

Sultans Shade Trotters 48-46

ROAF Sultans, last year's Island Senior 'C' champs, last evening eked out a 48-46 victory over their long-standing rivals, LePage's Trotters, in the first game of a home-and-home exhibition series at Birchwood High School.

The airforce crew, paced by a chap named Stankus, a newcomer on the team, carried a 5-point cushion at half time with the score reading 22-17. They widened the gap to as much as fifteen points in the final session, only to see the Trotters close it two points, at the final whistle.

For the final five minutes of the game the Trotters dominated the play closing the gap to within four points. With less than a minute to go and the Trotters swarming the RCAF basket, the Sultans committed a couple of fouls.

Had each of the players being fouled on sank both his shots the game would have ended up in a 48-46 tie.

This big gun for the Sultans showed remarkable accuracy on corner shots as time and again he swished the twines for two

points from this difficult position.

The Trotters on the other hand were missing a couple of their key men. Wendell 'Gump' Gillis is out with an injured hand and Gil Collins is sidelined with a bad ankle. Mark Ladner, although slightly under the weather last night, chose to play the airforce crew.

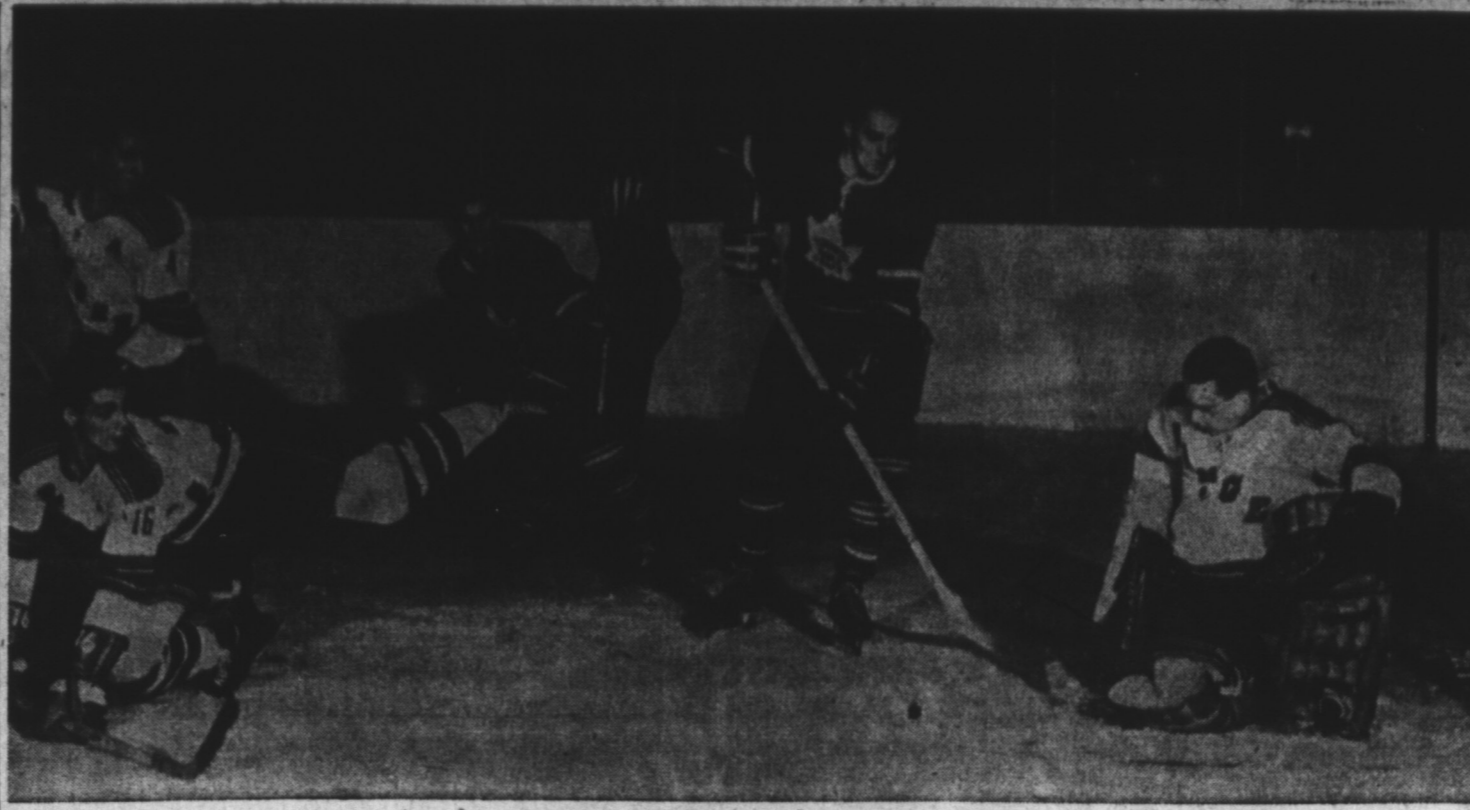
High scorer for the losers was Donnie 'Funnel' MacLean with 9 points. Mark Ladner and Joe Cumminskey each picked up eight.

