

## Habs, Bruins, Red Wings Enjoy U. S. Thanksgiving

By The Canadian Press  
Calum Mackay, Jerry Toppazzini and Terry Sawchuk had much to be thankful for after their Thanksgiving Day chores in the United States last night.

Mackay, 26-year-old leftwinger with Montreal Canadiens scored three goals and an assist to give the National Hockey League leading Montreal Canadiens a 6-3 victory over Chicago Black Hawks.

Toppazzini, the 23-year-old rightwinger recently recalled from the minors, also scored three goals to give Boston Bruins a 5-2 victory over New York Rangers.

Sawchuk, Detroit Red Wings' netminder, shut out Toronto Maple Leafs 2-0 for his third shutout of the season.

Last night's action resulted in only one change in the league standings. The Red Wings broke their second-place tie with the Maple Leafs, leaving them three points behind the Canadiens. The Bruins consolidated their hold on fourth place, three points behind the Leafs, and seven points up on the fifth-place Rangers.

Mackay's scoring spree came in the second period when he scored twice within 56 seconds, on

## Macon Manages Montreal Royals

MONTREAL — Hector Racine, president of Montreal Royals of the International Baseball League, today announced that Max Macon will succeed Wally Alston as manager.

Macon, manager of Fort Worth in the Texas League, will be signed to a one-year contract, the same as Alston received when he was signed earlier this week to succeed Charlie Dresen as manager of Brooklyn Dodgers.

## Sports Writers Name Rosen Most Valuable Player of Year

By JACK HAND  
NEW YORK (AP)—Al Rosen, Cleveland's slugging third-baseman, today was named most valuable player of the American League in 1953 by an unprecedented unanimous vote.

All 24 members of the committee of the Baseball Writers Association, three from each American League city, named Rosen first on their ballots. Thus the 28-year-old infielder won the award in a landslide with a maximum 336 points.

The highest previous total was run up by Lou Boudreau with 324 points in 1948, the year he led Cleveland to the pennant and world championship. Best score in National League history was Stan Musial's 319 in 1946.

Rosen led the league in home runs with 43 and runs batted in with 145, and just missed nipping Washington's Mickey Vernon for the batting championship. Vernon finished with an unofficial 337 to Rosen's 336.

Bobby Shantz, Philadelphia Athletics' little left-hander who won the American League award in 1952, didn't get a vote this year because he was sidelined most of the season due to arm trouble.

Yogi Berra, New York Yankee catcher and 1951 winner, finished second with 167 points, and Vernon was third with 165.

Orestes (Minnie) Minoso, Chicago's outfielder and third-baseman and a .313 hitter, was

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assists by Dick Gamble and Bernie Geoffrion, and again in the last two minutes of the period, assisted by Maurice Richard and Geoffrion. Gamble, Richard and Doug Harvey scored the others.

Gus Bodnar, George Gee and Bill Gadsby, netting his eighth of the season, scored for Chicago.

Toppazzini also came up with his scoring punch in the second period. Johnny Peirson and Fleming Mackell netted the rest.

Ranger goals were scored by Nick Mickoski and Harry Howell.

## Frosty's Seek First Victory In Girls' Loop

Frosty's Food Lockers, victims of a 22-4 lacing at the opening of the Girls Basketball league season at the hands of Dom's Department store are out for their first win tonight as they meet Sheila Hicks' platoon system Bo-Me-Hi Rainbirds at the Civic Centre. Frosty's have signed one additional player, Diane Kennedy, in an effort for extra strength and hope to cut down the gap between themselves and the two-time winner Dom's. Rainbirds are tied with Frosty's with a one-loss record also at the hands of Dom's.

Two Junior league games are on tap tonight, with Orme's meeting Annunciation School in the opener and Sea Cadets tangling with NBC Power in the semi wind-up. Orme's have lost one game in its only outing and both Annunciation and Sea Cadets have one win each to their credit. NBC Power lost its only game to Annunciation. League leader is Sports Shop with two victories and Bulgars trail with two losses.

