Gordie Howe Enters Scoring Race As Wings Split Series With Habs

By The Canadian Press

There's no doubt that Gordie Howe is back to his old hockey form.

The great Detroit rightwinger off to a slow start this season and on the sidelines briefly with injuries, is threatening the individual scoring leaders in the National Hockey League.

The 26-year-old Red Wing star has a long way to go to catch Montreal's Bernie Geoffrion and Maurice Richard but he isn't wasting any time.

Howe scored two goals his 14th and 15th of the 1954-55 campaign during the New Year's weekend as the Red Wings split a home-and-home series with Canadiens. He accounted for the only goal Saturday as the Wings lost 4-1 in Montreal and added another Sunday night when the Wings won 3-2 on home ice.

Geoffrion picked up one himself Saturday. He leads the scoring parade with 21 goals, three ahead of Richard.

In other games:

The third-place Maple Leafs and the last-place Chicago Black Hawks tied 2-2 in Toronto Saturday. The Hawks came back Sunday to whip Leafs 3-2 in St. Louis. The fourth-place Boston Bruins blanked the sixth-place New York Rangers 4-0 in Boston Saturday. And the Clubs tied 3-3 at New York Sunday night.

The engagements didn't change the standings. The Montrealers still lead with 52 points, four ahead of Detroit and nine up on the Leafs.

Canadiens started off 1955 with that 4-1 win before their hometown fans. They struck for two goals in each of the first and second periods and surrendered the Wings' tally to Howe in the third.

Richard, Geoffrion, Dickie Moore and rookie centre Don Marshall scored for Canadiens.

GORDIE HOWE
. . . back in form

Scribe Reviews Highlights Of Last Year

By JACK HAND
For Gayle Talbot

NEW YORK (AP)—When 1954 has been forgot, these memories will still be hot:

Ted Williams in a station wagon, clutching his left shoulder and fearing the worst after he broke his collarbone in his first workout at the Red Sox camp at Sarasota, Fla. . . .

The sour taste left after the Johnny Saxton-Kid Gavilan welter title "fight" in Philadelphia.

Willie Mays racing into the next county to take Vic Sertz's long smash over his head in the "big catch" of the world series.

The boxing lesson Ezzard Charles was giving Rocky Marciano in their first fight until Rocky's heavy bombs left you wondering what was holding up Ezzy . . .

The startling sight of a 55-yardline and 12-man teams at your first Canadian football game at Toronto and the way the Canadian "locals" stole the play from the U.S. imports . . . Gosen, N.Y., on Hambletonian day with some of the old country fair atmosphere still preserved in a day of tote boards with pin ball light patterns . . . Cleveland plunged in mourning after the Indians' fourth straight loss to the Giants.

Upsets Highlight B.C. Puck Loops

By The Canadian Press

The New Year weekend in B.C. amateur hockey was one of upsets but not big enough ones to change the standings of either the Western International or the Okanagan Senior loops.

Top-running Kimberley Dynamiters of the WIHL were knocked over 4-3 by the No. 2 team, Nelson Maple Leafs, at Nelson Saturday. The result still left a 3.2 gap between the leaders. Kimberley has 28.4 to Nelson's 25.2 points.

In the league's other New Year's Day fixture, Trail Smoke Eaters popped right out of the cellar and whipped Spokane Flyers 10-5. Spokane still has 23.1 points to the Smokies 21.4.

The story was similar in the OSHL. Kelowna Packers, oldtimers at the bottom of the ladder, upset the high and mighty Penticton V's 6-3.

But the V's with 46 points still are a comfortable nine points ahead of Vernon Canadians, who in turn took an 8-3 drubbing from Kamloops Elks. Kamloops stays in third spot with 35 points, two behind Vernon.

The WIHL is idle tonight. In OSHL action, Penticton goes to Kelowna and Vernon will be at home to Kamloops.

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Kimberley	12	10	1	78	71	28.4
x-Nelson	13	14	1	110	110	25.2
Spokane	11	12	0	90	94	23.1
x-Trail	12	10	0	126	131	21.4

x-Includes two games ruled loss to both clubs for exceeding league player limit.

Fractional points awarded because of unbalanced schedule.

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Trio Clings To WHL Lead Over Weekend

By The Canadian Press

The triumvirate of Edmonton, New Westminster and Calgary showed no signs today of relinquishing their tight-fisted control of the Western Hockey League after a full holiday weekend schedule.

