Kidd top athlete in Canada —edges out Hull, Jackson

TORONTO (CP) — Distance runner Bruce Kidd, named Canada's athlete of the year, says he expected figure skater Don Jackson or hockey star Bobby Hull would win the award.

Commenting on his selection as the outstanding athlete, male or female, in a year-end poll conducted by The Canadian Press, the 19-year-old track star said he felt his poor showing in the indoor track season and his performance in the British Empire Games marathon would discredit him.

"And you can't argue with 50 goals a year," he said, referring to Hull's record with the National Hockel League Chicago Hockey League Chicago Black Hawks last winter.

"Of course a track runner has a bit of an advantage having a 12-month season. We appear more often than in any other sport."

Hull, and world champion skater Jackson of Oshawa, were second and third in the poll for the best indivdual male performers.

Kidd picked the closing ceremonies of the BEG games in Perth, Australia, this year as most inspiring event for him this year, placing it ahead of his gold medal in the six-mile event. He won a bronze medal in the three-mile run but pulled out of the 26-mile marathon after 22¼ miles.

BRUCE KIDD

JEROME OUT OF COMPETITION UNTIL OLYMPICS OF 1964

VANCOUVER (CP) — Harry Jerome didn't make it home for Christmas — and he probably won't make it back to international competition before 1964.

The young sprinter had hoped to be with his pregnant wife for the holiday, but hospital officials decided to keep his injured leg in traction awhile longer.

"We think now he will be out sometime in January," said coach John Minichiello. It will probably be April before he is able to walk without crutches.

"That means there won't be any running during 1963."

Another big Davis Cup captured for Australia

By WILL GRIMSLEY

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Fiery Rod Laver and steady Roy Emerson crushed Mexico's Rafael Osuna and Antonio Palafox 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 in 70 minutes of slashing doubles today to give Australia its 11th Davis Cup victory in 13 years.

The triumph also brought this tennis-minded continent even with the United States in cup victories since the big international competition was launched in 1900. Each has won 18 times.

A surprisingly easy straight-set sweep by the Australians following the opening singles conquests gave the team a 3-0 lead in the best-of-five match series and turned Friday two singles matches into a mere formality.

In those, Osuna will face veteran Neale Fraser and Palafox meets Laver, the grand-slam champion of amateur tennis who Saturday is expected to announce acceptance of a $100,000 professional contract.

Palafox obviously suffered a letdown after being defeated by Fraser Wednesday. His racket, hot Wednesday, was merely a cold slab of hickory and catgut today.

While Osuna fought hard and played brilliantly at times, Palafox never recovered hi marvellous touch.

Wills named man of year

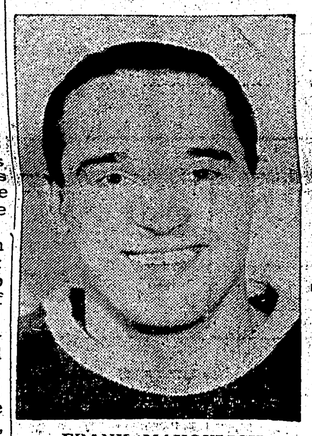
NEW YORK (AP) — Maury Wills of the Los Angeles Dodgers was named Man of the Year in sports Wednesday by Sport magazine for stealing 104 bases during the major league baseball season.

Other athletes honored in their particular fields included: Jim Taylor of Green Bay, pro football; Wilt Chamberlain of San Francisco, pro basketball; Bobby Hull of Chicago, pro hockey; Dick Tiger, boxing; Arnold Palmer, golf; Rod Laver, tennis; Willie Shoemaker, horse racing; Bobby Bell, Minnesota, college football; Paul Hogue, Cincinnati, college basketball; and Chet Jastremski, Indiana, swimming.

Mahovlich all alone in NHL scoring lead

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The National Hockey League's top goal-getter, Toronto's Frank Mahovlich, led Maple Leafs to a 5-4 victory over Detroit Wednesday night with a goal and three assists, to take over sole possession of first place in the individual point race.



FRANK MAHOVLICH
. . . leads race

The left winger's performance boosted his points total to 36 — a four-point lead over runner-up Andy Bathgate of New York, idle Wednesday.

The Toronto-Detroit game was the only NHL action Wednesday and did not affect the positions of the remainder of the big seven.

