

Imlach's Forecasting Has Won New Respect

Funch Imlach can't be faulted for calling his Toronto Maple Leafs to beat Boston in six games and Montreal in seven in the Stanley Cup playoffs. People who almost died laughing when Imlach said Leafs would make the playoffs now are listening to him with some respect.



FUNCH IMLACH

But there's a feeling he's gone too far in his crystal gazing. Probably being strictly a hockey man, he hasn't heard about Jim Trimble.

Big Jim, just as talkative and brash as Imlach, fell flat on his ruggedly handsome face last November when Winnipeg Blue Bombers tamed Trimble's Hamilton Tiger-Cats 35-28 in the Grey Cup football classic at Vancouver. Before the game Trimble declared flatly that Ticats would win.

The law of averages, and some inspired football by the Bombers, caught up to the Hamilton coach. CALLED IT IN 1957.

Trimble was a whiz kid the year before. He called Tiger-Cats to whip Blue Bombers by

four converted touchdowns in the 1957 Cup final. The result: Hamilton 32 Winnipeg 7.

Jim was just starting. A week later, before the now-abandoned

East-West all-star clash, Trimble predicted the E-terners, heavily loaded with Ticat players, would numb the West by three touchdowns. He called it right on the button as the East won 20-2.

Trimble should have stopped right there, when he was ahead of the me. But the big likable guy, who keeps things hopping in the Big Four union with his statements, breezily carried on in 1958.

Ticats eased through the Big Four schedule without unduly flexing their muscles. Trimble scouted one W tern Conference playoff game involving the Bombers and said, among other things, that Tiger-Cats would take the Bombers in the cup final.

Winnipeg Coach Bud Grant used Trimble's quotes to stir his players to a high pitch. Bombers spotted Tiger-Cats two early touchdowns and went on to give the West its fourth cup in five years.

BUSY FORECASTER

Imlach's latest outburst is one in a long series of forecasts. Last fall, when he was appointed general manager of the Leafs, he said the team—in last place at the time—would make the Stanley Cup series.

In November, when he took over as coach after firing Billy Reay, he said Leafs would do it even if they had to wrap it up in the final game of the 70-game schedule. "Furthermore," he said, "we'll need 65 points to make a playoff position."

With 10 games left in the schedule, and Leafs still in the cellar, he predicted a place in the post-season series. With five games left, he said Leafs would win them all and take fourth place, last playoff spot.

The records show just how right he was. Leafs went right down to the wire to nudge the faltering New York Rangers out of fourth place and finished with 65 points.

Imlach is still going against all

odds. Before the playoffs opened, Montreal Canadiens were quoted as 4½-to-1 favorites to defeat Chicago Black Hawks in their semi-final series and Boston Bruins were 11-to-5 favorites over the Leafs in the other semi-final.

Canadiens also were 2½-to-1 favorites to retain the cup. Boston was quoted 4 to 1 to win the title, Toronto 7 to 1 and Chicago 9 to 1.

Takes Lead In Azalea Open

WELMINGTON, N.C. (AP)—Bob Goalby birdied five of the last 11 holes Friday to take a one stroke lead in the first round of the \$15,000 Azalea Open golf tournament with a two-under par 70, on a wet, windy day.

The 29-year-old Belleville, Ill., pro, whose only major victory came last April at Greensboro, N.C., was one shot ahead of his five nearest rivals, two of them amateurs.

Included in the 71 group were Buddy Baker of Florence, S.C., the U.S. Golf Association junior champion and Claude King, husky Virginia Beach, Va., amateur.

Tied with them were two young and "hungry" members of the touring troupe, Don Whit of Borrego Springs, Calif., and Bert Weaver of Beaumont, Tex. Joe Worrell, golf equipment salesman from Charlotte, N.C., joined the group with four finishing birdies.

Top Canadians were Jerry Magee and Murray Tucker of Toronto, tied with identical rounds of 38-37-75.

