

SPORTS FRONT



Andy Bathgate Blasts Imlach

By JIM CULLEN

Andy Bathgate has been in the news headlines recently due to his verbal blasting of Toronto Maple Leaf coach and general manager, George "Punch" Imlach.

We are inclined to agree with Bathgate's reasoning, because we feel that a professional athlete certainly needs to be disciplined at times, but they are human beings and can be pushed past their physical and mental limitations.

This columnist thinks that the basic principle that the fiery Toronto coach used to get his team "up" for a game was: if they didn't perform as he expected them to, then they would be lucky if they were able to stand up after he got through with them in their next practice.

We feel this method is good at intervals, but when it's used repeatedly it sours the athlete and his performance suffers. He looks forward to a hockey game as something he "hates" but has to do if he is going to draw his salary.

This observer thinks that players like Bathgate, Mahovlich, Keon and Ron Stewart were operating at about half their potential during the series with Canadiens; mostly as a result of their attitude towards the Maple Leaf straw-boss. We don't expect to see Bathgate perform with the Leafs again and we wouldn't be at all surprised to find Mr. Imlach kicked upstairs and off the bench in the Leaf organization, next fall.

Tid Bits From Here And There

The Montreal Canadiens and the Chicago Black Hawks got off to a slow start in the 1965 Stanley Cup finals Saturday night with the Toe Blake coached aggregation managing to shade the Hawks by a 3-2 count and take a 1-0 lead in their best-of-seven final. The Hawks were undoubtedly tired from their spine-tingling series with the regular league champion Detroit Red Wings while the Montreal club had a couple of extra days to re-energize from their semi-final with Toronto.

After one week's action in major league baseball there are some interesting statistics. Tony Oliva, the American League, batting champ, is hitting only .172 for Minnesota Twins. Roberto Clemente of Pittsburgh, fighting back to form after an attack of malaria, is batting .259 in defence of his National League crown. All averages are figured through Sunday's games. The home run king of the majors, Harmon Killebrew of the Twins, has yet to hit one. The entire Chicago White Sox ball club has yet to hit a homer.

Jim Maloney, hard-hitting Cincinnati right-hander, pitched seven innings of no-hit ball Monday and beat Milwaukee 2-0 with a one-hitter on Deron Johnson's two-run homer. Milwaukee short stop Denis Menke broke Maloney's no-hit bid when he led off the eighth with a looping single to left field.

Billy Walker's right hand may not be as devastating as some fans thought, but what he lacks in boxing-kick is more than made up for his golden-rod television image. The handsome heavyweight has earned \$60,000 in just three years as a professional and seems assured to do more despite a recent loss to veteran Brian London. Walker's good looks and willingness to mix it up appear to be the reason.

Japanese Entry Wins Big Race

By MORRIS BROWN

BOSTON (CP)—Torio Shigematsu, 25-year-old Japanese university student, led a triumphant Japanese return to the Boston Marathon Monday, winning the event in a record 2:16.36.

Two other members of the Japanese team, Hideki Shishido and Takayuki Nakao, finished second and third. Shishido and Nakao also broke the old mark in 2:17.12 and 2:17.31. Aurel Vandendriessche of Belgium, winner for the last two years, was fourth in 2:17.46, better than the 2:18.58 he ran in 1963 in setting the previous mark. He ran despite an infected heel.

Ron Wallingford, 31-year-old assistant professor of physical education at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont., was the first Canadian to cross the line. He finished 11th in 2:23.36. Wallingford was third last year in 2:20.51, the fastest time for a Canadian in the event.

Geoffrey Hodgson, a native of England who lives in Hamilton, was second best among the Canadians. He finished 23rd in 2:33.34.

ABSENT FROM EVENT The Japanese were absent from the event for five years after winning three times in the 1951-55 span.

The 68th running of the marathon was under overcast skies in cool, 40-degree weather. Shigematsu's victory was his first in a marathon. The five-foot seven-inch, 123-pound athlete, who became lost during a practice run over the hilly, 26-mile, 385-yard course last week, said following the race he felt "a bit lousy" to have won.

CURLING ROUNDUP

The Souris Curling Club has closed its doors for this season. In the final bonspiel held at the Souris club a rink skipped by Cyril Gallant captured the club championship in a round-robin tournament. At the close of the round-robin tournament the Gallant foursome and the Rollie Jenkins entry each had nine and one records.

In a final playoff Gallant defeated Jenkins two games to one to win the Leafpack trophy emblematic of the championship. There were 11 teams entered in thespiel.

NOTE - Mrs. Shirley Coffin skipped her rink to the ladies club championship in aspiel staged previous to the men's.



