

# Leafs Face Elimination But Will Fight To Avoid It

By JIM CRERAR  
**TORONTO (CP)** — Coach George (Punch) Imlach was in a fighting mood Wednesday and promised his Toronto Maple Leafs are prepared to be the same way tonight to stay alive in their Stanley Cup semi-finals. "It'll be no skirmish," Imlach said after running his club through a brief workout in preparation for the fourth game in the best-of-seven series against Montreal Canadiens starting at 8 p.m. EST. Noting that the Leafs are down 3-0, Imlach lashed out at Leafs' inability to put together three good periods of hockey so far in the series and said some of them just weren't working. "The best hockey players on any club are the guys who work the hardest."

**PLAY SICKENED HIM**  
 Imlach, still recovering from influenza that struck him, assistant coach Frank (King) Clancy and goaltender Johnny Bower last weekend, said Leafs' performance in their 5-2 loss Tuesday made him sick all over again. He sent three Leafs — forwards Eddie Shack, Frank Mahovlich and Brit Selby — to the dressing room early in Monday's practice.

"If they don't want to work, get off the ice," Imlach said. "Maybe they think they're saving it for the game. We'll wait and see."

Montreal coach Toe Blake, in a more relaxed mood, directed Canadiens through a light skating workout.

**DENIED QUOTE**  
 He denied a statement attributed to him Tuesday night that the Leafs looked tired in the game because they are worked too hard in practice.

Blake didn't think forward Henri Richard, who missed Tuesday's game with twisted ligaments in his right knee, will play.

"In the position he's in, I don't think he'd help us," Blake feels his team is going better in the semi-finals this year than last when the Habs eliminated the Leafs in six games. He credited his younger players and singled out John

Ferguson for special mention. **BELTED SHACK**  
 Ferguson helped the Montreal cause Tuesday by slowing up Shack with a shattering

## PROBABLE PITCHERS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
 Major league probable pitchers for today with 1965 won-lost records in parentheses:  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
 Chicago, Buhl (13-11) at San Francisco, Perry (8-12) or Herbel (12-9), D  
 Houston, Bruce (9-18) at Los Angeles, Sutton (0-0), N  
 Philadelphia, Bunning (19-9) at St. Louis, Jaster (3-0), N  
 Only games scheduled.  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
 Detroit, McLain (16-6) and Monbouquette (10-18) at New York, Stottlemyre (20-9) and Friend (8-12), 2 D  
 California, Lopez (14-13) at Chicago, Horlen (13-13), D  
 Kansas City, Talbot (10-12) at Minnesota, Kaat (18-11), D  
 Only games scheduled.

## NHL Referees Make Escape

**DETROIT (CP)** — Referee Bill Friday and linesmen Matt Pavlich and John D'Amico fled down a smoke-filled fire escape during a fire in their downtown hotel before Tuesday night's Stanley Cup semi-final game.

The three National Hockey League officials were preparing to leave the Pick Fort Shelby Hotel for the third game of the best-of-seven semi-final series when the fire broke out on the ninth floor, claiming the life of one hotel guest.

Scotty Morrison, NHL referee-in-chief, and his two sons, Ian, 11, and Perry, 9, along with standby referee Wally Harris had left their rooms when the fire occurred.

## Shawinigan Falls Defeat Habs

**HALIFAX (CP)** — Shawinigan Falls Bruins turned on the power in the last two periods Wednesday night to crush Halifax Canadiens 2-1 and take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Canada Memorial Cup semi-finals.

Third game in the series will be played here Friday night. A crowd of 6,500 fell to near silence in the last 40 minutes as the Bruins methodically went to work on the Canadiens.

## SPORTS FRONT

### Toronto Fans Where Are You?

By CHRIS ANNETT

They had their home ice, they had their regular goalie, they were facing a team who was missing two of the top players in the league, they held a 2-0 lead after the first period, yet still they got a whipping. As a matter of fact the Toronto Maple Leafs followed the pattern of most foliage, they just wilted when they saw what a "cool" attack the Montreal Canadiens could mount after they were down two goals.

