

Leo Labine Shows Promise For Bruins

By The Canadian Press

Leo Labine, who liked to throw his 170 pounds around in the amateurs, has become one of the most promising scorers in the National Hockey League since he overcame the urge to make clay pigeons out of opposing players.

"But that doesn't mean I'm a sissy," the peppery little centre says. "I may not be going after the boys as much as I used to but I don't get the idea that I'm going soft."

Boston Bruins, who signed Labine while he was carrying a chip on his shoulder and scoring plenty of goals as a junior with Barrie Flyers in the Ontario Hockey Association, were happy to see him hold his own in the big league when he was brought up two years ago. They were delighted when he concentrated on the nets this season.

NEEDS STEADINESS

"All he needs is steadiness," says coach Lynn Patrick. "He has just about everything else."

In 49 games this season, Labine has scored 10 goals and 11 assists for the fourth place Bruins. That is two more goals than he had in 51 games last year. In 15 tilts during the 1951-52 season, he had two goals.

PLAY WINGS TONIGHT

The 22-year-old native of Haileybury, Ont., will be with the Bruins tonight when they meet the league-leading Detroit Red Wings in a game that may have a big part in the race for the fourth and last playoff berth for the Stanley Cup championships.

The Bruins, who have won 21 games and tied six this season, are only three points ahead of the fifth-place New York Rangers.

LEAFS TO MEET HABS

In two other games tonight, the third-place Toronto Maple Leafs travel to Montreal for a game against the second-place Canadiens and the Rangers clash with the last-place Black Hawks in Chicago.

The Leafs get another chance to overhaul Montreal tonight.

They have 24 wins and eight ties in 47 games but none came in the Montreal Forum. They lost four games in Montreal and scored only five goals, as against 16 tallied by Canadiens.

A victory would give Toronto 53 points, one more than Montreal.

Joe Long Tops B Division Of Celco Loop

Joe Long captured double honors in B Division of the Celco City Mixed league Friday when he rolled a men's high single of 260 and men's high triple of 767. Mildred White also won both ladies high single and ladies high triple when she rolled a single game of 217 and amassed a three-game total of 529. Team honors went to Timber-Ties with a team high single of 1055 and team high triple of 2991.

In A Division Ted Parker won men's high triple with 276 and Byron Lofgren rolled 726 to take men's high triple. Betty White rolled 269 to take ladies high single and Mary Postuk won ladies high triple with 677. Savoy won a team high single of 1125 and a team high triple of 3159 won team honors.

A DIVISION — Bulgars 4, Northland Dairy 0; Savoy 3, No-Names 1; MB Wildcats 2, Redskins 2.

B DIVISION — Pilots 4, Hi-Ballers 0; Conboeds 3, Central 1; Timber-Ties 3, MB Lucky Strikes 1.

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AN ARVIDA, QUE., rink is the winner of the 1954 Quebec provincial curling championship held in Quebec City. The curlers displaying their trophies are left to right: lead Bill Wallace, second Ford Loucks, third Bill White and skip Bill Tracy. The foursome will represent Quebec at the Canadian championships at Edmonton, March 1.

Stampeders Tie With Cougars, To Again Deadlock WHL Lead

By The Canadian Press

They played it tight and they played it loose along the Western Hockey League circuit Wednesday night.

The tight game was the 1-1 sawoff between Victoria Cougars and Calgary Stampeders and the loose contest was the 9-2 rout of Edmonton Flyers by Saskatoon Quakers.

The tie moved Stamps back into a deadlock with Vancouver Canucks for the WHL lead but Calgary came within a minute and a half of suffering a shut-out.

Ross Lowe gave Cougars the lead 1-0 in the first period before his team-mates put up a solid defensive wall which turned Stamps back time after time.

Archie Scott finally tied the score at 18:22 of the third and earned Stamps the one point which nudged them top-rung alongside Canucks.

Sam Lavitt drew a holding penalty in the second which was increased by a misconduct when he discussed the situation in strident tones with the referee.

GETS THREE GOALS

In Saskatoon, Quakers' Jackie McLeod scored three times and assisted twice. Ron Murphy scored twice with Aggie Kukulowicz, Vic Lynn, Doug Adam and Jim Ross getting the other tallies. Elsie Kobussen and Alex

Shuttle Play Must Start At 7 Sharp

Promptness has been stressed for tonight's Civic Centre Round Robin badminton tournament, draw officials said today.

In order to complete the majority of the 100 games scheduled in the tourney it is essential that all players be ready for their games before the 7 p.m. starting time. Second of games slated for the 20 mixed doubles are fixed for 7:15.

