

# With Four Games to Go Playoff Teams in Doubt

by S.M.R.  
Saturday morning hockey swings back into action again this weekend with the N.H.L. drawing the early time slot. Some of the races for the six playoff spots are close and with only four games remaining in the round robin, there promises to be some exciting hockey coming up.

Tournament time is here again, first one is the 4-Town Tourney being held in Streetsville this year on Saturday, March 18. The 4-Town teams, Novice, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget will be competitors. The Midgets will play Orangeville earlier during the week for the right to enter the Midget final on Saturday night at Streetsville. Tickets for entry into the arena and a chance at a prize are being sold by the teams involved. During the week of the winter break from school, the four teams will travel to Newmarket to compete in their annual tournament.

Both Bantam and Midget teams are getting prepared by playing exhibition games. The 4-Town Bantams beat the Bantam "B's" 8-5 last Thursday night. The Midgets scored three goals to the bantams one in a game against one another the same night.

Rochester	2	4	1	5
Cleveland	1	4	2	4
4-Town Novice	2	5	0	4
Providence	0	7	0	0

Scoring Leaders				
Jeff Lockwood	G	A	P	
Marc Rasmussen	15	3	18	
Bob Hill	6	10	16	
Steve Brunski	8	7	15	
Bob Donaldson	5	4	10	

N.H.L.				
New York	6	0	1	13
St. Louis	6	1	0	12
Los Angeles	5	1	1	11
Montreal	4	3	0	8
Boston	4	3	0	8
Toronto	3	2	8	
Detroit	3	2	8	
Chicago	2	4	1	5
4-Town PeeWee	2	4	1	5
Vancouver	2	5	0	4
Buffalo	1	6	0	2
Minnesota	0	7	0	0

Scoring Leaders				
Clyde Leggett	G	A	P	
Pat Shanks	5	8	13	
John Butler	8	3	11	
Lew Humphreys	6	5	11	
Graham Richards	5	6	11	
Dave Richardson	5	4	9	
Gerrard Stoyles	5	4	9	

SENIOR LEAGUE				
Geo. Sports & Cycle	6	1	5	17
Fobert Realtors	7	3	2	18
Hamco Excavating	4	3	5	13
Lane's Transport	5	6	1	11
Burns Transport	3	6	3	9
Park Toyota	1	7	4	6

Scoring Leaders				
Gerry Anderson	G	A	P	
Warren Chard	13	6	19	
Ron McCosh	8	8	14	
Marly Weaven	7	4	11	
Arnie Lefebvre	7	4	11	
Doug Thompson	4	5	9	
Grant Bodnar	4	5	9	

## Standings and Scoring Leaders as of March

J.R. A. LEAGUE				
Niagara	W	L	T	P
Tyke Allstars	6	1	0	12
Whitby	6	1	0	12
Montreal	5	1	1	11
Ottawa	4	2	1	9
Kitchener	3	3	1	7
Marlies	3	4	0	6
London	3	4	0	6
Hamilton	2	4	1	5
Weston	1	5	1	3
Peterboro	0	5	2	2
St. Kitts	0	7	0	0

Scoring Leaders				
Dave Monroe	G	A	P	
Steve Bastedo	10	6	16	
Richard Donaldson	11	3	14	
John LaRose	9	4	13	
Steve Whyte	3	8	11	
John LaRose	7	3	10	
Steve McClure	9	0	9	
Eldon Eckroth	6	3	9	
Lance Doucette	4	5	9	
Mike Roberts	2	7	9	

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Omaha	W	L	T	P
Quebec	6	0	1	13
Pittsburgh	4	0	3	11
Springfield	4	2	1	9
Buffalo	3	2	2	8
Columbus	3	2	2	8
Tulsa	3	3	1	7
Baltimore	2	2	3	7

Lane's Transport 7  
Geo. Sports & Cycle 3  
This game saw the fourth place team knock off the top team in convincing fashion. The transport men were in command all the way. They hit for three goals in the first period, two in the second and two in the last one. The cycle crew collected one in each frame. Warren Chard got the hat trick for Lane's, George Wait got two and Steve Grace and Gord McNeilly one goal each. Chard and Wan got two assists each and singles went to McNeilly and Grace. Gerry Anderson, Ron McCosh and Jeff Darby replied for Geo. Sports. McCosh, Brian Blued and Ted Fendley collected assists. Warren Chard of Lane's and Jeff Darby of Cycle were the M.V.P.

