

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

IT'S THE TIME of the Stanley Cup playoffs in the year of our Lord, 1963. Who'd you pick to carry home Lord Stanley's basin? Toronto Maple Leafs? Chicago Black Hawks? They're the two favorites.

Or maybe you've put your money on Les Canadiens — or Detroit — the underdogs.

No matter which team takes your fancy, the entertainment value of the games exceeds all the shekels wagered on them. For Canadians from coast to coast and increasing numbers of fans in the States, the series are the high point of the year.

This season we've been fortunate in witnessing some real fancy hockey in the playoffs. Last Saturday's contest in Montreal twice the Leafs and Habs showed how strong the Toronto club can be. The heavy going seems to suit Leafs who are pretty rugged when they're aroused.

Canadiens are not nearly the powerhouse they were a few years ago, but they are still a delight to watch. With any luck the semi-final would have been tied going into tonight's game. We're calling Toronto to win it on the strength of their performances to date.

In the other semi-final it's a homer series. Both clubs, Detroit and Chicago, have won a pair on their own stamping grounds. Watch out for those Wings. They may turn out to be the dark horse of the playoffs especially with 35-year-old Gordie Howe performing like a young colt.

PECULIAR, ISN'T IT? Hockey is supposed to be a young man's game but when the chips are down, it's the veterans who shore up the defenses and supply the scoring punch.

Take Johnny Bowser, for instance. The 39-year-old (or is he 41?) defenseman has been the right bower for Leafs in this series with Canadian. Experience covers for a number of weaknesses which afflict older players including the loss of legs but for the veterans who stick in the N.H.L., it's strictly the quality of what's between their ears that keeps them up there.

Fans in Acton and district will have a chance to see what these old timers can do when the N.H.L. Old Timers tangle with the Tanners Friday night at Burn the Mortgage night in the community centre. Many of the visitors were stars in their palmy pro careers.

It's likely they'll have "Long John" Henderson between the pipes. Walt Stanowski and Bob Goldham on defense, stars like Ted Sloan, Harry Watson, Herbie Cain as well as coach Syd Smith on the forward lines. These names bring a flood of memories of Stanley Cup trophies only a few years ago.

Remember Bob Goldham — he's a Georgetown boy, born in Acton — when he played defense for Detroit? The Wings were the power in the N.H.L. in that era and he was alleged to have stripped more pucks than apples-hecked Harry Lumley in the nets in one playoff series.

Preceding the N.H.L. Old Timers-Acton Tanners clash Friday, the Tanager Old Boys will be taking on Elora Rocks Old Timers in another exhibition that's slated to last 30 minutes if the players can stand up that long. It promises to be a gala evening and judging by the advance sale of tickets the community centre will be taxed to capacity.

BOB MARSHALL who doubled in brass as W.O.A.A. convener and as a member of the Tanager executive, reports that the O.H.A. is intensely interested in coaxing the intermediate grouping into their organization next season. They'd also include Georgetown.

This overture met a mixed reception but opinion seemed to favor staying in the W.O.A.A. for most teams. Orangeville, in particular, just out of the O.H.A. a year, was impressed with their reception.

How about the teams in group one of the W.O.A.A. How're they doing? Orangeville scored up the Int. 'B' championship Monday night when they took Milton for the fourth straight in their best of seven series. Scores of the last three games were 6-2, 4-3 and 10-2. It's the first championship for Orangeville in 25 years. They'll go on now right to the O.H.A. Int. 'C' finals, likely against Gravenhurst.

Fergus Flyers lost the first game of the Int. 'C' major semi-finals to Petrolia 2-7 Friday night but bounced back to take a 1-2-5 decision the following afternoon in Petrolia. Next game of the series is set for Friday in Fergus, the winner to meet Port Elgin in the finals, scheduled to start Monday.

Cheltenham, meanwhile, trails Midway 2-1 in their best of seven Int. 'C' final. Next game is in Midway Friday and the teams return to Erin Monday.

Mississauga is also locked in a final with Gorrie and already have a one game margin in the best-of-three Int. 'D' final. They chalked up a 4-4 victory in Midway in the first game of the set.

BEAT BITS ... Georgetown's midget O.M.H.A. entry hurdled another obstacle on the way to a provincial title by defeating Leamington in the semi-finals. They'll meet either Trenton or Orillia in a best-of-five for the title.

Geoph's proposal to form a Junior A lacrosse club is being pursued by an enthused executive which includes Jack Mann and H. O'Connell, both former Acton bowlers stars.

Don Abble, right winger with the Tanners this season, is also a pretty fair softball pitcher. Apparently he's much sought after by local industrial league clubs but rules prohibit any player from another club being brought in and Don prefers to play for Badenoch first.

Ice in the community centre may stay as long as the 11th of April, depending on Ma Nature. Industrial league hockey finals get underway this Sunday with the two finalists, Cyclones and Raiders battling it out for the title.

LIMELHOUSE The Limehouse "Vegeteers" met at the home of their assistant leader, Joy Patterson, on Monday evening, seven attending. Home economist, Mrs. Cosnam, visited with them. The girls made garden and potato salads and topped toasts and used the results for lunch afterwards.

