SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Leafs And Canadiens

THINGS apparently would be a lot better for Toronto Maple Leafs if they could play Montreal Canadiens 70 times during schedule.

So far this young season, the two great rivals have met three times and Canadiens have yet to garner a victory. They came nearest Wednesday night in Montreal when they battled the Imlachmen to a 2-2 tie. It was their only point out of a possible six.

Mind you, we are not endeavoring to belittle the Habs. On the contrary we think they are playing surprisingly good hockey and have twice battled the league-leading Chicago Black Hawks to draws before Montreal fans. They came through with an impressive win in Detroit and their all-round good play has had fans excited about what they might do this season.

However, when the Leafs face them the Canadiens (at least this far) have been unable to do the things they could do against other clubs. Their tie on Wednesday was a rather peculiar one, because both Canadiens' goals came when they were shorthanded. Toronto coach, 'Punch' Imlach didn't think Johnny Bower was sharp on either one. In fact Mr. Imlach left the impression that Johnny should have had both of them.

But Leafs battled back in the third and Dick Duff's tally created the stalemate. Indeed it was only exceptionally fine goaltending by little Charlie Hodge that stopped Toronto from gaining its third straight triumph over Toe Blake's boys.

Next Wednesday the fued is renewed in Toronto where the Leafs should be favorites to make it seven out of eight points. They need points in the worst way if they hope to catch up to those ambitious Black Hawks who are flying mightly high. The Leafs get a chance Sunday night to halt the Hawks but that game is in Chicago and we wouldn't like to bet our last dollar that Toronto will provide any upset. The best Toronto has been able to do against Billy Reay and company is one tie in three starts. That's the identical record that Habs have with Leafs.

It's far from impressive and Leafs need to change that in a hurry if they want to finish on top.

Harness Racing Here

HARNESS racing will go again this Saturday afternoon at Charlottetown Driving Park.

Promoter Frank Acorn ran into bad weather for his opening card on Remembrance Day but Frank is still optimistic about the prospects for the winter season. The fact that 154 persons saw fit to pay admission last monday afternoon really was a surprise to us. It was the kind of a day that you wouldn't expect everybody to stay indoors but these faithful race patrons were not frightened by the elements.

We have the idea that when the weather gets a bit colder things will pick up. That may seem a rather foolish belief but we think once the colder weather moves in folks will be more prepared for it and will dress accordingly when they go to the races. There were a lot of folk there Monday who would have been far more comfortable if they had put on a few more clothes. They'll do this when Jack Frost starts making an appearance.

At any rate, Frank is going again tomorrow with another fine card. Folks who saw Monday's action were praising the show because everybody in these halfs goes from wire to wire. There's no tucking in and waiting at this distance. You have to go all the way if you hope to grab a decision.

So, we're looking for a much better turnout come Saturday. Frank will see to it that you're home in plenty of time to watch British Columbia Lions and Saskatchewan Roughriders battle it out in that WIFU final opener. That comes our way at 4.30 and races get moving promptly at 1.45.

You can see both the races and the ball game without any trouble.

Times Change

KENT Douglas, rookie of the 1962-63 season, was in Rochester when we wrote this column because Punch Imlach thought the young man needed more work in the minors. Leafs and Rangers were reported to be in a trading mood but Rangers said they were not interested in Mr. Douglas. It seems strange that Kent's stock would fall so suddenly.

We still think he would be a mighty handy defenceman to have on your club and Rangers need more strength on defence.

TROPHIES PRESENTED AT DINNER

A special baseball dinner for all members of the City Baseball League was held at the Charlottetown Hotel last evening. Prizes and trophies were awarded to various players and to the coaches of the winning teams. Shown above, left to right holding thier respective trophies are Bill Davis and Irv MacKinnon. Davis's team, the Rovers finished in top spot in City League competition this year, while MacKinnon's squad, the Intermediate Abbies, were Island champions.

