

SPORTS FRONT

Shutout Standout Dreads Operation

By KEN MACPHAIL

At the risk of being scorned for writing stories on consecutive days regarding Toronto goalkeepers, we'd like to give you a bit of the inside dope on Terry Sawchuk's latest injury, which we picked up from the Toronto Telegram.

Sawchuk, who has probably had as much caught yanked through his pants as anyone in the National League, has had his old team-mate Ted Lindsay, says that the doctors think his most recent discomfort is due to his old disc trouble. This back condition, which resulted in a sort of sway-backedness called lordosis, was treated by the surgeon's scalpel last summer. The operation corrected the condition and allowed Terry to walk straighter and add a couple of inches to his height.

Sawchuk's situation now is not due to an injury, per se. He felt twinges of pain for a couple of days before the Maple Leaf crucifixion in Montreal a week ago today, but it wasn't until he was taken out of the game, and was taking his sign that the pain shot through his back, and he almost collapsed.

The man who holds the NHL record of 38 shutouts was interviewed in his hospital bed last week, and had the following comments to make: "It's sore, it's getting sorer as the day progresses, I don't know whether to sit up or lie down. I just hope they'll be able to fix it without surgery." He was close to tears when he told the interviewer, "I phoned my wife today. She cried. She felt sorry that these things always happen when things are going well for me. It's been a bad day for me. I just want to be by myself and think."

Terry, who has an arm shaped like a boomerang, almost quit playing hockey this fall, when practices, following the surgery he had had previously, brought him to the brink of exhaustion. He wanted out, but Imlach, thinking of Sawchuk, his wife, his six children, and Imlach, persuaded him to stay. He allowed the backstop days off, and allowed him to practice only once a day, when the remainder of the group were taking to the ice twice daily. Sawchuk was grateful, tired harder than even, and led the Leafs to the top bracket in the schedule's early going.

The goalie said, "If I have to have another operation, it would finish me at least for this season. It took me three months to come back after the operation last summer. Another operation could finish me for good. Why did it have to happen to me, just when I really wanted to play, and things were going so good?"

Doctors at the hospital estimate that it will be anywhere from three to six weeks before Sawchuk will be skating again. The Leafs will be awaiting the day anxiously, even though Methuselah has been performing remarkably.

THIS AND THAT

Fuglists, it would seem, are becoming cleverer all the time. Jose Torres, who demands his world light-heavyweight title against Dick Tiger in New York Friday night, came up with a statement which, we think, gives cause for grave concern. Of Tiger, the champion says, "I've noticed that in some of his fights, he winces when he gets hit to the body. Very unprofessional." Hummm. Even knowing the fine condition boxes are in when they crawl between the ropes, we wonder just what one is supposed to do when one is slammed in the gate by one's adversary, who is intent on adding one's mind. Decently clever statement. Makes us wonder whether some of the prizefighters around today are fast approaching the status of Castles. The lowest class in NHL action, and the overall results should bring little change. The Bruins are due to come out of hibernation pretty soon, but not, we think, at Maple Leaf Gardens. The New York powerhouse should handle the Wings with relative ease. Detroit's win over Toronto Sunday was not so much the result of their playing well as it was the Leafs performing dismally. The Canadiens can hope for no better than a tie on Chicago ice. Besides knowing what to do with a puck, Chicago's Stan Mikita is more than proficient in his knowledge of what to do with a goal. Mikita was the individual honors in the NHL's first annual goal tournament this past summer, with a cool 74-74-148 total, to edge Bobby Rousseau, who is a professional in the off-season. Team honors? You guessed it: a Maple Leaf quartet consisting of Frank Mahovlich, Jim Pappin, Kent Douglas and John Brennan.

Juniors Meet Undeclared Royals At Forum Tonight

Sandy's Royals, who have been pulverizing teams in the Island Hockey League, will face their stiffest test, tonight at 7.30 at the Forum, when they tackle the '66-67 edition of the Halifax Junior Canadiens. The Royals, who have yet to taste the bitterness of defeat this season, will be making a supreme effort to knock the Halifax contingent off the pedestal they've occupied for the past couple of years.

