

SPORTS FRONT

**Stan Mikita
Record Bound?**

By **KEN MACPHAIL**

At the time of this writing, Chicago's Stan Mikita was leading all scorers in the National Hockey League by 18 points, and all things taken into consideration, one has to wonder just how much of the league's silverware the classy centerman is going to walk off with this year. Certainly, the only pieces of pewee he's not in the running for, are those awarded to goalies, rookies or defencemen.

Mikita, who was born May 29, 1949 in a town called, Sobieski in Czechoslovakia, is off to what looks to be his finest season since coming to the NHL in the dying stages of the 1950-1959 campaign. He only played three games that year, scoring one assist and receiving four minutes in the penalty box. And in the following years, his appearances in the box for doers of dastardly deeds skyrocketed, and reached a high of 164 minutes in the '64-'65 term. By the way, he scored 87 points that year, consisting of 25 goals and 62 assists.

Prior to this season, people were wondering just what Stan would do if he held his temper in check, and used the time gained for pursuits of a more worthy nature, and this year they'll find out. The Hawks have played, as of Monday, the 26th, a total of 27 games, and Mikita's 14 goals and 29 assists give him what looks to be an insurmountable lead over his nearest rivals, Phil Goyette of the Rangers, and Montreal's Bob Rousseau. With eight games remaining in the schedule's first half, the Chicago ace seems certain to have at least 50 points at half time, and if he can come close to that in the final part, well, you can see the possibilities. Of course, it's a well known fact that Mikita has spent but two minutes in the cooler so far.

Mikita sincerely believes himself to be the best player in the league, and this is the only attitude that will allow the 5 feet 9 inch 165 pounder to accomplish the marvelous feats which he's been able to pull off.

The stylish Czech has been named to the first all-star team four times in the past five years, being beaten out in the 64-'65 season by a guy named Norm Ullman, of the Detroit Red Wings. Stan had to settle for the second team that year. Coach Billy Reay says, "Stan is the glue on the team. When he's playing well and scoring, you'll usually find that we're winning."

Although team-mate Hull was the Art Ross trophy, emblematic of the league scoring title, last year with a record performance, Mikita was in the two years previously with totals of 89 and 87 points respectively. He had 146 minutes in the penalty box the first time he took it.

If the Black Hawks are to win the league championship this year or any year in the near future, Hull or no Hull, centerman Stan Mikita is going to be the one to shoulder much of the load, and his philosophy will do much to help him achieve the end he desires. "You can't be the best unless you truly believe you are. Give everything and you will receive, but hold back and you will be selling insurance full-time next year."

THIS AND THAT

It seems odd, when the NHL is approaching the tail end of the season, that there are still three spots in the scoring race, but a total of only three goals to his credit, this is the number of assists that New York's Phil Goyette was named to get up to this point in play. . . Springfield Indians were thumped severely by the Providence Reds to the tune of 10-1 Sunday night in American Hockey League action, and this came only two nights after they had defeated those same Reds by a 3-2 score. Maybe Eddie Flores was criticized harshly by the public at large for those suspensions he handed out last week. Such inconsistencies in the team's play certainly call for remedial measures of some sort, and perhaps there should be exonerated by fad for the seemingly basic mistake he committed.

Bernie Geoffrion of the New York Rangers slipped home a goal Saturday night that showed him ahead of Ted Lindsay of Detroit in the NHL's all-time scoring parade. He's now only about 10 goals behind third place Jean Beliveau of Montreal, who is preceded only by the legendary Maurice Richard and the great Gordie Howe. Boom Boom, of course, will never catch the top two, but it's quite possible that he'll pass Beliveau and firmly entrench himself in third place, at least until Bobby Hull passes him, unless the Golden Rocket decides to hang up his blades prematurely. . . The less of Orlando Karichback for ten days. The Rangers will be acutely felt by that club, it will probably be felt by the other teams too, in that some of the players are lucky enough to still have their teeth. Will be able to hold onto them for a few extra days. Orlando is recognized as one of, if not the best, pugilist in the league. . . By the way, if you're wondering just who are the rest of the all-time top goal getters in hockey's senior circuit, we'll publish them with their goal totals in the very near future. . . Montreal Canadiens own the best defensive record at this time, and Chicago has the highest goal output.