Toronto Maple Leafs Hand Rangers 7th Straight Loss

NEW YORK (CP)—An unassisted third-period goal by Tim Horton was the victory margin as Toronto Maple Leafs defeated New York Rangers in a National Hockey League game here Thursday night. The loss was the sixth in-a-row for the Rangers.

The Leafs blew a 3-1 first-period lead by yielding two goals to Rangers in the first half of the second frame but bounced back to enjoy a 4-3 lead going into the final period.

Horton's weird bouncer from centre ice was the eventual winner.

The victory pulled the Leafs into a tie for second place with idle Montreal and extended the Toronto unbeaten string to four.

Horton's flip from centre ice late in the third period bounced past surprised New York goalie Jacques Plante and gave the Leafs a 5-3 lead.

They needed the margin when the Rangers' Vic Hadfield closed the gap to one goal with 34 seconds left.

The game was fast, rough, and in general, loosely played. Each team was guilty of poor passing and New York was hurt by defensive lapses.

These came in the first period when Toronto rammed in two goals in less than a minute.

In addition to Horton, who also added two assists, Toronto marksmen were Dave Keon, Bob Pulford, Frank Mahovlich and George Armstrong. New York's other goals were scored by Rod Gilbert, Don McKenny and Val Fonteyne.

SUMMARY

First period—1. New York, Gilbert 3 (Ingarfield, Harvey) 5:23; 2. Toronto, Keon 5 (Horton 11:11; 3. Toronto, Stanley 2 (Armstrong, Keon) 12:06; 4. Toronto, Pulford 3 (Stanley, Horton) 15:31. **Penalties**—Baun and Gilbert 10:48, Brewer 14:07, Hadfield 18:35.

Second period—5. New York, McKenney 2 (Howell, Bathgate) 4:54; 6. New York, Fonteyne 2 (Gilbert, Neilson) 9:18; 7. Toronto, Mahovlich 5 (Kelly, Baun) 14:17. **Penalties** — Armstrong 4:25, Cahan 6:31.

Third period — 8. Toronto, Horton 5 16:57; 9. New York, Hadfield 5 (Bathgate, Howell) 19:26. **Penalties**—None.

Saves:

Simmons	7	8	8	—23
Plante	14	7	8	—29

HUNTER'S CORNER

Columnist Welcomes News Of Legislation By Minister

On November 2nd my hunting partner brought me two wild-geese he shot that morning. He and two companions shot five and the pair he gave me were birds of the year. He told me he chose the two goslings. The other three were heavier and older birds but his companiions were welcome to them. Early in the season the older birds are not in the same class with the birds of the year with regard to table qualities. Toward the twentieth of November the older geese are fat and their flesh becomes short grained and palatable. Before this date it is inclined toward the dry, flavourless side with their flesh stringy and not short grained and flavoursome. The skin of the pair I got was inclined to the bluish side, not white and pleasing to the eye like it gets later in the season, but there was a light layer of fat under the skin. One had to move slowly in the plucking process or else the skin would come off with the feathers.

I gave both to two special friends of mine and — I don't make a practice of plucking and cleaning all game I give away but figured the recipients in this instance rated this gesture — and both reported the flavour and texture of their flesh was excellent. I can agree as I received a man sized carving from one bird and it was sweet in flavour and tender as chicken. My partner, in the hunting field, has leared from his Dad to choose the smallest, plumpest birds when dividing the take. Quite often a 13 or 12 pound goose, toward the end of November, has reached the stage where it is well worth carving but not always.

The first two weeks of October the take on geese was heavy. Some of the flock leaders were green as cabbage but have sinc learned hard way it was either a case of smarten up or else. At the moment hunters are not lugging back loads of geese carward like they were early in October. At the moment a hunter has to work hard and plan strategy in advance before rigging out in a stubble field and even this does not guarantee success. Geese have been under heavy hunting pressure this season as the majority of waterfowl hunter have quit hunting ducks. There are a fair number of black ducks present at this date but about 85 per cent of them are of the northern red-legged variety. Their flesh is inclined to be coarser grained and lacks the mild flavour of our local black ducks.