Only one team, in recent months, has been able to contain the powerful aggregation from Nova Scotia, that being the St. Catherine's Black Hawks, second place team in the crack Junior OHA circuit. The second game of that two-game series with Halifax resulted in a tight 5-4 victory for the Hawks, and when you consider that many fine players have gone from that team right to the NHL, you get some idea of the task facing Sandy's club on the local ice surface tonight.

Interest has been running extremely high ever since the contest was announced a few days ago, and the fact that Charlotte's own Bobby Whitlock is one of the stars of the visiting team, adds that much more to the whole picture.

Allan "Junior" MacLeod, well known local athlete and police officer, who is making his coaching debut this year, will be handling the Royals, and will be depending heavily on the two pictured players, team captain Stan Peardon to supply a good measure of the scoring punch needed to down the smooth Halifax crew.

Peters, White Lead Scoring

Brian Peters continues to lead all scorers in the Recreation Centre Basketball league with an average of 20.4 points per game. John White a teammate is in second place with a 15.5 average. Dennis Taylor has 14.7 for third place.

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In league action to-night at 8 p.m. in the first game Warriors vs. Lakers in the second game the Pistons vs. Celtics. The league race has tightened up and it still looks like it is up for grabs by any of the four teams. Remember your game time at 8 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.

NON-PAYING PASSENGER

Jose Manuel "Tini" Inchausti was tossed into the air during bullfight in Quito, Ecuador, but, luckily, was not hurt. Only his pride was hurt and "Tini" made a quick kill in last week's contest. He was awarded the bull's ears and a walk around the plaza. (AP Wirephoto)

Royals Clobber Pope Aces 15-4 In Island League

SUMMERSIDE — Charlotte Royals — warming up for tonight's clash with Halifax Junior Canadiens — blasted Border Legion Nationals, 15-4, here last night in an Island Intermediate Hockey League game.

The lopsided win was the fifth without a defeat for Sandy's chargers, and was Borden's fourth loss in five games.

Starting slowly as usual, the Royals were ahead, 2-1, after the first period of play, but carried the offensive throughout the period. They leaped ahead, 9-3, following the middle stanza, and racking up the opposition for seven more goals in the third, to complete their highest scoring win to date.

Gordie Whitlock paced the Charlotte club with four goals and three assists. Daryl "Diddies" Doyle had the hat-trick and two assists, Alfie Flanagan collected two goals and five assists, and Stan Peardon had two goals and four assists. Don Chandler also garnered the brace. Dave Lawlor scored once and assisted on six, while Mike MacKinnon was picking up a goal and adding four assists. Elton Ellis had the hat-trick for the Legion club, and Ev White scored the odd marker.

Peardon got the Charlotte club into a 1-0 lead at the 2:08 mark in the first period when he hit the twines on a passing play with Lawlor and Whitlock, and Ellis of Borden skated half the ice to tie the count at 1-1 at the 11:09 mark.

Whitlock pushed the Charlotte team into a lead — never to be relinquished — at 18:35, when he was fed a goal-mouth pass by Peardon, who had one of his best nights for the Royals team.

The second period saw plenty of action as Charlotte poured the power on and built up a substantial lead. Gerald Noonan of the city club and MacCormack of Borden were assessed majors, and Noonan was handed a game misconduct for arguing too strongly.

Chandler and Whitlock put the Royals on the score-sheet early in the period, and Ellis rebounded in the period, and Peardon, Peardon, Whitlock, Flanagan, and Lawlor found the mark before the period ended and Sandy's Dandies headed into the final frame with an 8-2 margin.

The teams exchanged goals around the two minute mark as Flanagan hit pay-dirt for Royals, and White countered for Borden. Doyle with a pair, Chandler, and MacKinnon, upped the count to 13-3 near the mid-way of the finale.

Ellis completed his hat-trick for Borden at 15:10, and the Charlotte team was over following Doyle's third goal at 15:36, and Whitlock's fourth at 19:35.

