

BANTEM HOCKEY ACTION -cont'd from page 14

The Schreiber Bantems squared off against the challenging Geraldton Bantems in a Minor Hockey Playoff game on Sunday, following the Junior game. In a very close game, with both teams showing impressive attacks, the Schreiber boys emerged as winners by a 5 - 4 score, and took the 2 game total goals to count series by an overall score of 8 - 6. The game played Saturday was won by Schreiber, 3 - 2, and in both games the winning goal was not scored until late in the 3rd period, which gives an indication of how closely the two teams were matched. Schreiber Bantems now advance to the finals of the North Shore and will play against the Manitouwadge Bantems, next weekend in Manitouwadge.

Kim Gellert got Schreiber off to a quick start in Saturday's game, scoring on a pass from Bill Hiller, and less than a minute later, Geraldton tied it up Kelner getting the goal, with Gretchyn and Kowal assisting. In the 2nd period, Curtiss Martin scored for Schreiber on a pass from Gellert while killing off a fighting penalty to Hiller. Geraldton tied the score at 2 - 2 in the 3rd period, with Gretchyn scoring, Kelner assisting. From then on it was end-to-end until Kim Gellert scored the winning goal at the 18 minute mark in the 3rd period.

Sunday's game took up where Saturday's left off and once again the fans were treated to an interesting, hardskating type of hockey game. Gretchyn shot Geraldton into a 1 - 0 lead on assists from B. Larose. Schreiber tied the game in the 2nd period with a goal by Bill Hiller, assisted by Fummerton. Then Gretchyn again scored to make it 2 - 1 for Geraldton. Bill Hiller's 2nd goal tied the game again and the period ended in a 2 - 2 tie. In the 3rd period, Bill Hiller scored twice while Gretchyn and Abraham tallied for Geraldton, but the winning goal came on a slap shot from the point by Larry St. Jean, with less than 4 minutes left in the game, to make the score 5 - 4 for Schreiber.

ROSSPORT

Mrs. Mac Hubelit, Josephine Gerow, Edith Spillett and Patsey Gerow were entrants in the Wawa Bonspiel last weekend.

Charles Todesco was in Fort William to take part in a Kiwanis Club Bonspiel.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Legault were weekend visitors to the Lakehead.

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THE SPORTS BEAT

By Glen May

About that trade

It was most appropriate the scene of "That Trade" was the Riverboat Room of the Hot Stove Lounge at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Punch Imlach took the biggest gamble of his lengthy hockey career when he dealt away Frank Mahovlich, the highest scorer in Maple Leaf hockey history, to the Detroit Red Wings. Imlach admitted it "took courage to trade Mahov." Also included in the Leafs' package were Peter Stenkowski, Gary Unger and the professional rights to Carl Brewer, 65.

In return, Toronto received Norm Ullman, a perennial all-star, Floyd Smith and Paul Henderson. Tossed in was an unknown named Doug Barrie, a minor league defenseman.

As television lights glowed and cameras whirred, Imlach announced the deal. By now most readers have heard all of the standard remarks and formed their own opinions. This scribe waited until the "daily guys" gulped down the last of the coffee and headed back to the office to meet their deadlines before cornering Imlach and his assistant, King Clancy, to bring readers of The Sportsbeat an "inside story."

Fortified with coffee and an almost full package of cigarettes, Clancy explained the trade.

"Look, you've got to give something to get something. Detroit didn't want to give up Ullman for nothing," said the 65-year-old Clancy.

The situation on Brewer is that if the governors of the National Hockey League voted unanimously to allow him to return immediately to the league he could. However, Imlach says Toronto will vote against such a move, and therefore, Brewer will have to wait until December 18 before he can return to the NHL. He is currently the playing coach with Muskegon, Mich., and reportedly making "at least \$40,060."

Clancy said he informed Mahovlich of the trade and "Frank was generally okay. Ya know, I've never met a finer man in my life than Frank Mahovlich. He's a first class individual and I'm going to miss him.

"This trade will give him a new lease on life. I hope he will be a big cog with Detroit."

Imlach, complaining about the coffee, moaning about lack of sleep, and wearing an expression of pain whenever Mahovlich was mentioned, also discussed the trade.

He said: "I'm pleased. If I wasn't pleased with it I wouldn't have made it.

"I phoned Sid (Abel, coach and general-manager of the Red Wings), at five minutes to ten this morning (March 4). I asked him if the deal was still on and he said yes. He could have backed out.

"And there might be more trades — as many as I can get. I'm going to keep Ullman, Henderson and Smith together. My other lines will be Mike Walton with Bobby Pulford and Ron Ellis, while Wayne Carleton, Dave Keon and George Armstrong play together. Murray Oliver and Brian Conacher will be spare forwards."

Someone asked about Jim Pappin, Leafs suspended right-winger.

"The hell with him," snarled Imlach.

Punch revealed that last summer he approached Detroit and offered them Mahovlich for Ullman, but they refused. He wouldn't admit Unger was the key to the trade, however, he did hint the deal may not have gone through without Toronto giving Unger.

According to Imlach the deal was two weeks in the making.

Now, after Saturday night's game, which team do you faithful readers feel derived the most from "That Trade?"

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