



DRAWING A BEAD on a clay pigeon is Prince Rupert's team captain A. J. Dominato, one of two teams to win the shoot against Terrace.



TOP TERRACE TRAPMEN lost to Prince Rupert crack shots last week in the first inter-club trap shoot between the two Rod & Gun Clubs held here. Pictured above are the two teams with Game Commissioner James Cunningham, (centre, bareheaded) here for annual club dinner.

Wings Champion Team Without High-Scoring Gordie Howe

By The Canadian Press

Where would the Red Wings be without Gordie Howe?

Probably just where they are today—on top of the National Hockey League. Or not far off.

Detroit's NHL champions

weren't without their top-scoring right-winger last Monday night as they entertained Boston's travel-weary Bruins. But by the time the games was over, the Bruins couldn't care less.

True, Howe fired a goal, and acted as a decoy while linemate Ted Lindsay sank four more. But when a team takes a 10-2 beating, you can't blame it all on one man.

Gordie wasn't even on the ice when defenceman Benny Wolt scored his fourth goal in 120 NHL games, and his first of the season, or when Marcel Bonin fired the second of his big-league career. Nor did he figure in the Wings' first two goals, when it was still a hockey game.

The Wings simply were playing like champions. Red Kelly, Alex Delvecchio and Marcel Pronovost also shared in the scoring harvest as the league-leaders built up a 7-0 margin before Bruins could reply.

Eddie Sandford and George (Red) Sullivan finally connected for the losers, who remained in fifth place, one tantalizing point from play-off territory.

While Howe was picking up his 43rd goal of the season, with Lindsay's help, he picked up three assists as his scrappy little wingmate from Kirkland Lake, Ont., ran his goal-scoring total to 29. Between them, the two sharpshooters have scored more than half as many goals as the entire roster of almost any other NHL club.

While the Wings officially nailed down their play-off berth, there was news of another of hockey's big names, whose for-

tunes have taken a different turn.

BENTLEY HOME

Max Bentley finally gave up under a deluge of calls and answered the telephone at his Desilets, Sask., home. He announced he had come home for a rest, in hope that a week or 10 days on the farm will improve his general health to the point where he can go back to Toronto Maple Leafs for the play-offs—if Leafs make them.

The Leafs' ailing centre, in low spirits from repeated illness and injuries, slipped out of Toronto without notifying club officials.

Teams Polled On Post-Season Playoff Series

SEATTLE. (AP) — The eight clubs in the Western Hockey League are being polled on whether they favor a proposed playoff series with the Quebec Senior Hockey League.

President Al Leader said he received a telephone call Tuesday from George Slater, QSHL president, suggesting such a post-season series.

The Quebec circuit voted last Sunday night to approach both the WHL and American Hockey League on possible playoffs.

Leader, who said he personally liked the idea of a series with the seven-team Quebec league,

promised to let Slater know this week the outcome of the WHL club poll.

Christmas puddings in their present style were not eaten until about 1670.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The most urgent and important job of coaching being done in any baseball camp this spring has been allotted to Tony Cuccinello of Cleveland Indians' staff. The American League pennant could well ride on the little coach's success or failure.

All Tony has been asked to do between now and the season's start is to teach Ray Boone how to play shortstop properly and in so doing provide the game's greatest pitching staff with the sort of support it needs to beat out the Yankees instead of finishing second.

Tony has thrown himself into the task with much enthusiasm.

"The strange thing is," he said, "that it has taken this long to discover the reason the boy has been erratic on ground balls and has failed to improve in starting the double play. We would have won the pennant the last two years with just a little better shortstopping."

"What we know now is that Boone has a strange little habit of fluttering his hands just before a ground ball reaches him,"

Magistrates Want Corporal Punishment Reintroduced

LONDON (CP)—In face of parliamentary opposition, the British Magistrates' Association has voted by more than two to one in favor of reintroducing corporal punishment for crimes of violence.

The association's ballot, representing the view of about half the magistrates in the United Kingdom, showed 4,412 in favor of bringing back the birch, with 1,886 against.

The vote came as members of Parliament cut across party lines to reject a private member's bill calling for revival of whipping. Home Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe argued it would be premature to reverse a decision taken by the Labor government in 1948 to ban flogging.

Berg Rink Wins Trophy In Curling

A dramatic 12th-end victory last night brought curling honors and the George Cook trophy to Percy Berg's rink after scoring a remarkable comeback against Skip Chuck Ostertag and his trio.

Final score of 14-13 was achieved with a three-ender in a thrilling and exciting match playoff climax.

The 11th end saw Berg count one rock for a score of 13-11 for Ostertag. In the 12th, Berg was laying three with the outside rock as guard. After much deliberation, Ostertag, who had the final throw, decided to eliminate one rock from the house in a tricky shot and so even the score and necessitated another end to decide the winner.

But Ostertag's stone didn't quite curl enough and only succeeded in brushing the third Berg rock in the house which he meant to knock out.

Here are the scores by ends: 1st, 2, 0; 2nd, 2, 1 (Ostertag); 3rd, 2, 2; 4th, 3, 2 (Ostertag); 5th, 3, 3; 6th, 7, 5 (Ostertag); 7th, 10, 5 (Ostertag); 8th, 10, 10 (five ender by Berg); 9th, 15, 10 (Ostertag); 10th, 13, 10; 11th, 13, 11; 12th, 14, 13.

Members of the winning rink were Berg, skip; Bert Field, lead; Eddie Gladding, second; Hector MacDonald, third.

Losers—Ostertag, skip; Ted Smith, lead; Otto Quast, second; Bob Rudderham, third.

The trophy was presented to Gowanlock in a brief ceremony on the ice immediately after the climactic 12th end.

Tonight is the final match of the Gordon's Hardware trophy between Ken Warren's rink and Bert Rowbotham, who downed Matthew last night in the semi-finals.

The draw for tonight includes the finals and postponed games in the pre-bonspiel competition:

7:15—Sieber vs. High School; Wilson vs. Stewart; Warren vs. Rowbotham (Gordon finals); 9:15—Holliston vs. Johnson; Willson vs. Shier.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME since the Canadian curling championships began in 1927, Northern Ontario was host to the curlers. Eleven rinks were competing in the \$1,500,000 civic arena at Sudbury, Ont., which ended yesterday with Manitoba's victory. The arena was opened in the fall of 1951 for skating and this is the first time it has been used for curling.

14th CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Manitoba Wins Brier Tankard In Second Straight Victory

SUDBURY (CP)—Manitoba won its 14th Canadian curling championship when Ab Gowanlock's Dauphin rink defeated Quebec 8-6 in a drama-packed playoff last night.

It was the 52-year-old Gowanlock's second personal victory in this top curling event of the year and the second straight year the Macdonald's Brier tankard was won by Manitoba.

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