Schedule for March 14  
4.15—Fobert Realtors vs Burns Transport  
5.00—Hamco Excavating vs Lane's Transport  
5.45—Geo. Sports & Cycle vs Park Toyota

Schedule for March 11  
N.H.L.  
5.30—Boston vs Chicago  
6.10—Buffalo vs Toronto  
6.50—New York vs Montreal  
7.30—Detroit vs Minnesota  
8.10—St. Louis vs Los Angeles  
8.50—Vancouver vs 4-Town PeeWee

J.R. A. LEAGUE  
9.45—Ottawa vs Whitby  
10.25—London vs Niagara  
11.05—Peterboro vs St. Kitts  
11.45—Hamilton vs Kitchener  
12.25—Marlies vs Weston

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
1.15—Baltimore vs Tulsa  
2.00—Columbus vs Quebec  
2.40—Buffalo vs Cleveland  
3.20—4-Town Novice vs Pittsburgh  
4.00—Omaha vs Providence  
4.40—Springfield vs Rochester

Schedule for March 9  
J.R. A. LEAGUE  
4.45—Montreal vs Tyke Allstars

DID YOU KNOW?  
William Henley, author of "Invictus," a poem which boasts of mastery of will and fate, eventually committed suicide.

The realtors dumped the toyota crew and gained two valuable points, leaving them just behind the leaders. The scoring was a team effort. Neil McQuarrie, Steve Collett, Tom Gregory, Steve Savage, Russ Unsworth and Kim Turnbull were the marksmen. An oddity was that no assists were collected. Mike Zuber scored both Park goals with Greenway assisting on one. Arnel Hache of the realtors and Mike Reynolds of Park were the M.V.P.

Burns 3  
Hamco Excavating 0  
The transport team really thumped the 4-towners. They twice took advantage of penalties to the excavators and pumped in

two power play goals. Arnie Lefebvre was the shooter on both goals. Jeff Scott added another to end the second period. Hamco started back strong in the third period, but were stymied by Henderson in goal for Burns. Doug Thompson of Hamco and John Henderson who got the shutout for Burns were the M.V.P.

A good many years ago rabbit hunting was something to look forward to on week-ends. Especially with good beagle hounds to bring them around. On a cool frosty morning, in November the baying of the hounds along the side hills and gullies of the Credit Valley was music to our ears.

Rabbits in the game bag in those days meant delicious rabbit stew with a thick pie crust on top. Cottontails usually made up our catch for the day as they were the best eating. Later on in the season when the snow arrived only a short run was expected of the dogs because the bunny always ducked down the first groundhog hole he came to.

SNOWSHOE'S ALLY  
We then went to the big swamps on the 8th Line and 7th Line north to hunt the snowshoe rabbit which doesn't hole up and therefore provides more excitement.

This rabbit is an excellent example of the wonders of nature. Like the Arctic grouse it turns white as winter approaches. This protective coloring enables him to elude predators, including man. Patience is also the snowshoe's ally because he can remain motionless and thus undetected, for long periods of time.

The snowshoe's domain overlaps the cottontail's on the northern range and extends north to the tundra, which goes to show that a hare or rabbit may be found in just about any area of the province.

## OUTDOORS . . . with George Hoare



# Baying Hound After Hare Was Music To the Ears

THE IMMIGRANT JACK  
Some say it was released near Brantford in 1912 and others say in 1921. I bagged my first jack rabbit about 1928 or 29 at what we call the "point" on the east side of the railway bridge east of Georgetown.

It's needless to say that I was astounded at the size of the rabbit. When I weighed it the scale indicator settled on a neat 11 lbs.

They are a very fleet footed animal and can jump 20 feet or more. Much can be written about the habits, and bag of tricks these three species of animals have, but as I say I haven't hunted them for years, in fact not since I went north on my first trip for bigger game.

Before ending this column let's go and see what's happening west of us in the Kitchener-Waterloo area in regards to the Jack-rabbit.

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A CLOSE LOOK  
Lands and Forest officials say they are taking a close look at the situation, but much more information is needed before a shift in status can be considered seriously.

The department currently is most interested in determining if some disease is causing the decline. Officials point out that the Jack is a particularly prolific creature and because it is capable of three litters a year, the population could bounce back quickly.

Conservation Officer Harry Ungrich weighed over 500 Jack-

rabbits when they were being sold in large quantities at the Kitchener stockyards market in 1966 and 1967. He recorded an average weight of 8.8 pounds, the smallest running 5 1/2 pounds and the largest 11 1/2 lbs. This compares with an average of four pounds for Jacks being live-trapped in Idaho for shipment to Italy.