Al Baiding of Toronto and Jules Huot of Montreal had 77s, Montreal's Pat Fletcher 79 and Jimmy Westwell of Toronto 83.

SALT BUOYANCY

A vessel that draws 35 feet in salt water will settle 36 feet in fresh water of lakes or rivers

HUNTERS CORNER

Sawdust Problem Discussed At Fish And Game Meeting

The Fish and Game meeting of the Queens County branch held on Tuesday evening March 24th at the Legion Hall broke all records for years in the attendance line. Over one hundred were present and a more representative group would be hard to find.

However, what promised to be a real 'stand out' meeting at the start ended on a rather flat note. The president, Dr. Wendell MacDonald, gave an outline of work done and projects under consideration for the coming year.

When he finished a farmer from Johnston's River took over and gave with a discourse that lasted a good three quarters of an hour before we managed to get him throttled down to half speed. His remarks were interesting and very much to the point in spots. He was mild as new milk on occasion and waved a big shillelagh on others. By the time we had the farmer situation pretty under control the sawdust brigade moved in and a battle royal got under way that lasted until close to half past ten. Sawmill operators were present from Hunter River, Bridgetown, Sturgeon and other points.

They presented all angles of the sawdust problem. All they required to complete the picture was a placard: "Vote for X and let sawdust reign supreme". A strong play was made to have the meeting go on record stating that sawdust entering streams did not harm trout fishing. Furthermore it was contended that banks of sawdust at stream edge served as a breeding ground for a species of worm and other grub life that trout fed upon.

A motion to have 'sawdust' stricken from the list of substances entering the water as being detrimental to trout was killed by an amendment. The sawmill operators but up a stiff argument in favor of allowing sawdust to enter water frequented by trout without restrictions being imposed regarding its disposal. However, the great majority of trout fishermen pre-

sent were impervious to 'sawdust washing' and all well that ends well.

A speaker scored a point when he contended that the builders of the dam at the Calabogit mill site ruined more trout fishing by not equipping it with a by-pass than did the sawdust. It is now a matter of record that thousands of big trout were prevented from moving up into several miles of top fishing water. In past years I have seen hundreds of trout up to three pounds and better in the hole below the mill at Hunter River.

It is this columnist's opinion that failure to allow trout free access into this dam and its headwaters by the builders thereof was more detrimental to trout than the sawdust. It is admitted by trout men that at least 25 per cent of the spawning grounds between the Campbell dam and the one at Hunter River was available for this purpose whereas the construction of this dam proved a barrier that prevented the trout from using this twenty-five percent.

This stretch of water, close to four miles in length, was rocky before the starch refuse and sawdust did its work, at containing trout propagating potentialities comparable or better than any stream in the province. What refuse started the dam builders finished. I fail to understand why this was allowed to happen. If not a by-pass why not a fish ladder. A dam with a by-pass allows free passage of trout to its upper reaches where the spawning beds lie.

Nature did not slow for the filling up of a stream with either silt or sawdust and now we both. Wooded banks prevented silt from finding its way into the streams. Now we have cultivated fields extending to stream edge and highway improvement, such as widening roads etc. allows countless tons of soil to enter our streams and rivers. The time is not far distant when artificial gravel beds will have to be con-

Toe Blake & Company Head For Windy City

By W. R. WHEATLEY

Canadian Press Staff Writer

MONTREAL (CP)—Coach Toe Blake and his Montreal Canadiens boarded a train for Chicago Friday "not cocky but confident" that they have the best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final with the Black Hawks well in hand.

The heavily favored Canadiens knocked off the Hawks in the first two games on Montreal ice 4-3 and 5-1. The teams meet in Chicago in the third and fourth games Saturday and Tuesday.

"It would be foolish to go out on a limb and say we're going to win in four straight but we'll finish this series up just as soon as we can," said Blake.

"There's no doubt the Hawks will be tougher at home. Every team plays a bit better on its own ice. If they get hot, anything can happen and we're not kidding ourselves that they'll be push-overs."