## Vessels Named Outstanding Grid Player

TORONTO — Billy Vessels, 21-year-old hard-plunging back with Edmonton Eskimos of the Western Interprovincial Football Union, today was chosen Canada's most outstanding player of the year.

The 185-pound all-star was given the Canadian Schenley Trophy and \$1,000 cash award at a special pre-game Grey Cup final presentation. Sports writers and sportscasters from the senior football cities of Canada selected the backfielder, one of the mainstays of the Eskimo club this season.

The award to Vessels, one of the greatest players to come to Canada, was his second big-time honor in two years. Last year he was chosen the most outstanding player in American college football, he played with Oklahoma Sooners, and won the Heisman Trophy.

Votes of the selectors were weighted to give equal balloting strength to each city.

## Offer Made To Trafton By Packers

TORONTO — The Globe and Mail says today in a sports page story from Los Angeles that Green Bay Packers of the United States National Football League have offered George Trafton, coach of Winnipeg Blue Bombers for the last three years, a three-year coaching contract at \$17,500 a season.

Trafton, here with the Blue Bombers for the Grey Cup play-off Saturday for the Canadian championship, formerly was assistant coach of Los Angeles Rams of the NFL. Previous to that, he was head line coach at Green Bay.

"In addition to Green Bay, two other NFL clubs, Los Angeles Rams and New York Giants, are reported to be eyeing Trafton," the paper says.

## Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press  
Detroit—Bob Amos, 179, Detroit, stopped Wes Bascom, 181½, St. Louis, 3.  
Newark, N.J.—Felix Redondo, 139, Bayonne, N.J., outpointed Earl Dennis, 137, New York, 8.

## BASKETBALL — CIVIC CENTRE

6:45—Junior—Ormes vs Annunciation  
7:45—Junior—Sea Cadets vs N.B.C. Power  
8:45—Girls—Rainbirds vs Frosty Food Lockers

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## Blue Bombers Improving After Wilting From Two Days in Different Eastern Air

AURORA, Ont. — Eastern air made Winnipeg Blue Bombers feel like a soggy football for two days.

"It leaves you like a wet sack sometimes," says coach George Trafton. "You gotta be a doctor, coach and crystal-peeper in this business."

Trafton had just finished putting the Bombers through a drill at nearby St. Andrew's College in preparation for their Grey Cup game against Hamilton Tiger-Cats in Toronto Saturday when he said:

"It's a big change when you move down here from that brisk, dry air on the Prairies. I didn't notice it much but the players nearly wilted during the drills

shortly after they arrived." The players apparently felt the change after a three-hour practice Wednesday. Most of them took time only to eat a steak dinner before they went to bed.

Big Bud Korchak, the 26-year-old flying wing and kicking ace, was only one of many Bombers to notice the change.

"Man, was I beat yesterday (Wednesday)," he said. "I could not get to bed fast enough. Sleep came fast."

However, Trafton figures the air "will be like a shot in the arm by the time we meet the

Tiger-Cats." He added: "They say it takes a couple of days to get used to it. The boys were pooped Wednesday night but were fine yesterday. Don't fret about us, buster. We're okay."

## Remember When

Queen's University, then top team in the Intercollegiate Football Union, won the eastern Canada title 31 years ago today by edging the Big Four champion Toronto Argonauts 12-11.

## Curling Results

Results in Prince Rupert Curling club's Gordon Hardware trophy competition are as follows:

Wednesday  
Robertson 16, Barbour 9; Berg 10, Wakley 7; Eyolfson 7, Shier 5; Bird 9, Meighen 6; Johnston 8, Butterick 4; Gordon 8, Ford 7.  
Thursday  
Ostertag 14, Matthew 3, Sieber 12, Thom 6; Moore 9, Garner 7; Parker 9, Turner 7; Laurie 8, Kellough 6; Miller 10, McNece 5.



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