

FLASHBACKS ON SPORT

(While Sports Editor Pius Callaghan is attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, sports columns will be contributed by guest columnists.)

By GUS FLYNN

Frank Mahovlich Surges

THE BIG "M" of Toronto Maple Leafs, Frank Mahovlich, enjoyed his biggest spurge of the current campaign over the weekend when he scored three goals and helped out on three more as the Leafs took victories over Chicago (6-3) and New York (4-3).

For Mahovlich this weekend must have seemed a long time in coming for so far in the year the gods have been anything but kind to him. His scoring spree has been few and far between and as a result he is well off the hot pace he set last year when he and Montreal's Boon Boom Geoffrion battled to the end in quest of Maurice Richard's scoring record. Mahovlich never did make it but he did set a record for the Toronto club with his 45 goals, only two shy of the Rocket's mark.

He hasn't been anywhere near that pace this year and for the greater part of the first half of the schedule he had been more of a playmaker than a goal scorer. Last year at this time he had already scored something like 34 or so goals, 16 more than he has scored to date. It will be remembered though that last year Mahovlich trailed off badly in the final couple of months. Maybe the reverse will happen this year and Mahovlich will make a serious run at the 50-goal record now held jointly by Richard and Geoffrion.

His six-point outburst put him in the thick of things in the scoring race. In a three-way tie for third place with Canadiens Claude Provost and Chicago's Stan Mikita, Mahovlich trails Andy Bathgate by 14 points and Gordie Howe by five.

Bad News For The NHL

IF MAHOVLICH COMES close to regaining the form he displayed last year, it could mean a lot of bad news to the rest of the National Hockey League. Even with a sub-par Big "M" the Leafs have been running neck and neck with the Canadiens for the league leadership and if Frank's stick starts putting goals with any consistency, the Prince of Wales Trophy could find a new home in Toronto.

And if any team is to give the Leafs a run for the money it has to be Canadiens; certainly there isn't any other club in sight that can handle them. Even at that Toronto has won more than it has to Montreal to date.

The National Hockey League seems to be dividing itself into three neat divisions as the season progresses into the second half. Toronto and Montreal are alone at the top without any challenger in sight. Detroit, Chicago and New York are settling down to do battle for the last two playoff spots while Boston's rookie-filled Bruins are 20-1 to finish last.

Just for the record, not having had a chance previously, I'll pick them to end this way: Toronto, Montreal, Chicago, Detroit, New York, Boston. And if anybody cares, the Leafs will knock off Montreal for the Stanley Cup.

The Realm Of Fantasy

THINGS WE'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN DEPARTMENT: Canadian football adopt the four downs rule of American football. . . American football adopt the rouge and the single point on a kick from Canadian football. . . Both leagues adopt the system used in American college football whereby two points are awarded for a passed or running convert after touchdown and only one point for a kicked convert. . . Point of the proposals, of course, is to add more excitement to the professional game, even though it isn't lacking in excitement. . . More National Football League action on TV next year. . . More balance in the National Hockey League. . . A pennant for Casey Stengel in his first year as boss of the New York Mets. . . Sixty-two home runs for Roger Maris. . . Ford Frick do away with the rule that says Maris' 61 homers isn't better than Ruth's 60 homers. . . The pro league do away with Ford Frick as baseball commissioner. . . Floyd Patterson fight someone worthy of the name "Challenger". . . Television wrestling replaced by something less phony and more interesting such as "why the doc became extinct". . . A billiard championship for A. I. Macdonald. . . A victory for SDU in the ISHL. . . A team to challenge the Yankees in the American League.

Guest Columnists

THIS WEEK while Sports Editor Pius Callaghan is enjoying the Chinook breeze out in Alberta at a meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, this space will be filled by the prattle of several guest columnists. All are old hands at jotting down sports notes. Familiar names you will be seeing include Bill Ledwell, Ralph Cameron and Nell Matheson. And remember, no matter what Cameron says about the rest of us, it isn't true.

Dressen Named Leaf Manager

TORONTO (CP) — Charlie Dressen, 38, born Sept. 20th, 1898, in Detroit, has been appointed manager of Toronto Maple Leafs of the triple-A International Baseball League, general manager Frank Pollock announced at a press conference Monday.

The former manager and coach of major league baseball teams has been signed to a one-year contract for the 1962 season, but no salary terms were revealed.

Dressen lives in California and has been without a baseball job since he was fired by Milwaukee Braves at the end of the 1961 season.

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Dressen joined the major leagues in 1925 as a third baseman with Cincinnati Reds and remained with them through part of the 1931 season. Dressen played his last major league game with New York Giants in 1933.

