

Toronto Mentor Imlach Blushing Over Stanley

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Punch Imlach, coach and general manager of Toronto Maple Leafs, may blush a little when reminded that he didn't expect too much from defenceman Allan Stanley at the outset of this National Hockey League campaign.

But Imlach can afford the blush now since the 39-year-old Stanley is rated the best Leaf defenceman after 16 games and could be a major candidate for a spot on the NHL's first all-star team at the halftime break.

Leafs will attempt to hang on to their third-place position in the standings with a back-to-back series against Detroit Red Wings this weekend. The clubs play in Toronto tonight and then switch to Detroit Sunday.

Montreal Canadiens are at home to New York Rangers and Chicago Black Hawks visit Boston Bruins in other games tonight. Rounding out the weekend schedule Sunday will be Montreal at Boston and Chicago at New York.

GOT STANLEY IN 1958
For years critics have been hollering that Stanley is too old and too slow to be playing in a league of fast, tough young men.

But Imlach, who acquired Stanley from Boston soon after taking over the reins of the Leaf team in 1958, always turned a deaf ear.

This year when a trade with Detroit brought Marcel Pronovost to Leafs it was suggested the Leaf coach might be thinking Stanley was nearing the end of line.

Then came the unexpected retirement of Carl Brewer, which left the Toronto defensive unit with a gaping hole.

Stanley found himself in a position to grab a regular berth and he rose to the occasion. He has won plaudits from Imlach as the Leafs' best defenceman.

This may puzzle some fans since Stanley is still slow and



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obviously hasn't become any younger. But the key to his success is his vast knowledge of the game, which more than makes up for his lack of speed.

IMLACH PRISES DEFENCE
Imlach says the reason Leafs have lost only two of their last seven games is because of the defence.

"It's our defence, and our defence is mostly Stanley," King Clancy, assistant to Imlach, is one who feels Stanley will make the first all-star squad.

"Nobody in the league is playing better than Stanley, and he's been playing better than I've ever seen him play in all the years he's been in the league," Clancy says.

"I guess I'm playing as well as I ever have in my career," says Stanley, who spent seven years with the Rangers, two with both Chicago and Boston and is in his eighth year with Leafs.

If Red Kelly's groin injury has healed by tonight, he may play. This will pave the way for Mike Walton's return to Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League.

The Wings will be without veteran defenceman Bill Gadsby, out for a month because of an operation to remove a cyst from behind his knee.

Bobby Rousseau of Montreal, the league's top scorer, is a doubtful starter because of a groin injury in the Canadiens game against the Rangers tonight.

"If he has to pace himself, he's much better sitting out," said coach Toe Blake.

Saints Varsity Hosts Moncton

St. Dunstan's University Saints complete their pre-Christmas games in the M.I.H.L. this afternoon hosting University of Moncton Blue Eagles, who are coached this year by former St. Thomas mentor, Vance Toner.

The Moncton team lost its only league game of the young season last weekend to Acadia Axemen 10-2. But reports from Moncton say that they were short-handed for that Acadia game, and chances are they will

be much stronger today against the Saints.

St. Dunstan's has an even record of one win and one loss, the latter coming last Saturday in Sackville against Mount Allison Mounties. It was a bitter blow to the defending champions, and from here on in, every game is a must win to stay in contention.

Coach Jack Kane said last night that despite the few bruises picked up against the Mounties, the team is in good shape. "We learned a lot from that game; the biggest thing being that we have to play three periods of hockey. We were down three goals after five minutes, and that pretty well sums up the story. If we want to win games, we'll have to go sixty minutes."

Kane said that there will be no lineup changes, at least until after the Christmas recess. "We're waiting for a couple of players who are nursing injuries, and we have some prospects from the Junior Varsity ranks. However for the game with Moncton, we will stand pat."

This means that the Saints will start with Rick O'Donnell, Maurice Roy and Gordie Whitlock up front, with Vince Mulligan and Glen Hughes or Art LeClair on defense, and Carl McQuaid in goal. The other forward unit has Mike Kelly at centre flanked by Dave O'Brien and Dick Flynn. Kane used Ronny Giggy several times last Saturday against Mount "A" as a utility forward when Roy or Kelly had penalty killing chores. Several times they were used on double shifts.

Maurice Roy, incidentally, has scored two goals in each of the last two games. A native of Campbellton, N.B., he was fourth in the league scoring race with thirteen goals and fourteen assists.

This afternoon's game starts at two o'clock sharp.



Gene Tormohlen (34) of the St. Louis Hawks and Dick Van Arsdale of the New York Knicks each balance on one foot after leaping for rebound in second period of a game in New York. Hawks John Tresvant is behind the two Knicks.