The New Year's shakedown left Edmonton in front with 47 points, while New Westminster Royals are close behind at 45, one more than Calgary Stampeders.

Victoria Cougars with 38 are sandwiched between the big three and the junior partners—Vancouver Canucks and Saskatoon Quakers—who command 28 and 20 points respectively.

Calgary had most cause to celebrate the New Year. After two defeats earlier in the week, they ended a tour of the west coast by squeezing Vancouver 5-4 in Friday's only game and dropped Victoria 4-1 Saturday.

Edmonton's New Year's Day victory over Saskatoon was the Flyers' fourth in a row during the last week.

In Vancouver, New Westminster Royals bowed 4-1 to the revamped Canucks.

Bowl Results

Bowl Score Roundup

Rose—Ohio State 20, Southern California 7.

Sugar—Navy 21, Mississippi 0

Cotton—Georgia Tech 14, Arkansas 6

Orange—Duke 34, Nebraska 7

East-West All Stars—East 13, West 12

Texas—Western 47, Florida State 20

Prairie View—Prairie View 14, Texas Southern 12

Salad—Skyline Conference All Stars 20, Border Conference All-Stars 13.

Riche—U.S. Air Force 21, U.S. Marines 14.

At Tokyo Tangerine—Omaha 7, Eastern Kentucky 6.

Bowl Favorites Come Through All Along Line

By The Associated Press

The argument over whether Ohio State's unbeaten Buckeyes rated the National Football championship over undefeated UCLA is about the only issue the January 1 Bowl games failed to decide.

None of the major post-season gridiron classics produced a real surprise even though Navy, victorious 21-0 over Mississippi in the Sugar Bowl, relinquished the favorite's role after injuries and illness sidelined several first-string players.

Supporters of the UCLAns who finished a close second to the Buckeyes in the final Associated Press Poll, had hoped Southern California would down Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. Then they would have been in a position today to gloat over those who voted for Ohio State.

But the Big Ten Conference champions went out to prove that they rated the No. 1 spot. True, they defeated USC by only 20-7 compared to UCLA's 34-0 romp during the regular season, but rain during Saturday's game was not conducive to high scoring. Duke was the favorite to whip Nebraska. Big Seven Con- Orange Bowl and the Blue Devils came through with ease 34-7.

In the Cotton Bowl, Georgia Tech was the choice to knock off 10th ranked Arkansas and this the engineers did 14-6.

The other major New Year's Day game produced a 13-12 victory for the Eastern All-Stars against the West in the Shrine game at San Francisco.

More than a half-million fans—501,847 to be exact turned out for 13 games played between Friday and Sunday.

The most sensational play in the Rose Bowl was an 86-yard punt return for a touchdown by Southern California's Alamo Dandoy.

Georgia Tech adjusted its offence in the second half to overhaul Arkansas after the Razorbacks had left the field at the intermission on the long end of a 6-0 score.

The victory kept intact Coach Bobby Dodd's perfect Bowl record. His teams have won six of the post season affairs in ten years.

Regular exercise is necessary to health. Older people who are able to get around normally can enjoy a daily walk out of doors.

Three Basketball Leagues Resume Activities Tuesday

Basketball resumes in Prince Rupert after the holiday layoff tomorrow night at the Civic Centre and the schedule will see a complete slate of games get underway at 6 p.m.

Senior B activity will see a postponed game between the Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers and Manson's scheduled at 8:30 p.m. while the evening's ball will start at 6 p.m. with Wrennettes playing Bo-Me-Hi Green. Junior Boys league will follow with Annunciation playing Fraser and Payne while the Senior Girl's league has Dom's playing Bo-Me-Hi Gold.

Tuesdays will regularly see four games scheduled, starting at 6 p.m. and three Saturday games will be played in the second half of the season, starting at 6:20 p.m. Saturday games will include Junior Boys, Intermediate Boys and Senior B leagues.

