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Canada Is Pinning Hopes On Track And Field Team

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Thirty-two years ago Duncan McNaughton of Vancouver won the Olympic high jump at Los Angeles. No Canadian has won an Olympic gold medal for track and field since.

Hockey players, figure - skaters, skiers, oarsmen and sharpshooters have had their hour of Olympic glory in the intervening years. But Canada's track teams, the most pampered and publicized of amateur athletes, haven't finished in the first three since 1948 when a Canadian entry won the third-place bronze medal in the 400-metre relay at London.

Yet the team that heads for Tokyo and the 15th Olympiad next October will pin a fair proportion of its hopes on the speed and muscle of its track and field squad.

Canada sent a young squad (without Toronto's Bruce Kidd, the 1962 British Empire Games six-mile gold medal winner, and other top-liners) to the Pan-American Games at Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1963 and came away with five gold medals in track and field

Nancy McCredie of Brampton, Ont., won the discus and shotput events and Abbie Hoffman of Toronto the 800 metres. The others went to Alex Oakley of Oshawa, Ont., in the 20,000-metre walk and Don Bertoia of Rossland, B.C., in the men's 880.

CROTHERS WILL GO

The most optimistic forecasts don't call for a similar showing against much stiffer competition in Tokyo. But the squad, reinforced by Kidd and Toronto's Bill Crothers, one of the world's best half - milers, would be the strongest to represent Canada in international competition.

Sao Paulo also produced a triple champion in Willie Weiler of Camp Borden, Ont., in men's gymnastics. Tom Dinsley of Vancouver captured top honors in men's springboard diving and the University of British Columbia eight - oared crew also won a gold medal.

At the winter Olympic Games starting at Innsbruck, Austria, in January, Canada's prospects are not so bright. Don McPherson of Stratford, Ont., second successive Canadian to win the men's singles title at the world figure - skating championships, followed the example of the 1962 winner, Don Jackson of Oshawa, in turning professional.

It's youth against experience again in the Olympic hockey tournament in which Canada is embarking on a brave experiment after a series of international reverses.

Against the background of a fourth - place finish for Trail Smoke Eaters in the 1963 world competition behind Russia, Sweden and Czechoslovakia and two successive Olympic defeats, Canada will go into the 1964 Games with its first truly national hockey team.

CHANGE NEEDED

Coached by Rev. David Bauer, who led Toronto St. Michael's College Majors to the Canadian junior title in 1961, the team of hand-picked youngsters from all parts of Canada was assembled at the University of British Columbia and has played impressively in exhibition games.

The need for a change was underlined late in 1963 by Windsor Bulldogs, current Allan Cup champions, who were soundly trounced by Russian and Czech opposition during a European tour.

In pro hockey, the 1962-63 season belonged to Toronto Maple Leafs and Gordie Howe. Leafs won their second straight Stanley Cup and their first National Hockey League title since 1948. The 36-year-old Howe led Detroit Red Wings to the Stanley Cup finals, capturing his sixth NHL scoring title and sixth Hart Trophy as league's most valuable player. The right winger capped these honors in November by scoring his 545th regular-season goal, breaking the record of retired Maurice (Rocket) Richard of Montreal Canadiens.

In minor pro hockey, Kingston Frontenacs won the final of the now-disbanded Eastern Professional Hockey League, San Francisco Seals took Western League honors and Buffalo Bisons won in the American League.

WEST TOPS JUNIORS

Edmonton Oil Kings scored a minor upset by defeating Niagara Falls Flyers four games to two in the 1963 Memorial Cup final, and McMaster University Marlins of Hamilton won the first Canadian intercollegiate hockey tournament at Kingston, Ont.

Hamilton Tiger-Cats, Eastern representatives for the sixth time in seven years, won their first Canadian football title since 1957 when they easily defeated British Columbia Lions 21-10 in the Grey Cup final in Vancouver.

It was something of an anti-climax to a football season highlighted by the heroics of Saskatchewan Roughriders. Riders overcame a 26-point lead in the second game of the Western Conference semi-final to eliminate Calgary Stampeders by a single point, then prolonged the final by handing Lions their first home defeat of the season before bowing out.