His first major league managerial job was in 1934 with Cincinnati where he stayed for four seasons. He managed the old Brooklyn Dodgers in 1951-52-53. They won the National League pennant in 1951 and 1952 but in both cases lost the world series to New York Yankees.

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Carol Schunk, 4, is shown here with a problem in hand. The little girl was at an Ottawa bowling alley with her mother when she undertook to try the game herself. Getting her fingers out of the hole was a bit more than she bargained for.

Paul Schurman Takes Over Crystal Coaching Duties

SUMMERSIDE — Well known Island hockey player, coach and broadcaster Paul Schurman has taken over the coaching duties of the Summerside Crystals effective immediately. It was announced yesterday by the team's new sponsors after Vance Harris had submitted his resignation.

Mr. Harris stated that his main reason for giving up the reins of the club was pressure of winter work and the feeling that he would be a player only. Harris coached the team for the past two years, with considerable success leading the Aces to the Island finals last year and eventually losing out to the Penguins in a tight series.

He is employed with the construction company of Morris and MacRae.

Mr. Schurman, a former player with the Aces, starred as a Junior with Amherst and Sussex teams and later coached the Sussex Intermediate club to a provincial title in 1956. He has had wide experience in coaching and playing including a year as minor hockey coach in O'Leary as well as coach of the Intermediate club in that centre. He also played with Seckwicks Combines in 1959 when they won the New Brunswick Intermediate "A" title before being upset with the Aces the following year.

Mr. Schurman has been in the broadcasting field for the past two years and his voice is well known to Island and mainland fans, as the man behind the mike calling the play by play of many of the Island Senior hockey games.

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HALIFAX BREWER CONVINCED

Maritimes Can Support Professional Hockey Club

By IAN DONALDSON
HALIFAX (CP) — Victor Oland, Halifax brewer and former hockey team operator, says he's convinced the Maritimes can support a professional team.

"But it would have to be a Maritime team—not just a Halifax team," Oland said in an interview.

The idea of a pro team for Halifax, biggest city in the Maritimes, is not new but it has been rekindled this winter as existing senior leagues in the province continue to play before sparse audiences. The idea of a Maritime team, which would play its home games in a number of centres, is Oland's and it's new.

Oland suggests that about half the team's home games could be played here, a city with nearly 300,000 population. The remainder could be in places such as Moncton, Saint John, N.B., Charlottetown and Sydney, N.S.

The revival of interest in pro hockey here was touched off by Jack Humphreys, general manager of Kitchener - Waterloo Beavers of the Eastern Professional Hockey League and chief scout of New York Rangers.

Humphreys said Halifax's disadvantage in being a long way from other EPHL cities is more than compensated for by Maritimers' natural hunger for good hockey.

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The NHL's lack of interest in us down here is another big problem." H. R. Nicholson, manager of the 6,000-seat Halifax Forum says "There's no doubt Halifax would support a pro team playing in a top league such as the Eastern Professional."

"We'd need an angel to carry it along for a while. A franchise would cost about \$50,000. And players would cost plenty."

Scheduling would raise difficulties. Oland suggests the Maritime team could play games in series as major league baseball teams do. A visiting club would play four games in succession on a Maritime swing, with one game here and the others at other parts of the area.

A chartered airline could carry both teams much of the time, thus saving money on travel through the three provinces.

Penguin Players Will Turn Out

The following Penguin players are asked to be at the Sports Arena at 7:30 sharp prior to their game with Sandy's Royals at 8:15.

Butch Ward, J. Duddy, M. Leaphrie, B. MacIntyre, R. Murphy, J. Kane, A. Arsenault, G. McCormack, D. MacDonald, B. Mulligan, A. Gilla, S. Pearson, L. Shephard, J. Arsenault and J. Coyle.

Hamilton Seeks 1964 Cup Tilt

HAMILTON (CP) — Board of Control decided Monday to set up an eight-man committee, headed by Controller Jack Macdonald, to bring the Grey Cup football game here in 1964.

The 1963 Grey Cup game between the Eastern and Western football champions has been awarded to Toronto. The 1963 contest goes in Vancouver.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Tuesday at the Charlottetown Club. (Spares will be needed)

Ice 1 — F. MacInnes, J. Egan, J. Caron, E. Ford vs. F. Church, R. Bartlett, C. Costello, G. Pichard.

Ice 2 — A. Bagnall, N. Ball, G. Newman, B. LePace vs. O.K. Presley, L. Doyle, H. MacLean, Cyril MacDonald.

