



IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SET

Prince Akihito of Japan, who first met Michiko Shoda on the tennis court, joins his fiancée for a mixed doubles match at the Tokyo Lawn Tennis Club, where the couple made their first public appearance since their be-

trothal was announced on Nov. 27. Michiko, who has won six tennis trophies, beat the crown prince, 6-1, on their first meeting, enough to dash most budding romances. But their bloom-

ed and now the crown prince can hold his own with his tennis-loving fiancée. She will become the first commoner crown princess in Japan's 2,600-year royal history.

Norris Pours In Plenty; He'll Never End In Black

By JACK SULLIVAN
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What price professional hockey?

Jim Norris, owner of Chicago Black Hawks in the National Hockey League, can tell you all about it. He has poured more than \$500,000 into the faltering Hawks since 1954 and the way things are going now for his

fifth-place team he'll never end up in the black.
Last Saturday afternoon, for instance, the Hawks were hosts to Detroit Red Wings and a crowd of only 3,829 turned up at Chicago Stadium. That was the smallest NHL crowd in years. LESS THAN \$10,000
The gross gate receipts from Saturday's game probably were

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

BAIE STE. ANNE'S beloved Yvon Durelle almost got himself an early Christmas gift Wednesday. He had it right in his hands but an old fellow prevented him from getting it gift-wrapped.
Yes, Yvon Durelle was terrific close to possessing the world's light heavyweight boxing championship. He astounded everybody, including Mr. Archie Moore, with his style and he appeared to have ageless Archie finally stopped.
In that first round, Durelle battered the champion all over the ring and how he hung on still remains a mystery. Even after the champion survived the opening three minutes, there were many who expected that Yvon would execute the kill in round two. But Archie kept hanging on, gradually getting back in strength and his thinking power and doing a bit of punching on his own behalf.

MOORE FANS were gaining confidence as the fifth round opened. Their hero had weathered three knockdowns in the first round and was now taking good care of himself. They were satisfied that no more trouble was in store for the man who was a 14-5 favourite to win the Canadian championship. But they were not yet out of the woods. A left to the body and a solid right to the head sent Archie to the canvas in the fifth, this time for the count of five. It was the fourth time in the fight that Moore had hit the deck.
BUT THAT was the turning point. Moore recovered quickly and from there on he won every round until he finally stopped Durelle in the eleventh. Yvon was down for a two-count in the seventh and an eight count in the tenth before Archie put him away for good after 49 seconds of the eleventh.
Even if Moore had not been able to knock out Durelle he undoubtedly would still be light heavyweight champion of the world today. He was ahead on the cards of all the judges and Durelle didn't appear to have any knockout punches left.
But in defeat the New Brunswick fisherman won himself a great many new admirers. He showed that he had every license to be in there as a challenger and came desperately close to upsetting the applecart.
Durelle never looked better and no victory that he ever chalked up earned him as much prestige as his loss on Wednesday. He'll get another crack at the title and the next time he might just be able to go all the way.

ON THE OTHER HAND, Durelle had the chance of his lifetime but just couldn't capitalize on it. Some folks insist that if he couldn't stop Moore on Wednesday, he'll never be able to do it. With that trend of thinking, we can't find much with which to disagree. However, perhaps Yvon knows now what he did wrong in not stopping Moore before he stopped him (Durelle). But you could also argue that Archie would not allow himself to be sucked in the way he was in the early stages of Wednesday's fight.
Whatever you look at it, it was a tremendous battle. Canadian fans, most of whom were pulling for a Durelle triumph, need not be ashamed at the showing of their battler. This fellow Durelle just couldn't come any closer to winning without accomplishing the real thing. He has showed that he was indeed a most worthy challenger, something that many wouldn't admit before the big fight.