Russ Jackson, 27 - year - old quarterback who took Ottawa Rough Riders to the Eastern final, took an unprecedented double in individual awards, being named top Canadian and becoming the first Canadian to be picked as the country's outstanding player. Tom Brown of the Lions was lineman of the year.

RAMS BEAT LORDS

Western teams swept amateur football honors as Manitoba's St. James Rams nipped London Lords 16-14 for the senior championship and Edmonton Huskies crushed Montreal Notre Dame de Grace Maple Leafs 47-3 for the junior title.

In a showdown between Western and Eastern intercollegiate champions, University of Alberta Golden Bears whipped Queen's University Golden Gaels from Kingston in the Golden Bowl.

St. Francis Xavier, best in the Atlantic Conference, downed University of Toronto 15-9 in the Atlantic Bowl.

The Ernie Richardson rink of Regina captured the Canadian curling championship for the fourth time in five years and won Canada's fifth straight world title at Perth, Scotland.

Mabel DeWare's Moncton rink brought New Brunswick its first national title by winning the Canadian women's curling championship with an 8-1 record. The schoolboy crown was taken by Wayne Saboe's Edmonton rink.

George Knudson, 26-year-old Torontonian, was Canada's top pro golfer of the year, winning the Panama Open, the over-all Caribbean championship and Oregon's Portland Open. In the Canadian Open, won by U.S. veteran Doug Ford, Knudson tied for seventh and made the best Canadian showing. Toronto veteran Al Balding won the Canadian PGA tournament.

MARLENE COMES BACK

Nick Weslock of Toronto won the Canadian amateur golf title and 29 - yeas - old Marlene Stewart Streit of Fonthill, Ont., emerged from retirement to capture the women's open and closed titles before travelling to Sydney to win the Australian title.

Alberta won the senior men's interprovincial team title and Ontario took the women's crown. B.C. captured both men's and women's junior tournaments.

Lacrosse in the East received a fillip when Oshawa Green Gaels upset Victoria Shamrocks four games to two to capture the junior crown. Senior honors went to Vancoufer Carlings by the same margin over St. Catharines Athletics.

Four of five basketball titles went West. Lethbridge Nationals were crowned senior men's champions and Vancouver CYI Saints won the junior title. Saskatoon Aces and Vancouver Mount Pleasant Legion were the women's senior and junior winners. Assumption University Lancers of Windsor, Ont., won the intercollegiate championship.

REPEATS IN TENNIS

Ann Barclay and Marj Shedd of Toronto were repeat winners in women's tennis and badminton but both men's titles went abroad, Whitney Reed of the U.S. taking tennis honors while Erland Kops of Denmark was the badminton winner. Canada's Davis Cup team bowed to Mexico four matches to one.

Canebora, owned by E. P. Taylor of Toronto, was named horse of the year after capturing the Queen's Plate, Prince of Wales Stakes and Breeder's Stakes for the Eastern triple crown.

In the West there was a similar sweep by Brother Leo, owned by Spud Murphy of Calgary, winner of the Alberta Derby, Manitoba Derby and Canadian Derby.

CROSSED FALLS

Jean Gravelet, French tightrope walker, made the earliest crossing of Niagara Falls on a 1,100-foot, three - inch rope in 1859.

Race Card Postponed

The harness racing program Driving Park this afternoon has been postponed.

The inability to have the snow removed from the oval in time for the eight-dash card necessitated the postponement.

It is likely that the same program will be raced this Saturday December 28.

Curling Draw

The following is the curling draw for Boxing day at the Charlottetown Club (Spares needed)

2 P.M.

Ice 1 — Open.

Ice 2 — H. Spillett, F. MacMillan, T.W.L. Prowse, E. Tanton vs. S. Beaton, A. Leaman, R Spillett, H.R. Carruthers.

Ice 3 — Doug Cameron vs. Dr. MacDonald.

Ice 4 — (Junior Game) Dr. Hooper vs. A. Humphrey.

Ice 5 — (Rotate) — J. Squarebriggs, A. MacDonald, B. LeClair, H. Peters vs. Dr. Gallant, R. Ewing, T. Whitlock, W. MacLaine.

7 P.M.

Ice 1 — A. Love, E. MacDonald, E. Ford, F. MacLean vs. J. Burden, J. Cameron, A. Gill, E. Redmond.

