

SPORTS FRONT



Billy Harris Shipped Out

By JIM CULLEN

Coach of the defending Stanley Cup champion Toronto Maple Leafs hockey club, George 'Punch' Imlach, brought the axe down on the neck of utility forward Billy Harris when he announced Sunday night that the shifty centremen of the Maple Leafs was being shipped out to the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League.

We fail to see any sound reasoning behind Mr. Imlach's move because Harris has been a constant bench warmer for the Leafs and we feel the Imlach's move would appear to put some of the blame for the Leafs' current slump on the shoulders of Billy Harris who couldn't do much to help the slumping Leafs from his spot on the end of the Toronto bench.

Anytime we have seen Harris in action with the Toronto entry in the National Hockey League and we must admit these have been few and far between. We thought Harris was one of the most effective players on the Queen City's hockey squad.

Harris is a dedicated hockey man and because he has an important college exam coming up and because of the playoff bonus money he stands to lose by going to the minors the studious centremen threw back the reins and threatened to quit hockey rather than report to the Americans.

Imlach and Harris had a meeting and after the coach of the parent club explained that Billy would pick up \$1,000 if Rochester makes the playoffs he decided to accept the demotion.

We think that Imlach wants to sit back and take a good long look at his roster and we feel sure that he will be able to see that some of his supposed stars are just dragging their tails behind them as the NHL's 70 game schedule draws to a close and he will have to find a couple of players to fill the shoes of several of his regulars rather than the guy who is keeping the end of the bench warm.

We said early in the season that the New York Rangers stood a good chance of making the playoffs at the expense of the Red Wings and this caused us to suffer from a severe red face condition, but if the schedule had another 15 games to go we think the Leafs would have to reach down and pull up their socks in a hurry or the Red Sullivan coached squad would be in the playoff picture and the defending Stanley Cup champions would be going home early this season.

Tid Bits From Here And There

Sandy's Royals took a stranglehold on their best of seven series with Johnny's Flying Hawks as they trampled the Hawks 10-5 at the Charlottetown Forum Tuesday night to take a 3-1 lead in the series. The Royals are now being handled by Angus 'Angie' Carroll who took over the coaching chores from Billy Mulligan who moved to O'Leary to look after the recreation program for that village. The Carroll coached forces will have a chance to wind the series up when they meet the Hawks tonight. Allan 'Smell' Gillis is back with the Royals after having spent a couple of months in Florida.

Moncton Hawks paced by the three goal performance of player-coach George (Goose) Gosselin eliminated the Halifax Schooners and advanced to the Maritime Senior Hockey League finals with a 4-2 decision over the Halifax pucksters in Moncton Tuesday night.

Charlottetown's Dougie Cameron curling foursome representing Prince Edward Island in 1965 Brier suffered a severe blow to their championship hopes when they Manitoba's Terry Braunstein's rink defeated them 12-6. The Manitoba foursome counted four in the third end when the Manitoba skip took out Doug's shot with his last rock and stayed to count four, and take commanding 5-1 lead. Prince Edward Island is scheduled to play three games in The Brier competition at Saskatoon, today. They will meet Northern Ontario, Ontario and British Columbia.

Pittsburgh Pirates have disclosed that National League batting champion Roberto Clemente is in a Puerto Rico hospital with malaria and will be unavailable for at least three weeks.

John Kane, coach of the St. Dunstan's Varsity hockey team informed us recently that the site for the 1965 Dominion college hockey championships has been shifted from Saskatoon to Winnipeg.

Borden Nats Topple Junior Legionnaires

SUMMERSIDE — Ev White scored four goals, playing coach Jim MacLeod and Al Andrews each scored a pair to give Borden Nationals an 8-3 win and a 2-1 series lead over Summerside Junior Legionnaires here last night.

Held to a 2-2 first period tie, Borden crammed in three goals during the second and added another three in the last period. Defenceman Gerry Smith, Dave Gaudet and Don Arsenault accounted for the Junior goals. Smith scored his midway through the opening period. Arsenault scored his in the third period. Gaudet scored his in the third period.

The two teams resume the best of seven semi-final series in Summerside March 12.

Boston Defeats N.Y. Rangers 6-1

NEW YORK (AP)—Boston's Murray Oliver scored two goals and assisted on two others as the Bruins raced to a 6-1 National Hockey League victory over New York Rangers Wednesday night.

Oliver was the spark that turned a close game into a rout. The Bruins led 2-1 when Oliver started a three-goal spurt midway through the second period by setting up Ed Westfall's 10th goal of the year. After that, it was all Boston.

