

# Investigations launched Following Title Match

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

## Trial Of A Traveller

WELL, we have had our annual March excursion to the mainland and as usual we ran into more mixers.

Attempting to get to Halifax Friday afternoon, we were seated on an MCA plane with seat belt fastened tight and ready for his skies. Outside he storm whistled and we had our doubts. We didn't have long as we were soon told the flight was cancelled.

With no air transportation available early Saturday, we started by train and everything was uneventful on the rails to Bordentown. Arrived on time (10 a.m.) but were told by a most courteous trainman that there would be 'considerable' delay. He said he wasn't feeling as well until 6:30 Saturday evening to start our trip to Tormentine. After eight and one-half hour stay in Bordentown, we, like the rest of the Abwegweit passengers, had high hopes the boat might have a 'softer' run on the way back. But once again we were dealt wrong as it was exactly 13 in the morning when we hit Tormentine.

TRAIN connections were unheard of by then but we wanted to get to Halifax for a few hours to transact our business. After making an acquaintance with a Halifax traveller, we arranged a car drive through to Halifax. After enjoying some horrible road conditions, we reached Halifax at 9:30 Sunday morning.

We immediately made appointments with Hanson Dowell and Ross Slade, our MAHA friends, and got together with them around noon. In the meantime we were busy on the phone making arrangements with TCA and MCA to get us back to Charlottetown Sunday night. We were successful. We were back on the ground at Charlottetown airport shortly after 7 o'clock Sunday night.

## Folks Are Friendly

WE don't suggest such a trip every few days but the whole affair did us well.

CNR officials surely did everything they could for us all at Bordentown. They were very helpful and we were all very enjoyed, at the long delay but they helped us all that could. We invaded the privacy of the station house at Bordentown where we had a very pleasant affair. We were all very well and got back to the Prince Edward Island and her rescuer, The Abwegweit.

Our good friend Buddy MacLearer even invited us to the railroad and game, and we enjoyed his delicious chicken and ham sandwiches from his lunch box.

ALL this rambling may not be long in a sport column but we found so many good sports all day Saturday that we thought it might.

Once on the boat, passengers got really acquainted and just about everybody was calling the other fellow by his first name before docking took place at Cape Tormentine. Folks decided to go on getting better acquainted and folks started back to make the best of the situation. Everybody on the boat from Captain MacKerzie down was courteous and helpful despite the uncertainty of the whole thing. Some of the crew looked mighty tired after the hardships of the previous forty-eight hours but they still were able to act as though everything was normal.

The boys in the ship's restaurant were kept on the hop and here it was the same story. Nobody was too upset that he couldn't crack a joke or see some funny side to the situation.

## All Are Good Sports

WE surely weren't forced to undergo any great hardships. It was purely a case of long delays any everybody was in the same boat. It really amazed us to find the travelling public so even tempered about the whole affair. Folks were still able to laugh when the Abbie slid into the dock at Tormentine.

As we already said, perhaps such discussion doesn't belong in a sports column. However, after the many nice folks we met on our weekend excursion we are inclined to think that all of them were mighty fine sports. That includes all passengers and CNR officials.

We aren't going to say we enjoyed our weekend but we will say that it could have been much worse if folks hadn't acted the way they did.

## Playoffs Start Tonight

The Stanley Cup semi-finals open tonight in Montreal and Toronto and we are expecting the two Canadian teams to grab the leads in their respective seas.

Of course, there are plenty who do not agree with this line of forecasting but if Rube can be wrong on the weather, surely we have the same right in the hockey forecasting.

There are those who think Chicago will again play the powerful Montrealers. We can't see it that way at all because we do not think the Chicago defence can contain the Habs.

On the other front, we expect the Canadiens to beat the Rangers without a fight. However, we do think the New Yorkers will be mighty fortunate to win two hockey games. In fact, we are going along with Toronto in five games.

And don't forget to watch those Hawks and Canadiens in action tonight at 10:30 local time.

## Clearly the Odds are On Intermediate 'A' Title

SUMMERSIDE — The O'Leary Maroons won the Intermediate 'A' hockey championship of Prince Edward Island at Civic Stadium in Summerside last night, putting on a convincing display of superiority to trounce the Hampshire Bulldogs 13-3, and win the home and home series by total goal count of 15-4.

There was never any doubt of the outcome of the game after the first period. O'Leary was leading 5-1 at the end of this frame, 10-5 when the second session was over, and they outscored the visitors 3-1 in the final chukker.