Ice 2 — D. O'Rourke, C. Whitenect, J. Vautour, D. Reid vs. G. Stewart, C. Campbell, A. Garrett, D. Wood.

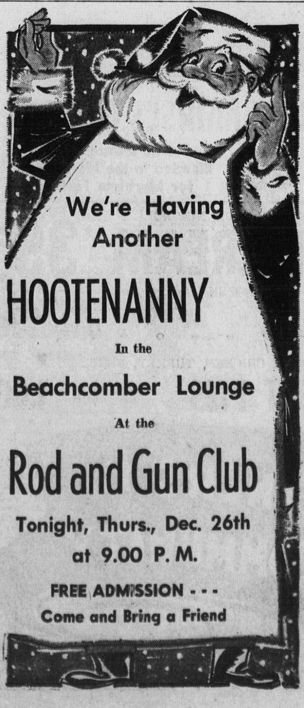
Ice 3 — K. Acorn, C. MacInnes, A. Callbeck, J. MacLean vs. D. Wonnacott, E. Gillespie, R. Carr, G. Gallant.

Ice 4 — Doug Cameron vs. Doug. Bell.

Ice 5 — (Open)

8.30 P.M.

All ices open for scratch games.



S-T-R-E-T-C-H

Boston Bruin goalie Ed Johnston extends himself in diving save in first period of game with Detroit Red Wings. He stopped Eddie Joyal's shot with his glove. But he couldn't stop three other Detroit shots and the Bruins suffered a 3-0 loss.

Howe Fires Winning Marker, Mahovlich Sparks Leaf Win

DETROIT (CP-AP)—A third-period goal by Gordie Howe, his second of the National Hockey League game, gave Detroit Red Wings a 4-3 victory over New York Rangers Wednesday night.

The goals were Howe's 10th and 11th of the season.

Howe broke a 3-3 tie at 9:03 of the final period when he tipped in Alex Delvecchio's shot.

The goal came after the hustling Rangers had lost the 1-0 first-period lead provided by penalty-killer Val Fonteyne and then came back twice to tie the score.

GOALIE GETS ASSIST

Rangers goalie Jacques Plante set up the second New York goal, moving far out of his net to beat a Detroiter to the puck and firing it up the ice to Rod Gilbert.

Gilbert blasted a slap shot from the Detroit blue line that rookie goalie Roger Crozier partially stopped with his stick, but the force carried the puck into the net.

The assist was the second by a goalie this season and the third of Plante's career. The goal came 43 seconds after Howe gave Detroit a 2-1 lead on a power-play goal.

Claude Laforge and Floyd Smith scored the other Detroit goals. Phil Goyette tallied the final Rangers marker at 5:42 of the third period.

First period: 1. New York, Fonteyne 5 (Marshall) 17:56. **Penalties** — Barkley 0:06, Cahan 8:02, Johns 17:11.

Second period: 2. Detroit Laforge 2 (MacGregor, Gadsby) 4:34; 3. Detroit, Howe 10 (Martin, Laforge) 18:00; 4. New York, Gilbert (Plante) 18:43. **Penalties** — Langlois, Martin 4:49, Howell 16:54.

Third period — 5. Detroit, Smith 1 (Ullman, Gadsby) 0:34; 6. New York, Goyette 12 (Gilbert, Henry) 5:42; 7. Detroit, Howe 11 (Delvecchio, Barkley) 9:03. **Penaltie** —None.

Saves:

Plante	7	11	11—29
Crozier	11	6	8—25

BOSTON (CP) — Big Frank Mahovlich scored twice Wednesday night in leading Toronto Maple Leafs to a 5-1 National Hockey League victory over Boston Bruins.

Mahovlich collected his 11th and 12th goals of the campaign. The other scorers were defencemen Tim Horton and Bobby Baun and forward Billy Harris.

The only shot to escape Johnny Bower's grasp was Tom Johnson's second tally of the season. The goal came midway through the opening period and deadlocked the game briefly before Horton sent a 20-footer past Ed Johnston for what proved the winner.

Play was ragged after the period.

Some of the 13,843 fans on hand began showing their disapproval by littering the ice after Harris' goal at 18:58 of the third period.