The victory was the third in the last four starts for the Bruins, who were winding up a six-game road trip. The last ended a brief two-game Ranger winning streak.

Boston, by winning, moved within seven points of the fifth-place Rangers as they attempted to avoid finishing in the cellar for the fifth straight year. Johnny Bucyk and Al McDonald got the Bruins started in the first period, scoring within 32 seconds of each other. Bucyk's 20th goal of the year came just six seconds after Ranger goalie Marcel Paille had beaten him on a breakaway. He converted a 7-4 pass from Oliver at 7:54. McDonald scored his sixth goal at 8:56 of the period with Paille's stop.



P.E.I. RINK IN ACTION

Doug Cameron of Charlottetown and his Prince Edward Island rink tense group around P.E.I. rock as third Al Smith applies the broom in fourth round Tuesday of 1965 Canadian curling championship at Saskatoon. Cameron's rink ended with a 12-6 defeat at the hands of the Manitoba rink, skipped by Terry Braunstein of Winnipeg (foreground). At Braunstein's left is Manitoba third Don Duguid. (CP Wirephoto)

Charlottetown Foursome Defeated By Quebec Rink

SASKATOON (CP)—Manitoba skip Terry Braunstein of Winnipeg Wednesday produced his first poor individual showing of the 1965 Canadian curling championship and preserved his unbeaten record with a 10-7 fifth-round victory over the New Brunswick rink skipped by Dr. Pete Lyons of Moncton. Braunstein's individual totals had ranged between 90 and 90 per cent during his first four victories but dropped to 62.5 per cent and had five complete misses during the 12 ends.

Manitoba became the only unbeaten rink of the 11-round round-robin competition when Northern Ontario skipper Jack Polvblank of Kirkland Lake took a 12-6 thrashing from the Saskatoon quartet skipped by Harold Worth of Deseronto.

Saskatchewan was joined in second place by the Quebec rink skipped by Bill Tracy of Bromptonville. Tracy defeated Doug Cameron and his Prince Edward Island mates from Charlottetown 10-6 boost his record to four wins and a loss.

In other games, Ray Grant of Unionville, skip of the Ontario foursome named wireless Newfoundland 9-8 when skip George MacCharles of St. John's rolled too far with his last rock and attempt and Nick Lashuk of Calgary led Alberta to a 9-8 victory.

The Bakers took a 2-1 lead in their best of five series with Movers in Charlottetown City league basketball action Tuesday night. The Bakers paced by the 28 point performance of Wayne MacDonald toppled the Movers 70-64.

BAKERS — MacDonald 28, Fox 9, R. McGonnell 12, Perry 16, Mitton 5, Total — 70. MOVERS — G. Scantlebury 16, MacLean 13, Strang 23, Grant 4, S. Ladner 3, Burns Total — 64.

In other City League action Steads eliminated the Hawks in three straight games by defeating the Hawks 37-24 in their third game. Ron Diamond paced the winners attack with a 12 point performance.

STEADS — Weeks 2, Hyndman 6, H. Ladner 5, LeClair 2, P. McGonnell 10, Diamond 12, HAWKS — Howatt 6, Murphy 10, DesRoché 2, Morrison 6, Short, Total — 24.

The Bakers will fourth game of their series at 7 o'clock in the Queen Charlotte gym to night. The winner of this series will meet Steads in the league finals.

Coach Ron Atkinson has called a practice for the league All-Stars immediately after the Bakers-Movers game and the following players are asked to be on hand: Hyndman, H. Ladner, E. Murphy, W. MacLean, Ellisworth, Strang, Grant, MacDonald, Perry and R. McGonnell.

Westfall beat Paille at 11:17 and then three minutes, 45 seconds later, Oliver clicked with his 18th goal.

Rookie defenceman Bob Woytowich scored his second NHL goal in the last minute of the period to make it 5-1. Oliver's 19th goal in the first minute of the final period wrapped up the scoring.

First period—1. Boston, Bucyk 20 (Woytowich, Oliver) 7:24; 2. Boston, MacDonald 6 (Williams, Awrey) 8:56. Penalties—Boston 4:38; Taylor 9:18; Awrey 11:48; Maxner 14:30.

Second period—3. New York, Marshall 1 7(Nevin, Brown) 0:48; 4. Boston, Westfall 10 (Bucyk, Oliver) 11:17; 5. Boston, Oliver 18 (Westfall, Bucyk) 15:02; 6. Boston, Woytowich 3 (Fleming) 19:02. Penalties—Howell 15:50, Boivin 16:31.