The second game of this series will be played on Sunday afternoon at the Summerside RCAF base with action scheduled to get underway at 2 o'clock.

Handling the game were Peter McConnell and George Scantlebury.

Here are the lineups:
Trotters — Father Roche 7, M. Ladner 8, D. MacLean 9, H. Howatt 4, G. McGuigan, J. Cumminskey 8, Arnold 4, I. MacKinnon 6. Total — 46.

Sultans — Hepburn 13, Stankus 22, Ternan 4, Little 2, Jones, Purchase 5, Leifer 2, Wilkinson, Leblanc.



SCORES SECOND

Big Frank Mahovich (second from right) pushes the puck past New York Ranger goalie Marcel Paille for his second score of the night. Mahovich's mates added four more as Toronto Maple Leafs outclassed Rangers 6-3. Two Rangers looking back, possibly in anger at themselves for letting the Leaf in so close, are Harry Howell (4) and Irwin Spencer (16). Gerry Ehman backs up Mahovich. (CP Photo)

NAMES FIVE SPECIALISTS

Bathgate Blasts Players Using Sticks To Spear

NEW YORK (CP)—Andy Bathgate, New York Rangers' all-day star right winger, said Wednesday he was only interested in hockey for defensive purposes.

Canadiens Admit Spearing Charges

MONTREAL (CP)—Coach Hector (Toe) Blake and his star defenceman Doug Harvey Wednesday admitted Montreal Canadiens have resorted to "spearing" at isolated times in National Hockey League play but stressed "it was strictly for defensive purposes."

They were replying to charges by New York's all-star right-winger Andy Bathgate in the current issue of True magazine.

Bathgate says that "unchecked brutality" in the NHL "is going to kill somebody" and blasts players who use their sticks to spear opponents, singling out as worst offenders Harvey, his defence mate Tom Johnson and three other men.

ADMIT GUILT
Both Blake and Harvey said Montreal players were guilty of spearing in some instances but they were emphatic that it was necessary to defend against an illegal play pattern that New York often uses.

Said Blake: "They like to skate into our zone against the defence and drop the puck for a teammate following right behind. Then they skate into our defenceman blocking him out of the play illegally through interference."

"They've been doing it for years. Our players have sometimes had to spear to fend off the interfering player and keep in the play."

Blake described Bathgate's charges as "sour grapes" and said: "As a matter of fact Bathgate is guilty of spearing as often as anyone else in the league."

But the coach said that for the most part spearing in the NHL has been all but eliminated by the vigilance of the referees.

"They don't hesitate to make the spearing call. A player has got to be awful, awful cute to get away with it with any consistency."

Harvey had just about the same thing to say.

"Sure, we will spear on occasion. We've got to when they run interference. But I don't know of anyone in the league who does it maliciously or strictly for the fun of it. It's a defensive measure only."

League president Clarence Campbell declined to comment on Bathgate's article, saying he had not read it.

Failure to comply with the stipulation carries a penalty of a fine or suspension or both.

pointing up the dangers of "spearing" in professional hockey in an article in the forthcoming Canadian edition of True magazine.

In the article, Bathgate is quoted as saying "unchecked brutality" in the National Hockey League "is going to kill somebody."

Bathgate said that several of the quotes were made "in the heat of the game three years ago when Red Sullivan (Ranger captain) was severely injured when speared by Doug Harvey of Montreal."

"I didn't want to create any kind of a situation," Bathgate said. "All I wanted to do was point up the danger of spearing"—using a hockey stick as a spear to attack an opposing player.

NAME AUTHOR
The Rangers said the article was written under Bathgate's name by Dave Anderson, sports writer for the New York Journal-American. Ranger officials said that they have not seen the story in the form it will be published, but added that they saw a rough draft last fall during the Ranger training camp and gave Bathgate permission to be quoted.

In the article, Bathgate is quoted as being specialists at spearing—Harvey and Tom Johnson of Montreal; Fernie Flaman of Boston; Ted Lindsay of Chicago and Lou Fontinato of the Rangers.