If any team is late, tournament officials said it will automatically default its missed games and lose points.

Kaleta each had two assists.

Vic Stasiuk, playing his first Western Hockey League game since he was dropped to Edmonton from the NHL's Detroit Red Wings, scored one of the Flyers' markers and Frank O'Grady the other.

The league stays idle tonight, allowing time for Saskatoon to travel to Victoria, Seattle Bombers to visit Vancouver Canucks and Calgary to call on Edmonton. All three games are Friday night features.

SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST

By Hal Sharp

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK — (AP) — A baby-faced baseball player just past voting age had a cyst no bigger than a quarter cut off the underside of his right knee out at Springfield, Mo., Wednesday, and full details of the surgery were spied on the news wires to every corner of the United States.

The Associated Press carried the bulletins from the sick room on its "A" wire. This is a convenience which concerns itself only with items of the first importance, and its editors complain at being asked to slip in a final world series score, but they recognized this quickly as something that couldn't be left lying around.

The young man was, of course, Mickey Mantle, the "phenom" who plays centrefield for the champion New York Yankees. The fact that it was only a minor operation on a young man who still has to prove himself a great ball player didn't matter. Anything that happens to the wonder boy from Oklahoma is of prime interest to every baseball fan in the world as we have discovered by listening.

Ever since the kid came up three years ago, completely unheralded, to step into the starting line-up of the world champions, it has been so. It is within reasonable doubt that a similar operation, on say, heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano, or on two such authentically great players as Stan Musial or Ted Williams, would have caused as much comment.

BONE DISEASE VICTIM

There has been an almost morbid interest in his star-struck career ever since it became known that he was a victim of osteomyelitis, a bone disease which can be arrested but is believed not to be curable.

Mary Postuk Tops Ladies Loop

Mary Postuk topped both divisions in the Ladies Five-Pin Bowling league Tuesday night when she rolled 293 for the A Division. Don's team, Bertha Dunbar of J. J. Murray's rolled 734 to take high three. Don's took team high single with 1039 and New Laurel rolled 2798 for team high three.

In B Division Marg McEays of McKay's scored 284 for high single and Jorris Hill of Tolleson chalked up 644 for high triple. Toller's took team honors with a high single of 1030 and a high three of 733.

Result:

A DIVISION — G & A: Rupert Radio 0; Club Printing 4; Sunrise 0; Don's 3; Stars 1; New Laurel 3; Art Murray's 1; Lyons 3; Annettes 1; Cloverleafs 3; Bulgars 1.

B DIVISION — PR Plumbers 4; Co-Op 0; Manson's 3; Skeena 1; Big Sisters 3; Cook's 1; Toller's 3; Hi-Flyers 1; McKay's 2; Wallace R 2; 75 Taxi 2; Seventh Ave. Meat 2.

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Trail Scores Resounding Win As Vernon Starts WHL Tour

By The Canadian Press

It was the Western International Hockey League versus the Okanagan Senior Hockey League Wednesday night and the OSHL went down to a 5-3 defeat.

The OSHL club, Vernon Canadians, is visiting in the WHL circuit and were trounced by hosting Trail Smoke Eaters.

Bill Jukes, flashy Vernon forward, left the ice in the first period with a torn ligament. Then Trail pivotman Frank Tur-

ik left the ice with an injured shoulder.

Then Kenny Cook of Trail left the ice with a match m-s-conduct when he shoved his glove into the face of referee Curly Whistley.

More than 3,100 fans saw Johnny Soffak, Vernon goalie and former Smoke docman, turn in a stellar game. But the hero of the tussle was Johnny Ryplien when he carried the puck the length of the ice to tie up the game in the second period.

Ryplien didn't score the goal, but he set the whole thing up then slid the puck to Terry Cavanagh who couldn't miss.

The game see-sawed back and forth several times before Trail clinched it.

Vernon limps into Nelson today while Penticton V's take on Kelowna Packers.

Curlers Asked To Check Games

Due to the postponement of matches at the Prince Rupert Curling Club, brought about by a number of rinks attending the Smithers bonspiel, club officials have been obliged to ask some rinks, to play more often and others to lay off a little longer than usual.

The club is now pressed for time to complete its schedules and no games can be postponed. Rinks unable to play at the scheduled time must default their games. Three competitors are in progress and curlers are asked to check competition in which they are playing. George Cook playoffs now in progress are for rinks which were curling together at the first half of the season.

