effects of his body checks. If Gus checks as well tonight as he did last Friday against the Miners not too many right wingers will skate close to his defense berth looking for an easy shot on net.

When the Atlantics return home on Saturday morning they will have four Charlottetown hockey players on the bench.

Red Wings Come From Behind To Tie Chicago

DETROIT, Dec. 25 (AP)—Gordie Howe's two third period goals rewarded Detroit Red Wings with an uphill 3-3 National Hockey League tie against Chicago Black Hawks here tonight.

Howe thrilled the holiday turnout of 11,028. It was Detroit's fifth straight tie on home ice.

The tallies came within four minutes late in the stanza and were Howe's 18th and 19th of the campaign, tops in the National Hockey League.

Until then Al Rollins had been a standout, almost single-handedly turning back the rampaging Detroiters who carried a 39-22 shooting edge and had the pressure on constantly for the last 30 minutes. The result boosted Detroit's 4-11 lead to five points, largest held by anyone this season, and moved Chicago up into a deadlock for second place with idle Montreal.

Goalie Ralph (Red) Almas, substituting for the injured Terry Sawchuk, was nicked three times in the first 37 minutes, but after that

Rangers Win First Road Game From Boston 2-1

BOSTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—Paul Ronny provided the deciding goal midway through the third period tonight as New York Rangers won their first road game of the current National Hockey League season by topping Boston Bruins 2-1.

While regaining their old-time Christmas night winning stride the last place Rangers spotted Bruins a first period goal, registered by Jack Klukay, after being set up in an almost flawless fashion by Fleming Mackell.

Ed Slowinski put the Rangers on even terms early in the second period with his second tally of the season.

Ronny, a former Bruin, decided matters at 9:22 in the finale by caging Wally Hergesheimer's rebound. The latter, Rangers' top scorer with 15 goals and 17 assists for 32 points, had two close-up tries at goalie Jim Henry before Ronny hooked the puck for his game-winning shot from 15 feet

out. Rangers now boast of a unique Christmas record of 17 victories, one tie and three defeats over the last 22 years. They were beaten by Detroit Red Wings on this date last year and in 1950.

The loss probably was an extremely costly one for Bruins. During the Ronny scoring scrimmage defenceman Hal Laycoe, who had missed the eight previous games, re-injured an ankle and had to retire.

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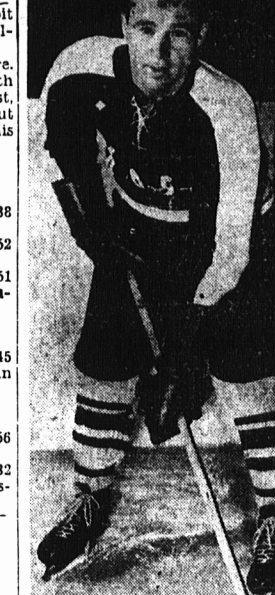
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Roth Leads OHA Scoring Race

TORONTO, Dec. 25 (CP)—Mickey Roth of Stratford Indians gave himself an early Christmas present this week in the form of a seven-point lead in the Ontario Hockey Association senior A scoring race.

Statistics issued yesterday by the OHA, including games of Dec. 22, show Roth with 59 points, 22 goals and 33 assists in 26 games.

Three players are deadlocked in second place with 52 points. Roth's teammates Dinny Flanagan and Don Ferguson share the spot with Bill Taylor of Brantford Redmen. Billy Flick of Stratford is fifth with 50 points.

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Schedule For Week-end Bonsel At Local Club

Following is the draw for the week-end bonsel at the Charlottetown Curling Club:

Friday, December 26th 2.00 P.M.

Ice 1 — John Squarebriggs, Everett McNeill, Gil Henry, J. J. Callaghan vs. Frank Aorn, E. K. MacNutt, Doug Hill, J. S. Cutcliffe.

Ice 2 — Rob Parent, John MacDonald, Arthur G. Hogan, A. H. Cordell vs. R. G. Spillett, J. H. McNeill, E. A. House, H. J. Dobson.

