Howe injured as Leafs down Wings

Collision with Shack results in gash

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Detroit's Gordie Howe was hurt, Toronto's Frank Mahovlich scored his 34th goal and a couple of lesser lights had big nights in National Hockey League play Wednesday night.

Howe, one of hockey's all-time greats, suffered a concussion and a gash over his right eye that required 10 stitches when he collided with Toronto's Eddie Shack in a game between the Red Wings and Maple Leafs at Toronto.

He was taken to Toronto General Hospital where X - rays showed no fracture.

He will miss a return game between the two teams in Detroit tonight and hospital authorities said they would like to keep him for two or three days for further observation.

LEAFS NARROW GAP

Toronto, powered by the Mahovlich - Red Kelly - Bob Nevin trio, won the game 6-4 to move within four points of league-leading Montreal Canadiens.

Rookie Howie Glover scored three of Detroit's goals, the first three-goal performance by a Red Wing in one game this season.

In New York, sophomore centre Stan Mikita scored twice in the third period to help Chicago Black Hawks to their fifth consecutive victory, a 3-2 decision over the Rangers.

National League	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Montreal	23	10	5	135	104	51
Toronto	20	11	7	125	97	47
Chicago	16	14	8	105	103	40
Detroit	15	15	8	105	113	38
New York	10	22	5	99	124	25
Boston	8	20	9	92	120	25

Montreal, idle until Saturday, has 51 points and Toronto 57. The Hawks moved into sole possession of third place with their victory. They now have 40 points while the Red Wings, who have 38, dropped to fourth.

HEAD HIT ICE

Howe, 32, was injured midway through the first period when he collided with Shack. He fell to the ice with blood flowing freely from his forehead. Films showed he hit the ice with his forehead and it appeared this caused the cut.

Shack received a major penalty for highsticking.

The Toronto left winger said in the dressing room he saw Howe at the last minute.

"I brought my stick up and tried to jump out of his way," he said. "It was either him or me. I hit him with my glove, not the stick."

Howe, second to Montreal's Maurice Richard for the most goals scored in a lifetime, has only missed two games through injuries since the 1957-58 season.

VAULTS INTO SECOND

Mahovlich, high - flying left winger, scored his 34th goal in 38 games early in the third period. He also picked up four assists during the game to vault into second place in the league's individual scoring race.

He now has 50 points, six fewer than Montreal's Bernie Geoffrion.

Nevin and Kelly each scored twice and Dick Duff got the other goal.

Glover got his first goal in the opening period and added two more late in the second. The other Detroit goal went to Murray Oliver.

Mikita now has scored seven goals in his last five games. He had only three goals in Chicago's first 33 games.

Bobby Hull got the other Chicago goal while Andy Hebenton and Red Sullivan tallied for New York.

Hebenton's goal at the 54-second mark of the third period snapped a shutout streak by Chicago goalie Glenn Hall that had reached 192 minutes and 26 seconds.

The Hawks move to Boston for a game with the Bruins tonight besides the Maple Leafs - Red Wings' game at Detroit.

SYDNEY (AP) — Olympic champion Ilsa Konrads of Australia won the New South Wales 220-yard freestyle swimming championship Wednesday night in two minutes, 17.8 seconds. It was the fourth-fastest time of her career.

TEMPER TANTRUM . . . Toronto's Frank Mahovlich and New York's Bill Gadsby stop a National Hockey League game in Toronto New Year's Eve to settle a difference of opinion. Camera catches Mahovlich (left) about to make his point on a prostrate Gadsby. Both drew majors and 10-minute misconducts. Second-place Maple Leafs won the game 2-1. — CP Photo

Olympic athletes disappointing according to year-end sports poll

By JACK SULLIVAN

Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP)—Canada's Olympic athletes have cornered the market as the country's sports disappointment of 1960 and pro football provided the year's surprise and oddity. Eighty-four of the 114 voters in the 26th annual Canadian Press year-end poll cast their disappointment ballots for the Games athletes, particularly for the lack-lustre performance of Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen who allowed a pickup team of American college players to take the Olympic hockey title.

