Bruins Down Wings To Regain Lead

Hawks Shutout Leafs; Canadiens Whip Rangers

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An amateur athlete may be roused by dressing-room exhortations, but the professional is most affected by a plea to his wallet.

The latest proof is Fleming Mackell, stocky Boston Bruins centre, who scored three goals on Sunday night as Bruins licked Red Wings 4-2 in Detroit to regain the National Hockey League lead.

Last season Bruins finished fifth, 27-year-old Mackell scoring only seven goals in two games. He took a voluntary pay-cut this season and was told that the more he scored the more he'd be paid.

Mackell rose to the bait. In 35 games of the 1956-57 campaign he has scored 11 goals.

Bruins were the only team that improved appreciably in league status during the weekend. Montreal Canadiens whipped New York Rangers 6-3 in Montreal Saturday before 13,794 fans, but stayed in third place.

Toronto Maple Leafs beat Chicago Black Hawks 6-3 in Toronto Saturday to pull into a tie with Rangers for fourth, but lost the return match Sunday as Al Rollins shut them out 2-0 in front of 10,161, largest crowd in Chicago this year.

Boston's win was remarkable for more than Mackell's goal scoring. It was the first time in 23 consecutive games that Bruins had beaten Wings on Detroit ice, and the first time in 18 games this season that any team has turned the trick at Detroit Olympia.

Sharing honors with Mackell as Bruins got back on top after losing the lead to Detroit in Boston last Thursday was goaltender Terry Sawchuk, who must have made 15,130 Detroit fans, second-largest NHL crowd this season, wish he were still out of action.

Sawchuk, a former Wing, stopped 26 shots. Glenn Hall had only 21 saves to make in the Red Wing goal.

Real Chevrefils scored Boston's fourth goal, his 15th of the season, while Red Kelly scored the first for Detroit and Ted Lindsay added the second, his 17th this year.

At Montreal a winning-losing streak even more impressive than that broken by Detroit and Boston was maintained as Canadiens won their 20th on home ice over Rangers, who haven't beaten them in Montreal in regular season play since Jan. 30, 1954.

Jean Beliveau, the superlative centre, scored two for Montreal, his 18th and 19th. Maurice Richard got his 12th, Claude Provost and Don Marshall got one each and Bernie Geoffrion celebrated his return from a seven-game lay-off by scoring another.

Danny Lewicki, Dean Prentice and Andy Hebenton were the scoring Rangers.

The game was slow for two periods and the two teams were tied 2-2 as they entered the third. Then Canadiens stepped up the pace, Rangers wilted and New York goaltender Lorne Worsley had to face 25 shots in the final. Worsley stopped 42 shots during the night, while Jacques Plante needed to make only 18 saves for the win.

In spite of their 1-1 split the weekend was a hard one for the Leafs. Tod Sloan, their top point-getter and leading centre, suffered a shoulder separation in Chicago Sunday and may be out for three weeks.

Al Rollins was brilliant in Chicago Sunday for his second shutout of the year as Leafs outshot Chicago 39-28.

Defenceman Gus Mortson beat netminder Ed Chadwick in the second period with a long one and Glen Skov got the final four seconds from the end of the game, knocking the puck into an empty net after Chadwick was benched.

The NHL schedules one of its rare Monday games tonight. Detroit Red Wings have an excellent chance of moving past Boston again as they meet Rangers in New York to make up one of the two games they have in mind over Bruins.

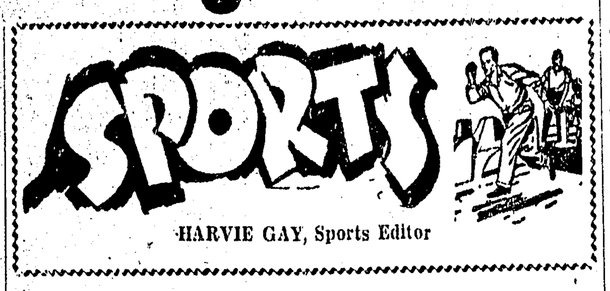
Suspend Coach

NELSON, B.C. (CP) — Playing coach Pat Egan of Nelson Maple Leafs was suspended Sunday for three games by Dr. Joseph Vingo, president of the Western International Hockey League.

He was accused of using abusive language and showing disrespect toward an official in protesting a minor slashing penalty imposed on him during a game here Saturday night between Maple Leafs and Spokane Flyers.

The Nelson coach received a match misconduct for his actions.

Spokane won 6-4. Egan began serving his suspension defeated Nelson 4-1 at Spokane.