Bathgate referred to a recent statement by Carl Voss, NHL referee-in-chief, that "spearing is a vicious thing."

"There's not much question that it's a deliberate attempt to injure," Voss said. "I think all spearing penalties should be majors—that might help to curb them."

Bathgate said he agrees with Voss, and in the article he wanted only to emphasize the point.

Sawchuck In 4th Shutout Blanks Black Hawks 2-0

CHICAGO (AP)—Goalie Terry Sawchuk registered his fourth shutout of the season Wednesday night as Detroit Red Wings blanked Chicago Black Hawks 2-0 in a National Hockey League game.

By winning, the Wings moved to within a point of the second-place Toronto Maple Leafs, who were idle.

The loss kept Chicago in a last-place tie with New York.

Sawchuk, who was registering his second shutout of the year over Chicago and the 80th of his career, made 26 saves for the night, while Glenn Hall, in the Chicago net, was kept busy kicking out 36 Detroit blisks.

Both Detroit goals came while the Black Hawks were short-handed.

Chicago defenceman Dollard St. Laurent was in the penalty box in the first period when the magnificent Gordie Howe slammed in his 15th goal of the season. Teammate Jim Morrison set up the tally by intercepting Earl Balfour's attempt to clear the puck from deep in Chicago

ice. Morrison flipped the puck to Howe, who blasted a 20-footer past Hall.

Norm Ullman hit the second Detroit goal in the second period while Chicago's Elmer Vasko was in the penalty box.

LINEUPS
Detroit — Goal: Sawchuk; defence: Pronovost, Kelly, Morrison, Godfrey, Maroon; forwards: Melnyk, McNeill, McIntyre, Oliver, Lunde, McKenzie.
Chicago — Goal: Hall; defence: Pilote, Vasko, Arbour, Evans, St. Laurent; forwards: Nesterenko, Hay, Hull, Lindsay, M. Balfour, Sloan, Morphy, Litzberger, E. Balfour, Skov, Wharram, Mikita.
Referee: Vern Buffey; linesmen: Jack Paterson, Neil Armstrong.

SUMMARY
First period: 1, Detroit, Howe

(Lunde) 12:48. Penalties: Morrison 8:03, St. Laurent 11:56, Howe 18:10.
Second period: 2, Detroit, Ullman (Morrison) 10:09. Penalties: McKenzie 7:46, Vasko 8:52.
Third period: No scoring. Penalties: None.
Stops:
Sawchuk 8 10 8-29
Hall 6 18 12-36

STANDINGS

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National League	W L T F A Pts.			
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Montreal	17	4	6	81 35 40
Toronto	13	6	6	58 32
Detroit	12	8	7	65 31
Boston	9	13	5	56 23
Chicago	5	15	6	26 16
New York	5	13	6	26 16

Perry Moss Names Coach

MONTREAL (CP)—Perry Moss, new coach and general manager of Montreal Alouettes, Wednesday announced that Ken Shipp, one of his assistants at Florida State University, has been signed as assistant coach of the Montreal team.

A native of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, the 29-year-old Shipp was a standout halfback at Middle Tennessee State College from 1946 to 1949. In 1950 he obtained a master's degree at Peabody college in Nashville, Tennessee. Later that year he was named assistant coach at Gallatin High School in Tennessee.

James Will Ink Pact With Leafs

WINNIPEG (CP)—Fullback Gerry James of the Grey Cup champion Winnipeg Blue Bombers said Wednesday he will leave Sunday for Toronto where he will sign a contract with the National Hockey League Toronto Maple Leafs.

James, a former Leaf winger, said he will play for Toronto's American Hockey League team in Rochester, but "I hope to be up with the Leafs by February."

Although he did not divulge any figures, James said he was "satisfied" with the contract offered by the Leafs, and that their general manager and coach, Punch Imlach, "apparently is willing to take a chance with me."

(In Boston, where the Leafs play the Bruins tonight, Imlach said James will sign with his club Monday in Toronto, when he works out with the club.)

BROKEN LEG
James broke his leg in two places during the fall of 1938 and missed the remainder of the football season and also sat out the 1938-39 hockey season.

His leg responded well enough late this football season for him to regain a first-string fullback spot with Bombers, for whom he has played for seven seasons.

Last week, he went to Toronto to skate and talk with Imlach in the hope of signing with the Leafs.

James played junior hockey with the Leafs-owned Marlboros. Later he moved up to Rochester and then the NHL club. He gave up hockey two seasons ago for a full-time football career.

