

# Toronto's Amazing Argos Entertain Alouettes Today

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A capacity crowd of 27,000 is expected in Toronto's Varsity Stadium for today's top billing in the Big Four football show.

The production: A four-quarter drama by Toronto Argonauts and Montreal Alouettes, meeting in the first of a two-game showdown for a berth in the playoffs.

The star performers: Toronto's Ronnie Knox and Dick Shatto; Montreal's Sam Etcheverry and Hal Patterson.

Sharing the direction: coaches Hamp Pool of Toronto and Peahead Walker of Montreal.

**IT'S CRUCIAL FOR ARGOS**

Background: A loss by Argos would end their explosive comeback battle for a playoff berth. A loss by Alouettes would jeopardize their chances of avoiding the Big Four cellar.

At Ottawa, the Big Four producers are putting on another show, important as far as the playoffs are concerned.

Rough Riders are host to Hamilton Tiger-Cats, who already have clinched first place in the league, and need to salvage only a tie in the home-and-home series to gain a playoff spot.

Both series are the last contests of the 14-game schedule. Hamilton will meet the winner of a

sudden-death semi-final between the second and third teams.

**THE STANDINGS**

Here's how the clubs stand going into today's action:

P	W	L	T	Pts	GTP	
Hamilton	12	9	2	1	19	2
Montreal	12	5	6	1	11	2
Ottawa	12	5	7	0	10	2
Toronto	12	4	8	0	8	2

Remaining schedule: Nov. 8, Toronto at Montreal; Ottawa at Hamilton.

At Toronto, the rampaging Argonauts will be trying for their fourth straight win after eight losses. Their only other victory was the home opener against the Alouettes. Montreal has beaten Toronto in their other two games.

Key to Argos' hopes will again be 23-year-old passing wizard Knox whose accurate throwing and fine play selection has led his club to victories of 37-0 against Ticats and 41-0 and 42-24 over Ottawa.

**SHATTO IS HOT**

But Knox will be up against all-star veteran Etcheverry who is also noted for razor-sharp passes and was in excellent form last weekend as Alouettes downed Hamilton 28-12.

Knox's team-mate Shatto, now

leading the league's scoring race, has scored eight touchdowns in the last three games.

But Alouettes also have a classy pass receiver in all-star Patterson, offensive-defensive end who returns to the lineup for the first time in more than a month.

Pool has a few injury problems. Don Caraway has a cracked rib, will be dressed but isn't likely to see much action. Jim Rountree will return after a foot injury but it may hamper him.

Ottawa's Frank Clair will start Canadian rookie Russ Jackson at quarterback.

Ottawa has lost three straight, scoring only 37 points during the slump and having 117 counted against them.

In the senior intercollegiate league the undefeated University of Toronto Blues travel to London to meet the University of Western Ontario Mustangs who must win to stay in contention for the league championship.

There is no playoff in the intercollegiate loop unless the second place team beats the top club at least once in regular schedule play.

The other game is at Montreal where McGill University Redmen meet last-place Queen's University Golden Gaels.

## Toronto Race Has 14 Starters

TORONTO (CP) — Fourteen two-year-olds today will run for a purse of \$27,900 in the Cup and Saucer Handicap at New Woodbine race track.

Bull Vic, owned by Larkin Maloney and Conn Smythe, leads the list of horses. Bull Vic, winner of \$44,140 so far this season, will be ridden by Alfonso Coy, Canada's leading jockey. By winning the Cup and Saucer, Bull Vic can set a record for money earned by a Canadian two-year-old.

## First Russian Horses To Race

LAUREL, Md. (AP) — A delegation of five Russians Friday looked over the lay of the land in another world of sports they hope to conquer—horse racing.

Their two nominees for the \$100,000 International Race Nov. 11, Garner and Zaryad, were set for a rest before being the first Russian horses to set foot on a United States track.

The horses, both three-years-old, arrived Friday after a 5,500 mile train and plane trip starting last Saturday in Moscow.

"It was too long," commented Yevgeni Dolmatov, director of racing at the Moscow Hippodrome.

## Ex-Champ Will Appeal

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight boxing champion, said Friday he will ask that a boxing suspension against him be lifted.

Alton Erickson, supervisor of the boxing and wrestling division of the Texas bureau of labor statistics, announced Charles' suspension Thursday. It followed a six-round knockout of the Cincinnati boxer by Donnie Fleeman in Dallas Monday night.

In a letter to Charles, Erickson said the action was taken for the best interest of boxing and for Charles' health.

Charles said: "I still think I can box and I would like a rematch with Fleeman."