High Steppers

Won the night cap of a National Basketball Association doubleheader by score of 138-119. (AP Wirephoto)

Borden Nationals Shade Pope Motors

Summerside — Brothers Dale and Don MacWilliams finished unassisted markers in the third stanza of last night's regular Prince County Hockey League game here to give the Borden Nationals a 6-4 victory over the Pope Motor Aces.

Dale MacWilliams triggered the winning marker after getting assistance from Freddie DesRoches and Gerald Cutcliffe, at 6:53 mark.

Brother Don, with the nicest goal of the night, scored the insurance marker at 12:36. Don's goal came on a solo dash and he completed the play by deking the Aces netminder and dumping the puck in. This was Don's second goal of the night and he was also chosen the star of the game.

Ev White also scored a pair while Freddie DesRoches counted a singleton.

Pope Motor snipers were Leroy Clow, George Dalton, Willie Gallant and Diddles Doyle.

After one period of play the score was deadlocked at 3-3 and 4-4 after forty minutes.

Referee in chief Roger Bird

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SPORTS FRONT

Rogers, PVI Give Good Show

By CHRIS ANNETT

Rogers Rangers and the Provincial Vocational Institute put on a good show for a handful of fans at the Charlottetown Forum Thursday evening and it is an outright shame that a hockey game with so many thrills should be shunned just because of the teams involved. Granted the caliber of play was not quite up to the showing of the PWC and SDHS teams had put on two nights before but the game had its high points and was one of the more enjoyable to be seen thus far in the season.

PVI came up with the best performance of the season and had the members of the team decided to do a little backskating then they would have almost undoubtedly walked off with two points instead of one. However time and time again, seemingly enchanted with their nine goal scoring spree they were caught up on the ice and goalie John Reed was left to defend the lead alone.

The first period was a real see saw battle with the teams swapping goals three times. However PVI took a 4-3 lead out of the period and through the second managed to bolster it to 8-5. Then again they scored the first tally in the third stanza and their nine to five lead looked rather big to say the least.

However Norm 'Hawk' Larier juggled his lines a bit and the resulting combination of Bob Whitlock, Jim MacDougall and Tex MacDonald was just a bit too much for the Institute to handle. It took Rogers only eleven minutes to knot the game at 9-9 and then the scramble was on. For six minutes and thirty two seconds both clubs pressed for the winning goal but checking had become rather close and no one managed to find the range. PVI narrowly missed twice in the last 30 seconds. This tie marked the first points that either have garnered this season, and the game gave at least a little reason for optimism.

The Institute has come quite a way since taking it on the chin from both PWC and SDHS and, although they still could not beat them, it would at least be closer. Rogers have managed to pick up several new players two of them being late cuts from the SDU Varsity club. Doug Murnaghan and Glen Bevins both helped the Rangers cause Thursday night and when Rogers regain both Robinson and Irwin they will have a better club.

The game pointed out the main fears of league officials, that of attendance, and something will have to be done soon if the league hopes to function with any degree of financial success at all. The amalgamation of Rogers and PVI would give the league a solid third club and if Thursday's game was any indication, a combined team would give both PWC and SDHS a good run for their money in the playoffs.

RAMBLINGS...

It's not too crucial a weekend in the NHL but one set of games could be an indication of how the rest of the season is going to go. Toronto and Detroit play a home and home series and it will be interesting to see just how the Wings stand up to the Leafs with their defenses further weakened by the departure of Bill Gadsby to the hospital. Should they Howe be over the effects of his Thursday night injury the Wings will give Toronto a good tussle. Montreal and Chicago each play one game against the Rangers and the Bruins and I think one can safely look for both the league leaders to win without too much bother.

Honoro Blancas Jr. and Australian Margie Masters have been named golfers Professional Golfers Association of the Year by Golf Digest magazine. Blancas, 27, a Mexican-American whose father is greenskeeper at the River Oaks Country Club in Houston, Tex., was selected the best newcomer on the men's Professional Golfers Association tour. Miss Masters, a Melbourne girl who came to the United States to improve her game after winning the Canadian Women's Open championship in 1964 while playing out of the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club, was picked as the best first-year player on the Ladies Professional Golfers Association circuit.

The National Football League has announced its teams had signed 101 and lost only 16 of the 182 drafted players who can be signed at this time. Of the 305 players drafted Saturday and Sunday in the 30-hour NFL draft session, 74 are futures who still have a year of college eligibility and 49 are scheduled to play in the various bowl games. Players in bowl games can not be signed until those games have been completed.

Bill Allen Memorial Tilt Set To Go December 9th

Summerside — The Bill Allen benefit hockey game which had originally been announced for Dec. 15 at Civic Stadium between Halifax Junior Canadians and Prince County Hockey League all-stars, will be played instead on Dec. 9, it was learned yesterday.

