

# Wings Tie Maple Leafs To Take Over NHL Lead

By The Canadian Press

When are Toronto Maple Leafs going to score in Detroit?

The third-place Leafs have been stymied at Detroit's Olympia for 272 minutes and 58 seconds. In games, that goes back to March 8, 1953, when centre Tod Sloan beat goalkeeper Terry Sawchuk in the first period. The Leafs lost 3-1.

Although the Leafs didn't beat the 24-year-old Sawchuk with any of their 26 shots Sunday night, they didn't lose the game. It was a scoreless tie, the second 0-0 deadlock in the National Hockey League this year.

In the only other game Sunday night, the fifth-place New York Rangers pulled a surprising 4-3 upset on the second-place Montreal Canadiens before 15,183 fans in Madison Square Garden.

In Saturday games, the Leafs blanked the last-place Chicago Black Hawks 4-0 in Toronto and the Canadiens battled to a 1-1 tie against the fourth-place Boston Bruins at Montreal.

In two seasons the Leafs in Detroit have managed only five points with one victory and three ties. They haven't won in four games at Detroit this season.

The single point enabled the Red Wings to nudge into first

place with 48 points, one ahead of the Leafs.

## SECOND SHUTOUT

It was the second shutout in two nights for Harry Lumley of the Leafs and lengthened his lead in the race for the Vezina trophy, top award for goaltenders. Despite the absence of goals, the 12,959 fans got plenty of thrills.

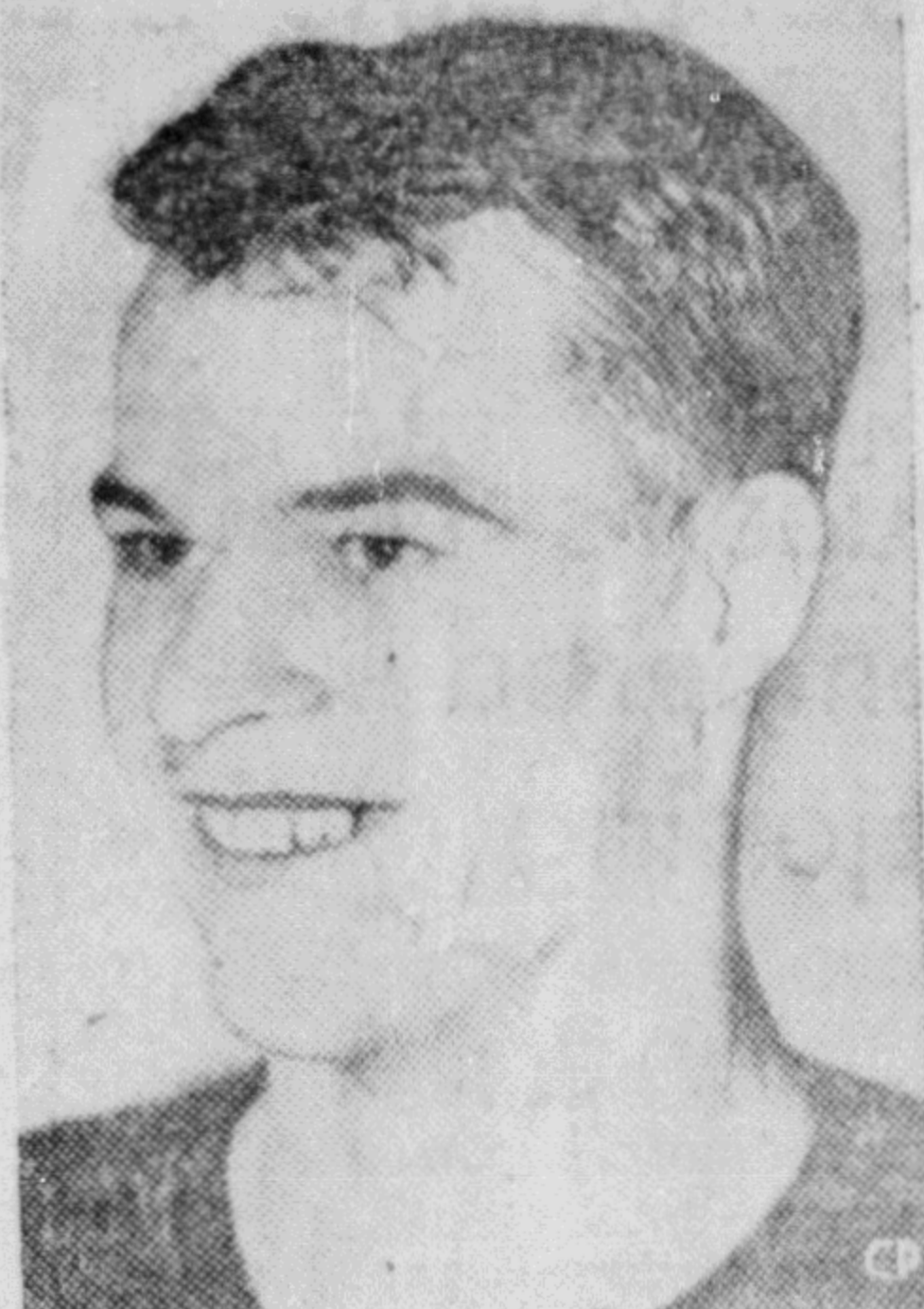
Lumley has allowed only 56 goals in 36 games for an average of 1.55 goals a game. It was his seventh shutout of the season. Sawchuk, with an average of 1.88 goals a game, has six shutouts.