WISE LEADERS

There are some wise old flock leaders on the rounds this fall who plan their field excusions like an army General before an attack. They'll scour a district and pick out a likely field and then return to salt water without alighting for a feed, but they'll be back before daybreak the following morning. There was a time when they'd run on a close schedule but no longer can one set a watch on their movements.

An Indian once remarked: "When um hunt gooses um don't think goose too hard" I'm beginning to think there is more truth than poetry in this statement. I know a farmer who is an ardent goose hunted. He has two young sons whose duty each morning is to drive the cattle back to a stubble field at the rear of the farm after they are milked. One morning when they got to the field they found a flock of about 60 wildgeese feeding on the shelled oats that littered the stubble. The old gander put his neck straight in the air and studied the intruders. He must have sensed that the two boys were his friends for he lowered his neck and resumed feeding. After the second morning he paid no more attention to them than he did to the cattle. He fed there each morning for a week. By that time the grain was pretty well cleaned up and he pulled up stakes and was seen no more. It was then they told their father the goose hunter — about the flock of geese. To his question: "Why didn't you tell me?" They gave him a straight answer — "We didn't want to see the geese shot" Their Dad was a good sport and took it in good part.

MOST WELCOME

The announcement by Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae that he will introduce legislation at the next session of the legislature banning the use of all potato top killers containing sodium arsenite is the most welcome news our hunters, fishermen and wildlife lovers in general have heard for a long time. When the Minister stated that game birds are falling prey to the top killer which remains deadly long after it is used he spoke the truth. The real clin h-er was when he said: "It can be diluted, but not dissipated" he got down to the real crux of the matter. Criminal records bear out this statement.Persons suspected of having died of arsenic poisoning have been exumed 50 years later and the arsenic was found present in the bones.

Our game and song birds that are fast disappearing from our fair province will quickly recover once this menace is barred from entry. Our huns have learned, at least many of them have, to avoid potato fields that were once considered tops in banquet tables, and have established habitat in back country sections that abound in vacant farms. A farmer, whose land backs up on just such an area, told me not long ago he saw at least 60 Huns on a quiet back country road in his area. He told me he counted 47 on one side of the road and saw at least 15 on the opposite side and he was certain there were some he missed. He informed me he had at least three covies on his farm (he is not a potato grower) the smallest held 16 members. The other two numbered well into the twenties. Huns often gather for a conference in numbers like that. Its almost phenomenal the number of Hun covies present in some areas this fall.

With trout its a different matter. This month an ardent trout fisherman stopped me on the sreet. He told me he knew of a top trout stream that was now devoid of trout. He said four years ago a business man leastd an abondoned farm and for two years grew a large acreage of potatoes. He washed his sprayer in the brook for two years in succession and killed every trout in the whole stream. He then quit growing potatoes but trout haven't come back— it's still a barren trout stream. I told him I figured it could remain barren for years unless stocked. My information is that trout return to the gravel beds wherein they were born. If all the trout in this stream were destroyed in a two year period it could be that there are none left to go to sea and naturally there would be no trout to return. It's up to all lovers of wildlife in this province, whether it be furred, finned or feathered, to get behind our Minister of Agriculture in his efforts to prohibit the entry of any spraying material that contains arsenic into our fair province. I am sure that those who cater to the Tourist Trade will back this move. If our wildlife goes, with special emphasis on trout, our tourist trade will go with it.

Hockey Scores

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

National League

Toronto 5 New York 4

Ontario Junior

St. Catharines 3 Montreal 5

Nova Scotia Senior

Moncton 5 New Glasgow 2

STANDINGS

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National League

	W	L	T	F	A	pt
Chicago	9	2	4	50	33	22
Toronto	7	4	2	41	34	16
Montreal	6	4	4	45	39	16
Detroit	6	6	1	29	33	13
New York	4	10	0	34	45	8
Boston	3	9	1	28	43	7

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Friday at the Charlottetown club. This is a two game mixed competition.

If for any reason you cannot curl as scheduled. Please arrange for your own substitute.