Andy Hebenton, above, New York Rangers forward, will be one of the sharpshooters that Toronto Maple Leafs will be trying to keep off the score sheet tonight at Maple Leaf Gardens. Andy scored one of the two goals when Rangers and Bruins tied 2-2 Wednesday and last Saturday.

## Do Brawls In Hockey Have An Influence On Children?

Many sports personalities and fans here say hockey brawls do not influence young children watching the action.

They were commenting on a statement by Rt. Rev. A. H. Sovereign of Vernon, B.C., who said fights and brawls in hockey games "provide the worst kind of encouragement to youngsters."

Bishop Sovereign who retired as Anglican bishop of Athabasca in 1950 said hockey games were no place to take children.

Coley Hall, general manager of the Vancouver Canucks of the Western Hockey League disagreed and said "playing and watching hockey is great for kids. It keeps them off the streets."

"I can't believe that any kid could really be influenced," Hockey great Fred (Cyclone) Taylor said. "Hockey can not be classed as a breeder of rowdies. I played the game for more than 25 years and I don't know of any child hamfully affected by it. It's the training they get in the home and school that counts."

**SUPPORTS BISHOP**

Bishop Sovereign gained support from Jack Pomfret, University of British Columbia basketball coach, who said, "every sport contributes a great deal to a child's development if properly administered. But uncontrolled sport can tend to make children lose their sense of values."

"I idolize these sports stars and if they set up the kids will be inclined to do the same," Klaus Buchholz, a German immigrant, said.

## Fr. Costello Returns To Ice Lanes

TIMMINS, Ont. (CP) — Rev. Les Costello, who gave up a professional hockey career for the Roman Catholic priesthood, returned to the amateur ice lanes Thursday night.

Father Costello, a curate at the Church of the Nativity here, played right wing for the Timmins-Schumacher Flyers of the Porcupine Mines League senior A.

He didn't figure in the scoring as Flyers dropped a 6-4 decision to Abitibi Eskimos but Flyers are confident he'll develop when he gets into condition.

Father Costello, 31, played juvenile hockey in this area, went to Toronto St. Michael's of the Ontario Hockey Association junior A league and helped them win two Memorial Cups.

## Etcheverry And Wells Named For Russel Cup

MONTREAL (CP) — Managing director Gorman Kennedy of Montreal Alouettes said Friday that the Als have nominated half-back Joel Wells and quarterback Sam Etcheverry for the Jeff Russel Trophy.

The award goes annually to the Big Four football league player who best combines courage, sportsmanship and fair play.

## Shakespeare To Russia

STRAFORD-ON-AVON, Eng. (Reuters) — The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre has accepted an invitation to visit Russia this winter. The 70-member company will take three productions to Russia: Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, and Twelfth Night. They will give 11 performances in Leningrad and 15 in Moscow.

## Tollific Queen

The largest number of children produced by a reigning queen was 17 born to Queen Anne of England who died in 1714.

# Smythe States Billy Reay Is Not The Man At Fault

TORONTO (CP) — Rumors that Billy Reay was nearing the end as coach of the last-place Toronto Maple Leafs were squelched Friday.

Stafford Smythe, chairman of the seven-man committee that runs the National Hockey League club, laid the blame for the Leafs' poor showing—two victories in eight starts—on the managing staff.

"If anybody's job is in jeopardy, it's mine," said Smythe. "There's never been any thought of replacing the coach."

"We haven't given him the team or the instructions to work with and we're not going to make him a sacrificial goat for our mistakes."

The managerial committee will be rectified immediately, he added.

It will be up to assistant general manager Punch Imlach to lay down the rules, decide whom and how many will play and if he gets mad and wants to brawl onto the players, he can do ahead."

"And where he and Billy disagree, they will come to me and the hockey committee . . ."

# National Crowds Are Near Record

CINCINNATI (AP) — Four National League clubs had declines in attendance last season but the loop as a whole still drew the second greatest number of paying customers in history in 1958.

Official figures released by National League headquarters Friday showed the total attendance was 10,164,596 compared with 8,819,601 in 1957 and the record high of 10,338,470 in 1947.

The bulk of the attendance gain was registered by Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants. The Dodgers, playing in the huge Los Angeles Coliseum, drew 1,845,556 fans compared with 1,028,258 in Brooklyn's Ebbets Field in the previous year.

The Giants, although playing temporarily in the smallest park in the league, drew 1,272,625 at San Francisco. In 1957 they drew only 653,923 in New York's Polo Grounds.

Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Philadelphia and St. Louis had the losses in paying customers.

The league's champion Milwaukee Braves had the high attendance for the year with 1,971,110 but that was 244,303 less than the 2,215,404 they drew in 1957.