At New York the Rangers staged off Montreal's strong offensive in the third period for their 12th win in 37 games.

Defenceman Jack Evans scored two New York goals. Wally Hergesheimer and Paul Ronty tallied the others. Maurice Richard, Floyd Curry and Bert Olmstead scored for Montreal.

The contest marked the New York debut of centre Jean Beliveau, Montreal's high-priced rookie.

It was a wide-open game in which Montreal goaltender Gerry McNeil made 37 stops and goalie Johnny Bower of the Rangers 33.



**GORDIE HOWE**, right-winger with Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League, placed third among outstanding male athletes in Canada in 1953 in the Canadian Press annual poll. Howe, a standout hockey player for years, is a better-than-average baseball player also.

## Tonight Sees Men's League Resume Play

Play resumes tonight in the Men's Five-Pin bowling league after the Christmas holiday lay-off with "A" Division starting off the 1954 season at 7 o'clock. Local 708 is atop "A" section with 28 points, followed by North Stars and 537 Taxi, each with 27 points; Philipott-Evitt and Art Murrays, with 24 points each, and Moose, with 22.

So far this season, Art Murrays hold high three-game record of 3334; Local 708 has top single game of 1299; Steve Dziapka has best single of 398 and George Shenton, with 871, has best three-game total.

Deuces lead "B" Division with 30 points; Kalen Industries has 27; Overwaitea, 26; Rupert Motors, 24; LCB, 22 and Savoy, 21.

Nelson Brothers have rolled the best three-game total—3102, and Wynn Gardner, a member of the squad, has high three-games of 807. LCB has high game of 1136 and John Fitzgeraid of Overwaitea has rolled best single game of 330.

Here is the schedule for tonight's games:

"A" League (7 p.m.)

Moose vs Northwest Construction; Cooks vs Short Circuits; CNRA vs Art Murrays; Family Market vs Thom Sheet Metal; 537 Taxi vs Local 708; North Stars vs Philipott-Evitt.

"B" League (9 p.m.)

LCB vs Legion; Don Juans vs Nelson Brothers; Savoy vs Jaycees; Kalen vs Overwaitea; Rupert Motors vs Deuces.

## Visiting Teams Take Beating

In a week-end tough on visiting teams, Kimberley Dynaminers lost both ends of their Western International League double-header in Spokane, absorbing a 5-0 whitewashing from Spokane Flyers Saturday and losing 6-2 Sunday.

In the other WIHL game Saturday, Nelson Maple Leafs blew a 2-0 first period lead and lost 5-4 to Trail Smoke Eaters in Trail.

In the Okanagan Senior Hockey League, Vernon Canadians were plucked 10-4 by Kamloops Elks in Kamloops and Penticton V's lost a 5-3 game to Kelowna Packers in Kelowna. Both games were played Saturday.

# Manager of World Champions Sees Russia For Puck Title

By BILL BOSS

MOSCOW (CP)—Russia probably will win the world hockey championships at Stockholm Feb. 23 to March 7 unless Canada sends a tip-top team to the meet, warns Rudolf (Putte) Kock, manager of the Swedish AIK.

"The Russians appear to have mastered the game at last," Kock says. "And the day has passed when Canada could send a scrub team to Europe confident that it would be good enough to win."

He says there will be real competition in 1954 and if Canada hopes to regain the championship, now held by Sweden, she must have a strong entry.

The Russian team scheduled to go to Stockholm included the best players the country has to offer.

Kock observed that Canada has entered Toronto's Lyndhurst Motors senior B team, but says "they'd better send a strong senior A team if they want to win."

He says the Russians have shown extreme interest in Canadian tactics and asked many questions.

## SOUGHT A TEST

Kock's AIK, which lost all three of its recent Moscow engagements, is from the Swedish Hockey League's second division. The AIK was specifically invited to the Russian capital and it is Kock's theory that the Russians wanted to find out how good their own team was.

## TO TOUR UNITED STATES

STOCKHOLM (CP)—Fifteen of Sweden's elite gymnasts will tour the United States on special invitation. The group will give displays and take part in competition at about 30 universities at the West Point Military Academy early in January.

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# CHALLENGERS OFF ON TOUR

Prince Rupert Challengers basketball team under guidance of coach Bill McChesney leave here tomorrow morning by plane for Ketchikan and Metlakatla, Alaska, for a three-game series.

Tuesday night the Challengers will play Ketchikan Rockets in the high school gym there and the next night take on the Vets on Annette Island on the big Metlakatla floor. Thursday night the Rupert quintet play a second game in Ketchikan. While up there McChesney will try to arrange return games with both Alaskan squads.