GAME DELAYED

Play resumed after a five-minute delay. But when spectators repeated the outburst a minute later, showering down paper cups and assorted debris, referee Art Skov decided to let the teams play things to the finish with the junk remaining on the ice.

Skov, calling a rather loose game whistled only five penalties, four of them against the Maple Leafs.

Mahovlich's first goal of the night came on a deflection of Red Kelly's long shot at 4:12 of the first period. He bagged the other at 18:05 of the third period on a 20-footer after Kelly's pass.

Horton's shot broke through Johnston's pads at 9:01 of the first frame. Baun scored at 12:11 of the middle period on a shot from the right point. Harris deflected in Eddie Shack's point shot.

SUMMARY

First period: — 1. Toronto, Mahovlich 11 (Kelly, Pulford) 4:12; 2. Boston, Johnson 2 (Williams, Bucyk) 6:43; 3. Toronto, Horton 7 (Nevin, Pulford) 9:01. **Penalties** — Williams 2:3', Brewer 19:08.

Second period: 4. Toronto, Baun 3 (Pulford, Mahovlich) - 12:11. **Penalty**—Baun 14:53.

Third period: 5. Toronto, Mahovlich 12 (Kelly) 18:05; 6. Toronto, Harris 3 (Pappin, Shack) 18:58. **Penalties**—Stanley 5:24, 14:43.

Saves:

Bower	12	8	6—26
Johnston	9	10	6—25

CHICAGO (CP) — Chicago Black Hawks stretched their National Hockey League lead to six points Wednesday night when they fought off the second-place Montreal Canadiens to win 3-1.

The victory, Chicago's sixth in eight meetings with Montreal this season, was the Hawks' second in a row and snapped a three-game winning streak for the Canadiens.

Chicago's Bobby Hull opened the scoring with his 21st goal of the season when he picked up an errant pass by Canadiens defenceman J. C. Tremblay and beat Montreal goalkeeper Charlie Hodge from 10 feet out.

Stan Mikita boosted the Chicago lead to 2-0 midway in the second period with a 40-foot screened shot that Hodge never saw. The tally was Mikita's 20th of the season. Montreal's Claude Larose was in the penalty box at the time.

TAKE OUT GOALIE

Bernie Geoffrion cut the lead to 2-1 when he picked up a bad pass by Hull and ripped a 35-footer behind Chicago netminder Glenn Hall.

Hodge was out of the nets in favor of a sixth skater when Reg Fleming knocked a 30-footer into the open cage.

Referee John Ashley put in a busy night, calling a total of 18 penalties.

The closest thing to a brawl occurred late in the last period when Chicago's Moose Vasko and Terry Harper scuffled along the boards in centre ice. Vasko drew minors for roughing and slashing while Harper was nailed for roughing and high-sticking.

The goals by Mikita and Hull shoved them into a tie with Montreal's Jean Beliveau for the league scoring lead. All have 45 points. Beliveau was held scoreless in the game.

First period: 1. Chicago, Hull 21 13:41. **Penalties**—Maki 2:40, MacNeil 10:32, Young 12:06, Balon 12:06, Wharram 16:27, Balon 18:12.

Second period: 2. Chicago, Mikita 20 (Hay Nesterenko) 9:33. **Penalties**—Nesterenko (2) 2:46; G. Tremblay 2:46; Larose 8:09; Young 11:19; Harper 16:49; Watson 18:38.

Third period — 3. Montreal, Geoffrion 9 5:51; 4. Chicago, Fleming 2 (Hay) 19:32. **Penalties**—Harper 6:52, Vasko and Harper (double minors) 13:22.

Saves:

Hodge	10	11	9—30
G. Hall	9	9	10—28

STANDINGS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

	W	L	T	F	A	pt
Chicago	19	7	7	111	70	45
Montreal	17	10	5	103	86	39
Toronto	16	9	6	91	77	38
Detroit	11	15	5	71	92	27
Boston	7	17	7	64	93	21
New York	7	19	6	86	108	20

MUSIC FATTENS

FAILSWORTH, England (CP) David Adams, a Lancashire farmer, is using music to keep his pigs happy so they will eat less and grow fatter. All day long he listens to the grunts of approval and squeals of delight as the pigs' favorite programs come on. He claims that because of this method his pigs are ready for the bacon slicer within 30 weeks.