# Doug Harvey Won't Play

MONTREAL (CP) — Defenceman Doug Harvey will sit it out again tonight when the league-leading Montreal Canadiens meet the slumping Black Hawks for the third time in 10 days.

Harvey and defenceman Albert Langlois, who has seen no action at all this season, worked out with the club Friday but coach Toe Blake decided against using either.

Harvey has been out since Oct. 12 when he suffered a chipped and cracked ankle bone. Langlois came out of a pre-season exhibition game with a shoulder separation.

"There's no use rusing them," aid Blake. "We have a full week's layoff in the schedule after Saturday's game."

Canadiens have just come home from a road trip in which they won two games and tied another.

The Hawks, who started the season with a spurge, haven't won a game since Oct. 16. Since they have had five losses and a tie. On their last appearance here, Oct. 23, they took a terrific 9-1 drubbing and were fined \$100 each by general manager Tommy Ivan for indifference.

Eddie Litzberger of the Hawks is still looking for the 100th goal of his National Hockey League career. He has scored only one this season.

# BATTLE STILL ON

ALGIERS (Reuters)—Seventy-nine Algerian insurgents were killed and seven captured in a pitched battle with 6,000 French troops in the Kabylie mountain range of central Algeria, French military authorities said Wednesday. They said the battle, which started Sunday, still was going on.

# FOR THE LAND'S SAKE—LIME

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# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

TORONTO ARGONAUTS and Montreal Alouettes clash this afternoon in Toronto in a mighty important Big Four Fixture.

Argonauts, who decided to start playing football three weeks ago, should be able to take the measure of the Montrealers this afternoon. It's a must game for Ronnie Knox and the boys as is next Saturday's tussle in Montreal. "It's a must game for us," they must keep moving ahead if they want to participate in the Big Four playdowns.

SHOULD OTTAWA and Toronto end with eight points each—that would happen if Riders lost two to Hamilton and Argos and Alouettes split—it will be the Ottawa club that would get the playoff berth. "It's a must game for us," they must keep moving ahead if they want to participate in the Big Four playdowns.

THIS IS NO SECRET and nobody appreciates these cold facts more so than the same Argonauts. They realize their drive was started late in the schedule but they also are maintaining that it wasn't too late. There's only one team that can prove them wrong as far as a playoff spot is concerned and that team is Montreal Alouettes.

WE ARE NOT EXPECTING the Alouettes to halt the Toronto drive today. If they manage to do it at all, we figure that stopping point will be reached next Saturday in Montreal when these two teams renew their private feud. The Als will be tough customers at home; that last week when they humbled the front-running Tiger-Cats. But this time, providing the Argonauts conquer this afternoon, the Montrealers will be up against a desperate outfit, an outfit possessed with the idea that they can't be halted. That could make a whale of a difference.

Guess, however, we should wait and see what happens today before we start anticipating next week's results. But then, we'd miss out on a lot of fun. Wouldn't we?

THE PRINCE OF WALES—Saint Dunstan's Junior Varsity series will likely be resumed next week.

This best-of-three series for the intermediate football championship of Prince Edward Island could be all over with this second game, provided that Saints can come up with another victory. They lead 1-0 in games and another triumph for the Red and White lads would bring a termination to the series.

ON THE OTHER SIDE of the fence, the Junior Saints are determined to make this season a perfect one all the way. They trounced the Westmen 13-0 in an exhibition game before taking the first of the series 21-6. They have no intention of letting the boys from the city put a blemish on their 1958 record. With such thoughts in their heads, the Father Ledwell-coached lads are going to be mighty hard to send down to defeat.

REGARDLESS of what way it goes, it will be a bitter battle. These two schools always put on a spirited display and this season—the first in the Canadian football game—was up to expectations.

Try and make it when these two teams battle it out in that second game. You'll see an exciting tussle all the way.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS play hosts tonight to New York Rangers and the Billy Reay-coached Leafs had better start moving tonight or they are going to find that they are really up against it.

A win for the Toronto boys isn't going to get them out of the league cellar but it will draw them closer to the Rangers who now hold a five-point lead. If the Canadiens dispose of the Chicago Black Hawks, a Lee victory would place Toronto just two points back of Chicago. Both Chicago and New York have two games more played than the Leafs, so a Toronto triumph would make things a whole lot rosier for the Queen City boys.

Sunday night the Maple Leafs visit Boston while Detroit Red Wings are guests of the New York Rangers. So about the only thing that is certain as far as the standings are concerned is that the Montreal Canadiens will still be leading the pack come Monday morning.