MOORE HAS WON many fights in his life and few caused Old Archie as much trouble as this one just gone into history. But his earlier victories will be forgotten long before this Durelle battle escapes the minds of ring followers. The courageous way the champion battled back is something that can't soon be forgotten. His was a gallant stand, a stand that took not only courage but plenty of ring technique.
Moore was certainly near the end of his fistful career. He has established himself as a great champion and Wednesday's successful defence of his title had added additional laurels to his crown.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS have forgotten about losing hockey games in their last five National Hockey League games.
The last place Leafs, under G.M. 'Punch' Imlach and Bert Olmstead, have been refusing to skate off the ice without getting the benefit of at least a tie.
It started Sunday November 30 at Boston Gardens when the Toronto club edged the Bruins 2-1. Leafs tied the powerful Canadiens 2-2 at Montreal the following Thursday, followed with wins over the Bruins and Rangers and then fought Chicago Black Hawks to a 2-2 tie in Chicago on Wednesday night.
The undefeated string has moved Leafs up to 21 points, and, although they are still in the league basement, they are showing definite signs of vacating it any night now.

WE MENTIONED a few days ago about Leafs' terrific success in games with the Boston Bruins. In six meetings, they have won four, lost one and tied one. Their feats have caused general manager Lynn Patrick to exclaim "Against us, Toronto is the greatest team in the league. They murder us—physically and on the record."
Patrick continues: "We're supposed to be the most rugged team in the league and I've heard Leafs' own management complain Leafs are too soft. But when we play, who gets hurt? We do."
Leafs get another chance this Sunday night to down the Bostonians. This time, however, we expect the Schmidt and Company will catch up with the Imlach outfit.

WHILE TORONTO boasts of four victories over Boston, they cannot claim one win over the Chicago Black Hawks in five meetings, losing three times and managing two ties. It's the Black Hawks that are responsible for the Leafs' basement position. Had Toronto enjoyed success against Chicago similar to that of games with Boston, then the Leafs would be right up there among the top brass.
Toronto tries to pick up their next two points Saturday night when they play hosts to the faltering New York Rangers. Phil Watson's charges scoring power has been sadly lacking in these last three games. They amassed the total of ONE GOAL in their last three battles and that came Wednesday when the Red Wings trimmed them 2-1.
Perhaps the Rangers are due to go on a scoring spree Saturday night in Toronto. The Rangers hope so. So do their supporters.

Here's Saturday's Schedule For Local Minor Players

Tuesday will be a busy day at Sports Arena as all the various Minor Leagues of the City get their annual schedule under way. This week's program gets under way at 7:00 a.m. sharp and all players are asked to be on hand in plenty of time to get into their gear and so get games away promptly. It is the aim of officials in charge to run games off promptly and if everyone cooperates all players including our girls will be able to get in a session every Saturday. Players, including girls and Juveniles are reminded this is the last day for registering.

