

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

A Rugged Battle

It's been a long time since Hicks has witnessed a brawl in equal the one served up Saturday night by Maple Leafs and Black Hawks at the Gardens.

It wasn't the tenacious of the struggle that made things erupt. Leafs had everything all wrapped up when Fleming speared Shack and the war was on. However, it didn't come as any great surprise. You could more or less sense it coming as the corners were being edged, especially in that final stanza.

Talk about your living circus. Those shows had nothing on the circus on the packed Maple Leaf Gardens were served live on the third Saturday night. Television camera operators just could get you in on all the goings-on. They didn't have that many cameras on hand. They did, however, do a noble job and we in our living rooms saw most of the fisticuffs that were displayed.

President Clarence Campbell hasn't seen enough yet. He is in conference with referee Frank Udvardi and NHL referee-in-chief, Carl Vosso, about the outbreak. He is to see picture of the action before he hands down his decision. There will be plenty, make no mistake about that. There were few innocent bystanders and the picture will show this. There is no doubt what started the whole mess. A follow by the name of Reggie Fleming is the guy who lit the match.

Leafs became downright incensed once Shack was speared. They showed a definite desire to get at Fleming and Hawks, realizing this, were doing their best to defend him. In the late stages of the proceedings, Dick Duff was surely settling in some hefty swats at Fleming in the Toronto fans. Brewer and Balfour were having a wild time among themselves and Balfour managed to punch Brewer in the back of the head. Leafs' players were Brewer fell on his back and Balfour was whipping the lists in good style. In the wild excitement, some unknown came to the arena and punched Brockington in the nose and Mr. Balfour insists coach "Punch" Imlach was one of the culprits. "Punch" is amazed at such an accusation and stoutly preclaims it is Toronto at fault.

Imlach Blames

We have no idea whether Mr. Imlach threw a punch or not. If he didn't, he was one of the few around either bench who kept his head.

Imlach is raging over the incident. He blames Hawks' coach, Billy Reay. Imlach insists that Reay sent Fleming out with orders to get Shack. Fleming surely got Eddie but good. His spearing erupted Leafs players and the Eddie in had space for a few moments. What followed wasn't serious because there was a sign of stick swinging. There was a few black eyes, a few red noses and some over mouths when the affairs had ended.

Leafs Were Superior

THE hockey game itself found Toronto playing its best hockey of the season. The Leafs richly deserved their triumph. They had an answer to every Chicago move. They outskated the league leaders and left you wondering why they had fallen so many times this season.

It was a great team effort by Punch's boys. All lines were hustling both ways and the outcome showed fans that Leafs have abandoned the strategy Cup. One victory doesn't make you a champion but Leafs surely pleased their supporters by their antics. Frank Mahovlich's play was one of the prettiest of the season. Shack looked cool indeed in beating Hall after stealing the rubber from Vasko. Mahovlich made a beautiful play in the third as he sent Bob Nevin in the clear only to have Nevin miss it.

Leafs may have been tired after that wild encounter but if they were it didn't show the next night at Detroit where Toronto beat Red Wings 5-3. Twice Leafs faced one-goal deficits but they bounced back and won with comparative ease. It was their fourth victory in a row and their fifth without suffering a loss.

A Bit Closer

TORONTO trails Chicago by eight points but the Leafs still have that game in hand. Their next action is at home Wednesday night when they host the same Red Wings. That night Black Hawks travel to New York for a skirmish with the Rangers who share the cellar with Boston Bruins. And Bruins have a game in hand at that.

Correction

IN Saturday's races at Charlotteville Driving Park, Frankie's Chief won a dash (the seventh) and through an error we gave the credit to Perfect Hal. Just to keep the records straight, here is the summary of this class: Perfect Hal 1-2, Frankie's Chief 2-1, Brownie Button 3-3 and Bay State Act 4-4. Our apologies, gentlemen.

Golf Tourney Site Selected

CLEVELAND (AP)—The 1969 Carling world golf championship will be held at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club near Liverpool, England, the sponsors said Monday.

The tournament will be played for the first time next August at Oakland Hills in Detroit. First prize is \$35,000.

A 1965 site has not been selected, but the sponsors indicated it will be in the Rocky States. The tournament will be held in Canada in 1967 and return to the United States in 1968.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Tuesday at the Charlotteville Curling Club. Spares needed 4:50 P.M. (Knock-out)

Ice 1 — F. W. Curtis, A. Bagall, D. Douglas, C. White vs. T.W.I. Prowse, M. Reeves, E. MacDonald, B. Moore.

Ice 3 — D. Kelly, Dr. MacKay, Dr. Webster, Dr. White vs. H.R. Carruthers, E. Gillespie, G. Newman, M. McGill.

Ice 4 — E. Tait, F. MacMillan, A. Leaman, A. MacFarland, A. A.P. Piercey, K. Kennedy, Dr. Jellis, H. Douglas.

Ice 5 — C. Asprey, L. Turner, C. MacLean, J.S. Taylor vs. L.

BUILDING A HOCKEY MASK

of Paris cast of Crozier's face. The Hawks have a most capable looking array of talent and they'll more than hold their own with the visiting Bruins. The Royals, after tying the Air-

It right, shows him how mask will look Crozier suffered a fractured cheek bone in a game with Toronto Nov. 30.

(AP Wirephoto)

GIARDELLO WINS TITLE

Joey Giardello, Philadelphia middleweight lands left on Champion Dick Tiger of Nigeria in fourteenth round of tonight's title fight at the Quaker City challenger went on to gain a decision and win the title.

(AP Wirephoto)

Basketball Now Is Played By People In Wheelchairs

WINNIPEG (CP)—Too many pushes was the ruling, and a player bent on scoring a basket slid to a halt in his wheelchair. Two pushes of the wheels are all that are allowed as a player carries the ball in his lap and heads for the basket in wheelchair basketball.