7 P.M.

Ice 1 Dr.. Gallant, M. MacNeill, Rod MacKenzie, M. Garrett vs R. Ewing, A. Trainor, B. O'Rourke, S. Flemming.

Ice 3 Dr. MacDonald, M. Toole, I. MacKinnon, C. Phillips vs W. MacLaine, A. MacLean, R. Manning, Mrs. I. MacDonald.

Ice 4 G. Bennett, J. Coady, Dr. MacKay, L. Hennessey vs D. Matheson, M. Jones, Dr. Willis, F. Vessey.

Ice 5 B. Soper, P. Burden, A. MacEwen, A. Michael vs D. George, B. Howatt, B. MacLennan, M. MacNeill.

8.30 P.M.

Ice 1 G. Kays, E. Goss, L. Blakeney, H. Michael vs Dr. Giddings, M. MacDonald, G. Lidstone, Audrey MacKinnon.

Ice 3 D. O'Rourke, T. Roper, N. MacNeill, M. Kane vs H. MacInnes, A. Wood, Bob Martin, Rose Pineau.

Ice 4 B. Dillon, M. Blakeney, John MacBrearty, C. Bolger vs B. LeClair, C. O'Rourke, Cam MacLean, L. Jardine.

Ice 5 J. Burden, I. Gallant, C. Michael, P. Dalziel vs A. Llewellyn, O. MacDonald, John MacDonald, Joyce Giddings.

B.C. Lions Had To Battle To Get Into Western Loop

By DENNIS ORCHARD

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia Lions, Western Canada's most successful football club of 1963—on the field and at the bank—had to claw their way into the game 10 years ago.

Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Saskatchewan Roughriders didn't want them in the Western Interprovincial Football Union.

They feared B.C. would be a financial ball - and - chain, and one of the Lions' executives at the time recalls "we weren't too sure ourselves."

The conditions of entry were finally settled: Sale of 7,500 season tickets in 1954 and a guarantee against financial loss from extra travel costs.

Incorporated as a non-profit organization under the B.C. Societies Act, Lions exceeded all expectations from the start. They came to be the financial power of the WIFU and to date have contributed $250,000 to the gate-equalization pot for distribution to the rest of the conference.

UNSURPASSED LOYALTY

In eight of 10 seasons they have lost more games than they have won, but since their initial year they have drawn an average of 27,500 fans a game. This year they averaged more than 30,000. Having whipped every attendance record in Canada, they welcomed their 2,000,000th regular-season fan since 1954 at Empire Stadium Oct. 19.

Their fans are among the most loyal in Canada. They have praised and persecuted five coaches in turn, but they have always come back for more football.

Game night at Empire Stadium is a greater social event than any other in Vancouver and there are fans on Vancouver Island who buy season tickets and pay more than $100 a year in ferry tolls just to reach their seats.

Winning the Western Conference championship this year has been a monumental accomplishment by past standards, whatever the 1963 playoff results. But perhaps only in Vancouver could men have been forced to wait so long for tangible results after spending so much money and energy.

BELATED ROAR

Lawyer Harry Spring, on hand since the breeding of the Lions idea and president in the turbulent years of 1958 and 1959, thinks Lions have arrived just about on schedule.

Lions will Roar in '54 was the first team slogan and the only one that bore official approv l of the executive. Spring told them as early as 1953 that it should be Lions Will Roar in '64.

Others, however, point to at least three circumstances that held Lions back when they might have been drinking champagne.

First, they had to start from scratch. The WIFU refused player help in any way. Lions faced the task of building a nucleus of Canadian talent on their own, and it was years before they could do it.

The second factor was player salaries. It deeply affected young Canadian players to know their pay constituted a fraction of the fat envelopes offered Americans. Contracts were signed for as little as $1,500.

SMALLER EXECUTIVE

Finally, inexperience and poor organization in management plagued the club for years. An investigation in 1960 sparked by a Vancouver barber finally got to the heart of the matter, succeeded in streamlining the executive down from 30 men to nine, and cut away the powers of the 3,500 club members who previously had a hand in decision-making.