Next league action is Thursday night in Charlotte when Summerside's Pope Motor Aces are the visitors. The scene shifts back to Summerside for a game between these two teams on Friday at 9:15 p.m.

First period — 1- Charlotte, Peardon (Lawlor, Whitlock) 2:08; 2- Borden, Ellis 11:09; 3- Charlotte, Whitlock (Peardon) 18:35. Penalties: Dow 6:51, Whitlock 15:42, G. Noonan 17:26. Second period — 4- Charlotte, Chandler (Flanagan, MacKinnon) 5:56; 5- Charlotte, Whitlock (Lawlor, Peardon) 8:24; 6- Borden, Ellis (Culcliff, Dormer) 8:58; 7- Charlotte, Peardon (Lawlor) 9:44; 8- Charlotte, Whitlock (Lawlor, Peardon) 10:18; 9- Charlotte, Flanagan (Whitlock) 13:20; 10- Charlotte, Lawlor (Peardon, Whitlock) 15:59. Penalties: G. Noonan (major, misconduct, game misconduct) 7:28, MacKinnon 8:57, Grady 8:57, Whitlock 11:17, Chandler 17:05. Third period — 11- Charlotte, Flanagan (Lawlor) 2:21; 12- Borden, White (DeRoche, Smith) 2:48; 13- Charlotte,

Young Deal Was Dear For Wings

DETROIT (CP)—Detroit Red Wings gave up two of their top minor league players to get defenseman Howie Young from Los Angeles Blades of the Western Hockey League.

The Wings, gambling that Young has reformed since his days of hard drinking and frequent trips to the penalty box, obtained him in an effort to shore up their defence which has sagged since the retirement of Bill Gadsby and the loss of Doug Barkley through an eye injury last season.

But in exchange, the Wings announced Tuesday they are parting with centre Alex Faulkner of Bishop Falls, Nfld., and defenceman Bob McCord of Timmins, Ont.

Faulkner, 30, has been with Memphis Wings of the Central Professional Hockey League this season and in 21 games scored 12 goals and 23 assists for 35 points. He was tied for the scoring lead with Art Stratton of St. Louis Braves.

SEEKING COME BACK Faulkner is trying a comeback in professional hockey after sitting out the last two years. Detroit manager-coach Sid Abel was pleased last summer when he decided to trade him to Los Angeles for Young.

Originally the Wings planned to deal centre Murray Hall and defenceman Al Lehman of their Pittsburgh Hornets farm club in the American Hockey League to Los Angeles. However, inability to obtain waivers for Hall and Lehman forced the change.

Faulkner, who turned pro in 1950 with Rochester Americans of the AHL, was drafted by Detroit from Toronto Maple Leafs in June of 1962 and played a full campaign with the Red Wings in 1962-63, counting 10 goals and 10 assists. He moved to Pittsburgh and Cincinnati of the CPHL the following season.

McCord played 11 games this season with Detroit, picking up two assists before being shipped to Pittsburgh where he has a goal and two assists in nine games.

McCord, who turned professional in 1953 with Montreal Royals of the old Quebec Hockey League, was traded to Detroit in 1965 by Boston Bruins. His only full NHL campaign was 1963-64 with Boston when he had a goal and nine assists.

ADVANCE SALE OF TICKETS for WEDNESDAY'S GAME THE ROYALS vs. THE HALIFAX JR. CANADIENS

SALE AT THE FORUM BOX OFFICE TUESDAY, DEC. 14th. 2:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. WED., DEC. 15th. 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. REGULAR SALE—6:45 P.M. NO RESERVE SEATS

Halifax Tied 6-6 GREENWOOD, N.S. (CP)—Greenwood Bombers scored four goals in the third period to battle the Junior Halifax Canadiens to a 6-6 tie in an exhibition hockey game here Tuesday night.

Howie Young Makes His 3rd NHL Debut Tonight

By THE CANADIAN PRESS The most reformed player in professional hockey steps out tonight against the most reformed team in the National Hockey League.

