EASY NOW—Boston netminder Don Simmons takes no chances as he gets down on his knees to stop an easy shot by Toronto's Dick Duff in a National Hockey League game at Toronto Saturday night. Maple Leafs took the encounter 4-1 to move within one point of the fifth-place Bruins. Others in the above play are, left to right: Larry Leach, Boston; Toronto's George Armstrong being hit by Leo Boivin; Jerry Topazzini; Bob Armstrong; Simmons. —CP photo.

Don Simmons gets third shutout in Bruins' win

By MARVEN MOSS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Don Simmons, the slim goaltender for Boston Bruins who shut out Detroit Red Wings 3-0 in the National Hockey League's lone contest Thursday night, is out of the doghouse.

A few weeks ago, some observers felt Boston's netminding wasn't what it should be. To back it up they could point to statistics that showed Boston—with Simmons playing all but two games—gave up 135 goals in their first 43 outings, more than any other NHL club.

The critics last week became louder as the Bruins went winless in four games with Simmons giving up 16 goals while his teammates fired only nine.

But Don came back up again Thursday night with the Bruins working their hard-checking style of play to perfection.

Although the Red Wings outshot the Bruins 28-23, Boston took a 1-0 lead in the opening period and counted two more unanswered tallies in the third period while Detroit's Pete Goegan was in the penalty box.

Johnny Bucyk, Don McKenney and defenceman Jim Morrison were the marksmen.

It was the third shutout of the season for Simmons.

The goal was the 23rd for McKenney and it lifted the lanky centre into a tie with Montreal Canadiens' Maurice (Rocket) Richard for sixth place in the individual scoring race.

Goegan was serving the first of two minor penalties in that third period when McKenney beat goalie Terry Sawchuk with a 25-foot slap shot at 4:31.

50-FOOT SHOT

At 15:33, with Goegan in the box again, Morrison counted on a 50-foot screened shot. Gerry Toppazzini helped set up both tallies.

Bucyk's marker, at 9:29 in the first period, came on a rebound following shots by Fern Flaman and Doug Mohns.

The win gave the Bruins 38 points and left them sharing fourth place with Detroit, four points behind third-place New York Rangers. Montreal leads with 56 points, a 13-point cushion over runnerup Chicago Black Hawks.

Toronto Maple Leafs round out the standings with 35.

The Black Hawks and Rangers tangle in an afternoon game at Chicago Saturday before a national television audience in the United States. That night Boston is at Montreal and Detroit is at Toronto.

The Sunday night schedule shows Montreal at Chicago, Toronto at Boston and New York at Detroit.

Lightweights meet tonight

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Lightweight hopefuls Len Matthews of Philadelphia and Paulie Armstead of Los Angeles, battling to get into the title contention picture, meet tonight in a 10-round right.

Matthews, 19, is a 2-to-1 favorite. He is undefeated in 16 fights and has stopped 12 opponents.

Armstead, 21, has won 22 matches, lost four and boxed one draw.

NHL leaders

By The Canadian Press

Standings: Montreal, 24 wins, nine losses, eight ties, 56 points.

Points: Geoffrion, Montreal, 51.

Goals: Bathgate, New York, 24.

Assists: Geoffrion, 32.

Penalties: Fontinato, New York, 105 minutes.

Shutouts: Plante, Montreal, 7.

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Bowling Results

Totals of 175 and 452 won Pearl Nicoll of Dominoes women's high single and high three honors in the Mixed Ten-Pin Bowling league last Friday night.

Nels Cummins of Jakes bowled 230 for men's high single and Doug Thompson of Jay-P-Dees marked up 542 for high triple.

Dominoes bowled 795 and 2306 for team high single and high three.

Results

Jakes 1, Dominoes 3; Happy Ones 1, Jay-P-Dees 3; Stevedores 0, Sport Shop 4.

NHL Standings

By The Canadian Press
National League

	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Montreal	41	24	9	8	148	82	56
Chicago	42	17	16	9	116	124	43
New York	42	16	16	10	115	121	42
Detroit	41	16	19	6	98	114	38
Boston	41	16	22	6	119	135	38
Toronto	42	13	20	9	98	118	35

Packer players seeking support

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP)—Kelowna Packers of the Okanagan Senior Hockey League today stand a better-than-even chance of being able financially to finish the current season, manager Bob Giordano indicated Wednesday night.