Draws for tonight are as follows:

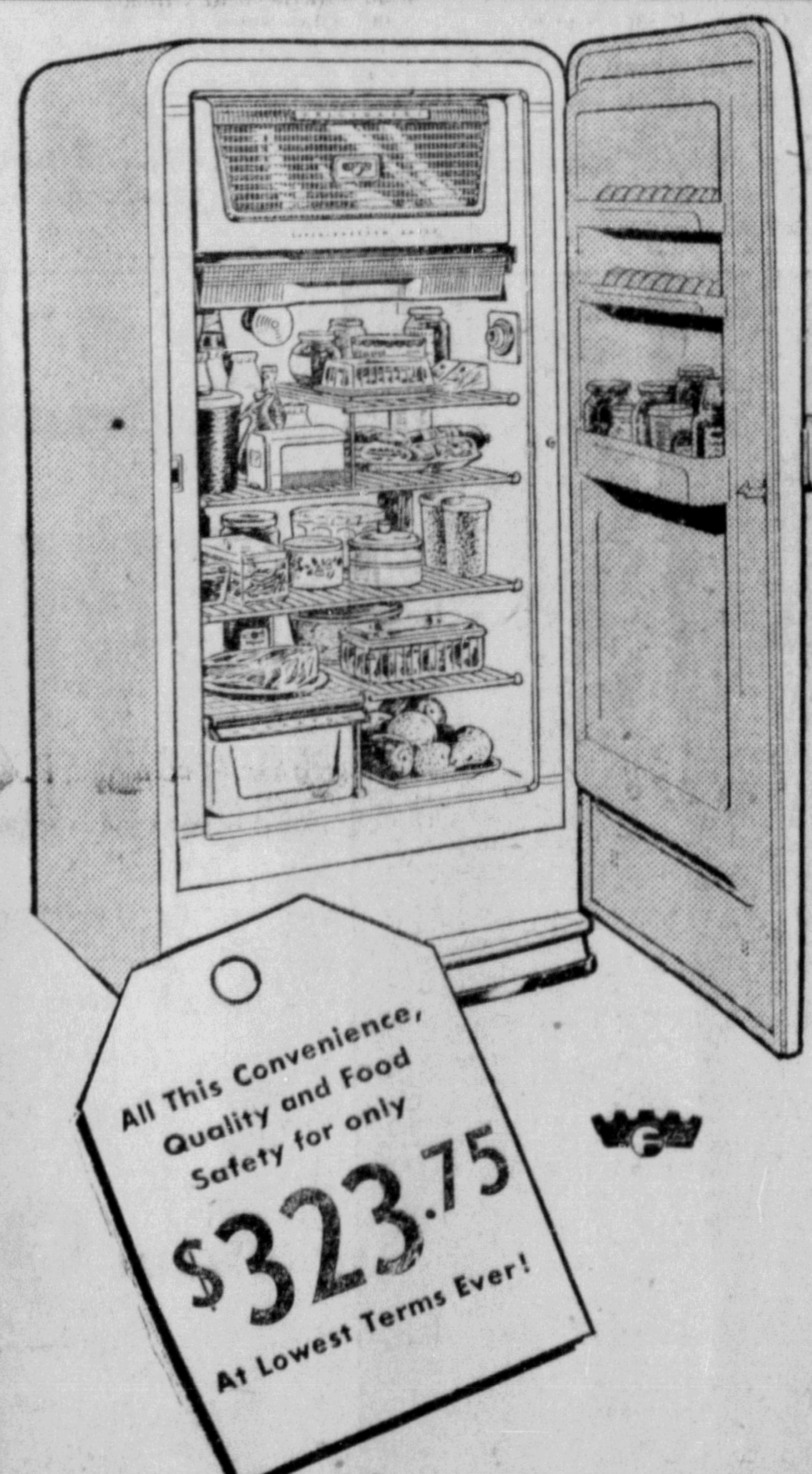
7 p.m. — Thom vs Wakley and Osterdag vs Aston in the Grotto competition. Garner vs Robertson in the George Cook playoffs.

9 p.m. — Kellough vs Laurie and Moore vs Rowbotham in the George Cook competition and Warren vs Greene in the Grotto trophy play.

Results in yesterday afternoon's play in the Art Murray trophy competition of the Prince Rupert ladies' curling club are as follows: Wakley 11, Petrov 3; Hamilton 6, Partridge 11; Lewis 11, Moore 3.

Draws for Friday afternoon: Wakley vs Petrov, Lewis vs Wakley; Moore vs Thom.

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