MARATHON WINNER FAINTS

Maruo Shigematsu, 24, collapsed into arms of police seconds after winning 60th annual Boston A.A. Marathon in record time yesterday. The Japanese runner soon revived. His time was 2:16:33 for the 26-mile 385-yard distance. (AP Wirephoto).

Pilote, Wharram Are Fit; Bill Red Hay Has Injury

MONTREAL (CP)—Chicago Black Hawks, who played their first game of their Stanley Cup best-of-seven final without two regulars, received good news on those two counts Monday, but bad on a third.

The Hawks, who dropped the opener 3-2 to Montreal Canadiens at the Forum Saturday night, expect captain-defence-man Pierre Pilote and right-winger Kenny Wharram to return to the lineup for tonight's second game here.

But a third regular is reported ailing and a doubtful starter. Bill (Red) Hay, a steady left-wing performer during the Detroit-Chicago semi-final series, came up with an injured left elbow Monday and may miss tonight's game.

Pilote, out with a separated left shoulder, and Wharram, nursing a sore right knee, are expected to take their regular shifts. In addition, the Hawks reached to the American League Buffalo Bisons for reinforcements.

Coach Bill Reay, who was caught without the necessary reserve horses Saturday, called up fence-men John Miszuk and Don Johns, plus centre Gerry Melnyk, from Buffalo Bisons. The Buffalo farmhands were eliminated by Calder Cup competition Sunday night by Hershey Bears.

FOURTH CALLED UP Later in the day, Reay announced that a fourth minor league, left-winger Jack Stanfield, also has been called up for standby duty. Stanfield, older brother of Hawk rookie Fred Stanfield, saw action this season with both Buffalo and St. Louis of the Central pro league.

Melnyk has two full seasons of National League competition under his belt, appearing with Detroit as well as Chicago. Miszuk, obtained in a deal which sent Ron Murphy to the Red Wings this year, appeared in two regular season and three playoff contests while in the Detroit organization.

BASEBALL SCORES BY THE CANADIAN PRESS American League Washington at Boston, 2, ppd, rain.

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STANLEY CUP STATISTICS BY THE CANADIAN PRESS FINAL SERIES W L Montreal 14 Chicago 0 1

Probable Pitchers By THE CANADIAN PRESS Probable pitchers for today's games, won and lost records in parentheses: American League No games scheduled.

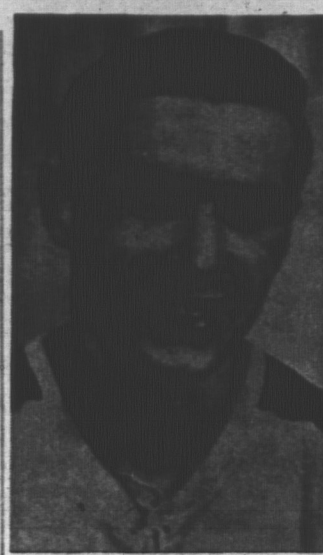
National League New York, Spahn (6-0) at Los Angeles, Osteen (1-0), (N). Pittsburgh, Friend (1-0) at San Francisco, Bolin (0-0). Houston, Farrell (1-0) at Philadelphia, Herbert (0-0), (N). Only games scheduled.

Royals Down Shearwater To Win Maritime Crown

Sandy's Royals captured the Maritime Intermediate "A" hockey championship in straight games with their 8-4 victory over Shearwater Flyers, Nova Scotia provincial champs, at the Charlottetown Forum, last night. The Royals won the first game of the best-of-three series by a 3-0 count in Shearwater Saturday night.

Speedy Stan Peardon paced the winners attack with a two-goal performance. The Angus "Angle" Carroll coached outfit jumped into a 3-0 lead in the first period with goals from the sticks of Vince Mulligan, Angus Carroll and Peardon. Mulligan opened the scoring before the game had reached the two minute mark with a blast from the point.

The visiting club came on strong, in parts of the sandwich session, as the Royals ran into a rash of penalties. Holly Lee, a former Charlottetown resident, opened the scoring for the Flyers at the 2:19 mark of the second frame when he beat Gerard Smith with a high slap-shot that caught the inside of the right post.



Stan Peardon Lawlor got that one back for the Royals when he tipped in a rebound after Stan Peardon had shot. Thompson replied for the Flyers at the fifteen minute mark to close out the scoring in

the second period with the Charlottetown forces enjoying a comfortable 5-2 margin.

FIRES THREE GOALS Lee was back with his second of what proved to be a three goal night at the 6:53 mark of the final stanza to pull his teammates within two goals of the Carroll-coached aggregation. The Royals got goals from Peardon and Bud McIntyre to open up a 7-3 lead and the outcome was never in doubt after the 10 minute mark of the third period.

McIntyre's goals which were set up by Allan "Smelt" Gillis were two of the nicest plays of the game. On both goals Gillis eluded several Shearwater players before passing to big Buddy who promptly slapped them into the Shearwater cage.