SOME FORTUNATE WINS

"Although we lost no games in Chicago during the regular Na-

tional Hockey League season, we had some terrific games there and were fortunate to pull out several ties. Goalie Jacques Plante saved us from getting trimmed.

Blake is still counting heavily on his big scoring line of Jean Beliveau, Dickie Moore and Marcel Bonin but he promises more scoring punch with regular use of Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion.

The Boomer, a man with a terrific shot, had to take a rest and a vacation in Florida late in the season because of strained stomach muscles.

Since his return Geoffrion

has been used only on the power play. He scored one goal and one assist in the two games in Montreal.

"It looks as if the Boomer has finally arrived," said Blake. "He was skating well in Thursday's game. Depending on how he feels and how things go, I'll probably use Geoffrion on a line with Ralph Backstrom and Ab McDonald—the Boomer's old line.

The Hawks left by special plane after breakfast for Chicago. Coach Rudy Pilous was prepared to give them an afternoon workout.

TO LEARN RUSSIAN

OTTAWA (CP)—About 20 students of outstanding language ability will be taught Russian at Ottawa's Nepean High School beginning next September. A three-year course starting in grade 10 is planned. Russian already is taught in North Toronto Collegiate and three more Toronto high schools are expected to introduce it in September.

Monday's Minor Hockey Schedule

9.00 - 9.30 a.m. — Royals Robins vs. winners Ducks vs. Spitfires.

9.30 - 10.15 a.m. — Vics vs. winners Abbies vs. Royals.

10.30 - 11.00 — Robins vs. winners Ducks vs. Spitfires.

6.00 - 6.30 p.m. — Winners above vs. winners Jays vs. Springers.

Referees: Leroy Barnett and Don Frizzell, Bill Boyles, Gord Welner.

Minor Titlists Decided Tonight

This evening will be a big time for the young fry at Sports Arena as four Provincial Hockey Titles will be decided.

Starting at 7.00 p.m. four games, all second of home-and-home series for provincial crowns will be run off and to conclude the big night will be skating for all to the tune of Donnie Burns' Rock 'n Roll records.

9.00 - 9.45 — School girls — Murray Harbour vs. QCHS.

9.45 - 10.45 — Rock 'n Roll skate.

Following is the evening's schedule of games:—

7.00 - 7.30 — Paperweights—Summerside vs. Abbies.

7.35 - 8.05 — Peewees—Summerside vs. Abbies.

8.10 - 8.35 — Bantams—Summerside vs. Abbies.

Regular minor league admissions will prevail. Let's have a big attendance to encourage the youngsters!

Cambridge Is Picked To Win 'The' Boat Race

LONDON (AP) — Cambridge is the pick to outrow Oxford for the 50th time in 105 meetings today, in one of sports' oldest competitions—The Boat Race.

The two university shells break from the starting line near suburban Putney (at 11:15 a.m. AST) and race — sometimes not too rapidly — up the Thames 4¼ miles to Mortlake.

Until a week or two ago it seemed to be Oxford's year but the Cambridge crew has come on fast and the light blues now are expected to score their fifth consecutive victory over the dark blues.

The two universities annually form eight-man crews, buy new boats, new oars, spend thousands of pounds on training and food, then practice like mad for three hours a day for three months—all for the one race.

Half a million Londoners watch the free show as it sweeps through town on the big river where all other ships and boats are stilled in sober respect.

Earl Smith and MacGonnell were the referees.

LINE-UPS:

Sultans — Kelly 18, Purchase 2, Lefler 4, Terman 7, Howlett 11, LeBlanc 4, Anderson, Miller 4, Little 4.

YMCA — MacDougall, MacLean 9, Atkinson 6, Dolron, Phillips 9, Kimball 8, Scantlebury 13.

Mar. Mixed 'Spiel Opens At S'Side Tuesday

SUMMERSIDE — The Maritime mixed curling bonspiel gets underway at the Summerside Curling Club next Tuesday morning at nine o'clock continuing all week until the winner of the beautiful Macpac Bowl is decided on Saturday.