Following is the schedule:
7:00 - 7:35 - Bantams - Birchwood Tigers vs. Bears.
7:35 - 8:10 - Bantams - Birchwood Eagles vs. Royalty, etc., Orioles.
8:10 - 8:45 - Bantams - Q.C. H.S. Lions vs. Beavers.
8:45 - 9:20 - Bantams - Q.C. H.S. Gulls vs. Cranes.
9:30 - 10:00 - Paperweights - Royalty, etc., Canaries vs. Spring Park Bluebirds.
10:00 - 10:30 - Paperweights - Q. S. S. Setters vs. Otters.
10:30 - 11:00 - Paperweights - Q. S. S. Loons vs. Larks.
11:00 - 11:30 - Paperweights - Q.S.S. Finches vs. W. K. S. Hawks.
11:30 - 12:00 - Paperweights - W. K. S. Colts vs. P.S.S. Tigers.
12:00 - 12:30 - Paperweights - P. S. S. Falcons vs. P. S. S. Ravens.
12:30 - 1:00 - Pee Wees - P. S. S. Hornets vs. W.K.S. Redwings.
1:00 - 1:30 - Pee Wees - P. S. S. Spitfires vs. P.S.S. Owls.
1:30 - 2:00 - Pee Wees - Royalty, etc., Parkers vs. W.K. S. Redwings.
2:00 - 5:30 - Pee Wees - Q. S. S. Rams vs. Elks.
5:30 - 6:00 - Pee Wees - Q. S. S. Cranes vs. Wrens.
6:00 - 6:30 - Pee Wees - Q. S. S. Jays vs. Snipes.
6:30 - 7:00 - Pee Wees - Q. C. H. S. Foxes vs. Royalty, etc., Cubs.
7:00 - 7:30 - Pee Wees - Q. C. H. S. Sparrows vs. Spring Park Springers.
7:30 - 8:00 - Pee Wees - Royalty, etc., Ducks vs. Robins.
8:00 - 8:30 - Practice - All school girls over 14.
8:30 - 9:15 - Midgets - Birchwood Ramblers vs. Darts.
9:15 - 10:00 - Midgets - Royalty, etc., Abbies vs. Arrows.
10:00 - 10:45 - Midgets - Q.C. H.S. Royals vs. Vics.
10:45 - 11:30 - Practice - Abbie Juveniles.
Referee Schedule - Officials in charge will appreciate it a lot if the following referees would make every effort to be on hand at times shown:
7:00 - 9:20 - Leroy Barrett, Gordon Welner.
9:20 - 11:00 - Dave Lawlor, John Davis (Jr.).
11:00 - 12:30 - Bill MacMillan, Don Frizzell.
12:30 - 2:04 - Don Whalen, John Davis (Sr.).
5:00 - 6:30 - Don Frizzell, Dave Lawlor.
6:30 - 8:00 - Bill MacMillan, Bill Boyles.
8:30 - 10:45 - Walter Lawlor, Roy White.

Sports Area Is Rising

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. (AP) - A first-class winter sports area designed and built for the Olympic Games is rising here despite problems and turmoil.

Squaw Valley, a dark horse entry from California, was awarded the 1960 winter Olympic Games 9 1/2 years ago.
Since then, new lifts have stretched up into the high mountains around the valley; dormitories, a huge ice arena and other buildings have taken shape and the construction job is on the home stretch.
When the little-known valley was awarded the games, screams went up from several European skiing countries and some Americans said as well:
"Absurd... a disaster... no facilities... a gigantic flop. And they asked 'where is it?'"
The valley, some 200 miles northeast of San Francisco, was known then only among California skiers and a few others outside the state—a ski area with a few facilities in a 6,200-foot valley, cupped by 9,000-foot peaks.
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Sid Abel Claims Richard Never The Equal Of Howe

By BEN OLAN
Associated Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP)—Sid Abel, coach of Detroit Red Wings, said Thursday Montreal Canadiens' Maurice (The Rocket) Richard is "an opportunist who never was the all-around equal of Gordie Howe."
"Howe is the best player in hockey, great on defence and scores goals when we need them the most," added Abel, a former star skater for Detroit. Abel played on the same line with Howe for several seasons.
The Wings' coach made his comments in rebuttal to Richard's charges that Howe lacks enthusiasm, should hustle more and is used excessively as a penalty-killer.
"Richard has no reason to speak," snapped Abel. "He never was good enough to be used for killing penalties."
LOOKS EASY
"Howe makes everything look

easy. But he knows instinctively what to do and does it without too much effort. We'd be in a heck of a fix without him."
Richard, 37, is the National Hockey League's all-time leading scorer with 520 regular season goals. Howe, 30, a runner-up with 399. The Rocket is in his 17th season in the big league and Howe is in his 13th.
"I don't want to take anything away from Richard," Abel added. "He's amazing and I'd take him on my club anytime."
"He's colorful, certainly more so than Howe. But the Canadiens' offensive is geared for Richard to put the puck in the net. Gordie works hard for a lot of his goals."
FOUR-GAME STREAK
The Red Wings, who defeated New York Rangers 2-1 in Madison Square Garden Wednesday night, are unbeaten in their last four games. They have moved within two points of the leading Canadiens, who are overwhelm-

Moore Says Recent Victory Most Sensational To Date

By MURRAY ROSE
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MONTREAL (AP) - Light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore today described his amazing comeback knockout victory over Yvon Durelle as "the most sensational of my career" and said he would like to fight the game Canadian again next June in a Montreal ballpark.