Looking at the series objectively, the only question remaining now is whether the Habs will take the series in four straight games. There is not too much doubt remaining that the Montrealers are the better club. Big Jean Beliveau, currently leading all scorers in the Cup playoffs, smiled when he heard the question and answered quickly: "There's no doubt about it. Gumper Worsley just cracked. 'I don't predict, I want to win one of the next four games.' And volatile coach Toe Blake through has caused a ripple of laughter to fan out through the dressing room as he stated that the Habs were not counting the Leafs out yet.

Sticking closely to their plan of hitting the Habs into oblivion the Leafs resembled a scene in a tightly packed bar as their elbows went up just as quickly as the drinker whose thirst was aroused. The Habs on the other hand, not at all intimidated by the Leafs' intentions, took advantage of it to say the least. Special target for the evening was John Ferguson and he excelled under the heavy going as he scored one goal and nailed Shack with by far the hardest check in the entire series.

Teams in the loop do not want to face the fact that the Habs have got both the brains and brawn. After the Habs had won the cup for five straight years they were forced to come up with a wholesale shuffle and for a couple of seasons had only the speed and finesse. Now however they can afford to carry a couple of policemen like Ferguson and Harris who are as rugged as any in the business. There is no team in the league that is going to stop the Habs from winning by going out to out them. Coach Imlach, and I use the word coach loosely, has been carried away by the Stanley Cup triumphs the Leafs took in the early '60's. That was the period in which the Leafs could beat any team by out-hitting them.

Now however the strategy is not going to work and Imlach will not get this through his head. Another of his traits is the massive pile of workouts he piles on his players. It was quite obvious that the Leafs were tired in the third period of the last game and no less an authority than Claude Provost states that the Leafs fell apart because they were feeling the strain of an overdose of pre-game practice. The Leafs now must take four straight games needless to say but they have good ancestors. The 1942 version of the Toronto club was the only club ever to come back from a 3 game deficit. Dream along fans who still think the Leafs are going to take the Cup.

Imlach accredited the loss to the fact that his club kept open nets and summed up the loss by moaning that his club kept "... Missing, missing, missing." They sure are missing a lot of things.

However they do get one more opportunity to win tonight. Let's hope that they don't "miss" a bus or something and not show up. After all it would be rather humiliating losing in four straight in front of your own home fans.

## HAWKS HURTING

The Chicago Black Hawks were well named indeed. They are shedding feathers (or rather players) rather quickly as they advance into their series with the Detroit Red Wings and now have an official count of five on the limp. The situation looks rather "Black" no doubt, even though they lead their series with the Wings 2-1. Needless to say if the Windy City crew lose out in either of the series (going on the remote possibility that they might advance to the finals) it will be the injuries that turned the trick in the minds of all loyal Chicago fans.

It would indeed be interesting to see a couple of these games on TV but then of course the Wings would probably win. After all they did say the Wings were TV players. The new line of Bobby Hull, Stan Mikita and Chico Maki did not stay together too long in the game as Maki tore ligaments in his left knee but it remained intact long enough to do the big damage as Maki got the tying tally. Hull again was held scoreless as Bryan Watson covered his like a rug and the latter even had enough spare time to get Detroit's only goal. Hull must be on the limp if it is only a part time job to cover him these days.

However the two clubs do battle again this evening and it will be interesting to see just what develops. The Wings are in real trouble if they drop the contest but that does not seem too likely. After all it is a pressure game and the Hawks are notorious for not being able to win this kind of a tilt. The old pros like Howe and Ullman will rise to the top again. The Wings will take the win and force the Hawks into Chicago Sunday where the TV cameras are anxiously awaiting

check in the second period. But Blake wasn't inclined to write Shack off too quickly.

"I thought there were a lot of guys on the Leafs who died before Shack did. It was a hard check but I thought Shack made a lot of good rushes after that, more than a lot of other guys."

Imlach said he didn't contemplate lineup changes, so Bower will be in goal again. Terry Sawchuk was in the nets in the first two games.