Third period—7. Boston, 0:55 (Westfall Woytowich) 0:55. Penalties—Howell 1:31; Seiling 7:00, Kuriyenko 7:47, Green 13:01, Taylor 14:12, Howell 15:37, Awrey 19:36.

Table with columns for SASKATOON (CP), N.B., and STANDINGS. Includes scores for various teams and a list of players.

SPORT ECHOES

Pee Wees To Natick

By NORMAN MACDONALD

The time has arrived for the annual pilgrimage of pee-wee hockey players from Summerside to Natick, Mass. Last year the Natick Pee-Wees visited us, and this year our pee-wees go south of the border. The youngsters, and yes, even some of the oldsters, are pretty excited about this trip. They are treated royally by the Natick residents, and Summerside goes all out to return the hospitality when it is their turn to play host. The exchange of visits has resulted in some fine friendships, and we have heard some heart-warming stories of the brassard extended on both sides. We're not sure whose brain-child this project really is. We know that Gord Kelly, Bob Schurman, and Sid Forbes have been closely associated in this venture from the beginning, and no doubt the fact that Johnny Carroll, our former athletic director for the vacation months, was teaching at Natick, triggered the idea in the first place. In any case, it is a very happy arrangement, now in its fifth year, and it will probably be carried on indefinitely. Perhaps some day the first pee-wees will be sending their sons to compete in this Natick-Summerside friendly competition.

Another Schurman Coming

There is a young, very young Schurman, he is still a few days below the mosquito hatched, who will doubtless be participating in this competition in the future. And that reminds us, how do you begin the habits of smoking cigars? Do you go for broke, take some deep puffs, watch the furniture go round in circles, and get it over with; or is it a case of "easy does it", take small puffs and gradually get your system used to this new form of disipation? We got the Schurman from Paul "Papa" Schurman, and we'd really like to celebrate the arrival of his and Barb's new son.

Making Long Stories Short

Jack Kane has every right to feel proud of duplicating his late father's feat of bringing a Maritime championship to Saint Dunstan's University. His dad, who was called "Hurricane" in his Hamilton days, turned the trick in 1947. And now son Jack does it again after 18 years. His father, Jackie Kane, was one of the great little men of hockey. Like Aurel Joliat, mention Keon, Stan Mikita, to devote three.

Island sports fans turned out in large numbers to honor Forbes Kennedy, our only NHL hockey player. Forbes should be good for a few more years, but after that, how long do you suppose it will be before we get another island NHL'er?

Talking about "almost had's" Detroit came close to having Bobby Hull on their team. Carson Cooper looked at Hull several times in kid hockey and was moved to begin negotiations with Bobby's family when Chicago moved in ahead of him. Maybe he's just as well. Can you picture Gordie Howe and Bobby Hull on the same line?

Rangers Win Series With Thrilling Win Over PWC

Arnold MacLeod's goal with 13 minutes and 10 seconds gone in the third period proved to be the winning marker as Rogers Rangers defeated Prince of Wales Welshmen 8-5 at the Charlottetown Forum last night to clinch their best of seven series with the Welshmen 2-1. The Rangers will now meet St. Dunstan's High School Junior Saints in the finals for the championship of the Charlottetown and District Junior Hockey League. The first game in this series will be played at the Forum on Sunday afternoon starting at 2 p.m.

Jamie Kennedy scored the only goal in the first period on a scramble around the net in the 30th second mark. This tally was the second goal scored in a nearly half the game as the next goal wasn't scored until 3:25 of the sandwich session by the Welshmen's Gus Houston. The Rangers bounced back to take a 3-1 lead on the two quick goals by Jack MacEachern and Mike MacDonald. The Welshmen were not through by any means as they came back to score on Barry Turner's goal at 5:28 and this is the way the score ended after two periods of fast exciting hockey.

Prince of Wales tied the game at 3-3 with only one minute and 31 seconds gone in the third period, and it appeared that the Welshmen might pull an upset over the highly rated Rangers. The Rangers made a comeback of their own when they tallied twice within four minutes to take a commanding 5-3 lead. At this point the Rangers seemed content to just run out the clock and skate with a win. This practice worked for a time but after the College squad scored a goal at 11:10 the Rangers knew they needed to have more than a one-goal lead if they were to skate off with a victory. The Rangers applied the pressure and within two minutes they had a two goal lead again.