The last important decision of this group, each of whom had contributed $20 to the team, was to veto two private offers in 1959 to buy the club.

Harry Spring says he was never handicapped by Lions' earlier organization and believes it did not affect the team's performance.

But Herb Capozzi, general manager since early in 1957, recalls trying times.

"We started out with a very large board of directors. When you give them the title you must give them something to direct. . . . There was difficulty assuring continuity."

'MORE PRIDE'

By Bailey, who with Norm Fieldgate survives from the original 1954 team, says the biggest reason for 1963 success has been the new front office.

"It gives you more pride and better morale in your organization. This has tended to substantiate the saying that you are only as organized as the people at the top."

If the fans suffered in the early years, so did the coaches.

Annis Stukus, last Canadian coach in the Canadian Football League, brought Lions home in 1954 dead last on one victory and an average of one unconverted touchdown a game.

When Stukus improved the position a notch in 1955, many directors wanted to give him another try. The closest major vote in the club's history ordered his release.

Clem Crowe held the Lions resolutely in fourth place in the five-team league through 1956 and 1957. In 1958, from an ambitious training camp that featured seven quarterback candidates and 14 men trying for backfield jobs, Crowe's Lions burst into the campaign and racked up 10 straight losses.

CROWE FIRED

Clem hung his head in Empire Stadium after a workout one night and took the news of his release from president Spring.

Ti-Cat Coach Not Worried

HAMILTON (CP)—Two rival coaches don't think much of his chances, but Hamilton Tiger-Cat coach Ralph Sazio doesn't seem to be worrying too much about Saturday's playoff opener against Ottawa Rough Riders.

Sazio's club finished in first place in the Eastern Football Conference and had a bye last weekend while Ottawa beat Montreal Alouettes in Ottawa to enter the two-game, total-point final.

Despite this, both Nobby Wirkowski of Toronto Argonauts and Jim Trimble of the Alouettes pick Ottawa to go to Vancouver Nov. 30 for the Grey Cup game against the Western Football Conference champion.

Trimble's word should carry a lot of weight. He was Sazio's boss during his years as coach of the Ticats until he moved to the Montreal job last year. But then Trimble's Alouette's stumbled in third in the eastern standings, while Sazio, his former assistant, boasted a 10-4 first-place season.

And Wirkowski's Toronto Argonauts were a consistent last-place team.

DOESN'T BOTHER SAZIO

Sazio's only reply to the predictions about the Ottawa game was a quiet: "It's their opinion. . . . Just say we'll be there."

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NOS. 1—5—STOREY ELECTRIC—CONDITION

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NOS. 2—6—H. L. SEAR—CONDITION

1—Money Royal; 2—Callie Hal; 3—Hettie's Boy; 4—Zither; 5—Adiopola Yates; 6—Freddy's Dream; 7—Doctor Alex.

NOS. 3—7—MOORE & McLEOD'S—JR. FR. FOR ALL

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PROMOTED TO PARENT A'S

Handrahan Sensational; Record Is 4-1; ERA 1.45

Charlottetown's Vern Handrahan, the first Prince Edward Islander in modern times to play AAA baseball in the United States, is currently standing the Florida Winter Instructional League on its collective year with his spectacular pitching.

As the loop swings into the last half of its season, Handrahan is sporting a fine 4-1 won-lost record and is the owner of a sensational 1.45 earned run average.

His great hurling has earned him a promotion to the first team roster of the Kansas City Athletics and he will get a shot at full time big league pitching job with the A's when spring training opens in February.

Word from Bradenton where Vern's team the K.C.A's is operating, as that the weather generally has been hot, but no hotter than Handrahan who has fashioned a pair of shutouts and has allowed only two runs in the four games he has won.

In his first start of the year he whitewashed Chicago White Sox 6-0. He allowed only five hits, walked two and fanned seven. In his next outing he blanked Detroit Tigers, reportedly the strongest team in the nine-team league, 7-0 on four hits. He walked two and struck out five.