Imlach said his third line of Selby, Ron Ellis and Pete Stankowski tightened up Tuesday. "When your third line does that and you can't put out your fourth line because you've got to try and hold your defence together, you've got a bit of a problem."

## St. Dunstan's University Holds Annual Award Fete

Saint Dunstan's University held their third annual Athletic Awards banquet at the Basilica Recreation Center last evening and Mike Kelly, star member of the SDU Varsity hockey team was accorded with the highest honor of the evening, the Father MacGuigan Memorial trophy for the most outstanding athlete at SDU in the past year. The award was presented by Dick Trotter along with a citation.

Dave Morton was presented with an award for being the most valuable player on the SDU football team. Owen Jay was voted as the MVP on the basketball squad and Vince Muligan was the selection as being tops on the hockey squad.

The Varsity hockey team came in for perhaps the greatest share of the spoils after the exciting second place finish in the MHA. Maurice Roy who set a new team record for the most points (46) and another mark, this time a league record for having scored the most goals (29). He was presented with plaques by Charlie Ryan, president of the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Mike Kelly picked up more honors as he was awarded with a trophy for having established a new league record for assists (37), breaking the old mark of 21. Gordie Whitlock took a trophy for his contribution to SDU hockey from A.J. MacAdam, director of Athletics at SDU.

In the Intercollegiate football field Bob Hickey took two of the four top honors as he was nominated as the best linesman of the year and also the most improved player by his teammates. Brian Conrad was the recipient of the AAA trophy for being the rookie of the year and Cy MacDonald was awarded with a plaque from his coach Ed Hilton as being the best backfielder on the club.

The captain of the women's debating squad, Martha Tiernan accepted a trophy for the team's victory in the Maritime Intercollegiate finals and then the six members of the men's group were presented with gold D's. Charlie MacMillan, Ken MacNeil, Wes MacAlear, who acted as chairman of ceremonies for the evening, Dave Campbell, Tom MacMillan and Phil MacDonald all received awards.

Campbell and McNeil also were presented with Father Cass Memorial awards for debating contributions and Campbell picked off his third honor of the evening by taking the Dalhousie Trophy, emblematic of oratorial supremacy.

