

# Sports Report

## Vaive, Leafs' captain, is a real leader

### Behind the scenes at Maple Leaf Gardens



#### Picking his lumber

This is one of the easier tasks, Toronto Maple Leafs Captain Rick Vaive has following practice. Saturday morning at the Gardens, we caught Vaive looking over one of his hockey sticks, prior

to his game against the Minnesota North Stars that night. Vaive inspects each and every part of his equipment, to see that it is all in working order.

—Photos by Randy Butineau

BY  
RANDY BUTINEAU  
Nearly every child has a life long dream of playing in the NHL.

Some of those dreams can come true.

For Maple Leaf captain, Rick Vaive his dream became reality.

Born in Ottawa, Vaive played most of his minor hockey in P.E.I. Not until he reached age 14, did he realize that he had an opportunity to play in the National Hockey League.

His favorite team was the Montreal Canadiens, not the Leafs. He attributes that to the fact that his father was French and a die-hard Canadiens' fan.

Vaive played his Jr. hockey in Sherbrook, Quebec and from there, he was drafted by the Birmingham Bulls, as an underaged Jr. He played a couple of seasons with the Bulls and then headed west, to Vancouver.

Vaive spent five very disappointing months in Vancouver. Management felt that Vaive wasn't pulling his weight.

Leafs made one of their finest trades ever,

getting both Vaive and Bill Derlago, for Tiger Williams and Jerry Butler.

"I was relieved when I was traded to Toronto. I just wanted a chance to play and the Leafs gave me that chance," Vaive said, Saturday.

Vaive is in his fourth full year with the Maple Leafs.

In those four years, he has two 50 goal seasons and was named captain of Canada's most famous team.

a row, other teams are trying to intimidate him.

"They knew I had a temper before, so they (other teams) try to force me into taking penalties," Vaive said.

"That's the biggest improvement in my game. I try and put up with the intimidation. I consider it (abuse) as recognition of my efforts," he added.

Vaive, who now resides in Toronto, said he is very pleased about

#### A special Citizen-Times Assignment

"Being named captain has made me very happy. I have never been a captain, in all of my years of playing hockey," Vaive added.

"My biggest thrill playing with the Maple Leafs was becoming the first player in Toronto history to score 50 goals in a season. Any time someone scores 50 goals, its a big thing," Vaive added.

According to Vaive, he finds that since he has filled the oppositions net with 50 goals plus, two seasons in

living and playing hockey in the City of Toronto.

He hopes that he can keep up with the fine season, he is already having individually, but more importantly, he hopes that club can keep its good pace, right up to the playoffs.

Editor's note: the above interview was conducted by our Sports Editor Randy Butineau in the dressingroom of the Toronto Maple Leafs during last Saturday morning's Leafs' workout.

## Msgr. Castex Area 3 champs

Msgr. Castex boys volleyball team competed in the are III tournament hosted by St. Joseph's school, on Saturday. A total of 12 teams took part.

In the round robin, Bayview, Msgr. Castex, Sacred Heart, and Parkview all received a bye into the quarter finals as they were successful in winning their pools.

In the quarter-finals, Bayview defeated Huron Park, Msgr. Castex were successful against Regent, Sacred Heart got by St. Joseph's and Parkview ousted Port McNicoll.

The match up in the semi's were Bayview vs. Castex and Sacred Heart vs. Parkview. Monsignor defeated Bayview 15-1, 15-10 and Parkview outlasted Sacred Heart 13-15, 15-13, 15-10.

The final pitted the defending are III Champions Parkview in a rematch of the 1982 final, against Msgr. Castex.

The championship proved to be very exciting as both teams matched one another point for point. Castex mounted a strong attack but Parkview showed some excellent blocking. Castex found some holes in the defence and went on to win the first game 15-11.

The second game Parkview showed some good serving and jumped into an early 5-0 lead, this continued until the score was 14-10 for Parkview. Time out was called and Castex came on to tie 14-14. The score then see-sawed and Parkview came out on top 18-16.

In the tie breaker Castex got behind once again 3-0 but rallied to tie, however Parkview remained very determined but lost their momentum and were defeated 15-11.

Msgr. Castex now qualifies for the Simcoe County Championships hosted by Area 6 in Barrie.

## Brock defeats MSS midget b-ballers

MSS midget girls' basketball team made it to the GBSSA "AA" finals, on Saturday, at MSS, but were defeated by a very strong Brock squad, 60-24.

In the semi-final match-up between MSS and ODCVI, Lori-Ann Larmand led the lady Marauders with 12 points, enroute to a 46-24 victory over OD. The victory over ODCVI gave MSS a berth into

the finals against Brock.

In the finals, a more experienced Brock team displayed some fine basketball in defeating MSS 60-24. Melody Miller was the big shooter for the Marauders, collecting 10 points.

MSS midgets accumulated a 20-5 win-loss record over the season. They won gold medals in two tournaments and collected a silver medal in another.

Team members are Pam Davy, Lori-Ann Larmand, Melody Miller, Kathy Scott, Joanne Faragher, Pam Balabuck, Debbie Bell, Cheri Palmer, Shawna Grouette, Kathy Scheniman, Larissa Melnyk, Chris LaPointe, Janice Irvine and Sandy Dezotti. Shannon Tumber was the manager and Sharon Hartman and Kathy Gardiner were the coaches.