Ice 3 — H. I. Spillett, David MacLeod, Harry McInnis, Ken Elliott vs. Doug Saunders, Hon. M. McGuigan, H. E. Hyndman, Reg Howarth.

Ice 4 — Ed Tanton, C. H. Kydd, H. B. Willis, D. A. McCannel vs. W. W. Worth, Sterling Beaton, H. C. Trainor, Bedford McDonald.

3.45 P.M.

Ice 1 — W. R. McNeill, W. R. Burnett, Don Wannacott, J. Emmet McDonald vs. Ern McInnis, H. C. Atkinson, Col. J. D. Stewart, Wm McLean.

Ice 2 — J. S. McDonald, T. M. Gillies, Edgar Jardine, Doug McLeod vs. Ron Carruthers, J. F. Hobbs, Wes Storey, Dr. K. E. McEachern.

Ice 3 — R. R. Bell, J. H. Helotts, R. E. Sutherland, Earl Mills vs. Hon. T. W. L. Prowse, J. E. Clark, Geo. Rogers, J. S. Taylor.

Ice 4 — J. E. Burden, J. H. Cery, A. H. Roger, C. A. Tait vs. Ivan Horne, Dr. Lem Prowse, Al Rogers, Gordon W. Stewart.

7.00 P.M.

Ice 1 — Arnett Howatt, Daniel O'Rourke, Maurice Block, A. H. Anderson vs. R. H. Bevan, W. G. Lock, W. G. Barbour, Geo. Michael.

Ice 2 — A. W. Hyndman, Louis Turner, J. E. Burnett, Sen. G. W. Harbour vs. Frank Hanson, A. W. Matheson, R. H. Barrett, Geo. Anderson.

Ice 3 — Cliff McDonald, J. Sinclair, McKay, J. W. Douglas, Wm Beer vs. H. A. Fraser, Randolph Manning, Gordon Foster, Barru McDonald.

Ice 4 — Dr. E. S. Giddings, J. P. Campbell, W. C. Hoyt, Geo. K. McKnight vs. Dr. Wm McDonald, W. F. Curtis, Elmer MacRae, Fred Norton.

Saturday, December 27 2.00 P.M.

Ice 1 — Walter Wilson, skip, A. O. F. Gill, Mel Jenkins, Ivan Trainor vs. W. R. Jenkins, skip, Fred Driscoll, Allister McLeod, Geo. J. Reynolds.

Ice 2 — Gordon Avar, skip, Elmer McDonald, Alfred McNeill, Wm. Michael, vs. J. J. Morris, skip, Ken Anderson, Earl McDonald, Paul J. O'Rourke.

Ice 3 — F. R. McLane, skip, Walter Fickard, Edward Gallant, H. B. Douglas vs. G. G. Hughes, skip, Dr. J. C. Gallant, Allison Gillis, John Mustard.

Ice 4 — Dr. H. H. Pierce, skip, A. B. Bagnall, Keith Myers, W. E. Goss vs. Cleaver McLean, skip, Wendell McLane, Allison Owen, Dawson Peterson.

3.45 P.M.

Ice 1 — J. A. Likely, skip, Ron Parker, Tom Rogers, Dick McKinnon vs. H. L. Seal, skip, John Wilson, G. M. McDonald, James Cameron.

Ice 2 — Ed Nicholson, skip, Ralph Jones, Lester Johnston, M. F. Hogar vs. Hon. T. A. Campbell, skip, William Kelly, Gordon Rayner, Gordon Hutchison.

Ice 3 — Dr. H. McIntyre, skip, S. R. Johnston, Don McDonald, John Simmonds vs. G. G. Hughes, skip, N. Nicholson, Dr. J. A. Clark, Tom McAdam.

Ice 4 — Col. G. E. Full, skip, Ed Wood, Doug Cameron, Wm. Acorn vs. Geo. Hawkins, skip, Judge Trainor, W. C. McLean, Percy Simmonds.

Games to be scored on points. Prizes will be given. — A. B. Bagnall.