This is due largely to the walking and talking of Packer players, who have been pounding the pavement in the area for the last two days in a ticket blitz through which the club hopes to sell 1,000 nine-game tickets at $10 each.

Wednesday night, nearly 200 persons turned out to a public airing of the club's woes.

Packers, who made a successful tour of Russia earlier this season, have been drawing an average of about 900 fans a game — about 500 below last year's average and well below the point of profitable operation. As a result, the club became a co-operative with players sharing whatever profits were shown but getting no regular salary.

After Wednesday night's meeting, Giordano said:

"The support is wonderful. Mayor Dick Parkinson has done everything in his power to help out. A booster club was formed at the meeting and the TV people have promised a lot of free advertising time."

Meanwhile, the players—and others—have been going as far afield as Rutland, Winfield and Oyama, 20 miles from Kelowna, selling the end-of-season block of tickets. Giordano said 2,000 are expected at Saturday night's game here.

Digby whips RCMP 11-8

Led by Al Novakowski with five goals, General Kiewit's Digby team downed RCMP 11-8 in the Senior Men's Floor Hockey league game last night.

Bob Cameron was top scorer for RCMP with four goals followed by Joe Warner with three.

Digby took the lead in the first period 3-1, tallied three goals in the second and five in the third period. RCMP failed to score in the second period but out-scored Digby 7-5 in the third period.

Referees Gordie Cameron and Louie Rendek handed out three penalties to Digby and four to RCMP.

In the junior game, Ormes Roughnecks defeated Parkers Thunderbirds 13-12.

Ormes Bob Cameron who also plays junior, again led his team to victory with six points.

Ken Cameron, Rod Pierce and Roy Jessee shared scoing honors for Parkers with three each.

End of the first period saw the score tied 1-1, the two squads were still even in scoring by the end of the third period but Ormes managed to tally one more in the final period.

Referees Morris Alger and Gary Ogilvie handed out five penalties to Parkers and four to Ormes.

Lineups:

Senior

Digby— Novakowski 5, MacKone, Impey, Hutchinson, Snardy 1, Sparks 2, Velander 1, Corny 2, Anderson. Total 11.

RCMP—McDonald, Warner 3, Head, Borodula, Morrison, Borodula, Morrison, Youngs, Valpy, McLeod, B. Cameron 5, Ogilvie, Smith. Total 8.

Junior

Parkers— Lemon 1, K. Cameron 3, Kerr 2, Pierce 3, Adams, Jessee 3, Turcott. Total 12.

Ormes—Kangas, McLeod 4, R. Cameron 6, Helland 2, Olson, Armstrong, Charvey 1. Total 13.

Canucks win at Saskatoon

By The Canadian Press

Vancouver Canucks have squared their record at 1-1 for their current tour of the Prairie division of the Western Hockey League and if they can maintain that percentage or better, they'll likely be in first place on the coast when they return home.

Canucks defeated Saskatoon Quakers 5-0 Thursday night in Saskatoon for their seventh shutout of the season and moved within three points of the coast-division leaders, Seattle Totems.

TRAIL (CP)—Trail Smoke Eaters moved into undisputed possession of first place in the Western International Hockey League Thursday night, defeating Rossland Warriors 2-1 before 708 fans. The victory gave Trail 28 points one more than second-place Rossland.

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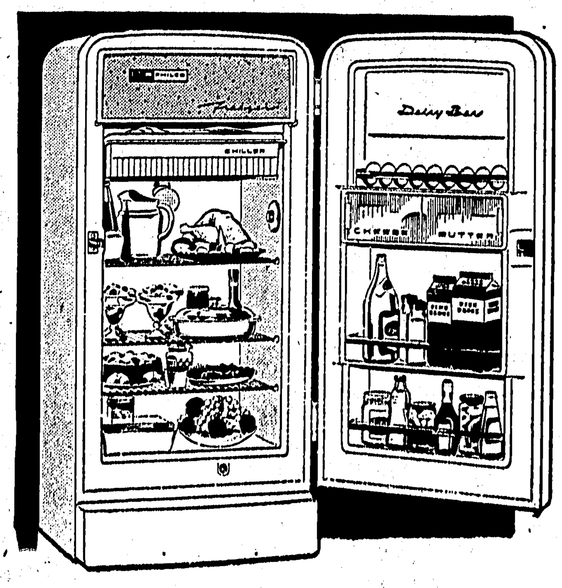

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