G. Rogerson, J. Baglole, J. Smallman and L. Ellis all tied two goals.

The game was fast and ruz-zled, but sometimes slow and Brian Lewis and Joe Bernard handling out only four penalties. Hampshire drawing down four of them.

SUMMARY  
First Period: 1—O'Leary, G. Rogerson 2:21; 2—O'Leary, J. Baglole (J. Smallman) 4:09; 3—Ellis (Rogerson) 11:15; 4—O'Leary, J. Baglole (J. Smallman) 11:06; 5—O'Leary, G. Rogerson 13:13; 6—Hampshire, B. Balderon (L. Balderon) 14:10. Penalties: None.

Second Period: 7—O'Leary, L. Ellis (G. Rogerson) 8:45; 8—O'Leary, J. Smallman (J. Strang) 9:31; 9—O'Leary, J. Smallman (J. Strang) 9:40; 10—Hampshire, G. Rogerson (J. Strang) 10:15; 11—O'Leary, L. Ellis 9:45; 12—O'Leary, G. Rogerson (J. Smallman) 11:06. Penalties: Disallowed.

**Mixed Pairs Title Play Scheduled**

The Charlottetown Duplicate Bridge Club will hold its first mixed pairs championship tournament Wednesday night at the Charlottetown Hotel. Play will get underway at eight o'clock.

This competition will be unique in that it will be paired off for the season in the hunt for the Vessey Trophy, donated by Roy Vessey to be awarded annually to the team which wins the competition.

For a few husband-wife teams, it will be bridge as usual Wednesday night for the majority, if any, is necessary to come up with a new partner for some.

Players in need of a partner for this session are asked to contact Roy Vessey.

## ADDITIONAL SPORT PAGE

NEW YORK (AP)—A state investigation, spurred on by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, was launched Monday into the championship prize fight that left heavyweight Benny (Kid) Paret near death. It was his second fight within four months, and each ended with the Cuban-born boxer badly beaten.

The New York State Athletic Commission, which polices professional boxing in the state by calling witnesses and reviewing films of the fight, the state worked under a mandate from Rockefeller, who said he was "deeply concerned and disturbed."

The 25-year-old Paret, who lost his world welterweight title to challenger Emile Griffith in Saturday's fight at Madison Square Garden, has been in a coma since he was carried from the fight on a stretcher.

His chance of survival, despite a brain operation to remove a clot, was described as slim.

**WAS HE READY?**

There was speculation that a prior fight with middleweight champion Gene Tuller last Dec. 9 had weakened Paret and made him an easy target for Griffith's battering ram attack on the 12th round of Saturday's fight. Referee Ray Goldstein finally stopped the fight and awarded Griffith the title on a technical knockout.

Tuller knocked out Paret in 10 rounds when they met, and Paret had not fought since then. From his home in West Jordan, Utah, Tuller said: "I never hit a guy so many times before he went out. . . . It was not a fight to be followed by another tough one right off. He got a bad beating in the fight with me."

Goldstein's timing in bringing the fight to a close as Griffith hammered punches into Paret, while the champion staggered on the ropes, also drew attention.

Goldstein, one of the best known referees in the U.S., said he stopped the fight as soon as he realized Paret "was not rolling away from the punches and was in danger."

## Leafs Keeping Confidence To Themselves This Year

By BILL MacDUGALL

TORONTO (CP)—Toronto Maple Leafs, winners in their last five National Hockey League regular season games, are still smarting from their Stanley Cup semi-final upset to Detroit last year. They have no loud protestations of confidence over this year's semi-final.

The Leafs met New York Rangers here tonight in the first game of the best-of-seven set.

Season performances against each other in the state-by-state Leafs have an edge. Of their 14 games, Toronto won nine, lost four and tied one. The Rangers didn't pick up a point on Toronto ice.

But Toronto coach Punch Imlach, usually the first one to rejoice publicly over his team's advantages, is keeping any confidence he has to himself.

He said the club wants to go all the way if the players get the desire but, he added, during the last few games of the season "they played like clowns."

In the last five games, Toronto lost three and tied two games. The slump came after the Leafs had sewed up second place over Chicago Black Hawks.

Referees for the contest were Scott Stewart and Donnie Fundel MacLearer.

The next game in the series is slated for Wednesday at 8:30 on the SDU floor.