The reason for the date advancement is due to the Nova Scotia team being in the midst of exams during the week of Dec. 13 to 18. Stadium manager Charlie Hogan told members of the committee organizing the game at a special meeting yesterday that the contest could be played either on the 9th or the 20th of the month.

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TODAY'S CURLING DRAWS

The following is today's draw at the Charlottetown Curling Club:

Ice 1 — Open.
Ice 2 — 48's's rotate: Andy Bagnall, S. Beaton, H.R. Carruthers, A. Leman, F. MacMillan, T.W.L. Prowse, E. Tanton, B. MacNeill.
Ice 3 — Doug George vs Arnold Llewellyn.
Ice 4 — Kip Ready vs Bill Acorn.
Ice 5 — Open.
3:30 Ladder Spiel
Ice 1 — Russ Ewing vs Danny O'Rourke.
Ice 2 — Don Stanhope vs Myron Bell.
Ice 3 — Chris Gallant vs Duck Acorn.
Ice 4 — Bob LeClair vs Joe Saunders.
Ice 5 — Open.
Mixed Curling: 7 p.m.
Ice 1 — R. Goss, K. Douglas, G. Lord, P. Johnson vs A. Baillem, A. Trainor, Harvey Douglas, M. Kane.
Ice 2 — A. MacDonald, M. Jardine, B. Partridge, I. Murray vs W. Redden, H. MacKenzie, S. Harper, M. Dowling.
Ice 3 — Doug Douglas, D. LeClair, A.E. Ings, E. Ranahan vs P. Perry, C. Ings, J. Vautour, P. Redden.
Ice 4 — H. Douglas, M. Stewart, D. Kilpatrick, B. Kilpatrick vs J. Higgins, G. MacKay, K. Dowling, H. MacKinnon.
Ice 5 — B. LeClair, M. Partridge, G. Gallant, E. Douglas vs M. Pursey, M. Dockendorff, D. MacKay, L. Hessian.
Spares: B. Davis, D. Stewart, S. MacMillan, J. Vautour, H. Davis, P. MacKay.
8:30
Ice 1 —
Ice 2 — D. Stanhope, A. Wood, D. Livingstone, J. Farquharson vs B. Acorn, O. MacDonald, MacMillan, I. Harper.
Ice 3 — K. Ready, M. Garrett, M. MacFadyen, D. MacMillan vs L. Blakney, M. Blakney, J. Farquharson, J. Ready.
Ice 4 — K. Dalziel, J. Giddings, H. Edwards, A. Stanhope vs J. Squarebriggs, L. Jardine, A. Garrett, D. Jenkins.
Ice 5 — L. Johnston, I. Gallant, P. Dalziel, M. MacLean vs K. Jenkins, M. Acorn, E. Johnston, S. Howatt.
Spares: B. Cousins, B. Squarebriggs, Muriel MacLean.
AT SOURIS
Souris Ladies Curling Club draw for Monday, Dec. 6: 7:30 p.m.
Ice 1 — Millie Peters, Joyce McLellan, Helen Paquet, Julie Gallant vs Lucy Solomon June Larier, Ruby Battersby, Judy Fogarty.

ALBERTON
Mixed curling schedule at the Alberton Rink tonight: 7:30
J.H. Myrick, Libby Greer, Russell Hayes, Helen MacKie vs Bert Pridham, Isabel McKinnon, Paula Wilson.
Frank Bryan, Annetta Gordon, David MacDonald, Bonnie McNeill vs Fred Millman, Isabelle Clark, Bill Bell.
8:00
Ed Turner, Alice Seaman, Art Wilkie, Evelyn Gallant vs Tom Seaman, Lou Turner, Jim MacNeill.
Addison Rayner, Jean Campbell, Earl Callaghan, Vera Smallman vs Ed McCue, Laura Ramsay, Willard Foley, Beverly MacAusland.

ALS REQUEST IS DENIED
OTTAWA (CP)—The Citizen says a request by Montreal Alouettes of the Eastern Football Conference to get Ottawa Rough Riders general manager Red O'Quinn as manager of the Als has been turned down.
A story by sports editor Jack Koffman said the request was made during Grey Cup week in Toronto and was confirmed Friday by Alouette owner Ted Workman and Sam Berger, first vice-president of the Riders.

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Adults—\$1.00 Students—50c

JUNIOR HOCKEY FORUM

SUNDAY, DEC. 5th—2:00 p.m.
(Please Note Time)
Rogers Rangers vs. St. Dunstan's High School.
Students—35c Adults—60c

FORUM SKATING

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
TODAY
Children—15c Adults—25c