Result of the poll, announced today, gave the Dutchmen 40 votes from the country's sports editors and broadcasters. But they couldn't decide who should be awarded the runner-up spot in the dissappointment category.

They gave 22 votes each to Canada's team performance in the summer Games at Rome and to the leg injury that sent Harry Jerome of Vancouver hobbling to the sidelines in the 100 - metre semi-final, also at Rome.

OTHERS WERE NATURALS

The oddity and surprise poll winners were naturals.

The oddity tag went to the uninhibited youth who scampered between Ottawa and Edmonton players in the final seconds of the Grey Cup final to swipe the game ball.

The trade that sent quarterback Sam Etcheverry and end Hal Patterson of Montreal Alouettes to Hamilton Tiger-Cats for quarter Bernie Faloney and guard Don Pequette headed the surprise voting.

Other disappointment votes went to Hamilton Tiger - Cats who tumbled from a first-place to last-place finish in the Big Four Football Union, the Grey Cup final and failure of Winnipeg Blue Bombers to win the western conference. The Bombers, never out of the lead during the regular schedule, bowed to Edmonton in the best-of-three western final.

TRADE SEEN ODDITY

Included in the oddity votes were the Etcheverry trade, the sleeper play pulled by Ottawa's Bobby Simpson in the Big Four final against Toronto Argonauts, U.S. winning the Olympic hockey title and the Americans' Olympic goalkeeper, Jack McCartan, being farmed out by New York Rangers to Kitchener of the Eastern Professional League.

Surprise ballots went to Ottawa's Grey Cup victory, the rise of Argonauts from last to first place, the Winnipeg - Edmonton WIFU final, the dull play in the Grey Cup and the Dutchmen's loss at Squaw Valley.

A few gave their votes to the world-equalling 10 - second time established by Jerome over 100 metres in the Canadian Olympic track and field trials.

Grid deaths

CHICAGO (AP) — Seven high school football players died in grid action in the United States last year, the fewest number since 1946 when such record-keeping was started by the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations.

Officials of the group made the fatality report Wednesday during their annual convention. The seven deaths were among 720,000 participants.

Heat prostration caused one death. The others were injured in tackling, being tackled and blocking.

Portland stops Vancouver from grabbing share of lead

By The Canadian Press

Beating Portland Buckaroos has become as frustrating for Vancouver Canucks as their other problem: getting sole possession of first place in the Western Hockey League.

Canucks have been in an opportune position most of the season to pass Calgary Stampeders, but the best they have been able to do is to tie for the top position.

Vancouver, however, had to settle for second place Wednesday night after Portland defeated last season's champions 2-0. It was the Buckaroos' third-straight victory over Canucks.

In other WHL action Wednesday night, Spokane Comets took over third place with a 5-0 victory over Victoria Cougars and Edmonton Flyers broke a losing streak with a resounding 8-2 victory over Seattle Totems.

TRAIL BY TWO POINTS

Canucks trail Stampeders by two points but have two games in hand. Portland is one point back of Spokane, but has four games in hand.

Buckaroos goalie Don Head picked up his third shutout of the season and his second over Vancouver.

After a rough scoreless first period, Ed Dudych scored Portland's first goal in the second, tipping in a shot by Dale Rolfe.

Gordy Haworth got the insurance marker midway through the final period on a deflected shot.

Spokane goalie Gilles Boisvert recorded his first shutout of the season in Spokane as he turned back 19 Victoria shots.

Comets' scoring was handled by Forbes Kennedy, Colin Kilburn, Tom Hodges and a pair from Ching Johnson.

Edmonton's eight-game losing streak ended as defenceman Lou Marcon scored two goals to lead the Flyer attack. Other marksmen were Don Poile, Ed Joyal, Ray Brunel, Dennis Rathwell, Chuck Holmes and Bruce MacGregor.

Centre Guyle Fielder got both Seattle goals to remain in fourth place among league scorers, three points behind team-mate Rudy Pilion who has 45 points.

Goalie Bev Bentley played well for Seattle despite the score as he kicked out 38 drives by the Flyers.

Edmonton goalie Dennis Riggin made 32 saves.