Schedule until February 26 includes the following games:

Senior B (8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays)

Jan. 4—Rainmakers vs Manson's
Jan. 8—Rainmakers vs Gordon and Anderson
Jan. 11—Gordon and Anderson vs Manson's
Jan. 15—Rainmakers vs Manson's
Jan. 18—Gordon and Anderson vs Rainmakers
Jan. 22—Manson's vs Gordon and Anderson
Jan. 25—Rainmakers vs Gordon and Anderson
Jan. 29—Gordon and Anderson vs Manson's
Feb. 1—Manson's vs Rainmakers
Feb. 5—Rainmakers vs Gordon and Anderson
Feb. 8—Manson's vs Gordon and Anderson
Feb. 12—Rainmakers vs Manson's
Feb. 15—Rainmakers vs Gordon and Anderson
Feb. 26—Manson's vs Gordon and Anderson

Senior Girls (Tuesdays)

Jan. 4—Wrennettes vs Green; Dom's vs Gold
Jan. 11—Wrennettes vs Gold; Dom's vs Green.
Jan. 18—Green vs Gold
Jan. 25—Wrennettes vs Green; Dom's vs Gold

Junior Boys (Tuesdays and Saturdays)

Jan. 4—Annunciation vs Fraser and Payne
Jan. 8—Sport Shop vs Manson's
Jan. 11—Ormes vs Annunciation
Jan. 15—Fraser and Payne vs Sport Shop
Jan. 18—Manson's vs Ormes
Sport Shop vs Manson's
Jan. 22—Annunciation vs Sport Shop
Jan. 25—Manson's vs Fraser and Payne
Jan. 29—Ormes vs Fraser and Payne
Feb. 1—Manson's vs Annunciation
Fraser and Payne vs Sport Shop
Feb. 5—Ormes vs Sports Shop
Feb. 8—Annunciation vs Fraser and Payne
Feb. 12—Ormes vs Annunciation
Feb. 15—Manson's vs Ormes
Annunciation vs Sport Shop.
Feb. 19—Fraser and Payne vs Manson's
Feb. 22—Ormes vs Fraser and Payne
Manson's vs Annunciation
Feb. 26—Ormes vs Sport Shop

Intermediate games will be played as preliminaries to all exhibition games and consequently have not been regularly scheduled by the Prince Rupert Basketball Association.

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Writer Hands Out Warning On 1955 Puck Championship

By ARCH MacKENZIE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP)—The man who last year correctly called Canada to lose the world hockey crown sounds a new warning about the 1955 championships at Dortmund, Germany, in February.

Penticton Vs, the British Columbia squad named to represent Canada this year, is good, says Bob Giddens, editor of a weekly called Ice Hockey World. But Grant Warwick and company must come prepared to win by a country restoring Canadian prestige in Europe, and the team must realize that European referees call play to the letter of the law, he adds.

"I don't like warning and nagging my fellow Canadians each year about this time," says Giddens, an expatriate from Ottawa. "But I hate to see so much wisdom after a disaster when the signs of danger are so big and large for everyone to see and prepare against."

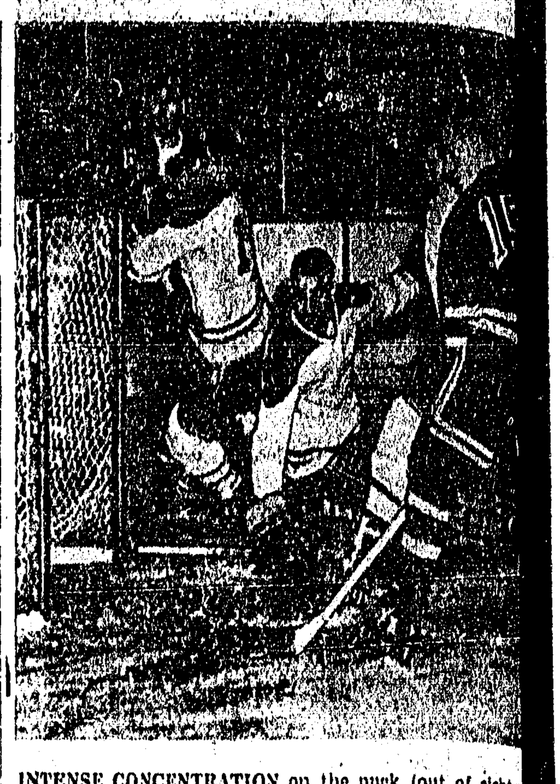
This reference to Canada's 7-2 loss to Russia at Stockholm, and the furore it caused in Canada, comes in an article by Giddens in his newspaper. "This stuff is suicide," says the headline, referring to a big picture above of a king-sized hassle between Toronto Maple Leafs and Chicago Black Hawks.

