

SPORTS

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

No Christmas Spirit

IT SEEMS a rather strange thing that the National Hockey League, with a 76-game schedule, can't get through its business of the season without scheduling games on Christmas night.

These hockey players are human beings like the rest of us and undoubtedly they would welcome the chance of spending Christmas at home with their families. But no, the league considers that Christmas is just another day on the calendar and teams are thrown into action this Christmas night. The three home teams at least have part of this very special day with the folks they like best but the other three clubs get no such break.

Surely, the National Hockey League could get along without some type of this thing. There are indeed certain services that must be supplied on Christmas, the same as any other day, but hockey surely is not one of them.

We talked about this nonsense last year at the same time and along we didn't expect that our weak mumbblings would bring about some change. However, it seems to us that the National Hockey League might raise enough fuss to bring out the notion of NHL games on this very special night.

But no, it never seems to happen. Are we to conclude that those in power in the big time hockey circuit really care nothing about the small groups of people who are so fond of these Christmas at home. But these services must continue to be provided, therefore, we regret that these employees must lose their Christmas at home.

Some day, we hope, the Christmas spirit will find its way into the minds of those directing traffic in the National Hockey League.

Leo, The Lion, Roars

LEO McClure, manager of Edmonton Oil Kings, defending Memorial Cup champions, is indeed a talkative gentleman.

This week Leo saw the president of the CCHA and the Alberta Hockey Association press the visiting Europeans that they play half their contest with the Oil Kings under CAAH rules. Leo is not in favor with the Czechs and their attitude made Leo furious.

NOW we do say that this was a late date to ask the visitors to change their style of play. However, hockey is Canada's national game and the Europeans have spent a lot of money competing for world championships in hockey under rules that are completely foreign to us. Canada has no right to expect that other fellow's version and as a result our showings have been rather horrible.

Mr. Potter and Mr. Brown, the CCHA and Alberta AHA heads are undoubtedly doing their best to keep up good public relations with the Czechs. The Czechs and Swedes are helping the CCHA celebrate its golden jubilee. However, Leo's resentment on the Czechs' behavior has made Leo merely stating what a lot of Canadian hockey folks would like to state but never mastered the courage.

Minor Hockey Treat

MINOR hockey has a big thing going tonight at 8:30 at the Forum when a mid-level contest will be presented.

These youngsters play a class brand of hockey and this engagement between Citizens and Counsellors should give the fans their quarter's worth.

Australian Runner Steals Victory

MELBOURNE, Australia—Only 23 people watched the 100-metre dash at the Melbourne Olympic stadium on Wednesday night.

Clarkie, who first gained prominence as a teenager when he led the Olympic torch in 1956, is a 26-year-old Australian business executive who Wednesday established himself as a leading distance runner by tracking two world records.

Running in the Victorian Athletics Club's annual Zodi Zatekop 1000-metre run, Clarkie passed the six-mile mark in 17 minutes 16 seconds for one record and checked his performance by finishing the metric run in a record 38:15.

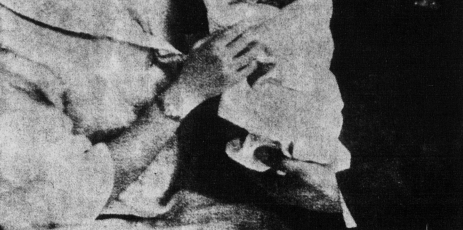
Clarkie's time clipped 26.2 seconds off the stonier record held by Hungary's Sandor Hirtos and bettered by 3.2 seconds the 10,000-metre mark held by Russia's Pyotr Bolotnikov. The metric distance is equivalent to six miles and yards.

BIG GAME TONIGHT

Two top notch hockey teams will see action tonight at the Forum when the Citizens and the Counsellors clash in a Midgem-Juvenile contest. Alan Flood, left, of the Counsellors

NEW BORN BAUN

Michelle Baun, two days old, faces her first camera with her proud parents, Michelle and Bill Baun.



Sally, who has three sons. Mother and baby are in Toronto East General Hospital.

Hamilton Aderman Claims Bar Fans Not Interested

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer
An Aderman in Hamilton said the other night the majority of fans in the city weren't interested in promoting professional football.

Big league hockey does it. Major league baseball does it. When the National Hockey League decided it was time to build a hall of fame in Toronto, member clubs paid for it. When the idea of a baseball shrine at Cooperstown, N.Y. was first dreamed up, baseball paid for it.

The CFL claims major-league status, but it depends on a disparity to spend a few thousand dollars each year to promote voting out outstanding players in the league. The industry pays the whole shot.

