

Dalt McArthur: N.H.L. Referee Turned Good Guy

BY FRED SIMPSON
No more conversations with those speeding coffee cups, beer cans, or the odd flying octopus.
The romance is over.
And so the story ends for Maple's Dalton McArthur after seven years as a referee in the sometimes turbulent but always icy waters of the National Hockey League.
"I was inclined to miss it a little at first," said a healthy looking Dalt the other day, "but now I'm glad to be out of it. Too many headaches."
Dalt closed out his seven years in the NHL at the end of last season on a less than happy basis with the NHL powers-that-be.
"We couldn't see eye to eye for another season," he said. "There were things I wanted changed and things they wanted. You might say we just decided to disagree."
Dalt has yet another way of phrasing it. "My friends would say I quit but my enemies would say I got fired." You can take

it from there.
But despite Dalt's disagreements with the NHL he would still advise any young men to take up a life of refereeing.
"The pay is good in the NHL," he says, "and you can make about \$12,000 a year."
But a warning:
"You've got to be the type of fellow that takes everything as it comes. There's a lot of pressure on you and you've just got to forget about your bad games."
One of the items that caused Dalt some unhappiness during his seven-year marriage to the NHL was:
"The lack of support you receive from referee-in-chief, Carl Voss and President Clarence Campbell. They just won't back you up against some of the NHL club owners."
Another point of confusion to Dalton was the way he was told to handle the games.
"You never know what kind of a game you're supposed to call. Sometimes they tell you to clamp down on the holding and other

times they'll tell you to let up on it because you're slowing the game down. Nothing is consistent."
But despite the drawbacks Dalton is quick to say that in all it was worth it.
Dalt has had his share of bad games as well as good games.
"Everyone has them," he says, "and sometimes they're not easy to forget."
One of his more classic "goofs" as he refers to it came one game when he called a penalty shot and let the opposing team select the player they most wanted to see shoot it.
"It was strictly a misinterpretation of the rule book," he admits. "They picked a chap by the name of Leach with the Bruins and he missed the net by 20 feet. Everyone was unhappy about that one."
Dalt has had his other moments to forget and they include some rambunctious fans.
"They really get on you," he says, "and I've had coffee thrown at me as I've skated

by and other objects such as rubbers. But I survived."
Dalton's survival of seven years in the NHL might not have been any bed of roses but it had its high points.
"Most of the players were pretty good guys," he states. "They had bad games and they know refs had them too. The most trouble came from the borderline players. They complained the most."
One of the more prominent "criers", as Dalt puts it, was Montreal coach Toe Blake.
"Toe was crying even when he had that great Canadian team of a few seasons back. He'd win by nine goals and still be unhappy about the refereeing."
As to how he took up refereeing at all:
"I wasn't a very good hockey player," he says, "and so I drifted into it when I was asked to ref. some peevee games around 1949. I then kept it up, went into the Toronto Hockey League, and then into the Ontario Hockey Association, and then into the O.H.A. finally the N.H.L."

As to the present Dalton is quite happy leading the ordinary life of a citizen. He is married and has a small daughter, aged four, by the name of Susan. He's been a resident of Maple for four years and has been a salesman for about ten. He's presently employed with Bison Hardware in Toronto.
Dalton is still active on the sporting front and is chairman of the Vaughan Recreation Committee.
For the past two years he has been president of the Maple Minor Hockey Association which he helped to organize.
"I enjoy helping the young fellows," he says, "They're around seven or eight years old, and it's a good feeling to see them going at the game."
As for the young fellows they must be slightly amazed at the change in Dalton.
A referee turned good guy? It's almost like having Billy the Kid becoming marshal of Dodge City.

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likely to find yourself dancing in the conventional way holding on to your partner. The kids are more hygienic and antiseptic — they dance at least two to three feet apart but have fun in their own way. Make up a party and show them how they danced in YOUR day. Incidentally the orchestra, led by Grant Cairn, is going to play your kind of dance music. Why not try it and relive a lot of happy memories??

THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN SKATING CLUB
If a little Wendy Griner or Donald Jackson who lives at your house got a new pair of skates for Christmas, the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club has a deal that might just interest you. Now that one half the season has gone by you can get a membership for your little skater for just \$14.
For this fee they'll get more than one hundred hours of skating until the end of the season plus a group lesson each week. For further information about a real deal contact Mrs. Spence at TU. 4-2169 and get that young skater started off on the right foot.

HIGH CALIBRE MINOR HOCKEY
The recent title won by the North End Cleaners bantam hockey team at a tournament at Riverside, Ontario, served to remind us of just how far and how fast minor hockey has progressed in Richmond Hill. Seven years ago any bantam hockey team in the Richmond Hill organization would have had trouble taking the ice against Havergal College seconds. And now that can defeat the Detroit Teamsters, a club that had a record of 48 straight wins until they met the Cleaners.