Boston's Johnny Bucyk, Chicago's Stan Mikita and Detroit's Gordie Howe remain tied for third place with 31 points apiece.

Murray Oliver of Boston is sixth with 30 and Chicago's Ab McDonald seventh with 29.

The leaders:

	G	A	Pts.
Mahovlich, Toronto	22	14	36
Bathgate, New York	14	18	32
Bucyk, Boston	14	17	31
Mikita, Detroit	13	18	31
Howe, Detroit	13	18	31
Oliver, Boston	11	19	30
McDonald, Chicago	12	17	29
Delvecchio, Detroit	7	22	29

At the curling rink

By BOB RUDDERHAM

Random notes made at the halfway mark in our curling season; . . .

I got a little controversy going about the classification of players for rink selection. I'm not saying I am entirely right but I do think I am on the right track . . . **Ken McLean** to my mind is the best curler in our club. He best combines shot-making ability with generalship that us skips must have . . . Ken also has a nice balanced rink in **Alex McFarlane, Jack Ritchie,** and **John Bond** . . .

Best third I have played against this year was **Jim Flaten** of **Jack Lindsay's** rink when we met in the finals of the Gordon's Hardware Trophy.

If Jim could play all his games like that, his old skip wouldn't wear out the end of the rink pacing back and forth . . .

Best second I've seen is an easy selection in **Jack Ritchie** mentioned above although **Wally Giesbrecht** always seems to play a good game against me for some reason or other.

The best lead? — I got him in **Dave MacPhee.** He may miss the broom fairly often but he has the weight and savvy, and don't trust him too much with a takeout when the chips are down . . . I'll expect 17 to 19 rocks from now on, Dave.

I like to watch the other draws too . . .

I always watch **Miner Simundsen** because I like the way he refuses to give ground. He's a good curler and a good skip.

I also like to watch **Joe Scott.** In the middle of a game, I will defy anyone to tell if Joe is six up or six down by looking at his face . . . Joe is pretty rough right now with **Joe Giordano** throwing third rocks for him. Joe G. couldn't beat Joe S. over the last few years so he joined him.

Glad to see **Joe McKay** back although we won't be seeing him curl until next year when his knee is all better.

Sam Simpson is doing well this year. Been in both playoffs.

I think the Executive made a good selection in choosing **Bob Eby** for the Bonspiel Commodore. What Bob might lack in experience he more than makes up with energy and enthusiasm.

The skip who has had some of the toughest going this season is **Pete Bell,** the drawmaster. He has been plagued with tough luck having lost five games by a single rock and on top of that had his third man, **Lloyd Kristmanson,** away a good part of the second competition . . . Look for them to be back in "A" section before too long.

The McLean's are always coming like the Campbells. Another comer is **Jack McLean** and he will be supplying the fits for "B" section this competition. Then look for **Michael McLean** who will undoubtedly be making his appearance in the Men's competitions one of these years. Some of these youngsters are truly good and have the poise of veterans. **Bob Mintenko** for example. . . .

I look for **Bruce Kerr** to make a little bit of a comeback. He has never been away but a 4 and 4 record is hardly his style.

Look out "A" Section! I haven't had the chance to watch games in the "C" and "D" sections this season but note that the Grotto Event has **Joe Scott, Harley Lewis, Ken Warren, Gordie Bateman, Barney Eyolfson, Joe Sheppard,** and **Dan Johnston** all in "C" section and any one of these could march right up there and scratch their initials on a shield. **Dan Bill** and **Don Schork** would like to get their initials on either the Grotto or the Rupert Motors trophies this year, too. If there was a flu epedemic and we managed to stay healthy, they might realize their ambitions.

Best wishes over the Festive Season and I will see you back at the Curling Rink on January 3rd.

Green Bay tops

NEW YORK (AP) — Green Bay Packers failed to lead the National Football League in either total offence or defence but dominated the final team statistics by finishing first in 11 offensive and four defensive categories. New York Giants who meet the Packers in the league championship game, December 30, showed the way in total offence. Detroit Lions, who lost the western crown although it was the only team to beat the Packers, led in total defence.