Liston Defeats Willi Besmanoff

CLEVELAND (AP)—Sonny Liston pounded out a technical knockout Wednesday night, whipping Willi Besmanoff for his 19th straight victory. The scheduled 10-round heavyweight bout ended with Besmanoff falling to come out for the seventh.

Liston kept up a steady two-fisted attack that bloodied Besmanoff's face and forced referee Mike Minnick to halt the bout.

The 27-year-old Liston, bidding

for a chance at the heavyweight title, had little trouble with Besmanoff. He opened a gash along the Milwaukee German's left eyebrow in the second round and had him bleeding from the mouth in the third.

Liston, from Philadelphia, is taller and was nine pounds heavier than Besmanoff at 210 pounds. Sonny opened up a right-handed attack in the third round and rapped Besmanoff sharply with several punches.

Besmanoff didn't seem able to get to Liston.

The exchange that ended the fight for Besmanoff came at the close of the sixth round when Liston forced him into a corner and scored consistently to the head with both hands.

Blood poured from the cuts over Besmanoff's eyes and it was apparent he could not continue. The referee took one look between rounds and called the fight, which was scored as a seventh-round TKO.

The victory was Liston's 26th in 27 fights.

Besmanoff now has lost his last two fights, making his record 41 wins, 17 losses and seven draws.

Curling Draw

The following is the curling draw for Thursday at the Charlottetown Club.

7:00 P.M.
Ice 1 — Open.
Ice 2 — W. R. Burnett, A. Humphrey, L. Doyle, D. Douglas, vs. K. Acorn, C. Whitenect, R. Manning, J. Rodd.
Ice 3 — J. S. MacDonald, T. Milton, B. Soper, B. Scott, vs. H. C. Trainor, W. Rodd, Pud Whitlock, J. MacDonald.
Ice 4 — W. MacLaine, D. MacMahon, H. Douglas, J. McKenna, vs. J. Burdon, M. Reeves, L. Windsor, H. Hosford.
Ice 5 — R. Jones, G. R. Greenough, L. Johnston, Bud McDonald, vs. D. Saunders, D. Langille, R. Newson, J. Burgess.
8:30 P.M.
Ice 1 — F. Curtis, O.K. Presby, Dr. Higgins, N. MacKay, vs. A. Likely, Geo Kays, DA Drysdale, A. Garrett.
Ice 2 — A. MacDonald, B. McGregor, B. Acorn, P. Devlin, vs. H. Dobson, C. Campbell, Dr. O'Hanley, C. Bartlett.
Ice 3 — J. Squarabriggs, E. MacDonald, A. Ballem, C. Coxello, vs. T.W.L. Protwe, F. Cox, L. Donald, N. Kelly.
Ice 4 — Cyril Flinn, L. Campbell, G. Wright, P. Gleason, vs. J. Cameron, P. O'Rourke, D. Fraser, F. MacDonald.
Ice 5 — Open.

Jackie Parker Captures Trophy

WINNIPEG (CP)—Jackie Parker, who alternated at halfback and quarterback for Edmonton Eskimos this season, Wednesday was named the 1939 winner of the Jeff Nicklin Memorial Trophy as the most valuable player in the Western Interprovincial Football Union.

A vote of western football writers and broadcasters gave the former Mississippi State star the award for the fourth consecutive year and for the fifth time in six years.

GORDIE DRILLON GUEST

S'ide Minor Hockey Program Is Opened

The Summerside Athletic Association minor hockey program has officially opened by Mayor W. A. Currie at Civic Stadium last night, with a fair crowd in attendance. Jim Hogan, president of the association, thanked the town, the town merchants, and others who contributed in any way to make the evening a success.

Mr. Hogan called on Mayor Currie who made a presentation on behalf of the town of the guest of honor, Gordie Drillon. The mayor recalled the heyday of Drillon's career when he was star with the Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens, and expressed pleasure to have Gordie as guest on this occasion.

Mr. Drillon said he was glad

to see so many boys at the stadium and to realize that there were still amateur organizations operating in spite of the fact that shamateurism was replacing the amateurism of the old days.

The leading scorers in the several minor leagues were introduced to Drillon and he autographed their hockey sticks. There are as follows: Paperweights—Errol Thompson, the lad who scored 33 goals in two games; Pee Wees — Bill Dickey and David Perry (tie); Bantams—Donnie Arsenault and Richard Perry (tie); Midgets—Walter Gallant and David Martin (tie).

Exhibition games were played between teams of the various leagues, and Drillon was kept busy signing autographs for a considerable part of the evening.

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