Notable Quote — A lot of people are in debt because they spend what their friends think they make.

Visitors, Vegeteers Form District News Mesdames James Noble, Frank Brown and E. Santoff attended the 60th anniversary dinner of Georgetown W.I. last week.

Seven Limehouse "Vegeteers" met at the home of Margaret Arnold last week. The girls made assorted sandwiches during their lesson period and served them for lunch later.

We extend sympathy to Mr. Albert Lefterink whose brother passed away in Holland a week ago.

Mrs. Ethel Thompson of Toronto spent a few days with Mrs. Mitchell last week.

Birthday Party Margaret Vansickle celebrated her seventh birthday with a party for 13 little friends at her home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason of Acton visited Mr. and Mrs. Mills on Friday.

Rev. Norman Young conducted communion services at Limehouse Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bailey (nee Kay Norton) who are parents of a new little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Huchings of Brampton visited their daughter, Mrs. Charles Mather on Monday.



MANAGERS AND CAPTAINS of top teams in the Minor Sports League had broad smiles Saturday afternoon when they received their trophies. Pictured in front left to right are Roy Dawe, Peter Morrison and Charlie Milne, back row left to right are Doug Garrett, Charlie Thomson, coach of the Maple Leafs; Ilio Marzo, coach of the Sudbury Bears; Ab Irwin, coach of the Guelph Royals and Harold Dorfman, coach of the North Bay team.

Raiders, Cyclones Qualify For Industrial League Final

Down seven goals as they entered the second contest of their two game total goal industrial league semi-final, Chargers came galloping back to knot the series with Raiders up at eight goals apiece in action Sunday. They led 7-0 at the end of regulation time.

Sudden death overtime was called for and lo! and behold Jim Bullough fired the first goal of the game for Raiders in a little over a minute to give Raiders the game and the series 9-8 on goals.

It was a heartbreaker for Chargers who lost the first game 8-1 and they were much the better team of the two in the second contest.

Cyclones, meanwhile, had no trouble disposing of Town Criers. They whipped them 5-1 for a 14-2 margin on the series.

Chester Charges Chargers' comeback was paced by Ches Pevcha who rattled in three goals to put them back in contention. Herb Dodds also bagged a pair while Jim McDonald and Williamson hit the target once apiece. Raiders' sole tally was fired by Jim Bullough.

John Cunningham rapped in two goals for Cyclones, Bob Bruce, Dick Willie and Thomson putting singletons. Barry Incoe collected the only country for Criers.

League finals start this Sunday at the community centre.

Peering Over the Hog Line

Monday night will wind up the finals in the open bonspiel with four teams vying for two trophies.

For the Jack Ridley trophy, Andy Nolan and Walter Dubois will play off. Winner of the Brydon Hunter-Louis Bonnette series will capture the Walker trophy.

Draw officials are hoping the four-way tie in the last draw of the men's league can be played off before curling winds up for the season next week.

One rink of Acton curlers ate heartily over the weekend after winning large baskets of fruit at a bonspiel in Georgetown, Saturday. Three teams entered the open bonspiel. Winners included: Bill MacKay, William Coon, Ted Tyler Sr. and Ted Tyler Jr. Top flight winners during the day were the Asonlea Club from Toronto who received picnic hams, Georgetown curlers placed second and were presented with hams.

In the ladies' department, Lil Cook and her mighty threesome won the final draw in the afternoon league, Monday when they edged out Eve Cooper's rink by a sliver with the final rock going home. Champions include Lil Cook, Pat McCutcheon, Fran Beaty and Berre Footitt.

Two Grass Fires Herald Spring

As Acton Fire Fighters anticipated, the coming of Spring would herald grass fires. They weren't disappointed. Two grass fires have occurred so far.

Saturday afternoon they battled a minor grass fire on the C.N.R. right of way west of Frank Toth's service station.

Tuesday afternoon they raced east of Acton to the site where the Christian Reformed church is being erected. Burning garbage is believed to have spread to dry grass which in turn cracked furiously with flames licking toward a fence by Wm. Little's garage.

Second Line Now Highway New Direction Signs Up

As of April 1, the Second Line from No. 24 Highway to Acton, has been taken over by the Department of Highways and is now designated as No. 25 Highway. Last week work crews were quite busy in the village and its approaches, erecting directional signs.

If one is not confused by the number of signs, they should reach their destination without too much difficulty.

Surprise Party Mr. and Mrs. E. Archibald were taken by surprise on Saturday when members of the family held a surprise party for them on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Close to 100 relatives and friends from the States, Toronto and Guelph gathered at their home on the Third Line to help celebrate the happy occasion.

The happy couple received a number of gifts. Lunch was provided, complete with an anniversary cake.

These present included their two daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. G. McCallister of Acton, two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred Archibald and Mr. and Mrs. Don Archibald, Acton. Mrs. Fred Archibald was unable to be present.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Starrs and family spent a recent weekend with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Starrs, Niagara Falls, visited on Friday with the former's mother, and also Mrs. G. Suter and Miss E. Budge.

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