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Robinson Underdog For Go With Fullmer

NEW YORK (AP)—It's a unique occasion when Ray Robinson, fighting in his own class, finds himself an underdog. But that's the way it will be Wednesday night in Madison Square Garden when the onetime dazzler, now 36, defends his middleweight crown against strong, 25-year-old Gene Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah.

Taking notice of young Floyd Patterson's knockout of ancient Archie Moore for the heavyweight title, the bookmakers have established the aggressive Rocky Mountain mauler as the 9-to-5 choice to dethrone aging Sugar Ray in their 15-rounder.

The general feeling, not shared by Robinson or his handlers is that the Harlem dandy has to stop the eager youngster within five rounds to win.

EAGER FOR TITLE

Originally the two were scheduled to collide Dec. 12 but Robinson was bitten by a virus bug and the scrap was postponed. It has hurt the ticket sale. Nevertheless a crowd of 14,000 is expected to pay $150,000 for New York's first title fight in more than a year.

Radio and television are to add another $100,000 to the pot. Starting at 10 p.m. EST (8 p.m. MST) the bout will be broadcast and telecast.

Robinson collects 47 per cent of the gate and $60,000 from the radio-TV receipts. Fullmer gets only 12½ per cent of the gate and nothing from the air receipts. He was so anxious to get a crack at the title he would have signed for nothing.

UBC Squad Take Series From Locals

Prince Ruperts, this city's entry in Vancouver Senior B basketball, chalked up their third win over a bolstered city team, Challengers, 59-48, Saturday to sweep the three night exhibition series held in the Civic Centre.

The Vancouver squad won Thursday and Friday 57-46 and 64-25.

Fred Kristmanson who topped scoring honors in the two previous games, once again displayed his marksmanship Saturday scoring 18 points in a consistently good four quarters.

Topping the Challengers with 11 points was former city cager Dick Nickerson, lent out to bolster the city team. Following was Darrel Young who racked up 10 points.

Hammering out a 13-10 first quarter lead against the battling Challengers, Prince Ruperts went on to consolidate their margin by bringing the half-time score to 27-21.

A vigorous effort by Ron Cecone, Gary Morison, Art Helin, Kristmanson each scoring two baskets and Rey McKay who racked up six points, bolstered Prince Ruperts' third quarter lead to 47-33. Don Hartwig scored six of Challengers' 14 points.

In the final frame, Challengers struggled desperately to catch up. Ray Spring contributed well with passing and dribbling and despite the efforts of Bill Gurney and Nickerson, each with four points, Prince Ruperts checking every Challenger move, retained their margin.

Lineups:

Prince Ruperts—Forbes, Cecone 10, Kristmanson 18, G. Morison 8, W. Morrison, Helin 6, McKay 15, Thom 2. Total 59.

Challengers—Gurney 4, Nickerson 11, Shenton 7, Newton 2, D. Young 10, M. Young, Hartwig 6, McAfee 4, Spring 4. Total 48.

Weekend Fights

By The Associated Press

Hollywood, Calif. (AP)—Tommy Tibbs, 130½, Boston, stopped Manny Kid Castro, 136¾, Guam, 10.

Dortmund, Germany (AP)—Nino Valdes, 209, Cuba, stopped Hans Friedrich, 200, Germany, 6.

Bears Suffer 47-7 Massacre By Giants

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK (AP)— New York Giants were red hot and Chicago Bears and 56,036 fans were frozen.

That's the story of the 1956 National League championship playoff in a nutshell.

Giants skipped over the frozen turf of Yankee Stadium in their white basketball shoes for six touchdowns Sunday on the way to a shocking 47-7 victory over Bears, who had gone into the game three-point favorites.

Giants amassed a 34-7 half-time lead in a fine display of balanced offence and rugged defence. The Bears, who had rallied to tie Giants 17-17 in a regular-schedule game Nov. 25, never were able to get back into the game.

RECORD DIVVY

"They were up, we were down," said Paddy Driscoll, completing his first season as Bears' head coach. "There's nothing you can say about a defeat like this. We just didn't have it."

Despite the cold and the strong wind, the partisan crowd enjoyed the rout of the mighty Bears. With $205,000 from radio-TV, the total gate of $517,385 and winning share of $3,779 and losers' cut of $2,485 were records.

It was the worst playoff defeat for Bears, whose 73-0 massacre of Washington Redskins in the 1940 playoff still lives in the record book. Giants, starved for a title since 1938, had little mercy.

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