Coaches Straddle Proverbial Fence

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK (AP)—Coaches of the four teams that have played both Chicago Bears and New York Giants are divided on the outcome of Sunday's National Football League title game at Chicago's Wrigley Field. Two like the Giants, one favors the Bears and one straddles the fence.

Jack Christiansen, whose San Francisco '49ers were the only team to beat the Bears in 14 regular season games, thinks the Giants will win. The Giants thumped the '49ers 48-14 later and there were complaints about rubbing it in.

Buddy Parker of Pittsburgh Steelers and Nick Skorich of Philadelphia Eagles hedge a bit because of the weather, with snow and icy winds swirling around the East. Apparently, they are more alert to weather conditions than Christiansen, basking in California with the warm inner glow of being re-hired.

Wind and snow can make a mockery of the slim odds favoring the Gants. Parker, beaten by the Giants in the final winner-take-all game for the Eastern title, favors the Bears "under normal playing conditions."

FAVORS GIANTS

Skorich, whose Eagles lost two to the Giants and one to the Bears, leans toward the Giants "on a day for football."

Don Shula of Baltimore Colts refused to pick a winner. His Colts lost twice to the Bears and dropped the season opener to the Giants, who made a great second-half comeback.

"I think the New York Giants will win," said Christiansen. "I feel the big difference is in offensive football.

"The Giants' offence is a better, more sound type based on good running and good passing. I feel the defences are just about the same. The defensive lines and linebackers are old pros, the secondary for each a combination of experience and youth."

"I think the condition of the field is going to be a big factor," said Parker. "If it is frozen hard it will be in the favor of the team with the best passing attack and that gives the Giants and Y.A Tittle more edge.

Jacques Plante

Jacques Plante, of the New York Rangers, is the fourth in Weekend Magazine's 1963-64 series of color portraits of National Hockey League Stars. Plante, probably the top goalie in the business, won the Hart Trophy in 1961-62 and made the first all-star team three times.

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Six Skiers Are Chosen

TRAIL, B.C. (CP) — Three skiers from the West and three from the East were chosen Wednesday night to represent Canada at the 1964 Winter Olympics at Innsbruck, Austria.

They are Garry Battistello, Kimberley, B.C.; Rod Hebron, Vancouver; Scott Henderson, Banff, Alta.; Jean Guy Brunet, Ste. Agathe, Que.; Peter Duncan, Mont Tremblant, Que. and Robert Swann of Ottawa.

Making up Canada's men's Alpine team, the six will compete in the slalom, giant slalom and downhill events at the Olympics.

Verne Anderson, coach of the team, made the choices from among a dozen competitors who have been training since October.

Anderson admitted he made the sixth and last choice only hours before he announced the make-up of the team at a banquet here.

Both Hebron, 22, and Brunet, 25, have had previous world championship experience. Hebron also was a U.S. national junior champion in 1961.

At Montreal the skiers will meet members of Canada's Olympic Alpine women's team and later will compete in the European race circuit until the games open.

TRAINED IN ROSSLAND

The men's team began dryland training in nearby Rossland last October and several weeks later began slalom, giant slalom and downhill race training at Bow Lakes, Alta.

"This team is in twice the physical condition of any other ski team Canada has ever had," Anderson said.

No Canadian male skier has ever won a medal at the Olympics, but Anderson said "Canada's chances are the best now."

"We'll be going over there with only one thing in mind," he said, "and that's to take first place . . . we don't care about second or third place, it's the gold medals were after."

"The decision was an extremely difficult one," Anderson said, "but I am certain these are the very best in Canada."

He named Mickey Johnson of Rossland, B.C., and Gerry Rinaldi of Kimberley, B.C., as stand-by men in case any of his choices are unable to make the trip overseas.

One member of the team, Henderson, did a headstand when he was named to the Olympics squad. Another burst into tears.

The six will leave for Europe from Montreal Dec. 27.

Golfer Gets Year Award

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Sports Editor

TORONTO (CP) — Marlene Stewart Streit returned to serious golf this year after a few years' layoff, won three big tournaments and finished 1963 as Canada's outstanding woman athlete. It was her fifth victory in the poll, a mark that may never be matched.

