

SPORTS FRONT

Junior Habs Show Way

By CHRIS ANNETT

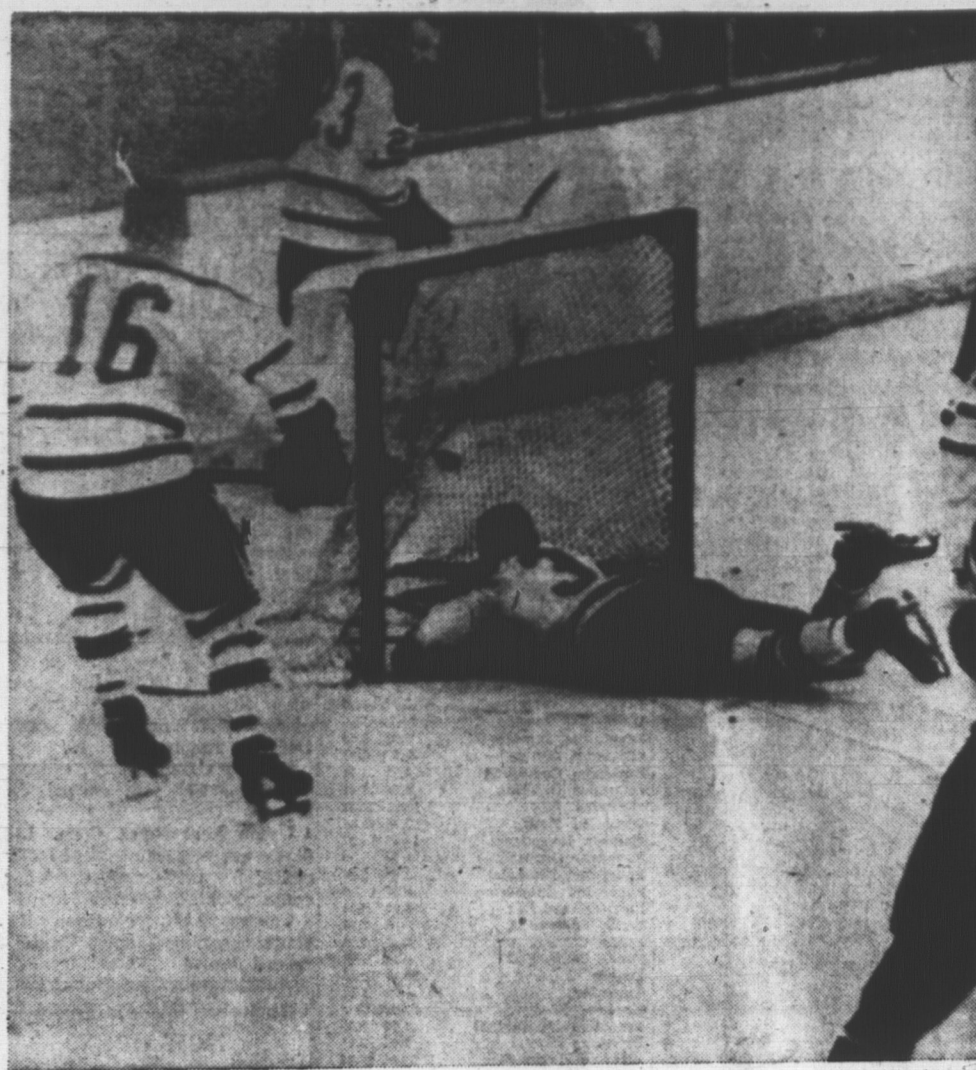
Wednesday night was a big one for hockey all the way around the board and the biggest treat for Canadian hockey fans was the Montreal Junior Canadiens 2-1 win over the Russian squad.

With all the chatter about the Russians wanting to play the pros they certainly must have seen enough of them last evening for two of the borrowed pros led to their downfall, Jacques Plante, who revolutionized the art of net minding when he hit the NHL, jumped from retirement back into the limelight with a brilliant performance that earned him a five minute standing ovation from the near capacity crowd.

On the one tally the Huskies did record, Plante had no chance but it was 'kitty bar the door' for the rest of the match. Several times he robbed sure goals and he well deserved the plaudits heaped upon his shoulders.