The Charlottetown Campbell attempted to contact management immediately following his team's win, but couldn't get in touch with the Tiger's manager. It appears as if the Tigers want no part of the Charlottetown outfit and are quite content to sit in New Brunswick and claim they don't feel the Royals would offer any competition to their forces and let the Royals walk off with the Maritime title.

Exhibition Park Has New Look

VANCOUVER (CP)—Horse-players who wagered a record \$17,000,000 at Exhibition Park last year won't recognize the old place.

Neither will the horses. The 45-year-old wooden grandstand has been torn down, much of the firetrap barn area has been replaced, the paddock has been widened and the track itself renovated to remove a killer curve.

By opening day, April 23, the total bill will be about \$2,000,000. The modern steel- and -concrete grandstand clubhouse structure will seat more than 5,000 persons—double the old capacity.

There will be a quick-service cafeteria to serve hot lunches to the general-admission patrons. The clubhouse area will include a fashionable table terrace area to accommodate 400 for dining and dining while viewing through protective glass.

There will be licensed lounges for both clubhouse and grandstand patrons. A new working press area is situated atop the roof. Jockey's quarters will include steam room, coffee bar, recreation room and sundeck.

The paddock area will be twice its former size. As for the track itself, the radius of the northwest turn has been increased to provide a complete oval with matching spiral turns. The starting chute has been lengthened to provide for 6 1/2-furlong races. The

Chuvvalo Scores Knockout

TORONTO (CP)—George Chuvvalo of Toronto scored a technical knockout over Bill Nielsen of Omaha, Neb., in a heavyweight fight at Maple Leaf Gardens Monday night.

Chuvvalo, 27-year-old Canadian heavyweight champion unleashed a savage fury of blows in the eighth round of the non-title bout. Referee Jackie Silver stopped the one-sided match at 2:47 of the round after the 199-pound Nielsen had taken several crushing lefts and rights to the head without a return.

There were no knock-downs in the scheduled 10-round affair. Chuvvalo, weighing 209, employed a two-fisted body attack and an occasional stiff left jab to wear down Nielsen who had rolls of fat spilling over the tops of his trunks.

Nielsen, unlisted among the top 10 heavyweights, was content to jab and step back through the first seven rounds in an attempt to stay away from Chuvvalo's punching power. Chuvvalo, ranked fifth in World Boxing Association ratings, worked mainly to the body during most of the bout and had trouble escaping Nielsen's left jab which caused his nose to bleed from the first round to the finish.

The American heavyweight displayed some good combination punching in the second and fifth rounds, but seemed more concerned with staying away from Chuvvalo than landing any authoritative punches of his own.

Shoot Results Are Released The following are the results of the rifle shoot staged at the York rifle range recently: Lorna Vessey 100 Tom Vessey 100 Raymond Vessey 99 Earnest Prowse 98 Cecil Watts 97 Harry Welton 97 Ronnie Boyles 97 Arthur Brown 97 Reg Mosher 97 Frank Vessey 96 Lenore Crockett 95 Angus Cheney 95 Gordon Vessey 94 Lloyd Vessey 94 Harry Burras 94 David Ling 92 Willard Murray 92 Nelson Shaw 91 Stuart Vessey 91 Lowell Vessey 86 Ronnie Johnson 85 Keir Vessey 85 Blair Bryerton 83 Roland Vessey 83 Ricky Johnson 82 Ralph MacCallum 82 Norma Armaworthy 80 Herbie Phillips 80

Bunny Ahearne Has Suggestion

MONTREAL (CP)—The National Hockey League has received a letter from international hockey executive Bunny Ahearne suggesting NHL games be carried on British television.

NHL President Clarence Campbell, recuperating from an ulcer attack in Montreal hospital, said in an interview Tuesday the letter was received some time ago and referred to the league's television committee.

"No formal action has been taken on it," said Campbell. "There is no suggestion of doing anything before next season at the earliest." Ahearne, president of the International Ice Hockey Federation, said in his letter he felt NHL hockey could be a first-rate sports attraction in Britain.

Island Tourney Set For Tonight

The following are the results of Monday night's play in the Island Snooker tournament staged at the Mr. Cue pool hall. Earl Murphy 3-1 Jack Brown 3-1 Charlie Weatherby 3-0 Hal Ladner 3-2 Jeff Roberts 3-2 Keith Champion 3-2 Vern Wedge 3-2

The following is tonight's schedule to be played at Mr. Cue: 7:00 P.M. John Kane vs. Allison Tulle. Bill Acorn Sr. vs. Earl Stanley. Bob Walton vs. Harold Pineau. High run for the tournament is held by Vern Wedge 41.

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