

Today in Sports

National Hockey—

Canadiens In Lead

Toe Blake's Last-Minute Goal Gives Victory Over New York

TORONTO—There were two National Hockey League games played last night. At New York the league-leading Montreal Canadiens came through in the last minute to beat out the New York Rangers 5 to 4. With 46 seconds to go, Toe Blake scored the 200th goal of his N.H.L. career to give the Canadiens their victory. At Chicago, Detroit Red Wings held the Black Hawks to a tie for the second straight night. More than 17,000 fans watched the two teams battle to a two-all draw. The deadlock moved the Hawks into a second-place tie with the idle Boston Bruins. The Hawks and Bruins are three points behind the Canadiens.

Saturday night's hockey shenanigans saw the Montreal Canadiens move into the top spot of the National Hockey League on the strength of a 4-2 defeat handed the Toronto Maple Leafs. The slipping Detroit Red Wings went into reverse again and tied with the third-place Chicago Black Hawks 3-3. In Boston, the powerful Boston Bruins bowed to the lowly New York Rangers 6-2. The top three teams in the leagues in order are Montreal, Chicago and Boston. The fifth-place Maple Leafs' chances at a spot in the playoffs are dimmed even further and are practically extinguished.

	W	D	L	P	A	Pts
Canadiens	23	3	13	132	100	49
Chicago	20	6	14	164	151	46
Boston	19	8	13	129	118	46
Detroit	15	8	15	102	110	38
Toronto	13	6	20	118	142	32
New York	9	7	24	110	154	25

Hockey Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday
Toronto 2, Montreal 4.
Detroit 3, Chicago 3 (tie).
New York 6, Boston 2.

Sunday
Montreal 5, New York 4.
Detroit 2, Chicago 2 (tie).

PACIFIC COAST

Saturday
New Westminster 6, Oakland 4.
Los Angeles 4, Hollywood 2.
Seattle 9, San Francisco 1.

Sunday
Seattle 4, New Westminster 0.
Los Angeles 7, San Diego 1.

INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

February 19—Co-op vs. High School. Intervets vs. Macey's.
February 21—Macey's vs. Co-op. High School vs. Intervets.
Second half of the Intermediate Basketball League is scheduled as follows:
Feb. 28—Macey's vs. High School. Co-op vs. Intervets.
March 5—Intervets vs. Macey's, High School vs. Co-op.
March 7—High School vs. Intervets, Co-op vs. Macey's.
March 12—Co-op vs. Intervets, High School vs. Macey's.
March 14—High School vs. Co-op, Macey's vs. Intervets.
March 19—Intervets vs. High School, Co-op vs. Macey's.
March 21—Macey's vs. High School, Intervets vs. Co-op.
March 26—High School vs. Co-op, Macey's vs. Intervets.
March 28—Macey's vs. Co-op, High School vs. Intervets.
April 2—Co-op vs. Intervets, High School vs. Macey's.
April 4—Intervets vs. Macey's, Co-op vs. High School.
April 9—Co-op vs. Macey's, Intervets vs. High School.

Classified Ads bring results.

Served In Far East—

LOCAL WIRELESS AIR GUNNER TOOK HAND IN ALLIED BURMA COMEBACK

Of the hundreds of young Prince Rupert men who served overseas in World War II none had more thrilling experiences than Warrant Officer John Johnson, son of Mrs. C. Johnson, 218 Eighth Avenue West, who is just home from the Far East theatre. He served as a wireless air gunner with the command

and attack of Japanese fighters. She had thirty or forty machine gun holes as well as a hit from an anti-aircraft shell which blew out the catwalk. Fuel lines were shot up—there was only 40 gallons of fuel left after the 1300-mile flight.

With crash imminent, the commanding officer had ordered his crew into the back of the ship and, as a result, the lives of all were saved when the ship, being set down skiffily, dug in by the nose to be later written off as a total loss.

Answering questions as to the details of operational flying in the area, John told a Daily News querist that it was mostly ground defence which had to be contended with and it was usually most inaccurate. Seldom did the Japanese come up to fight although three Tojos did make an attack on the squadron one time at Rangoon, all being shot down for their trouble. Most of the bombing was by 500 and 1000-pounders at altitude usually around 1000 feet.

Throughout the campaign Johnson flew with Wing Commander Brian Sparks of Windsor. Indeed they started out together from Boundary Bay in September 1944 and it was a sad day last July at Coos Island when the "skipper" died of infantile paralysis which he had evidently contracted before leaving India.

With the conclusion of the war in the Far East, the squadron was shipped to Britain by way of Ceylon, through India, the Red Sea, Suez and the Mediterranean. After a three month's wait in Britain, passage across the Atlantic was made on the trooper Scythia, landing at Halifax February 1.

John arrived home early last week. A former meter reader, he is now joining the power company line crew. Next year he plans going to University of British Columbia to take up electrical engineering.

John is not the only son of Mrs. Johnson to have served in the war. A younger boy, Pete, has been in the Royal Canadian Navy a little more than a year, now being aboard H.M.C.S. Givency out of Esquimalt.

Narrow Escape In Crash Landing
It was on June 1, on coming back into Salboni after the twenty-seventh and last trip during which they had a hot time in shooting up a Jap tanker and two destroyers in the Gulf of Siam, that their ship—"Madame X"—made a crash landing on the air field and the local boy had his closest call. The ship had been badly battered by anti-aircraft fire


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