Prince of Wales scored 18 seconds after the Rangers did to put themselves back in the game. The Welshmen pressed for the rest of the game but the Rangers lead by the stout defensive work of Kevin Smith held off the Welshmen and when they did get an opening they made use of it. The seventh Ranger marker was scored into an open net after Welshmen coach Jack (Spy) Ready had removed his goalie in favour of an extra attacker. This goal came at 18:05.

Both goalies played very well in this battle and only for some remarkable saves by John Reid in the Rangers cage the score could have read 12-3 for the college team.

Ellis, although not as good as Reid, did make some very good stops and held his team mates in the game when the Rangers sharp shooters got active. Jamie Kennedy was the scoring star as far as goals and assists go with four goals and two assists but the victory was a team effort and the Rangers richly deserved their victory.

One of the remarkable things about the game was the way the Welshmen never gave up, even when they knew they didn't have a chance of winning and it was this old college try. This try by the college team left the several hundred fans with a real good feeling inside after the exhibition with the losing and winning teams and with the progress, in general, of the Junior League this past season.

SUMMARY First Period — 1. Rang. Kennedy (unassisted) 0:30; Penalties — Kennedy, MacEachern, Walsh, Wotton, Campbell. Second Period: 2. PWC — Houston (Brown, McInnis) 8:25; 3. Rang. MacEachern (Kennedy, MacKinnon) 12:54; 4. Rang. MacDonald (Campbell, Smith) 13:56; 5. PWC Turner (Houston, Brown) 15:28. Penalties — Wotton, Smith, Walsh. Third Period — 6. PWC — Frizzell (Rogers, Irwin) 1:31; 7. Rang. MacKinnon (MacLeod) 1:45; 8. Rang. Kennedy (Robinson, MacKinnon) 5:08; 9. PWC — Cyr (Frizzell) 11:10; 10. Rang. — MacLeod (Kennedy, MacDougall) 13:10; 11. PWC Weale (MacArthur, Turner) 13:18; 12. Rang. Kennedy (MacEachern, MacKinnon) 18:05; 13. Rang. Kennedy (MacDougall, MacLeod) 18:23. Penalties — Robinson, MacDougall.

Detroit Red Wings Blank Chicago 2-0

CHICAGO (AP)—Goalie Roger Crozier recorded his seventh shut out of the National Hockey League season as Detroit Red Wings blanked league-leading Chicago Black Hawks 2-0 Wednesday night.

The victory moved the Red Wings into a tie for second place with idle Montreal Canadiens, three points behind Chicago, which now has lost two and tied one of its last three games.

Crozier was credited with 39 stops while pacing Wings to their first regular-season victory in Chicago since March 1, 1963.

He was particularly brilliant in the final period, when the Hawks attacked vigorously in an effort to get the tying goal. Ullman, came with six seconds left in the game and Chicago goalie Glenn Hall out of the nets.

Floyd Smith scored the only goal Crozier was to need at 12:02 of the second period when he deflected a long shot by Alex Delvecchio behind Hall for his 14th goal of the season.

Chicago's Stan Mikita was in the penalty box at the time. Crozier's biggest save of the game came in the last period when Bobby Hull, the Hawks' slumping and ailing scoring star, swept in front of the net and picked up a pass from Phil Esposito and fired from close in. Crozier managed to stay with the play and the disk bounced high into the air before settling into his glove.

SUMMARY First period — No scoring. Second Period — No scoring. Third Period — No scoring.

Flyers Bomb Warriors 15-1

Covehead Flyers bombed PVI Warriors 15-1 at the St. Dunstan's rink recently in an intermediate "C" game.

McCallum potted three goals to pace the winners attack while Malone, Huz, Meisner, H. Morrison, and Birt added a pair. Other goal getters for the Flyers were: N. Morrison and Hughes.

Ford scored the only goal for the Warriors.

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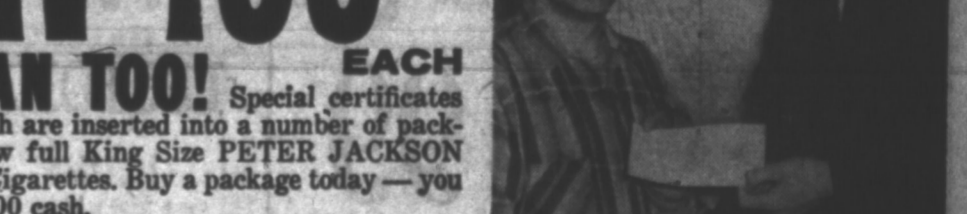
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