Howie Young, a talented defenceman who nearly drank his way into hockey oblivion before joining Alcoholics Anonymous May 4 last year, makes his return to the big leagues with the last-place Detroit Red Wings when they play the first-place New York Rangers in New York. It's been five years since the Rangers, perennial door-mats, led the pack.

Two other games tonight pit Montreal Canadiens against Chicago Black Hawks in Chicago and Boston Bruins against Toronto Maple Leafs in Toronto. The Wings, desperately in need of defensive help, announced Tuesday they have traded minor leaguers Alex Faulkner of Memphis-Wings and Bob McCord of Pittsburgh Hornets to Los Angeles Blades for Young. Memphis is in the Central Professional Hockey League, Pittsburgh is in the American Hockey League and Los Angeles is in the Western Hockey League.

GETS THIRD CHANCE This marks the third time Detroit has given Young, a 28-year-old native of Toronto who says he had been drinking since he was 15, a shot in the NHL. They called him up from Hershey Bears of the AHL midway through the 1960-61 season, sent him to Edmonton Flyers of the WHL the following year and recalled him in 1962-63. That season Young, who has

led three leagues in penalties during a nine-year pro career, set an NHL record with 273 minutes in the penalty box.

So far this year Young has served only 43 minutes and is sixth among Los Angeles players in scoring with four goals and 15 assists.

The Young deal overshadowed Detroit's decision to recall Andy Bathgate from Pittsburgh, where he was shipped last week after a slow start in the NHL. He is scheduled to play right wing on a line with Parker MacDonald and Norm Ullman. Detroit sent Ray Cullen to the Hornets to make room for Bathgate.

The Rangers, who have three consecutive 4-3 victories, still have manager-coach Emile Francis worried. Cause of his concern are injuries to Rod Gilbert, Red Berenson and Bernie Gorman.

Gilbert has a cracked ankle but has been skating on it and is expected to play. Geoffron sat out Sunday's 4-3 win over Montreal because of a scrape on his chest he suffered when hit by Leo Bolvin the last time New York played Detroit. He is a doubtful starter. Red Berenson isn't expected back for three weeks after breaking two bones in his foot.

The slumping Bruins, who started quickly but are now only three points out of last place, got some good news Tuesday with the announcement that rookie defenceman Bobby Orr was leaving hospital in Boston. Orr, out since Dec. 4 with strained knee ligaments, discarded his crutches early this week and hopes to resume light skating drills in a few days.

COACH DOWNGRADED Coach Harry Sinden, meanwhile, has decided to relegate team captain Johnny Bucyk to a penalty-killing role in hopes of breaking his scoring slump and will replace him with Jean Paul Parisé, up from Oklahoma City of the CPHL, on the line with Murray Oliver and Johnny McKenzie.

Defenceman Allen Stanley, suffering sore ribs, and forward Eddie Shack, recovering from a deep gash over his eye, are doubtful starters for Toronto. Brian Coacher, meanwhile, suffered a slight muscle pull in his right thigh but is expected to play.

The Canadiens, who can move within two points of Chicago with a win tonight, will likely go with Charlie Hodge in goal. Hodge replaced Lorne (Gump) Worsley last week and Worsley still hasn't received medical permission to play on his injured knee.

Rangers Defeat Institute 6-4 In Overtime Period

Rogers Rangers won a Charlotte Junior League game against the Provincial Vocational Institute 6-4 last night in a five-minute overtime period. The overtime period was played because the game was only a one pointer rather than the usual two. The discrepancy is due to the fact that two teams in the four-team circuit, SDU and FWC, have temporarily withdrawn from play while the term exams temporarily interrupt their normal academic routine.

The winning score was posted by Ron Carmichael at the 5:59 mark of the overtime play on a pass from defenceman Bobby Stewart. The Rangers collected an easy guarantee when a panicked PVI manager called his goalie off the ice with the Rangers' Tom Gauthier and Ted Klison crossing the blue line. Klison easily evaded a lone PVI defenceman and passed the puck to Gauthier who eased it across the crease with only 34 seconds remaining in the overtime.