Charging is another infraction that gets a call from referee Jim Bulloch at the weekly evening of recreation for members of the Canadian Paraplegic Association in Winnipeg.

Minor wheelchair collisions are often overlooked, but if a player is deliberately trying to rough it up—which they do—there get a call," says Bulloch, explaining that in this game the chair is regarded as "part of your body."

Volleyball and basketball have been played since it was included a year or so ago to include

Windsor Downs New Glasgow

NEW GLASGOW (CP)—Frank Barteaux, a hard-working Windsor Maple Leafs winger who had scored only one goal in 30 games this season, broke loose for three to lead Windsor to a 6-4 victory over New Glasgow Rangers here Monday night.

The victory before 782 fans gave first-place Windsor a 25-point lead over New Glasgow in the playoffs of the Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League.

Barteaux, only Maritime in a Windsor uniform here Monday night, has had a tough time getting goals this season, but he's pecked up more than 20 assists.

He scored twice in the first period and again in the third. Windsor scorers were Bob Brooks, Cliff McKay and Ben LeBlanc.

Bob Serviss, Julien Gagne, Rene LeCuyer and Jim McNeil scored for New Glasgow.

Tracade Nips Vernon River

Tracade defeated Vernon River last night 6-3 in CYO action. Gordon McLean scored three goals for the winners with John McQuaid, Kenny FitzPatrick and Martin Kelly getting single tallies.

Norbel Fraser, George Power and Joe Gill all scored once for the losers.

Tom Mann, executive director

Fly Augustus Wins 12-5 In CYO Tilt

In a CYO hockey league game at St. Dunstan's rink last night, the white-haired May Hackett, a 76-year-old widow who suffered a stroke in 1947, not only did she cook and look after herself in her three-room suite, she is a regular for volleyball on Monday nights at the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital.

Three Games Are Played

Kays Bros., Buster's Flyers and Charlotteville Maroons were winners last night in three hockey games of the Commercial League played at the Forum.

Kays Bros. defeated Maritime Electric 6-3; Buster's Flyers defeated Department of Highways 5-1; and Charlotteville Maroons 5-1 and Charlotteville Maroons 5-1.

Wellner, H. Douglas, V. Mitton, F. MacLean.

8:30 p.m.

Ice 1 — D. Bell vs. M. Bell.

Ice 2 — Dr. Gallant vs. Dr. MacDonald.

Ice 3 — D. O'Rourke vs. D. Cameron.

Ice 4 — J. Burden vs. A. Burke.

Ice 5 — G. Stewart vs. A. Humphrey.

Hawks Entertain Eagles Tonight

Johnny's Flying Hawks and Summerside RCAF Eagles will provide the hockey action at the Charlotteville Forum.

The Eagles fought Sandy's Royalists to a tie here in their other appearance in Charlotteville this season and should be able to give the Hawks a stern battle tonight at the Filizroy Street ice-house run by "Bucko" Trainor.

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BY BEN WARD

Canadian Press Staff Writer

Horse-players who didn't do so well at the track this year might take some comfort from one result—they helped boost national thoroughbred betting to record levels.

It was the 14th record-breaking year in a row, up \$9,578,262 from 1962 and almost double the figure of 10 years ago.

Bettors showed a ravenous interest in the sport, almost as though the stuff was going out of style, chalking up an unprecedented five million-dollar days at Toronto tracks.

Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia set records while Manitoba and Alberta were only slightly below their peak years.

Those six provinces are the only ones with thoroughbred racing. The four Atlantic provinces have only harness racing which is not covered in the figures.

A Cross-Canada Survey by The Canadian Press showed a sharp betting upsurge at every major track except one. That was Winnipeg's Assiniboia Downs which blamed its decline on a sizzling six-week heat wave that sent regular patrons fleeing to the beaches.

There were 485 days racing across Canada, seven more than in 1962.

The total jackpot was roughly split in this fashion: \$125,000 Alberta's six tracks collected to winning horses, \$10,000,000 to \$15,320,664 in an 87-day season, up five days from 1962. The cash receipts were \$147,903 ahead of a year ago but were up five days from \$155,543,380 set in 1960.

It was a great year in British Columbia at \$17,947,267 in 108 days, against the old mark of \$14,227,927 set in 104 days last year.

SMB VANCOUVER JUMP

The big jump was at Vancouver's Exhibition Park where the betting windows accepted a whopping \$16,225,637, up from \$12,600,000. Sandown Park at Victoria jumped nearly 500,000 to \$1,709,028.

The picture by provinces, with 1962 figures bracketed: Quebec—Blue Bonnets, \$13,654,825 (\$12,844,643); Ontario—Woodbine, \$39,912,506 (\$36,970,638); Greenwood (formerly Old Woodbine) \$28,206,061 (\$26,483,600); Fort Erie, \$28,204,469 (\$27,003,208); Moncton—Acadia, \$25,000,000 (\$24,000,000); Downs, \$28,076,153 (\$25,349,944); Saskatchewan—Regina \$11,384,665 (\$11,166,570); Saskatoon, \$16,600,000 (\$16,000,000); Alberta, \$29,902,922 (\$28,918,531); Stettler, \$5,818,539 (\$5,818,539); Edmonton \$8,411,539 (\$8,411,539); Calgary, \$6,500,000 (\$6,500,000); Lethbridge, \$356,874 (\$311,126); Millerville, \$9,384 (\$21,772); Lake M.C.R. Rego, \$21,772 (\$19,602); High River, \$10,000,000 (\$10,000,000); which took in \$6,610 last year, did not operate this year.

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