And it was a real squeaker. "Little Ben," as the 29-year-old mother of two daughters is known in the golf world, won in a terrific battle with Abigail Hoffman, 16 - year - old Toronto track star, in the 29th annual Canadian Press year-end poll announced today.

It was a remarkable tribute from the selectors who have been intrigued by Marlene's bumper crop of titles since she first took up the game at Fonthill, Ont., nearly 20 years ago.

The country's sports editors and broadcasters took notice of her 1963 victories in the Canadian Open and Close championships, followed by a big win in the Australian championship over a strong field from many parts of the Commonwealth. They also applauded Abby Hoffman for her gold medal-winning effort in the 800 metres at the Pan-American Games in Brazil.

STRONG FIELD

Based on a scale of three points for a first choice, two for a second and one for a third, Marlene earned 178 points against 174 for Miss Hoffman from the 154 participating voters. The decisive margin was in the number of first-place ballots—33 for Mrs. Streit and 30 for the wiry blonde who took up track two years ago and has shown remarkable progress.

Each was awarded 29 second-place votes and Abby won 26 nominations for third spot against 21 for Marlene, previous poll winner in 1951, 1953, 1956 and 1957. Only one other athlete has won it three times and that was Barbara Ann Scott —now Mrs. Tom King of Chicago—who headed the list in 1946-47-48.

This time, Mrs. Streit succeeded Mary Stewart of Vancouver, another bantam whiz, at the top of the poll. Mary, an impish 110-pound five-foot-three-inch swimmer, won the honors in 1961 - 62 when she set world marks in the 110-yard and 100-metre butterfly, capped by a gold medal effort in her specialty in the 1962 British smpire Games.

But Mary finished far down in the list of 10 women mentioned this year. She got only five points on one first-place ballot and a couple of third-place choices.

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

It's Thane Mann Day

HOPE you're fit as a fiddle after the Christmas celebration.

If you were able to be with the folks you liked best and had the good things that have become a part of this Christmas festivity, then you should consider yourself mighty lucky. To be able to be around and participate in the things of Christmas is surely something for which to be thankful.

When you consider all the tragedy that has been occurring, the many homes that were deeply saddened at this joyous season of the year, then you got every right to be mighty grateful that you were permitted to be on the fortunate side.

WE know a great little Island hockey player who surely had his share of hard luck in 1963. However, this young man isn't doing any grumbling. He seems to consider himself mighty fortunate to be around at all..

We're referring to Thane Mann, the Kensington native, who played a lot of fine goal for Summerside and Cape Traverse teams. 'Whitey' was injured in a car accident in Charlottetown last August and his recovery has been a slow old process.

His friends—and they are many—in the Summerside area figured that this Christmas season shouldn't get by without doing something to help Thane out in a financial way. It's hard to keep going these days when you're on the job all the time. But you can well understand how difficult financing becomes when you're forced to lie on our back in hospital for several months.

This was the way things were for Thane Mann.

Pack The Stadium

THIS afternoon at Civic Stadium Charlie Hogan and his coworkers around Summerside are staging a Thane Mann Day. They are bringing in Moncton Juniors to play Junior Legionaires and they are also presenting a couple of paperweight clubs as a side attraction. All proceeds go to this most worthy cause and we're hoping the Stadium will be jammed packed. We figure everybody connected with sport wants to help out in this cause and well they should. Thane Mann provided these same folks with loads of hockey thrills in the past.

So here's wishing the committee in charge the huge success this cause deserves. Let's show Thane what sport fans can really do.

SPORT ECHOES

By Norman Macdonald
Summerside Bureau of The Guardian

Have A Good Christmas?

We inadventently omitted wishing our readers a Merry Christmas, but we bet you had one anyway. It's a busy day. Hardly do you get finished saying: "Exactly what I wanted" and "shucks, you shouldn't have done it" when the call to arms (and elbows) rings out from the dining room. We've just eaten a square meal, and the corners are beginning to hurt, but we'll endeavour to finish those "echoes" regardless. We trust you will all drive carefully, using sound judgment regarding the cup that cheers, and the hiccup that warns you when you've had enough cheer.