One wonders why men like Plante do not get their professional status revoked and return to the amateur ranks. The match showed just what a man of Plante's status can do for a club and although it may not be as the Russian coach Chernichov stated, that "It was he who held us from winning . . .", he played a big role.

Then too there were cheers for Norm Dennis, a member of the Houston Apollos of the Central Professional Hockey League. Dennis rapped home a rebound with only 29 seconds remaining in the game and that was enough to crack the 1-1 stalemate. All in all the Baby Habs are to be commended but there is another consideration to take into account. This was the ninth game in thirteen days for the Soviets and along with the travelling involved that is a lot of work for any club. Nevertheless they came out and gave their best and it is a lot of credit to them that they did not come right out and directly blame the loss on their heavy schedule.



ELUSIVE PUCK

Montreal's Bobby Rousseau (not shown) scores the Canadiens first goal Thursday night during NHL action at Montreal despite the efforts of Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Marcel Pronovost (5) to stop it. Toronto won 3-2. (CP Wirephoto).

HULL, MIKITA AWAKE

Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita must have held a little huddle and decided to pass the puck a little more before their game in Boston and if they did, it certainly showed up in the scoring. True the Bruins are injury stricken and a real weak sister but it looks as if they are feeling sorry for themselves. They certainly are not playing the style of play that would give them any kind of a chance to win, a defensive game, and as a result the games break wide open and the Beantowners haven't got the men to play this game.

Hull, who stands out when he is left open rammed home four goals in the game and moved into a first place tie in the scoring race with Stan Mikita, who garnered two goals and an assist unnoticed in the glare of publicity that Hull got. Having the top two scorers in the league on the same club is far from my idea of a good arrangement. As I pointed out before Mikita is not going to get the puck when on the power play and this can not help but hurt his attitude.

Detroit finally came up against a medium strong club (cheer Toronto fans) and lost so it does not really look as if they are going to pose a serious threat to the league leaders for a little while yet. If the Rangers do not soon get out of their disastrous slump the Leafs might even make the playoffs yet.

RAMBLINGS . . .

Baltimore Colts are finding out that the old expression "when it doesn't rain it pours" is so true.

Tom Matte, a halfback who was expected to call signals for Colts Saturday in their game against Los Angeles Rams, showed up with a virus Wednesday and his illness could leave the quarterbacking to a young unknown who has never played a pro game.

Matte, supposed to fill at quarterback for Gary Cuzzo who suffered a shoulder separation Sunday in the game against Green Bay Packers, still worked out for an hour Wednesday afternoon. Trainers said they hoped the virus is only the 24-hour variety and that Matte will be all right for Saturday's game.

The unknown expected to be Matte's backup man is George Haffner, a six-foot-one, 188-pounder from Chicago.

Drafted 20th last year, Haffner has been worked with the Colts' replacement squad this season. He has not even been called officially to the Baltimore roster, but coach Don Shula has said he would do so.

Haffner, a hard thrower, was not an accurate long-distance passer until a few weeks ago, when he began hitting the target with other taxi squad members.

To win the Western Conference title, the Colts must win this weekend and Green Bay must lose. A Colt victory and a Green Bay tie would force a playoff.

HUNTER'S CORNER

Duck, Goose Season Over Duck Hunting Was Flop

The goose and duck season is over for another year. For our ducks, with special emphasis on our black ducks, it could be over for a long time. Our duck shooting was the flop to end all flops. Our widgee saved the day for the waterfowl hunters. The fall flight exceeded any previous flight for many years. The stage was set last spring and this columnist predicted a bumper goose flight in the fall. Thousands of bushels of plump grain kernels littered our stubble fields. There was no frost in the ground and a coating of snow that carried through till April protected the grain kernels all winter. Our wild birds have the power to transmit messages much the same as we humans do with twentieth century magic at our finger tips.

As a rule widgee on their spring migration have pretty slim pickings until warm weather opens up our rivers and bays. This spring they wound our stubble fields an honest to goodness banquet table and flocked here in their thousands. One concentration numbered an approximate three thousand birds. We not only had our own regular spring flight but also the bulk of our sister provinces birds. On the opening morning an approximate 300 geese pretty nearly swamped our 'rig' . . . there were geese in front of us, behind us and over us. The famous Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava in the Crimea when cannon in front of them and cannon behind them volleyed and thundered. We had geese in front, behind and over head of us. . . and the air throbbled with the volume of their calling.