The following athletes were presented cloth D's, which are

## Indian Teams Go On Warpath

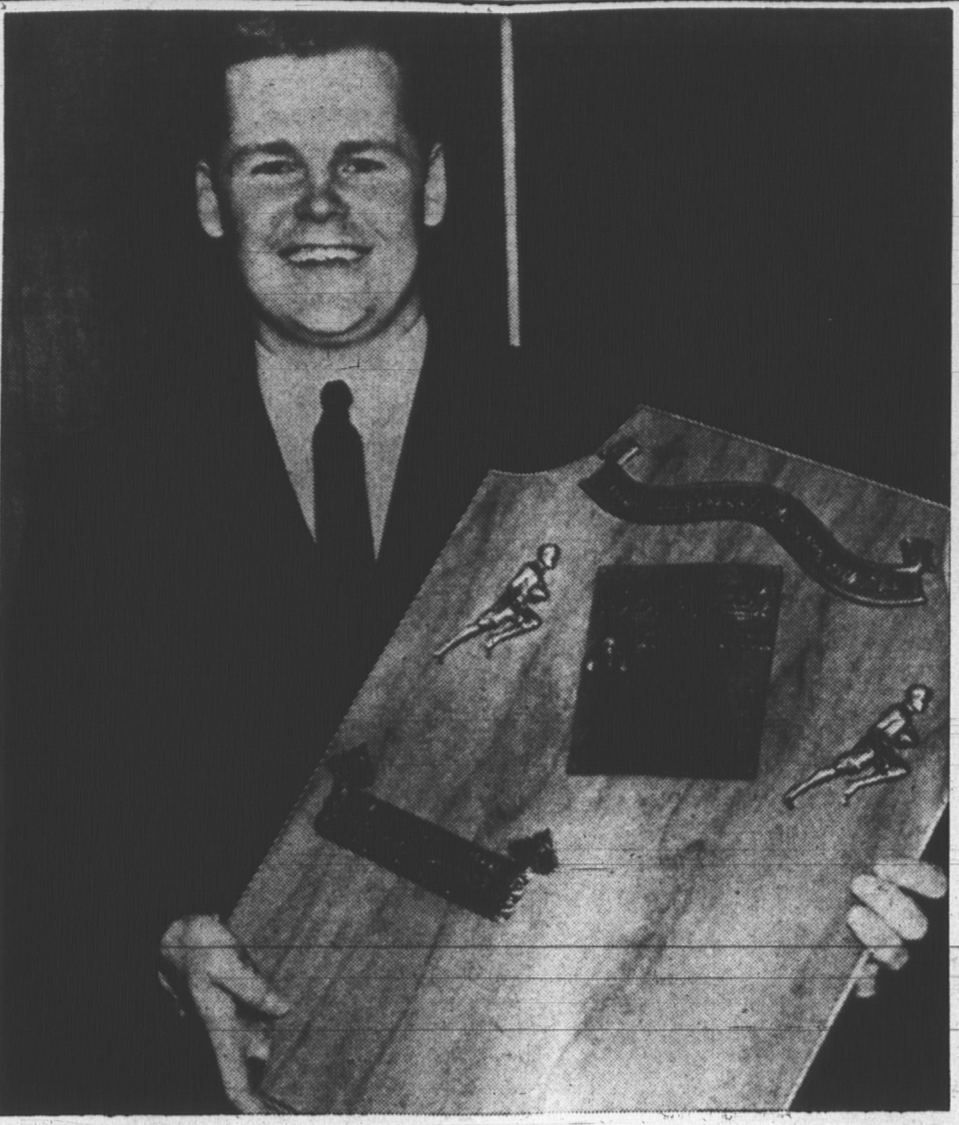
**NORTH SYDNEY, N.S. (CP)** — The Maritime Indian Hockey Championships open here next Wednesday with the Nova Scotia champion Eskasoni team meeting Lennox Island of Prince Edward Island.

Eskasoni was declared winner of the best-of-three Nova Scotia championships on the basis of one game Monday night. They swamped Mill Brook 19-0 in the opening game of what was to have been a best-of-three round.

## STANDINGS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
 American League

Team	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Baltimore	2	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	1/2
Detroit	1	0	1.000	1/2
Chicago	1	0	1.000	1/2
California	0	1	0.000	1 1/2
New York	0	1	0.000	1 1/2
Washington	0	1	0.000	1 1/2
Boston	0	2	0.000	2
Kansas City	0	2	0.000	2



DAVE MORTON, FOOTBALL'S MVP

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Crisp passing, persistent fore-checking and puck control were the main Shawinigan weapons while Canadiens were inept at almost everything after the first period when they took an early 1-0 lead and held it until the final minute of the period.

Each score twice Jacques Michel and Alain Beaulieu paced the Bruins' attack with two goals apiece, with Beaulieu's first at 8:18 of the second period standing up as the winner. The burly defenceman also had three assists.

Fraser Rice, who scored three goals in Tuesday's game, shot Halifax into the lead at 1:19 of the first period. Michel tied it at 19:37.

After Beaulieu scored at 8:18 of the second, Barry Icton—a Halifax native—scored at 9:56 and Norm Pepin at 18:54 to give the Bruins a 4-1 lead.

Beaulieu scored again at 8:11 of the third. Clement Tremblay made it 6-1 at 11:44. Pierre LePage followed at 14:35 and Michel finished the scoring at 19:47.

## Nicklaus, Palmer Favored

**LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)** — It's been either Arnold Palmer or Jack Nicklaus in the winner's circle for the past four years and the same pair dominate speculation as the 14th annual Tournament of Champions golf spectacle gets under way today.

As the select field of 26 professionals took final practice swings Wednesday, the nation's golf picture switched from the Masters at Augusta, Ga., where it also has been a Nicklaus-Palmer show for the past few years.

The \$100,000 Tournament of Champions may prove anticlimactic after Monday's finale in the Masters, but there is still a slight matter of \$20,000 awaiting the winner when the 72-hole play concludes Sunday.