The loss came as a heart-breaker for the Provincial club who had dominated the play for more than two-thirds of the regulation time. In the first period they held a slight edge over the Rangers, scoring the only goal of that period. Blair Sinclair collected that one, coming up with it right at the goal mouth after teammate David Mitchell gave it to him after

himself missing on his bid to slap it in from a few feet out.

It looked like a PVI game as Stanley potted a second goal early in the second period to put the Institute ahead 3-0. But after his unassisted breakthrough effort, the Vocational Institute couldn't cash in on half a dozen beautiful scoring opportunities. Time and again they were robbed at the goalmouth by Ranger sub-goalie Ed Gallant.

Late in the second, the Rangers came alive for the only time in the regular sixty minutes, scoring four quick goals to take a two goal lead. Scores were registered by Barry Newton, Wilbur Birt, Freeman McKenzie and Pat Walsh. All of the shots were from close in except the first Ranger goal at 18:09 by Newton. It was a long, high slap shot from centre ice that went in between PVI goalie John Reid's arm and body.

In the third period, the Institute club again took over, constantly carrying the puck into the end zone past the Ranger defence. They collected their third goal at 2:20 when Stanley put in his second of the evening on a pass from Alden Cameron.

The game was tied, necessitating the overtime at 17:54 when Stanley set up Herman McQuaid. Stanley held the Ranger defence until McQuaid was behind them. McQuaid picked

up the puck, deked Gallant, and sent the disk into the corner.

SUMMARY FIRST PERIOD — 1. PVI — Sinclair 14 (Mitchell, Muttart) 17:22. Penalties — Acorn 13:48. SECOND PERIOD — 2. PVI — Stanley 19 4:35; 3. RR — Newton 6 18:09; 4. RR — Birt 17 (Carmichael, Barnes) 11:25; 5. RR — McKenzie 4 (Stewart, Barnes) 17:41; 6. RR — Walsh 30 (Gauthier, Carmichael) 19:57. Penalties — Birt 7:03; Acorn 10:25; McCarron 16:03. THIRD PERIOD — 7. PVI — Stanley 19 (Cameron) 2:20; 8. PVI — McQuaid 7 (Stanley, Gallant) 17:54. Penalties — Stewart 4:38; Murchison 10:04; McDonald 14; Carmichael 12:11; McCarron 12:11; Gallant 12:22 (5 min.); Younber 13:33; McQuaid 15:42. OVERTIME — 9. RR — Carmichael 14 (Stewart); 10. RR — Gauthier 12 (Klison) 9:28.

Fox Foils Examiners

Jim Fox, Director of Recreation for the city of Charlottetown, has been notified that he was successful in recent examinations given by the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials.

Mr. Fox's success in the examination is highlighted by the fact that an average of 86 per cent is required by the association before candidates can be considered as having passed the difficult test. Mr. Fox was the only Islander to be so ordained, and can be justifiably proud of his achievement.

Giants Trade 2

WASHINGTON (AP) — San Francisco Giants traded pitcher Bob Priddy and outfielder Cap Peterson to Washington Senators for pitcher Mike McCormick. The Senators announced Tuesday night.

McCormick, 27, had a 11-14 record with Washington last season. He has been a major league baseball player for 11 seasons.

In 1960, he led the National League in earned run average with 2.70.

Forum Skating TODAY

1:45 - 3:00 P.M. Pre-School Children (25c per family) Also Skating Today 4:00 - 5:30 P.M. Children 15c—Adults 25c

Island Intermediate Hockey League FORUM Thurs., Dec. 15—8.30 p.m. SANDY'S ROYALS vs. S'SIDE POPE MOTOR ACES Adults \$1.00 — Students 75c THE BIG GAME HOCKEY THE FORUM Wednesday, December 14th 7:30 P.M. HALIFAX JUNIOR CANADIANS vs. SANDY'S ROYALS ADULTS \$2.00 — STUDENTS \$1.00