We've heard that O'Leary Maroons beat the Summerside Combines 7-6 in an exhibition game at O'Leary over the weekend. Combines may have been missing a regular or two. But they had "Toy-Toy" Gallant, which should have helped. O'Leary's home rink no doubt gave the Maroons an edge which is all to the good.

Thane Mann Day

Last call for the "Thane Mann Benefit" game, held today at Civic Stadium at 2 p.m. The Moncton Canucks were edged out by Fredericton in a tough play-off series last spring, and the Penguins in winning the Maritime championship, had a lot more trouble with Fredericton than they had in the finals with Dartmouth. So those Canucks must be a good team.

How will the Junior Legionaires fare against them? That's a $64 question, but it costs only 50 cents to find out. Be at Civic Stadium this afternoon. On this first day of Christmas even if you don't get a partridge in a pear tree, you can still start the 12 days right and see "12 skaters skating" in a game which should be one of the high lights of the 1933-64 season.

And Friday Evening

Then Friday evening the Legion Juniors tackle those aristocrats of the blades, the Summerside Combines. This game will be for the Prince County League leadership, and the last time the two teams played in Summerside the score was 6-all.

Might be quite a wing-ding before it's over.

Australia Names Young Net Star

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)—Australia sprang a surprise and named 19-year-old rookie John Newcombe to face America's Dennis Ralston in the opening singles match of the Davis Cup challenge round today.

They were to take the court at 11:45 p.m. AST today to be followed by a crucial battle between the ranking aces of the two nations—Roy Emerson, the Australian champion, and Chuck McKinley, the Wimbledon king.

In an almost unprecedented move, Harry Hopman, the veteran Australian captain, named Emerson and Neale Fraser for Friday's doubles although it is his preogative to reserve a decision until an hour before the scheduled start.

It is almost a foregone conclusion that the doubles assignment for the Americans will go to Ralston and McKinley.

The final singles Saturday will have Ralston meeting Emerson and McKinley playing Newcombe in that order.

TEMPERATURE DROPS

A sudden change in the weather sent the thermometer plunging from near 100 degrees to the middle 70s.

The youthful American team which dominated the Australian grass courts season is favored to win the best-of-five match series and take back the cup which the Australians have won 11 out of the last 13 years.

Hopman, bidding for his 13th personal triumph as cup captain, was brimming with confidence after the draw conducted by Dwight Davis Jr. of New York, son of the cup's donor.

"I think we should win 4-1," Hopman said. "I figure Emerson will win both his singles, we will take the doubles and Newcombe should win one of his singles or this is his last challenge round."

Kelleher conservatively refused to speculate on the outcome.

Santa Anita Opens Today

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)—Santa Anita Park's winter horse race meeting will open on schedule today after all.

It had been announced Christmas Eve that the scheduled opening would be delayed by a strike resulting from a breakdown in contract talks between the track and the Building Service Union, which represents pari-mutuel clerks, track janitors, ushers and guards.

W. J. Bassett, executive secretary of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, said the strike was postponed because it was felt the two sides were not far apart. He said negotiations will be resumed today.

Union counsel Leo Geffner has said the workers want wage increases but are more concerned with the work load and loss of jobs through automation.

A strike would have shut down a $2,500,000-a-day business. Santa Anita has drawn as many as 83,800 fans and handled s much as $4,761,483 in a single day. Last season the 55-day handle was $140,102,317, an average of $2,547,317 daily.

Curling Draw For Montague

The following is today's curling draw for Montague.

7 P.M. Four year curlers

Ice 1 — B.S. MacDonald vs. K. MacDonald.

Ice 2 — K. Sullivan, G. Warner, J. McNeill, F. Herring vs. B. Ferguson, B. Bryant, E. Murphy, G. Giddings.

9 P.M. The following will play in the Turkey Bonspiel.

Ice 1 — D. McGowan, E. Clay, S. McKinnon, L. Nelson vs. K. McKenzie, E. Cudmore, D. Clarkson, C. Sullivan.

Ice 2 — L.A. Johnstone, A. McGregor, G. Murphy, D. Hennigar vs. N. Hooley, P. Sullivan, W. McIntyre, P. Nicholson.

Those playing in Turkey Bonspiel, please arrange for spares if unable to curl.