Palmer won this tournament last year and, for the first time, in 1962 Nicklaus was the 1963-64 winner.

**TOP PROS COMPETE**  
 The field is limited to pros who have captured one or more PGA tournaments in the preceding year. Play is at the 7,298-yard, par 72 Desert Inn Country Club layout.

It's an all-star cast that includes current U.S. Open champion Gary Player and PGA champion Dave Marr as well as Doug Sanders, Tony Lema, Ken Venturi, Bill Casper and Bruce Crampton.

Also aboard are Gay Brewer, who lost to Nicklaus in the Masters' three-way playoff Monday, but the third player, Tommy Jacobs, failed to qualify for the Las Vegas attraction.

# Hull Doesn't Fear Shadows But They Irritate Him

By JERRY GLADMAN  
**DETROIT (CP)** — Bobby Hull isn't afraid of shadows. He just doesn't like them.

And the type of shadows that bother the muscular Chicago Black Hawks star are those on opposing hockey teams who cling to him, get in his way, shove him, trip him, hook him and generally keep him from scoring.

"It irritates me," the 27-year-old left winger said Wednesday. "I'd like to be able to play like everyone else does. Sure, there have been shadows for other players, but they didn't do it every game. I don't think there's ever been another guy they did it to as much, every game."

**WATSON GIVEN HULL**  
 This year's shadow in the Hawks' best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final against Detroit Red Wings, is 23-year-old Bryan Watson, a Red Wing utility man who has been sticking to Hull like glue for two games.

Watson carried out his role superbly Tuesday night as he held Hull to a single assist in Chicago's 2-1 victory over the Wings which gave the Hawks a 2-1 edge in the series.

Watson will likely draw the assignment of tailing Hull tonight when the clubs clash here in the fourth game.

The 195-pound Hull complained about the coverage provided him in Tuesday's game. He said he was hit in the left knee, which he injured in the first game of the series and has had wrapped in a pressure bandage.



BOBBY HULL

"I don't know when I got it, I was hit so many times. I thought they had me in the first period when Leo Boivin (Detroit defenceman) and that little... Watson hit me along the boards."

"I don't mind a guy going up and down with you, but let him keep his mind on the offensive game, too. That's when you could get your breaks, go in two and three on one, and get the odd goal that way. It doesn't give you a chance to do what you like to do, want to do — get the puck and go with it."

However, Watson did give his mind on the offensive game in Tuesday's action as he accounted for the only Detroit goal, seconds after he was wrestled to the ice by Hull.

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**ABEL SATISFIED**  
 Detroit coach Sid Abel expressed satisfaction with Watson's close coverage of Hull. "He played well. I didn't have him on much against Hull late in the game. We needed the offensive players in there."

There was no indication of panic by either Abel or his players after the loss. "They've played well here all year. We had a lot of chances early, but we let them off the hook in the second period. They were rougher. We stopped hitting them."

## BASEBALL SCORES

**American League**  
 Baltimore 220 000 040 — 8 8 0  
 Boston 000 000 001 — 1 5 2  
 Palmer (1-0) and Etchebarren; Morehead (0-1), Sanders (4), Magrini (8) and Ryan. HRS: Balt.—F. Robinson (2), B. Robinson (2), Palmer (1).  
 Kansas City 001 200 000 — 3 8 1  
 Minnesota 200 000 035 — 5 7 2  
 Sheldon, Lindblad (0-1) (4) and Bryana; Pascual (1-0), Klippstein (9) and Battey. HRS: Minn. — Valdespino (1), Oliva (1).  
 Cleveland at Washington, ppd, wet grounds.  
 Detroit at New York, ppd, cold, rain.

**National League**  
 Pittsburgh 102 000 120 — 6 12 0  
 Atlanta 000 000 000 — 0 4 2  
 Law (1-0) and Pagliaroni; Johnson (0-1), Carroll (4), Nieko (7), Olivo (9) and Torre. HRS: Pitt.—Stargell (2), Clendenon (1).  
 New York at Cincinnati, ppd, cold, wet grounds.

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