Reds beat U.S.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo (AP)—The Russian All Stars scored five goals in the first period Wednesday night and coasted to an 8-3 exhibition hockey victory over the United States Nationals before 4,000 fans.

It was the third straight victory for the Russians on their U.S. tour. It was their first meeting with the Nationals.

FAVORS SAFETY SKATES . . . Coach Punch Imlach of the National Hockey League Toronto Maple Leafs holds up two types of safety skates he says can prevent skate slash injuries and severe facial cuts. Safety ideas on each skate are circled. At left is experimental skate with a plastic plug that fits over skate point. Skate at right has a steel guard that is bolted from boot toe to skate point. — CP Photo

Maroons end Czech tour by trimming Spartak 4-1

PARDUBICE (AP) — Winnipeg Maroons head for home today after a successful but gruelling Czechoslovakian hockey tour that saw them lose just one game and tie two while winning seven.

They finished off the tour, during which they played 10 games in 14 days. with a 4-1 trimming of the Pardubice Spartak club Wednesday and came within 14 seconds of their third shutout.

The goal by Czech winger Vanek ended at 206 minutes a streak in which Maroons had prevented scoring against them.

The Canadians shared the scoring among four players as they showed a crowd of 15,000 some sharp pass patterns and good forechecking that broke up Spartak plays before they could become threats.

ABBOTT TOPS SCORERS

Reggie Abbott opened for Winnipeg at 6:32 of the first period, taking a pass from Ross Parke who was fed by John Rendall. Abbott was the tour's high scorer with a total of nine goals and five assists.

In the middle period, Jim McKenzie made it 2-0 as he connected after being set up by Lloyd Orris and Larry Winder.

In the final 20 minutes, Parke tallied to make it 3-0 and Tom Marshall clicked for the fourth.

Vanek ruined the shutout for goalie Harold Dibley when he slipped by the Canadian defence with a stolen puck and flicked a shot that just caught the corner of the Maroons net.

Dibley and Don Collins, sharing the goal duties for Maroons, held the Czech teams to 16 goals in the 10 games. Their teammates counted a total of 47.

The Canadians controlled the play throughout the last game, though visibly tired because of the rough tour schedule.

They were to board a plane for London today to start the 5,500-mile trip back home.

Dobbs in Calgary to discuss job as Stamps' coach

CALGARY (CP) — Bobby Dobbs, University of Tulsa coach arrived here Wednesday to talk with officials of Calgary Stampeders of the Western Interprovincial Football Union about a coaching job.

Hoping to replace Steve Owen, now with the WIFU Saskatchewan Roughriders, who replaced Otis Douglas, Dobbs is looking for more security than offered in a one-year contract.

"Generally speaking, it takes four years to build a football team," he said.

Stampeder general manager Jim Finks, a graduate of Tulsa, answered the problem before it arose.

"We are willing to offer more than a one-year contract to the right man," he said.

Dobbs, who plans to return to Tulsa Friday with his wife, was ready with a favorite player he wanted to bring with him, if he came — "our quarterback — Jerry Keeling."

Keeling, who graduates in June has been drafted by Dallas of the American Football League but was not chosen in the National Football League draft.

"He is a good thrower and a good defensive safety," Dobbs said.

Dobbs is the brother of Glenn Dobbs who coached Roughriders some years ago.

Inclusion seen for tennis pros in cup contest

SYDNEY (AP) — The day is not far away when the Davis Cup will be open to both amateurs and professionals, Jean Borotra, president of the International Lawn Tennis Federation, said Wednesday.

"Opening the Davis Cup should be considered as soon as possible," the former French ace said at a press conference. "Since its establishment the cup has been the symbol of national supremacy in tennis. There is no doubt it must be made open and the rules changed accordingly."

Sawyer's socks help Cardinals to win games

LOUISVILLE, Ky (AP)—University of Louisville Cardinals are still among the unbeaten in United States college basketball. And Fred Sawyer's soiled socks may go unwashed all year.

After an amazing comeback they pulled Wednesday night in beating Eastern Kentucky 70-69, the Cardinals probably will insist that Sawyer wear his socks until they drop off.