SDU To Compete At Quebec Meet

The draw for the Centennial Intercollegiate Hockey tournament has been released by tournament officials at Loyola College. Being held Jan. 3, 4, and 5 at the Montreal Forum, the tournament will have the four Montreal universities paired in the top half of the draw.

Sir George, Williams and Loyola are scheduled to meet on Jan. 4 at nine o'clock in the evening while McGill and University de Montreal play at three in the afternoon. St. Dunstan's Saints, the only Maritime entry participating in the tournament, meet Toronto Varsity at seven o'clock (six Charlottetown time) and University of Alberta start the tournament off at one against Laval of Quebec.

Toronto is the defending Canadian Intercollegiate champion and is the pretournament favourite to win the Molson Trophy. Coached by Tom Watt, Toronto has not lost any player from last year's club, although Steve Monteith, one of the Blues' top players, is not expected to play in Montreal. Nevertheless, Toronto still has seven of the top scorers in the Ontario-Quebec Athletic Association, including Ward Passi, a four year veteran with the Varsity, and Paul Laurent, a 100 point man with Toronto Mariboroughs two seasons ago.

Here in Charlottetown, St. Dunstan's Saints continue to hold daily workouts in preparation for the Montreal excursion. Coach Jack Kane has two additions to the club bringing the roster total to 18 players. Wayne MacDonald a star in Junior and Senior hockey a few years ago, joined the team over the Christmas holidays, and is expected to add some scoring punch to the forwards.

Billy MacKinnon, another Freshman, returned to the team after a six week recuperation from a shoulder separation suffered against Shearwater Flyer during the Alumni Weekend game Nov. 19. Kane says he will carry two goalies, four defencemen, and twelve forwards in the Montreal tournament and into the M.I.H.L. Schedule which starts Jan. 14 at St. P.X.

Asked to comment on the draw which places the Saints against

Toronto, Kane said he felt it made no difference. "We will be up for the first game better than any other. This means we will play our best hockey in the first game. If we are going to do anything at all, we might as well play the team to beat when we are at our best, so I think playing Toronto is just as good for us as any other team."

The SDU coach said he was not surprised at the draw. "The four teams from Montreal are playing against each other. That means that in a knockout tournament, a Montreal team will be in the finals. With Toronto as the favourites, they expected it would boil down to a Toronto-Montreal finish."

The Saints will continue their daily workouts right up until they leave on January 3. The team will take the train over night from Moncton on Tuesday and will arrive in Montreal on Wednesday morning. The team will be met by Tournament officials and SDU Alumni, who are sponsoring a reception for the team during the three day event. The tournament concludes Friday night after the consolation round Jan. 6.

Central Queens Game Tonight

The coach of the West Royal Rovers of the Central Queens Hockey League asks all his players to be on time for the first game of the evening at the SDU rink tonight. The game commences at 8 o'clock as the Rovers meet the high-flying Tracadie Club.

REMEMBER WHEN

The U.S. Air Force Academy for the first time three years ago today—in 1965—went down 35-0 to North Carolina University before a record 90,018 fans at Jacksonville, Fla. The details had won only three football games of 10 before reaching the bowl that year, while the civilian Tar Heels won five.

COMPETITION BEGINS IN BONSPIEL

Dave Boswell, director of physical education for Prince Edward Island, tossed out the first stone yesterday afternoon at Charlottetown Curling Club to get the provincial mixed curling bonspiel underway. The winner of this competition will represent the province at the Quebec Winter Games in February.

Locals, Summerside, Win Centennial Games Easily

SUMMERSIDE—Everybody had to admit it. It looked as if the better teams won.

Probably the largest crowd at Civic Stadium here this season, last night saw two top seeded teams in the Centennial High School Hockey Tournament which concludes tonight.

Colonel Gray High from Charlottetown clobbered the boys from the Prince County Vocational High School, 14-1, in the first game of a double-header, and Summerside High topped

the night off with a 10-2 trouncing of Moncton High.

Neither Moncton nor the Vocational school team were in the respective games after the first periods, after which the score was 4-0 in each game. Brian Arsenault scored the lone goal for the PCVHS lads at 6:27 of the second period. Pete Jensen and Doug Ross were the scorers for Moncton.

Top scorers for Colonel Gray were John Creighton, with four goals, and Tom Gauthier and Bob Jewell, both of whom scored three times. Danny MacNeil led the Summerside attack with three goals, while Derek Burns and Doug MacDonald had a pair each. Other scorers for Summerside were Eugene Bernard, Gary Birch and Jon Downe. The other Colonel Gray scorers are too numerous to mention.