FORUM DATES

DEC. 23 to 27

FRIDAY — HOCKEY — 8:30

HALIFAX vs. ISLANDERS

SATURDAY— Afternoon Skating 3 to 5 Night — Juvenile Hockey.

Tough Year For Sportsmen Of British Isles

LONDON, Dec. 25 (AP)—This has been a miserable year for proud sportsmen of the British Isles, but England is looking for a life in her international prestige in 1953.

In her two major sports, football and cricket, England recovered much of the ground lost during and immediately after the Second World War.

For the footballers, there will be the April game against Scotland at Wembley Stadium to settle the international championship. After that comes a strenuous tour of South America, ending with an international contest against the United States in New York.

The cricketers also face a tough schedule. There are five test matches against Australia, the chief rival, and the opportunity to win a series from that country for the first time since the winter of 1932-33.

England's football team edged Scotland, 2-1, to share the international championship with Wales. Her national cricket team walloped India during the summer.

But in most of the other international events England suffered a series of humiliating setbacks.

The Olympic Games in Helsinki were the graveyard of many English hopes.

It wasn't until the last day of the games that England won her first gold medal, and it took horses to do that. Foxhunter, Nizella and Aherflow scored in the equestrian finals.

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Rule Turpin Logical Contender

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—The National Boxing Association yesterday assured the British Boxing Board of Control that Randy Turpin is the NBA's No. 1 logical contender for the middleweight crown vacated by Sugar Ray Robinson.

The assurance was given in response to a radiogram from the British group asking NBA's support and co-operation to resist any effort to sidetrack Turpin.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE



Major Hoople

EGAD, SNUFFY! WHAT BREEZE WASTED ME TO YOUR PLEASANT LITTLE PORT? UM! WE DECIDED TO EMPTY AND WASH THE YULE WASSAIL BOWL AT THE CLUB, AND MY WORD! DID I SULLY THE DIGNITY OF MY JUSTICE'S ROBES?

YOU LEFT EARLY, MAJOR! BUT LATER ON I RAN INTO YOU ON THE CORNER WITH A DOORKNOB IN YOUR HAND, SAYING A SLIGHT QUAKE HAD PULLED THE HOUSE AWAY FROM YOU! JUST A ROUTINE HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

OH, YES, AND DID WE EAT TWO DOZEN RAW OYSTERS?

Dodgers Edge Cincinnati For Fielding Honors

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP)—Brooklyn Dodgers, who breezed to the 1952 National League pennant, had a much tougher time in gaining a hair-breadth edge over Cincinnati Reds in the race for club fielding laurels.

Official averages released yesterday revealed that Brooklyn, with a .9822 mark, just managed to outfield the Redlegs, who compiled a .9817 average. The champs tied a league fielding record established by St. Louis in 1945. The Brooks also set a new low in the error department with 108.

The Dodgers contributed two players to the list of individual leaders. They were third-baseman Billy Cox and catcher Roy Campanella.

Cox fielded 970 in 100 games, while Campy showed a .994 mark with four errors in 721 chances. Other top men at their positions were first-baseman Ted Kuszewski and second-baseman Grady Hatton of Cincinnati, shortstop Johnny Logan and outfielder Sid Gordon of Boston, and pitcher Jim Hearn of New York.

Jockey Seeking New World Record

HAVANA, Dec. 25 (AP)—Tony Despirito, seeking to set an all-time riding record, scored three victories out of eight mounts today at Oriental Park to raise his year's total of winners to 376. That left him 12 behind the record of 388 shared by three men.

Despirito won the second race aboard Galese (\$3.20), the featured British Empire welterweight champion, to fight the winner of the coming Art Aragon-Billy Graham bout here Jan. 29. Dreyer is still in South Africa but his manager, Willie Ketchum, indicated he will snap up the offer.

HALIFAX FORUM

FRIDAY — 8:30

SEAT SALE—THURSDAY 2 TO 6; FRIDAY UP TO 2 P. M.

GENERAL SALE—FRIDAY—2 P. M.

OUT OF A SLUMP

YOUR TEAM WILL SPARK OUT OF IT'S