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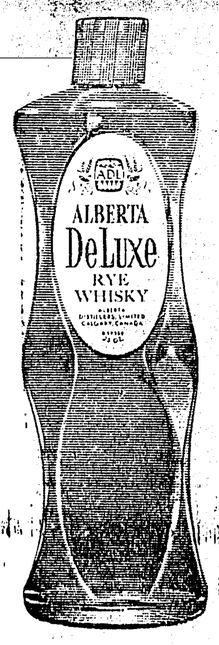

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Sports

Harv Raymond — Sports Writer

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Leafs skate by Detroit 5-4

By The Canadian Press

Frank Mahovlich continues his amazing ways.

The big Toronto winger scored his 22nd goal of the season and added three assists Wednesday night to spark the Leafs to a 5-4 win over Detroit Red Wings. It was the only NHL game of the night.

The win enabled Toronto to move into a tie for first place with Chicago Black Hawks, two points ahead of the third-place Wings.

For Mahovlich, it was his 15th goal in the last 15 games. He has now scored in five consecutive games.

The 195-pound left winger also roared into first place in the league scoring race with 36 points, a four-point edge over Rangers.

In avenging a 2-1 loss in Detroit Christmas night, the Leafs used tactics that are becoming their trademark. A scoring blitz, followed by reliance on defensive strength.

The Leafs were trailing 2-0 going into the second period, but powered home four goals in 13 minutes to take a lead they maintained for the rest of the gaem despite a Detroit onslaught.

Johnny Bower in the Toronto nets made several key saves in the last few minutes of play. He came up with 38 stops in the game, compared with 32 for Detroit goalie Terry Sawchuk.

Quakers win second over Czech boys

PRAGUE (CP)—Saskatoon Quakers defeated Czechoslovakia's ZKL team 5-2 in Brno Wednesday night for their second victory in five games with Czech teams.

The defat was the first of the season for the ZKL club, seven-time champions of the Czech No. 1 league.

Six of the Czech national team players regularly skate with the ZKL team, considered the country's best outside of the national team.

Herb Jeffrey scored two of the Saskatoon goals, with Jackie McLeod, Charlie Goodwin and George Senick getting the others. Senick also assisted on two goals.

Frank Vanek and Karl Shopal were the hometown scorers. One of the goals came while the Quakers had two men sitting out penalties.

Of the 25 penalties handed out by the referee under European rules, 19 went to the Quakers — many of them for relatively minor infractions.

Stamps dump Comets 6-2 as Blades take Canucks

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

When Calgary Stampeders finally win a Western Hockey League game they do it in a big way.

Victory No. 8 of the season came Wednesday night with a four-goal flourish that belied their last-place position the Northern Division.

They entered the second period leading 2-1, scored four times in 10 minutes, and skated off 6-2 winners over Spokane Comets.

Vancouver Canucks and Los Angeles Blades fought evenly for 55 minutes before a quick pair of goals sent Blades on their way to a 6-3 victory, first of their current road trip.

Canucks' home loss set the stage for a key Northern Division battle Saturday night, when Seattle Totems pay a visit to Vancouver. Canucks lead standings with 32 points; Totems have 31, Edmonton Flyers 24 and Calgary 17. Flyers and Stampeders meet in Edmonton for tonight's only WHL game.

CAPTURE SECOND

Blades advanced to sole possession of second place in the Southern Division with 36 points. The leading Portland Buckaroos have 41, third-place San Francisco 34, and Spokane 29.

Calgary scorers Wednesday night were Eric Sutcliffe — with his first of professional hockey — Fred Hucul, Cal McDonald, George McAvoy, Milan Marcetta and Ron Leopold. Connie Madigan and Gerry Brisson scored for Spokane.

BULLETIN

BALTIMORE (AP) — Announcement of a rematch between Sonny Liston, world heavyweight boxing champion, and Floyd Patterson could be made tonight.

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Hockey roundup

By The Canadian Press

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Western League
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Spokane 2, Calgary 6

Eastern Professional
Hull-Ottawa 5, Kingston 3

Eastern League
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Johnstown 6, New Haven 13
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Ontario Senior A
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Manitoba Junior
Winnipeg Rangers 3, Winnipeg Monarchs 4

Saskatchewan Junior
Melville 3, Weyburn 1.

National League

	W	L	T	F	A	Pt
Toronto	18	11	4	112	90	40
Chicago	16	10	8	87	70	40
Detroit	16	10	6	83	76	38
Montreal	13	9	10	92	76	36
New York	10	19	4	95	109	24
Boston	5	19	8	89	128	18

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