Until about the twentieth of November it wasn't even goose hunting it was simply legitimate murder. Geese have piled into a stool of decoys in stubble fields with the hunters standing up in their blind. Toward the tag end of November they suddenly wised up and headed for salt water. A few flocks that had some quiet fields all to themselves, and off the beaten hunting track, had a steady diet of grain. A week before

the season closed and cold weather drove the 'thin blooded' hunters indoors, a few sizable flocks left the cold, slush filled salt water for stubble fields that were large and offered a wide view of the surrounding countryside.

Fox hunters are having a real field day with their hounds and with no scarcity of targets. Rabbit hunters on the other hand are finding the bunnies pretty scarce. In a few isolated sections that are well off the beaten track some hunters are having good sport. Fox hunters across the river from the city are reporting rabbits few and far between. One specific swamp held an approximate fifteen bunnies but three trips by a group of rabbit hunters cleaned them out to the last bunny. Rabbits may be prolific but they cannot materialize out of thin air.

It took a little time to pin point just who recommended the duck season for 1965 - it was our Fish and Game Association. Some of them denied it at first but an official from the department concerned had it in writing. Years ago the Game Association was known as the Fish and Game Protection Association. After a number of unsuccessful tries a select group of association members managed to have the word 'protection' deleted from the heading. A segment of the fish and game clan write with a pretty long pencil. If the boys were really smart they would have balked at assuming the responsibility for endorsing such a tragic blunder. They could have at least insisted on a total ban on our local black duck and limiting the hunting of Northern Red-legs to a few specific salt water bars. Official Ottawa said on the side-lines. Like the husband, who awoke one night and found burglars in the house, said to his wife, "You go first dearie . . . It's a mean man who would hurt a woman!"

BIRDS DRINK OCEAN Some sea birds drink seawater, getting rid of the salt through special glands near the eye.

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Toronto Downs Montreal; Detroit Tramples Boston

By AL McNEIL

MONTREAL (CP) — Unanswered second period goals by rookie Brit Selby and Frank Mahovich were sufficient to carry Toronto Maple Leafs to a 3-2 victory over the leave-leading Montreal Canadiens here Thursday night.

For the Leafs it marked the second time in two nights they have acted as spoilers.

BEAT WINGS

Wednesday night the Toronto club met Detroit Red Wings, who were riding a seven-game winning streak. The Leafs won 5-3.

Thursday they spoiled a Montreal eight-game unbeaten record. Montreal had won seven and tied one going into this contest.

Pulford opened the scoring with a power-play goal while Montreal Claude Larose sat out an interference penalty.

Rousseau, picked up one goal and one assist on the night and moved one point ahead of Stan Mikita and Bobby Hull of Chicago Black Hawks in individual scoring races. The Montreal right winger now has 15 goals and 20 assists for 35 points.

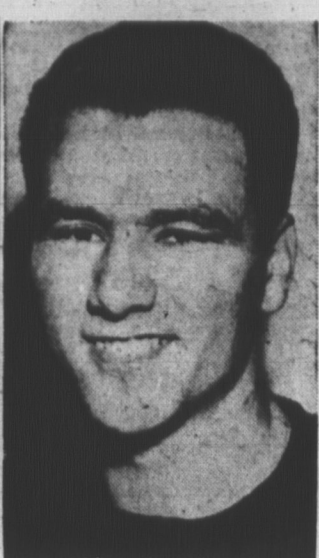
SET UP BOYER

Selby put the Leafs ahead at 17:21 of the middle period after rookie Wally Boyer had immobilized the Montreal defence before flipping to Selby, who beat Gump Worsley cleanly.

Gordon (Red) Berenson and Ralph Backstrom failed on good chances to tie the score with less than five minutes remaining in the game.

For both Selby and Mahovich it was the sixth goal of the season and they broke a 1-1 tie that had prevailed going into the second period.

Centre Bobby Pulford, with his 10th marker of the year, was the other Toronto scorer.



NORM ULLMAN

On Mahovich's goal, a Montreal defender's pass hit Dave Keon at the blue line and Keon fed to Mahovich, who crossed on the left wing to beat Worsley. Cournoyer scored at the 12:24 of the final frame as his ninth power play goal of the season beat Johnny Bowser.

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