If that isn't progress and improvement then nothing is. With each passing year the improvement in all grades and age categories of hockey has been very noticeable. It would be nice and tidy if credit could be given to one or even two individuals but unfortunately it is not the case and it wouldn't be true. This has been brought about by the concerted efforts of a large group of dedicated individuals — some of them still very active while some, by force of circumstance have had to step down.

Their names are legion and, in trying to name them all some are going to be left out — there's no slur or slight intended it's just that our memory is not that good! But name some of them we must — they deserve a great deal of credit for providing good, clean hockey for over 800 boys each season. Here goes!!

Ted Dobbs has handled various jobs in the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association from coach to registrar and statistician. The hall-mark of any Dobbs' chore is 110% thoroughness and if that's a failing it's a good one! Elgin Barrow, Bob Jackson, John Gropp and Wick Mills have all done their share on the executive side as have Freddy Waters, Bob McKenna and Bob Pimm. For many a year Brother Pimm handled the finances and handled them so well that the organization is still solvent. If that isn't a real feat then we don't know what is!

Bill McVean has run a hockey school for the younger set and run it so well that some of his graduates are starring on O.M.H.A. teams today. Jack Shropshire, Sandy Dunlop, Jim Wilson, Reg Acomb, Gord Pipher, Brydon Ellis, Red Garner and the Rev. Paul Morley are other names that spring readily to mind. And let's not forget Jim Pollard and Les Markle. Walt Donkin, Edward Brown and Larry Oliver. Ray Brooks has put in more than his fair share of work while the incumbent president, Earl Methe, needs no one to thump the drum on his behalf. Wally Stothers put in many a year both officiating and coaching teams as did "Doc" Atkinson.

That just names a very few of the people who have made minor hockey and the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association such a rousing success. There are dozens of others in coaching and refereeing, managing teams or just doing any job they are asked to do. If anyone ever tells you that he works in the R.H.M.H.A. take another look at him — you're talking to quite a guy!!

CURLING

The Richmond Hill Curling Club is still accepting some memberships for the 1964 curling season.
The "roaring" game is just getting well under way for this season, and there is still lots of time left to enjoy this great game this winter.
New curlers can actually arrange by appointment, to have some instruction in curling before deciding to take out full membership.
Drop in to the club some afternoon or evening, or Phone AV.5-4554 Monday through Saturday after 9 a.m. For full particulars.

Senior Hockey Patter

There's one thing the Richmond Hill Leafs can count on for 1964: It won't be any worse than 1963 and chances are it should be a little better.
With 11 games left in the schedule (not counting the January 7 encounter with Thornhill the Leafs find themselves stuck — but not buried — in the daisy patch of last place.
Burying ceremonies may come later but maybe not at all with fourth place a mere matter of four points away. And when you've managed one point on no wins and a tie like the Leafs this is really closer than you deserve at this stage of the game.
At last report, Downsview Flyers were shakily grasping the fourth and final play-off rung with five points, followed by Thornhill with two and Richmond Hill with one.
Of course, you should really start at the top before going too far. Willowdale, Leaside and Newmarket are currently in a dog-fight for that position.
All three teams are powerful with the edge going at the moment to the well-balanced Willowdale crew.
But back to the Leafs and their prospects for attaining fourth place.
It boils down to the simple truth that they've got to take all or most of their five remaining games with the two clubs above them — Thornhill and Downsview — and win a few from the top-runners.
None of the three lovely clubs appear likely to have any great success with the top three for the remainder of the season so that means a scramble between themselves.
The Leafs look good enough in spots but still lack the cohesiveness to play 60 minutes of hockey without failing badly in the worse spots.
One of their difficulties seem to be in achieving a settled line-up which will see the same players playing every game and not one in this game, out for the next, and maybe back for the one coming up.
The Matt Kinnari-Jim Wells and Norm Roberts line undoubtedly has to lead the attack and has for most of the year. The other lines have gone well at times but not good enough all of the time. The defence, also, has been in and out but with chaps like Don Haynes and Doug Melnis it should be better more than its bad. A lot depends on goalie Jim MacMillan too.
So with all these ifs smattered with maybe's you can try your best to guess just how it's going to go for the Leafs for the rest of the schedule. Maybe okay?

Downsview seems to be the question mark in the lower depths of the league. As mentioned previously, they have the scoring punch but the defence has been woefully lacking.
If they can repair their defensive armour they could surprise a lot of teams... maybe even some of the top three.
They still have the two top scoring leaders in Jack Gilbert and Rolly Rochon who have tallied 43 points between them. Gilbert has 25 points on 16 goals and nine assists; Rochon has 18 points on three goals and 15 assists.