PWC Beats Institute

The Prince of Wales College Juniors had just too much of everything for the Provincial Vocational Institute, as they triumphed 7-2 last night in a Charlottetown and District Junior Hockey League game played at the Forum before a large crowd.

Barry Turner led the PWC at attack with a brace of goals, and singles were scored by Doherty, Houston, Frizzell, Irwin and Ballem. Ken Ballen's tally, which was PWC's final one, and unassisted, was a picture, as he raced in alone on the PVI goalie, deked and faked, and made no mistake lifting the puck into the right hand corner. Paul Stanley played a strong game for the Institute, and scored one of their goals. The other was netted by Mitchell.

SUMMARY
First Period—1. P.W.C.—B. Doherty (Taylor) 10; 2. P.W.C.—B. Turner (unassisted) 3:47; penalties: Murchison, 2. G. Ellis, MacKenzie.
Second Period—3. P.W.C.—Houston (Taylor, H. Ellis) 3:54; 4. P.V.I.—Stanley (McQuaid) 7:24; 5. P.W.C.—Frizzell (Ballem) 15:13; penalties: Doherty 2, Murchison (minor and major), McQuaid 2, Thompson, Acora, Turner, Taylor (major).
Third Period—6. P.W.C.—Irwin (Houston, H. Ellis) 7:39; 7. P.W.C.—Turner (Campbell) 15:41; 8. P.W.C.—Ballen (unassisted) 18:53; 9. P.V.I.—Mitchell (unassisted) 19:17; penalties: Doherty, Stanley, Acora.

Second period—5. Moncton, Jensen, 0:22; 6. Moncton, Ross, 2:32; 7. SHS, Bernard (MacNeil) 5:34; 8. SHS, MacNeil (Bernard) 8:16; 9. SHS, MacDonald (Burns) 13:20. Penalties—Beer, 11:09; Jensen, 12:53; Murray, 15:20; Bernard, 17:45; Huntington, 18:39; Bernard, 18:59; Weldon, 20:00; Bernard, 20:00 (minor, misconduct).
Third period—10. SHS, Burns (Perry, MacDonald) 8:06; 11. SHS, MacNeil (Bernard) 12:48; 12. Birch (Perry) 19:38. Penalties—None.

Scholarship Programs Announced

MONTREAL (CP)—Two companies with headquarters in Montreal, Tuesday announced scholarship programs to mark Canada's centennial next year.

The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada will provide eight graduate fellowships, four to be awarded in 1967. Renewals a few new awards will raise the annual total to eight in subsequent years.

Bell President Marcel Vincent said the fellowships are open to any outstanding Canadian student who is a graduate of a university or college with standards accepted by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

The candidates must intend to pursue graduate studies in Canada at a university or college which is a member or affiliate of the association.

Successful candidates will receive \$3,500. In addition \$1,500 will be given to the university to pay for tuition and help defray other expenses of the university's graduate study program.

The other firm, Dominion Bridge Co. Ltd., will provide five university scholarships for the children of its employees.

MacKenzie McMurray, Dominion president, said these scholarships—4 to be announced not later than Aug. 31, 1967—will be awarded for four years for any course leading to a baccalaureate degree or until the degree is obtained, whichever comes first.

Each successful Dominion applicant, who maintains satisfactory performance at the university, will receive \$750 a year while an unconditional grant of \$250 will be made annually to the university.

SPORT ECHOES

Big Doings In Summerside
 By **NORMAN MACDONALD**

Today and tomorrow are big days in the interscholastic sports world at Civic Stadium. Today Colonel Gray School from Charlottetown will take on the Prince County Vocational School, and in the evening Summerside High and Moncton High will come to grips. Tomorrow the two winners will play for the championship, and the losers will play a consolation match. Then don't forget, fans, to take in the Grads game when graduates from Summerside High, made up of two teams, will play against each other. A goodly number of those grads also graduated from hockey, and may be a little stiff in the joints until they get limbered up, but it's bound to be a "hell for leather" contest with those two old experienced managers, Dave Lidstone and Peg McNeill directing operations.

Motor Travel Record Due Next Year

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadians and their centennial guests are expected to drive 70,000,000,000 miles in Canada during 1967. C. W. Giehrst, managing director of the Canadian Good Roads Association, says in a year-end statement.