48 rinks from all over the Maritimes are entered in this big bonspiel which has won much acclaim since its inauguration four years ago.

Tonight at the Summerside curling rink a special dance is being held from ten until one o'clock to music by Ted Ahearn's orchestra.

This evening members may bring along a guest couple to enjoy the dancing in the club rooms.

Sultans Trip YMCA 54-45

The RCAF Sultans basketball team beat the Charlottetown YMCA team at the RCAF court in Summerside on Tuesday evening by the score of 54-45. The RCAF team now lead three games to two in the semi-finals for the Island League title.

Kelly led the RCAF Snipers with 33 points and Scantlebury chalked up 13 for the visitors.

Curling Draw

Mixed curling draw Saturday night.

7.00 P. M.

Ice 2 — A. Humphrey, H. MacDonald, F. Bradley, C. Rogers, vs. M. Jenkins, E. Bell, K. Douglas, I. Duff.

Ice 3 — L. Blakney, B. Humphrey, M. England, L. Jenkins, vs. D. Wonnacott, G. MacKay, I. MacDonald, S. Prowse.

Ice 4 — G. Dillon, M. Blakney, F. Wynne, F. Wonnacott, vs. J. Saunders, D. Stewart, M. Jardine, C. Phillips.

Ice 5 — L. Turner, M. Stewart, I. Dowling, F. Rossiter, vs. M. MacMillan, M. MacLennan, D. Douglas, M. Doyle, Spares L. Shaw, D. MacDonald, A. Stewart 8:30 P. M.

Ice 2 — C. MacDonald, E. Goss, N. MacLeod, M. Toole, vs. A. Love, N. MacDonald, B. Acorn, B. Monaghan.

Ice 3 — J. Burden, A. Mahar, E. Jones, M. Vessey, vs. A. Likely, F. Whitlock, W. Scantlebury, C. O'Rourke.

Ice 4 — D. O'Rourke, H. Likely, G. Vessey, M. Love, vs. G. Stewart, M. Jones, T. Whitlock, H. Love.

Ice 5 — H. Peters, P. Burden, E. MacGregor, A. Garrett, vs. C. Whitlock, M. Stewart, A. Garrett, M. MacLeod.

If unable to curl please phone 9764.

Seagrass

2 P. M.

Ice 2 — H. Atkinson vs. J. Burden.

Ice 3 — K. Acorn vs. Dr. Prowse.

Ice 4 — J. S. MacDonald vs. J. Squarebriggs.

Ice 5 — W. R. McNeill vs. Doug Saunders.

Old Spats

1.30 P. M.

Ice 2 — Dr. Beck vs. R. Ketch.

Ice 3 — G. Burge vs. R. McGregor.

Ice 4 — B. Cox vs. R. Manning.

Ice 5 — C. Cudmore vs. C. McPhail.

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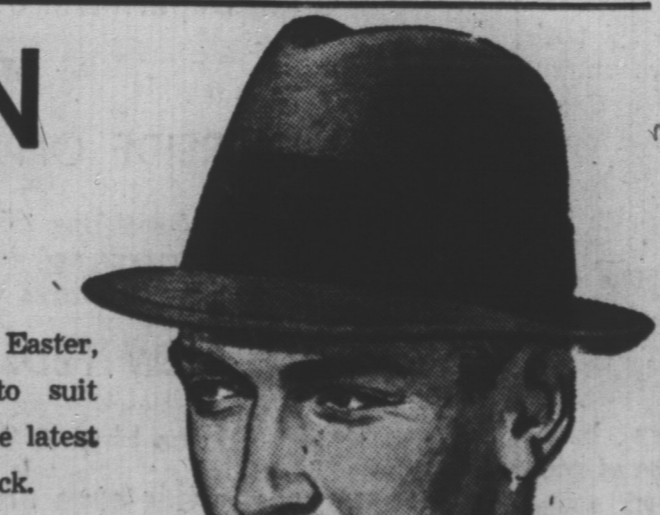
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