Sunny Isle Loop Games

Southport, Glasgow Road, Mermind, and Covehead grab medals in the Wednesday night Sunley Isle Farm League in tests at St. Dunstan's rink.

Claxmead efforts. The record breakthrough came because of frustration for the one-time teenage standout tabbed Australia's top distance triathlete since John Landy. But it took three of these Millville, Wood and Jenkins failed to establish Clarkie's credentials.

Curling Draw

The following is the curling draw for Saturday at the Charlottetown Curling Club. (Spare needed.)

1c 1 - Open.
1c 2 - R.C. Parent, H. Douglas, A. McEwen, L. MacLure and D. Douglas, K. Kennedy, A. MacFadden, H. Coffin, S. MacMillan, T.W.L. Prowse, F. MacNeil, D. Double knock-out final.

1c 3 - J. Squarabelli, M. Blakemore, R. Spitt, H. MacLure, B. Dillon, B. Squarabelli, G. Lidstone, P. Dalzell.

1c 4 - J. Squarabelli, M. Blakemore, R. Spitt, H. MacLure, B. Dillon, B. Squarabelli, G. Lidstone, P. Dalzell.

1c 5 - Open.
1c 6 - J. Squarabelli, M. Blakemore, R. Spitt, H. MacLure, B. Dillon, B. Squarabelli, G. Lidstone, P. Dalzell.

1c 7 - Open.
1c 8 - J. Squarabelli, M. Blakemore, R. Spitt, H. MacLure, B. Dillon, B. Squarabelli, G. Lidstone, P. Dalzell.

1c 9 - Open.
1c 10 - J. Squarabelli, M. Blakemore, R. Spitt, H. MacLure, B. Dillon, B. Squarabelli, G. Lidstone, P. Dalzell.

1c 11 - Open.
1c 12 - J. Squarabelli, M. Blakemore, R. Spitt, H. MacLure, B. Dillon, B. Squarabelli, G. Lidstone, P. Dalzell.

Bow Games Tap Canadian Cities Today

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Liberty Bowl in Philadelphia, the Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston and the North-South All-Star game in Miami will get the post-season football business into high gear today.

From now until Jan. 19 the weekends will be full of football collisions and the television cameras trained on most of them.

Philadelphia's Liberty Bowl succumbs to spathy and pneumonia after Saturday's revival. The North-South game at Miami will find Jack Concannon of Boston College and the Philadelphia Eagles pitching for the North against George Mira of Miami, Fla., and the San Francisco 49ers.

PLANS ON ICE
Promoter Bud Dudley admitted isn't making Liberty Bowl plans sat Saturday, with only 10,000 expected to brave the Houston weather.

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Hawks Fighting For Their Lives

By ED SIMON
Canadian Press Staff Writer
Less than three weeks ago, Chicago Black Hawks were

In their last appearance, take on the Hawks at the Forum tonight. And when they finish with the Habs, the flagging post-season squad of Montreal already has head for—of all places—Boston.

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Hockey Practice

There will be a practice for the North River Juniors Sunday night at the Forum at 8:45.

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There will be a hockey practice for the Peewee All-Stars at the Forum on Monday morning.

Racing Draw Is Postponed

It was announced last night that the draw for the Boxing Day racing program will be held Monday morning at 10 a.m.

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Carter Scores 1st Round KO

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rubin (Harris) Carter scored a stunning one-round technical knockout over a heavy champion Emile Griffith Friday night in a televised fight at the Civic Arena.

Carter, the No. 2-ranked middleweight contender, felled Griffith with a vicious left hook shortly after the two fighters had broken from a clutch grapple that had kept both hands busy.

Carter moved in swiftly and raked the champion with a series of lefts and rights. Griffith was unable to continue and awarded the fight to Carter at 2:13 of the first round.

Carter weighed 135, Griffith 151½.
Griffith's title was not at stake in the first time to the New Yorker by way of the Virgin Islands had been stopped.

Griffith's record now is 26-5. Carter's record is 18-4, including 12 knockouts.

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Habs Looking For Swede

MONTREAL (CP)—Sam Pollock, general manager of Montreal Canadiens, said Friday that the National Hockey League parent club is trying to obtain defenseman Lel Lafan of Gavi, Sweden.

"Lafan was highly recommended to us," said Pollock. "He is only 18 years old and, according to our scout, looks as good as Jacques Laperriere did in his junior days."

Laperriere now is a regular defenseman with the NHL Canadiens.

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