ONE DAY  
Walter Clare of Burford Township, who for about 15 years purchased Jack-rabbits in Kitchener, said he took in as many as 400 in a single day when business was at its best in 1965.

That was the year he handled over 4,000 Jacks, about 2,500 of which he handled in Kitchener. When the supply was heavy, he paid as low as 70 cents a rabbit and the price was dropped to 35 cents if they were badly shot up.

But business has fallen off so drastically that he hasn't put in an appearance this year at the Kitchener market. He's paying up to \$1.75 a rabbit now, but has handled only about 40 so far this year and expects the total for the season won't top 100.

The above was taken from an article written by Don Salo and published in the Kitchener-Waterloo Record. So, until then, enjoy the outdoors, tight lines and safe journey.



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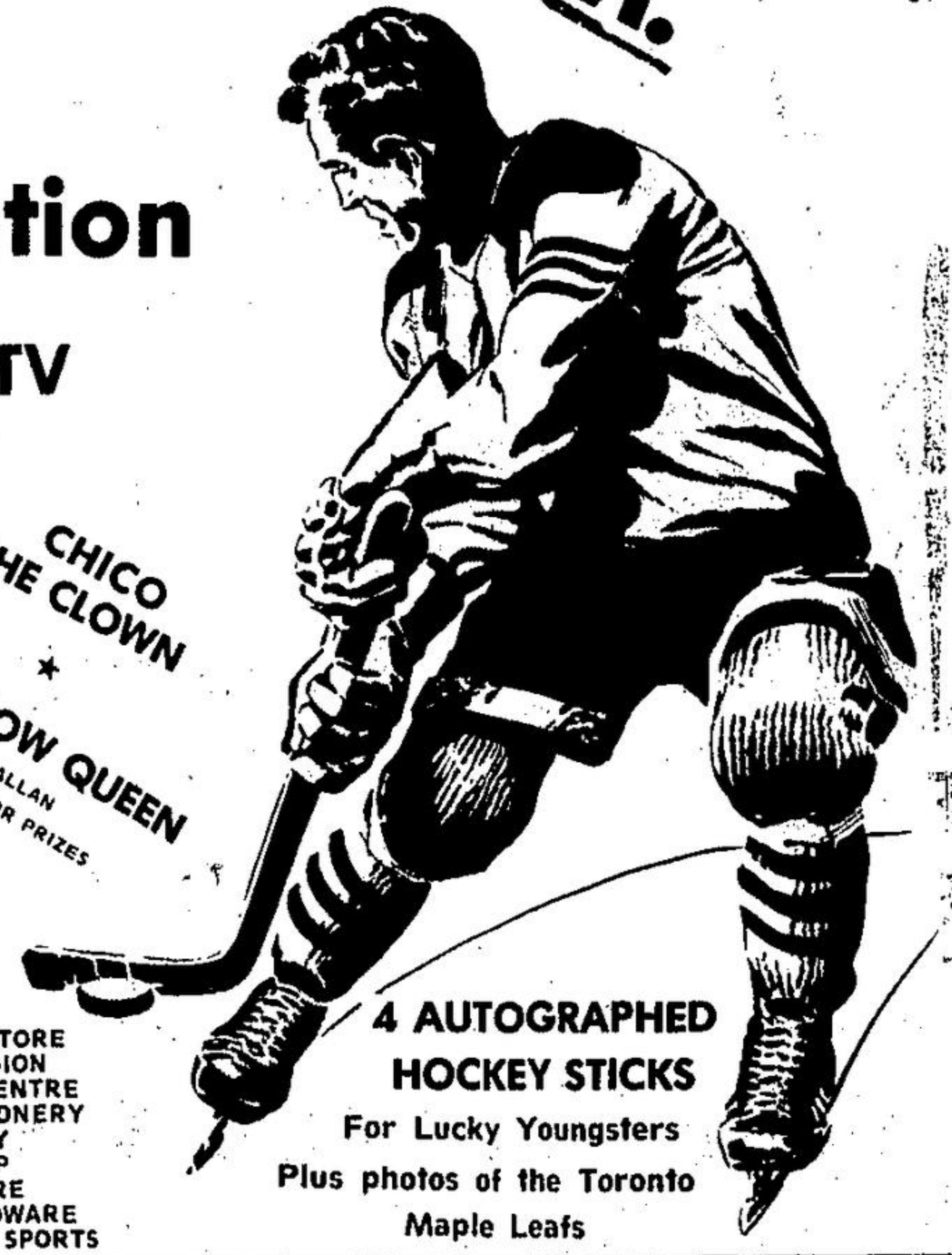
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