ICE CHIPS
It's already into the new year but there's a few crazy predictions to try for the 1964 of it:
Willowdale will end up in first place but lose the championship to Leaside and Leafs will edge Downsview out for fourth spot but bow out quickly to Leaside. Phew... time to go now.

New Ski Club To Open Soon
In the near future local skiers will be able to enjoy their favourite sport almost in their own backyard. New skiing facilities are being provided by Marius Madsen owner of Superior Sand and Gravel, on property on the west side of Dufferin Street, north of Vaughan Road.
Three steep hills for experienced skiers and one large practice slope for beginners where professional ski instructors will hold classes have been machine made on this property. All ski slopes are as smooth as satin, not a pebble marring the surface.
Slopes will be further enhanced by snow-making machines which can make a foot of snow in any 24 hours. Further bombardiers with snow-packing equipment and other hill-grooming equipment are available to keep the slopes in the very best condition.
Two pomalifts and two rope tows are being provided, and night skiing facilities will be available shortly.
For those who do not ski, a toboggan run which stretches for about a third of a mile is provided, and for skaters there will be a rink.
Adequate temporary quarters have been provided for the convenience of patrons while a permanent lodge has been planned with every conceivable facility for the comfort of those using the skiing slopes, toboggan run and rink. Parking facilities will accommodate 600 cars at one time.

Lake Simcoe Frozen Up Is Not Safe
Lake Simcoe froze over completely on the night of December 30 it is reported. However, ice conditions are still not safe away from shore or in areas where there is any current.
A number of ice fishermen are moving their fishing huts on to the ice close to shore and huts may be seen dotting the lake at present. Some perch and herring are being taken in the Cook's Bay area and a few white fish in deeper waters along the west shore.
Ice conditions are poor on small lakes in the district with about six inches of ice recorded, covered with frozen slush and snow.

Snow Depth Is Hard On Game
Humans are not the only ones struggling to contend with the blanket of white snow which has been so liberally deposited on this area.
With a depth of snow, unusual for this time of year, movements of small game animals and birds are restricted to short distances and food normally available, is difficult to reach. Pheasants are one of the main upland hunting game birds which are likely to suffer.
Average snow depth (from snow station records in the Lake Simcoe district) reached 14.1 inches at the end of December. This was over double the total of 6.9 inches reported at the same time a year ago. The biggest accumulation was 21.6 inches at Midhurst.
If snow continues to accumulate, deer may also experience difficulty in mid winter in many areas, it is forecast.

MINOR HOCKEY RESULTS

BY BOB ROSS JR.
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PEE WEE LEAGUE
Shield's Footwear 5
Bob Irving Fuel Oil 5
Robert Graham came up with four big goals to help Irving Fuel Oil tie with Shields. Glen McLairn tallied the other one. Scoring for Shields were Hal Murphy with two, Harry Bryan, Steve Linsley, Tom Wilkinson. Harry Bryan picked up an assist.
Street Construction 3
Tony's Esso 3
Peter Coughlin, Michael Parrett and Tony Belevance did the scoring for Street Construction. Ian Munroe picked up two assists and Bill Nelson one. Richard Montgomery scored twice for Tony's with David Gross picking up the other one. An assist went to Paul Cusimano.
Coughlin Fuels 4
Al's Cycle and Sports 2
Brian Ruttle potted two for Coughlin Fuels with Bob Hamilton and Chris Hapson coming up with the other one. Brian Neil picked up an assist. Richard Kimbell scored two with Mike Petronski notching the other one.
BANTAM LEAGUE
Surf Marine 5
Skyline Buick 4
Kip Berry came through with two goals for the winners with the others going to Bruce Hutchison, Keith Russell, and Mike Brooke. Assists went to Dave Hamilton and Ross Tierney. Barry Clatburz notched two goals for the losers with Clarence Dukeshire coming up with a like number. Assist went to Gary Lewin.
Craigie's Mens Wear 3
Butcher and Baird 1
Jim Docherty, Bruce Huttenison and Barry Corless handled the scoring for the winners. Earl Smith picked up an assist.
Richmond Hill Legion 1
Rotary 1
Carlo Capotosto potted the Legion goal with Richard Burton scoring for Rotary.
Wilson's Transport 4
Dynes 3
Ian Schell, Steve Graham, Charlie Amos and Paul Berton did the scoring for Wilson's. Assists went to Reggie Doucette, two, and Jim Docherty, Wilson Ross and Chuck Morris. Tom Cavin, Ian Oliver and Bill Duern potted the goals for Dynes. Assists went to Tom Robertson and Jim Ross.
BLOOMINGTON: On December 28 Mr. and Mrs. William A. Fockler celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Mr. Fockler is 94 and Mrs. Fockler 91. They attended school together at Bloomington.