Representing Prince Rupert will be Ray Spring, Danny Bill, Joe Walsh and Mickey Webster of Manson's Omegas, Don and Sid Scherk and Harold Marshall of Columbia Cellulose 300 Club and Glen Carlson from Gordon and Andersons. During the past week the Challengers worked out in the Bo-Me-Hi gymnasium through the courtesy of acting principal, R. H. Davidson.

# U. K. Promoter Dies in London

LONDON, Eng. (CP)—Lucky Cappel, 57, London boxing promoter said to have lost three fortunes, died his home here.

Born in London's east end, stowed away to Canada in 1911 and in nine years made \$200,000 which he lost in the Wall Street crash of the late 1920's.

Then in 1949 he dropped \$14,000 in one night when an international variety show he promoted in London flopped.

The Royal Festival Hall in London is believed to have the largest foyer in Europe.

# Canucks Victory Spree Drops Stamps Back to Second Place

Calgary Stampeders were co-king of the Western Hockey League again during the week-end—but only for an hour.

The cowboys slashed to a 10-3 victory Saturday night over Saskatoon Quakers to collect 47 points and go into a tie with Vancouver Canucks.

In Seattle Sunday night, Vancouver shot down Seattle Bombers 3-1 on the strength of two goals by a former Seattle ace now playing for the league-leaders.

## Kramer Shuns New Recruits For Pro Ranks

NEW YORK (CP)—Jack Kramer, ex-tennis star, current promoter and future tycoon of the professional game, is interested in no amateur at the moment and that goes for Lewis Hoad and Tony Trabert.

"This whole thing is silly," the former U.S. Davis Cup ace said Sunday before sending his troupe to Madison Square Garden for the opening 1954 "tournament."

"Neither Hoad nor Trabert could hold a racket to my players," Kramer said. "Right now I don't want them and have not sent out any feelers. I'm satisfied with Pancho Gonzales, Pancho Segura, Don Budge and Frank Sedgman."

Kramer, who thinks about as fast as he used to serve when he was the world's leading amateur, is varying the script on his tour this year. Tonight, for instance, Gonzales will play Segura for the \$4,000 jackpot of the two-day stand. Budge and Sedgman will play for the consolation prize of \$1,500.

In Sunday's opening round Gonzales, making a comeback at the tender age of 25, upset Sedgman 3-6, 11-9, 13-11 and Segura chopped down Budge, the undisputed ruler of the game in the middle 30's, 6-4, 6-2.

"By running the show like a tournament every night, we'll give the boys more incentive," said Kramer. "Last year everyone collected his guarantee whether he won or lost. Now the winner each night will collect the major share of the purse." Kramer is going to confine his own action to doubles this year.

## Liner Orsova May Be Added To Pacific Run

AUCKLAND (CP)—The new Orient liner Orsova may be added to the Pacific passenger service between Australia, New Zealand and Canada, Irvine Geddes, director of the line, said today.

Geddes arrived here in the liner Orsonay which is re-opening the Pacific service suspended since the Aorangi was withdrawn last year. He said the Orient line would definitely make three round-trip voyages over the route this year but that service might be extended by use of the Orsova if demand warranted it.

The Orsonay leaves here tonight for Vancouver via Honolulu and San Francisco.

## Curling Results

Results of Canadian Legion curling club play last night are as follows:

Bone 6, Stewart 9; Andrew 10, E. Anderson 7; D. Hootz 4, B. Anderson 14.

Personnel of Legion rinks with skips listed first are as follows: (1) J. Andrew, J. Gillis, H. Anderson, G. Gomez; (2) B. Bone, R. Green, T. Wardrop, Mrs. R. Howell; (3) D. Hootz, W. Hootz, G. Dumas, Beryl Hootz; (4) W. Stewart, H. Williams, G. Anderson, Peggy Andrews; (5) B. Lofgren, B. Osborne, V. Dunbar, Myra Gilchrist; (6) Elsie Anderson, C. Nicholson, D. Gomez, Charlie Michie; (7) J. Lemire, Doug Kerr, F. Reich, Billie Baxter; (8) Bill Anderson, Mac Sommers, M. Lofgren, Pearl Gillis; (9) Tom Prokokow, A. Pihera, Marg McGrish, Eileen McNaughton; (10) Bill Baxter, Kathy Kerr, Mary Ballinger, (spare).

Spares: Mac Bird, phone Black 385; Doug McGrish, Red 716; Jack Webster; Lloyd Rice, Green 327; Mrs. Rice, Green 327.

## REMEMBER WHEN

Eddie Bruneteau, right-winger of Detroit Red Wings, fired two goals within 10 seconds at Detroit eight years ago tonight to help the Wings to a 3-3 tie with New York Rangers. But the fastest two goals in NHL history was by Nels Stewart, twice in four seconds of playing time, for Montreal Maroons against Boston Jan. 3, 1931, at Montreal.

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