This mileage, about 3.5 per cent of it centennial travel, is nearly double that of 10 years ago and will be a record year for motor travel in Canada, the statement says.

He also forecast that road expenditures in 1967 will stay "well over the \$1,500,000,000 mark," although the rate of road construction is expected to be slightly less than during the last few years as centennial projects are completed.

Canada's centennial year will mark the completion of several major road-building projects across the country.

Mr. Giehrst says Canada has one of the best arterial road networks in the world but im-

Canuck Track Stars To Have Rugged Test

By **JOHN SHORT**

SASKATON (CP)—Two outstanding prospects have a chance today to assess their progress since leaving Canada to accept track scholarships in the United States.

Dave Atkinson of Calgary and Ray Rohatinsky of Yorkton, Sask., will decorate a top field in the invitational two-mile competition at the second annual Knights of Columbus Jubilee Games. Atkinson, 18, is attending Indiana University and Rohatinsky, 19, attends Brigham Young University.

Their opposition will be provided by Dave Ellis of Toronto, perennial Canadian champion, Oscar Moore of Southern Illinois University, Arthur DuLong of Holy Cross, Harry McCalla of the Los Angeles 40ers track club, and Ethelicia, Sebaste Mame of Colby University.

Atkinson holds the Indiana University record of 9:07 for two miles and hopes the high-powered field can chase him past the nine-minute barrier.

ENTRY LIST LONG

Besides invitational and open events, competitions will be held in ridget and juvenile classes as meet promoters attempt to encourage young talent. A large entry list forced officials to schedule a special afternoon session today. An evening session and morning and evening events Thursday will complete the program.

Several members of the Canadian team in the British Empire Games at Jamaica will be on hand.

Speedsters Brian MacLaren and Ross MacKenzie of Winnipeg will compete at 300 metres and in relays. MacLaren also is scheduled to run 600 yards in a class field that includes veteran Canadian ace George Shepherd of Toronto.

Bill Crothers, one of the leading half-mileers in the world, will meet seven leading Americans at 800 yards and Canadian ace Ergas Lepp and Dave Bailey of Toronto will be involved in the mile.

One of the leading high jumpers in the world, John Thomas of Boston, will meet John Dooley of California and Bill McClellon and Robert Lee of Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.

In women's events, Canadian champion Abby Hoffman will meet a field including Madeleine Manning and Una Morris of Tennessee at 600 yards. Cec Carter of Hamilton and Jan Madden of Winnipeg will oppose Manning and Morris at 300 yards.

Mikita, Hull Lead Hawks To Win; Bruins, Wings Tie

NEW YORK (CP)—Stan Mikita scored twice to pace Chicago Black Hawks to a 3-2 victory over New York Rangers Tuesday night as the Hawks moved to within two points of the first-place New Yorkers in the National Hockey League.

Mikita twice pulled the Hawks level with New York as he ran his goal production to 14 this season and Bobby Hull got the winner late in the final period.

Rod Gilbert's 17th goal in the opening minute of the game—and Boom Boom Geoffrion's 11th and sixth in the last four games accounted for the New York goals.

The Rangers' lead over the Hawks was cut to two points as New York suffered only its third loss in its last 16 games.

SET UP BY ESPOSITO
 Hull fired his 14th goal of the season after Phil Esposito fed him the puck from the face-off with less than four minutes to play.

Gilbert gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead with the game 47 seconds old, tipping a long shot by defenceman Al MacNeil into the Chicago net.

In the second period, the Hawks pressed Ranger goalie Ed Giacomin and Mikita, NHL

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 SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE FORUM STAFF

point leader, tied the score for the first time at the 8:08 mark. The Chicago centre, stationed in front of the net, converted Pierre Pilote's pass with a short backhand.

The goal ended Giacomin's shutout string against Chicago at 134 minutes, 16 seconds. He had blanked the Hawks in his last two starts against them.

New York took a 2-1 edge early in the final period on Geoffrion's power-play goal. But the Hawks countered just 62 seconds later when Mikita beat Giacomin again on a two-on-one break.

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 Third period—3. New York, Geoffrion 11 (Marshall, Nevin) 1:27; 4. Chicago, Mikita 16 (Mohs) 2:29; 5. Chicago, B. Hull 14 (Esposito) 16:14. Penalties—Maki, Pilote misconduct 24; Neilson 4:48; Wharram 6:48; Hodge Fleming majors 20:00.
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