Parent, Child Scotch Doubles

Allencourt Youth Bowling League held a parent and child Scotch doubles tournament at Allencourt Lanes on December 28. Advance notices of the event had gone out to parents and a total of 30 to 35 parents were expected. Much to the astonishment of tourney officials, parents poured into the bowling centre until 96 parent and child teams were hotly contending for honours.
Quick action was needed to restore some sort of order from seeming chaos and Joan Laird, Madge Nicholson and Ellen Parrett proved equal to the overwhelming task. Teams were registered, lanes allocated and the tournament proceeded smoothly. Some parents and children were disappointed due to a misunderstanding in starting times.
Les Chidley, president of the Allencourt Youth Bowling League is more than satisfied with the results of this first tournament. Already requests have come for an additional tournament and the committee have another such event under active consideration.
President Chidley indicates that the unforeseen response was an unqualified endorsement of the youth bowling program. Without the help of parents and team coaches, Supervisors Pat Paterson, Jim Hout, Bill Kirk and a host of other volunteer workers the event could not have succeeded half so well. The full co-operation of the management of Allencourt Lanes made the event a reality.
Results of the tourney are as follows —
Bantams
Cathy Pringle 673, Sandra Hout 656, Doug Webster 654, Judy Laird 635, Mike Kite 629, Kim Patten 622.
Juniors & Seniors
Ed. Rogers 747, Mark Boomhower 742, Wayne Cornack 711, Duane Reid 667, Marion Kennedy 659, Steve McKenzie 639.
Crests were awarded to winners in each division as follows:
Bantam girl, Cathy Pringle 673, runner up Sandra Hout 656, Bantam Boy, Doug Webster 654, runner up Mike Kite 629, Junior girl, Marion Kennedy 659, runner up Gail Thomson 635, Junior Boy, Ed Rogers 747, runner up Mark Boomhower 742, Senior girl, Linda Gilbert 599, runner up Judy Hewitt 541, Senior boy, Bruce Russell 632, runner up Dave Nicholson 613.

TOUGHEST DRIVING OF THE YEAR
Getting your car to start all Winter long is really a simple matter. A complete Fall tune-up is usually sufficient or a battery warmer in stubborn cases. It is much more important though that you know how to stop it.
Collisions due to the inability of motorists to brake their cars on icy roads accounts for the majority of Winter driving accidents.
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One common mechanical fault that you should have looked after now, if you haven't already done so, is uneven brake pressure on the front wheels. Uneven pressure that can cause a braking car to swerve dangerously on dry roads becomes downright disastrous in Winter. One wheel gripping before the other can easily throw a car into a spin and out of control. Just as bad is one bald tire that fails to grip. A traffic study of 2134 skidding accidents showed half the cars had 40 percent more braking power on one side than the other; 30 percent had one or more tires worn smooth.
Snow covered roads make slow speeds a moral obligation. The standard stopping distance on dry pavement at 50 mph is 188 feet. To equal this on hard-packed snow with good tires you can't drive faster than 28 m.p.h.! Thruway authorities recommend 52 feet (26 car lengths) between cars when you are following at 60 mph on snow packed roads. That's double the recommendations for Summer.
If you have any doubts about your car's reliability, bring it in and let our service mechanics look it over.

Complete Recreation Facilities At Finch & Bathurst, North York
North York Parks and Recreation Committee has announced that a central arena will be built one-half mile west of the intersection of Finch and Bathurst Street with about 300 feet frontage on the north side of Finch Avenue. The site has been purchased from the Metro Conservation Authority.
The architects have been requested to design a building with flair and versatility. Plans are for a seating capacity of 3,200 people with provision of an ice surface, accommodation for roller skating, accommodation for little theatre groups and other sports and recreation activities. It is estimated about \$750,000 will be required to make these plans an actuality.
The site is the former Sumner property which is being expropriated by the conservation authority for the construction of the Finch dam. The authority has agreed to sell the township five or more acres of the total 38 acres of tableland which the authority needs only for topsoil for the earth part of the dam.
The Finch dam will not be completed for another four or five years and it is hoped that then another 30 acres will be available for recreation purposes. Ultimate development will include tennis courts, lawn bowling, a field house and other facilities. Parking also will be provided at the rear of the arena.
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Provincial Parks Are Preparing For 1964
Staffs in the Lake Simcoe district are already busy preparing for the 1964 season in provincial parks. For the past few years a considerable increase in parks use has been noted each year and forecasts are that an even greater increase will occur this year.
Park brochures, improvements in existing parks, repair and maintenance of facilities and equipment and inspection of additional proposed park areas are all part of the work at this time of the year. Staff training sessions are also taking place.
A new booklet on the Nancy Island Museum at Wasaga Beach Provincial Park is now available for distribution. A similar booklet describing the Sibbald Memorial Museum at Sibbald Point Provincial Park is being prepared and should be available for distribution this year.

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