Here are the lineups:

Pirates: MacLean 21, Hyndman 16, Gratton 2, R. McGonnell, H. McGonnell 16, W. MacDonald 14, L. Baglole, Total—70.

Saints: P. Smith 7, M. Wong 16, P. Mullaly 15, J. Hogan 14, H. Callahan 6, J. Maddock, J. Chinery, Total—54.

## Pirates Capture Opener At PWC

Jack Ross's Pirates took a one-game jump in their best of three final series for the City Basketball League last night at the PWC.

The Pirates had an edge throughout most of the game and at the end of the first ten points, the scoreboard reading 36-28. They outpointed the Pirates in the first ten minutes of the game.

Wendell "Cleave" MacLearer was the top scorer for the Pirates with 21 points. Dave Hyndman and Pete McGonnell each twined the nets for 16 and seven MacDonald scored 14.

Phil Mullaly set the pace for the Saints with 15 points. Jim Hogan followed close on his heels with 14 and Mike Wong racked up ten.

## Habs Sign Benson

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Canadiens Monday night announced the signing of Gordon (Red) Benson, a star forward at the University of Michigan for the last 2½ years, to a National Hockey League contract.

Benson, 23, played in Canadiens' last four games of the regular season, which ended Sunday season on a trial basis.

He now becomes eligible for the Stanley Cup playoffs starting tonight. Canadiens meet Chicago Black Hawks in one of two best-of-seven cup semi-finals.

MANILA (AP)—Vice-president Emmanuel Palasec said Monday Manila, Thailand and the Philippines will form a common market to improve trade relations with the 60,000,000 people in southeast Asia.

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# Canadies, Hawks Renew Somewhat Bitter Feud

By LAURENT CHASSON

MONTREAL (CP)—Chicago Black Hawks and Montreal Canadiens will renew a somewhat bitter playoff feud when they clash here tonight in the opener of the best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final series.

It will be the fourth consecutive year the two clubs have met in the first round of the playoffs.

Canadiens won handily in 1959-60 and 1960-61 on their way to a fourth and fifth straight Stanley Cup. But last spring, the more aggressive Hawks out-bumped and outskated the Canadiens at every opportunity and won the set in six games. They went on to their first cup triumph in 22 years.

At one point in last spring's series, Coach Ted Blake of the Canadiens accused the Hawks of playing with tomahawks. Managing Director Frank Selke, clearly disappointed by his team's showing would there would be changes.

Selke traded and sold some of the veterans and inserted fresh, young legs in the team's lineup. The result is that both Selke and Blake feel this season's edition of the Canadiens is the best balanced organization he ever had.

ECLIPSE OWN RECORD

The Canadiens not only won a fifth consecutive National Hockey League title this time, but eclipsed their own record for most goals scored in one season.

They also have Bobby Hull, the Golden Boy who scored 50 goals this season to equal the record set by retired Maurice (Rocket) Richard of Canadiens in 1944-45 and tied by Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion in 1961-62. The Rocket scored his in a 50-game schedule, Hull and Geoffrion in 70 game schedules.

The second game of the series will be played here Thursday night. The round then swings to Chicago for the third and fourth games April 1 and April 2.

If further games are necessary, the teams will meet in Montreal April 5, in Chicago April 8 and in Montreal April 10.

The winner of this series takes on Toronto Maple Leafs or New York Rangers in the cup finals. GAIN BIG EDGE

Canadiens wound up with a big edge—nine wins, two ties and three losses—in 14 meetings with the Hawks in regular-season play. At Montreal, the Canadiens won five, lost one and tied one. At Chicago, they won four, lost two and tied one.

Both teams go into the series with injury problems.

One of the Canadiens' unknown quantities is defenseman Lou Fontinato, whose bone-crushing body-checks help keep opposing forwards honest.

Fontinato, acquired from New York last summer in a trade for Doug Harvey—now Bangor player-coach—in an effort to boost the team's hitting, has been bothered with an old groin injury.

In the Chicago camp, forwards Ken Wharran and Rex Murphy are ailing.

## City Boxer Wins Bout

SAINT JOHN, N.B.—(CP)—Jim McCallum, 124, of Charlottetown, gained an unanimous decision over John Duggan, 129, of Edmundton, N.B., in a three-round amateur boxing card here Monday night.

GREAT AGE

Pierre Joubert, born in Charlottetown, Que., in July of 1911, lived to the age of 113 years.

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