Canadiens in front. That isn't news any more. Everybody is agreed that's the way it's supposed to be.

AND SPEAKING of Montreal Canadiens, have you taken a look at hockey's big seven lately? The first four are from Toe Blake's outfit and number six is Dickie Moore. Five out of seven is a pretty fair percentage.

Eddie Litzberger of the Black Hawks and Andy Bathgate of the New York Rangers are the two gentlemen bold enough to crowd themselves in with the five Canadians.

Tied for third place (Geoffrion and Bellevue are 1-2) are the Richard brothers, Maurice and Henri. Nobody is surprised at the Pocket Rocket's showing but the idea of his 'old' brother, the Rocket, putting on such a show has the experts buzzing.

MAURICE is at present leading the N.H.L. goal getters with seven. The 37-year-old Rocket is playing his 17th season of major hockey. He wasn't supposed to be leading the goal getters but he is. Four more goals will give him 600 in league and cup play. In regular play he has scored 515 times. In Stanley Cup playoffs, he has made the red light glow on 81 occasions.

Man, what an accomplishment.

THE ISLAND HOCKEY League steering committee and team representatives are scheduled to meet tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at the Sports Arena to line up teams and appoint officers for the new league. Time is 2:30.

Here's hoping their deliberations are successful.

## GAME COMPETITOR

2-2 Wednesday and last Saturday potted one as the New Yorker; walloped the Chicago Black Hawks.

## SPORT FORUM

### Wrestling Bouts Termed Disgusting Exhibitions

Sir,—I wish to tell you how pleased I was to read your recent comments on the spectacle of wrestling as beamed out through our national T.V. hook-up. I agree heartily with you that this disgusting exhibition can not and should not be called Sport, and further its effect upon the young boys who watch and tend to imitate these characters is deplorable.

It is very refreshing to have the press express such clear cut views and I hope there will follow definite action to put these clowns out of the ring and off our screens permanently.

I am, Sir, etc.,  
MIKE CAMPBELL  
Charlottetown.

### DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Horsemen are reminded of the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club which will be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 21 Water St., on Monday evening, November 3, at 8 p.m. Secretary-treasurer, W. G. Gillespie, will have an interesting report to present to the members, and the dates and arrangements for the Futurity Stakes of 1959 will be decided on.

The United States Trotting Association has completed a survey of the post positions of horses racing on U.S.T.A. tracks. It is based on a survey of eight-horse fields in all sizes of tracks in regular use.

On a standard half-mile track, the No. 1 horse enjoys a winning percentage of 17.9 percent, as against 7.3 percent by the No. 8 horse. On the narrow half-mile tracks, where trailers are used, the No. 6 horse is at about the same disadvantage. Percentages are also given for mile tracks and this month's edition of "Hoof Beats" will give complete details for all types of tracks.

### BIG PRICE

Demon Rum, 3, 1.59 4.5, one of the toughest trotting colts ever to race, has been syndicated by his owner for the second highest price ever recorded for a trotter. The \$200,000 price has been topped only once before, by the \$500,000 his sire, Demon Hanover was syndicated for almost exactly a year ago.

Demon Rum is only a four-year-old and will return to the place where he was foaled—Gay Acres Farm, Wooster, Ohio. That is where his sire, Demon Hanover, stood prior to his being syndicated and placed at Walnut Hall Farm, Lexington, Ky. Demon Rum was trained and raced by the Canadian Reinsman, Cecil Champion, and he was the fastest two-year-old trotter of his year, the fastest three-year-old trotter, and the only one to go in 2:00 in 1957.

Yankee Lass, a three-year-old trotter by the Castleton Farm, Lexington, Ky., sire "Floridan" equaled the world's record for three-year-old trotting mares, set by Emily's Pride on October 8th and her mile also equaled the three-year-old record set by the stallion, Titan Hanover, in 1945. She had been trained and driven by Frank Ervin, 54-year-old driver, who has many great performances to his credit. He was the man that gave Good Time his record of 1:57 4-5 and in the years (Continued on Page 9)

### PLAYED WITH LEAFS

At 20 he was with Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League and played on the Leafs' 1947 Stanley Cup team. He also played with Pittsburgh Hornets, the Leaf farm club in the American Hockey League.

Father Costello is the oldest of three South Porcupine brothers in hockey. Murray spent three seasons in the NHL and now is with Windsor Bulldogs of the OHA-Northern Ontario Hockey Association senior A league. Jackie, the youngest at 19, is a winger with St. Michael's.

Father Costello was ordained in May, 1947

### ATTENTION HORSEMEN

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club will be held in the Knights of Columbus Home, Water Street, Monday, November 3rd, at 8 p.m.

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