They were nine points behind Eastern Kentucky with about eight minutes left in regulation time when they fashioned a whirlwind finish, capped by Ron Rubenstein's 25-foot field goal as the final buzzer sounded. It was Louisville's 12th straight win this season.

Sawyer, a six-foot-eleven forward has worn the same socks in every game. They have never seen soap or water and Sawyer figures they are responsible for the Cards' sensational streak. He doesn't intend to change or wash them until Louisville, fourth-ranked team in the U.S., loses.

The socks didn't help Sawyer's personal scoring much. He got only three points.

Cuban's fate in majors up to Castro

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fate of Cuban baseball players who perform for teams in the United States apparently rests with Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Their future became questionable when the U.S. broke off diplomatic relations with the Caribbean republic Tuesday.

"If they are not allowed to come to the United States, it certainly will not be our fault," a state department official said Wednesday. "But I wouldn't venture an estimate of what Mr. Castro's attitude might be."

About 20 Cubans play with U.S. major league teams.

They include Minnie Minoso and Rodolfo Arias of Chicago White Sox, Pedro Ramos and Camilo Pascual of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Mike Fornieles of Boston Red Sox and Chico Fernandez of Detroit Tigers.

TOKYO (AP) — Genji Sakai, 135, Tokyo, knocked out Gil Flores, 134, Manila, 3.

Sports

Gary Oakes, Sports Editor

Chances good for Lions to obtain Rose Bowl stars

VANCOUVER (CP) — Chances are good that three of the leading players in Monday's Rose Bowl football game between the universities of Washington and Minnesota will play with British Columbia Lions this fall, Lion general manager Herb Capozzi said today.

Capozzi had just returned from Pasadena, Calif. where he and Lion coaches Wayne Robinson and Dave Skrein saw the Rose Bowl game.

Asked to comment on reports that Washington quarterback Bob Schloredt and end Pat Claridge and Minnesota lineman Tom Brown likely will play with Lions in the Western Interprovincial Football Union next season, he said:

"Chances are good on Brown and very good on Schloredt and Claridge, but we haven't signed any of them yet."

Schloredt, the outstanding player in Washington's 17-7 victory over Minnesota, and Claridge, a Vancouver-born end whose brother already is a member of the Lions, were not selected in the draft by any National Football League club.

Brown, an all-America with Minnesota and Baltimore Colts NFL draft selection last year while he was still a college junior, may come to Vancouver to combine a business career with his football.

Another thing in Lions' favor is the fact coach Skrien was Brown's freshman coach as Minnesota.

Colavito signs

DETROIT (AP) — Outfielder Rocki Colavito, 1959 American League home run champion, signed his 1961 baseball contract with Detroit Tigers Wednesday.

Colavito belted 35 homers last season, his first with Detroit, after hitting 42 with Cleveland Indians in 1959 and sharing the league crown with Harm Killebrew of Washington Senators.

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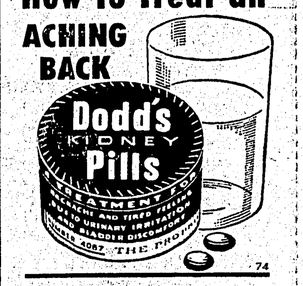

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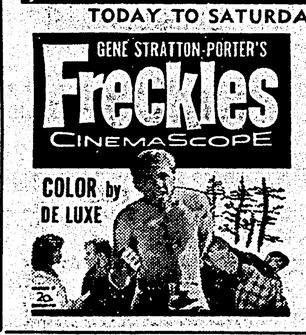

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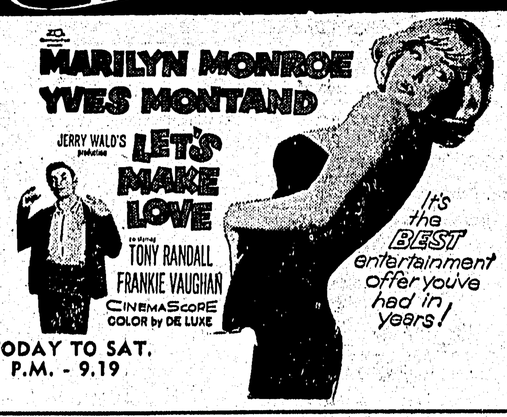

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