Archie when he was nailed in the first round. Archie was down three times, including one knockdown ruled a push by referee Jack Sharkey, in the first round and down once more in the fifth. Then he began his almost miraculous recovery.
He dumped Yvon once in the seventh round, once in the 10th, and twice in the dramatic 11th. How did he get nailed in the first round?
"I was bobbing and weaving," said Archie, "figuring to set him up on his right side. I didn't think he had much of a right."
"All of a sudden, as I weaved, I got hit with a right."
I didn't know what happened. The first thing I remembered was looking up at Sharkey's face. I said to myself 'What's he looking at me for?'"
UNUSUAL POSE
"Then it struck me that I was on the floor. I could hear the fans yelling and I said to myself 'Why don't they stop yelling so I can hear the count?'"
"The first count I heard was five. I said 'I've got to get up.' Then I remembered going down again and getting up and going down again. I was woozy. But at the end of the round, the cobwebs were beginning to clear."
"He hurt me again in the fifth when I went down. I was woozy

again. Everything began to clear, I better be more careful next time. I was up late in the round and I thought that left hand of mine was

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SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

The bout between Archie Moore and Yvon Durelle was the nearest thing to a western movie fight that you'll ever find in real life. Moore, sent sprawling to the canvas four times, came back in the final reel to clobber the Baie Ste. Anne fisherman into submission. Even a loyal Maritime fan could be forgiven for identifying Durelle with the king of the cattle rustlers, and Moore with the new sheriff of Happy Gulch.
We started watching the fight, a confirmed Durelle fan, but seeing the gallant old battler coming groggily off the deck to finess his way back to normalcy, and then to defend his title with a slashing attack, had the effect of scrambling our sympathies a little. At the end of the fight we didn't know whether to whoop it up or weep.
As we saw it, both fighters did a lot better than was expected of them. Durelle need not feel ashamed of his role in the see-saw bruising battle. Few, if any, expected him to come within a glove lash of winning the world championship. He had the gloves and was trying hard to lash it, but the old master of defence was too difficult a target. Moore proved himself to be one of the greatest. It took him about five rounds to emerge from the shadows of Durelle's first sufferying punch, but he made it. The early rounds of the fight reminded us of the Akins-Martinez go, but Martinez

didn't come back and Moore did.
We scored it 44-42 for Moore at the end of ten rounds, a total



DRESS REHEARSAL

Trying out their new uniforms for size, are three members of the Belleville McFarlands, Canada's representatives in the world hockey championships in Prague next March. High-scoring linemen, they are, from left: Ike Hildebrand, Johnny McLellan and Davey Jones.

the same figures.
Stadacona Sailors invade Civic Stadium tonight to do battle with the Summerside Aces. The Aces fresh from a fine showing against the Ottawa-Hull Juniors, are going to go all out to edge the Halifax service team. The Aces are entered in the New Nova Scotia senior league, and it would be really something for the Aces to hang a defeat on them. No doubt a large crowd will be at the stadium to see if they can do it.
Birch Hill continues their triumphant march in the Prince County rural and commercial league without a defeat. They now have four victories. Outside of the leaders, Sherbrooke seems to be the team to be reckoned with this club seems to have improved a lot since the start of the season. It will be interesting to see if they can turn back Messrs. Birch, Gorrills, Campbell, and company.
Line-up of Stadacona sailors who play the Aces at Civic Stadium tonight are as follows: goal-Laplanche, Burgess; defence-Whitely, Gauthier, Robinson, Noyes, Ewings; Forwards-McNeill, Smith, Low, Ladouceur, McSweeney, Thompson, Perron, Leslie, Forand.
A meeting was held at CJRW last night to organize a Prince County hockey league. A western team has entered, embracing players from Birch Hill and possibly Alberton and Tignish, with Vance Harris and two other Aces players to strengthen the line-up. A team from Charlottetown and the Aces will make it a three-team circuit. The name of the league will be changed because of the Charlottetown entry. Further details on this league will be forthcoming very soon.

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