In his third start Vern topped Cincinnati 2-1 going 7 2-3 innings, and allowing the lone Red run while giving up six hits, and three walks. He struck out seven.

Fourth time out he beat Detroit again 3-1. Vern pitched the full game and sent 12 Tigers down on strikeouts. He hurled a six hitter and walked only two.

St. Louis Cardinals handed him his only loss, a 5-2 defeat. Handrahan lasted only four innings in this one, giving up four runs. Big blow off him was a two run, 425-foot home run by Geoff Long.

He also appeared in three other games in relief, and in all has pitched 45 full innings.

WELL SCOUTED

The league is being well scouted by the major league parent club. To date Vern has drawn close looks from Charlie Dressen, Fred Hutchison, Lew Burdette, Ed Stanky, Andy Seminick, Johnny Pesky, Paul Waner, Al Lopez and of course Kansas City's own manager Ed Lopat.

The instructional league is made up of young players with high potential. It operates in about a 50-mile radius around Bradenton. The Detroit Tigers make their home in Dunedin; the Baltimore Orioles in Clearwater; Minnesota Twins, Cincinnati Reds in Tampa; Washington Senators, St. Louis Cardinals in St. Petersburg and Chicago White Sox and a combined Boston- Houston club in Sarasota.

The league began Oct. 8 and winds up Dec. 6. Vern expects to be home by Dec. 8 or 10.

Riders' Coach Determined To Make Squad A Winner

REGINA (CP)—Football fans should have expected the unbelievable Monday when Saskatchewan Roughriders overcame a 26-point deficit to eliminate powerful Calgary Stampeders in the Western Football Conference semi-final.

They should have expected it because head coach Bob Shaw of the doughty Roughriders is a man whose personal football career sparkled with the same fire and determination in the face of repeated adversities.

By the same token they should expect more Saturday at 2:30 p.m. CST (5:30 p.m. AST) when Riders open the best-of-three WFC final at home against British Columbia Lions.

Shaw, 42, knew when he joined Saskatchewan last winter there would be few high-priced stars to help him win games. His club was a blend of veterans and youngsters whose esprit de corps and stubbornness often were all that kept them from falling out of the league.

Shaw, who overcame a broken neck to star as a player both in the National Football League and the WFC, juggled his club's personnel time and again this year to meet a string of injuries that would have "killed" a team with less fight.

When Roughriders set out last fall to find a successor to Steve Owen no one even thought of Shaw.

PAINTED BLEAK PICTURE

"He came to us," said Don MacPherson, a member of the committee appointed to hire a new head coach for Riders. "We painted a bleak picture and told him at best it would be a one-year proposition.

"Shaw knew what he wanted and where he wanted to go. When we offered him the job he accepted and since coming north last January hasn't stopped working. When he wasn't reviewing films of 1962 games he was out speaking to clubs and fans, helping to mold support for the team."

Shaw's one-year job now has been extended into a new two-year agreement. It was offered him before the 48-47 two-game total-point semi-final victory which carried Saskatchewan into the WFC final for the first time since 1956.

A brilliant all-America end at Ohio State, Shaw became an all-star in his second year of professional football with the 1946 Chicago Cardinals. Despite his success he was traded to Cleveland Rams.

Tragedy struck near the end of the 1947 campaign when he suffered a broken neck in a game against New York. He was placed in a head-to-toe cast and few thought he would play again.

When Shaw recovered in 1948 he coached Loyola University then reported to the Rams again in 1949. The next year he was traded back to Cardinals and again became an all-star.

STARRED WITH STAMPS

Shw joined Calgary Stampeders in 1951 and in his two years with Stampeders led the league in scoring. His 110 points in 1952, when he was named an all-star, held up as a record for five years.

But Calgary didn't want Shaw in 1953 and he joined Toronto Argonauts. He retired and turned to coaching at the end of the season.

He was assistant coach with both Baltimore and San Francisco of the NFL and then head coach of New Mexico Military College in Roswell, N.M.

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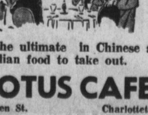

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