Ice 3 — Ed Tanton, M. McGuigan, D. Ward, B. Parler vs. D. Matheson, B. Boyles, F. Boudreau, H. Love.

Ice 4 — F. MacInnes, S. Beaton, A. Gill, C. MacInnes vs. B. MacGregor, J.S. Taylor, G. McGuigan, K. Dalziel.

Ice 5 — C. MacLean, M. Boney, D. MacIntyre, B. Robshaw vs. J. Gerrill, K. Cantwell, V. Milton, L. Vessey.

Ice 6 — F. Curtis, J. Regan, D. Crosby, V. Robinson vs. A.A. MacLeod, K. MacLean, A. Garrett, F. Sampson.

Ice 7 — E. Matheson, Dr. Drysdale, B. Moore, R. MacInnes vs. C. Asprey, Ab. Zakem, V. Carr, J. McCarron.

Ice 8 — T. White, W. Cairns, A. Kennedy, B. Stanish vs. R. Jones, F. Miles, A.E. Piercy, D. Reid.

Ice 9 — M. Reeves, B. Veinot, H. Hogg, A. Weatherly vs. T.W. Prowse, Bud MacDonald, Dr. Craig, S. Bryanton.

Ice 10 — L. Turner, H. Douglas, S. Eagles, W.J. Hancock vs. W. Farrell, Dr. Kelly, I. Dowling, D. Vanbuskirk.

THIS WEEK AT THE SPORTS ARENA

TUESDAY — ISHL HOCKEY — Royals vs. Penguins. Game time 8:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY — Pre-School Skate 1:30 to 3:00. Afternoon Skate 4:00 to 5:00. Evening Skate 8:00 to 10:00.

THURSDAY — ISHL HOCKEY — Side Crystals vs. Royals. Game time 8:15 p.m.

FRIDAY — Birchwood High School Ice Sports.

SATURDAY — Skating 2:30 to 4:00.

SUNDAY — Sunday Evening Skating Club.

SPORTS ARENA

Selke Says Montreal Fans Don't Appreciate Success

By LAUREN CHASSON
MONTREAL (CP) — Sports fans, as a rule, are hard to satisfy and will settle for nothing short of a winner. But Montreal Hockey fans are different.

Frank Selke, general manager of Montreal Canadiens, says they just don't appreciate success.

"Take a look at the teams Canadiens have come up with since the Second World War," says Selke. "All of them have been good and strong."

"Yet these teams have been booed more often on their own ice than the Bruins are this season at Boston Garden."

"Montreal hockey fans generally are patient with a French-Canadian player. But they show much less tolerance towards Anglo-Saxons."

CITES McDONALD CASE
To illustrate his point, Selke cites the case of Ab McDonald, a husky Winnipeg-born left winger he was forced to trade to Chicago Black Hawks two years ago.

McDonald was considered a top prospect by the Montreal brass but developed a king-size ferocity complex with Canadiens because home fans threw nasty abuse at him almost incessantly.

"He had stayed here the fans would have ruined his morale," says Selke.

McDonald, 25, is turning out into a big scorer for the Black Hawks in this season's National Hockey League campaign.

And for the first time, he's finally getting some recognition from Montreal fans, much to Selke's chagrin.

When he scored the winning goal in a 4-3 Chicago victory with less than two minutes to go here several weeks ago, the fans gave him a good hand.

"Did you hear those fans?" asked Selke. "Only two years ago they chased him out of Montreal. Now they applaud him."

McDonald is not the only player who has heard the boos of Montreal fans in recent years.

Bill Durnan, considered one of hockey's finest goaltenders heard them in the early 50s. So did his successor, Gerry McNeil. Now, it's Jacques Plante.

Plante never has been popular with the fans. They never really approved of his wandering style and, in recent years, his wearing of a protective face mask.

Tonight's ISHL game between Sandy's Royals and Old Spain Penguins shapes up as a real ding-dong battle and fans are expected to head for the Sports Arena to see these two teams clash.

The two clubs have been waging a neck 'n neck battle for top spot in the standings since the season opened and going to tonight's contest the "Friszelli-men lead the "Birds" by two points with a game in hand.

Royal snipers Angle Carroll, who leads in the scoring parade, playing coach Buck Whitlock and Alfie Flanagan will be looking for points to move well ahead of the rest of the field. The three Parkdale Players are one, two, three in the ISHL scoring race.

The teams have met four times since the league got underway in November and both coaches, Buck Whitlock of Royals and Frank "Duck" Acorn of the Penguins will be seeking the "rubber".

All hockey fans are urged to turn out for the game which gets underway at 8:15 sharp.

BOWLING RESULTS