"Canada can't afford to lose; can't even afford to win by the skin of her teeth," says Giddens. "Canada can expect terrific competition from Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Russia. Perhaps the strongest of the lot is Czechoslovakia.

"Canada will 'never take home the bacon' if they play it rough and tough. . . .

"It can only be done by winning with style, ease and good spirit. It isn't enough to win on a disputed goal and a police escort to the dressing rooms.

"We're sending Goliath to meet the Davids of Europe. It's up to Canada to give a new twist to the story."



INTENSE CONCENTRATION on the puck (out of sight in the net) is shown by players of the Montreal Canadiens and York Rangers in a National Hockey League game at Mo[illegible] Left to right: Ron Evans, Dollard St. Laurent, goalie [illegible] Plante, Doug Harvey and Ron Murphy. Canadiens won [illegible] (CP [illegible])

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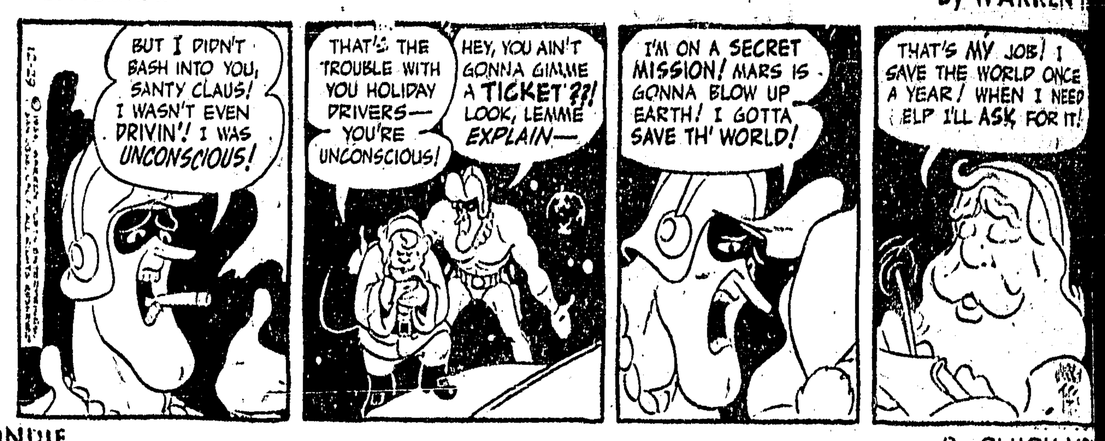

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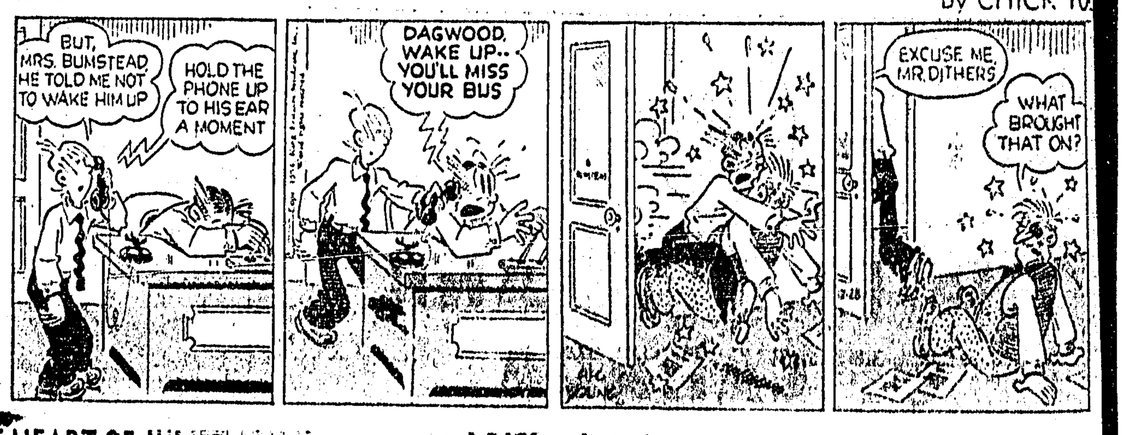

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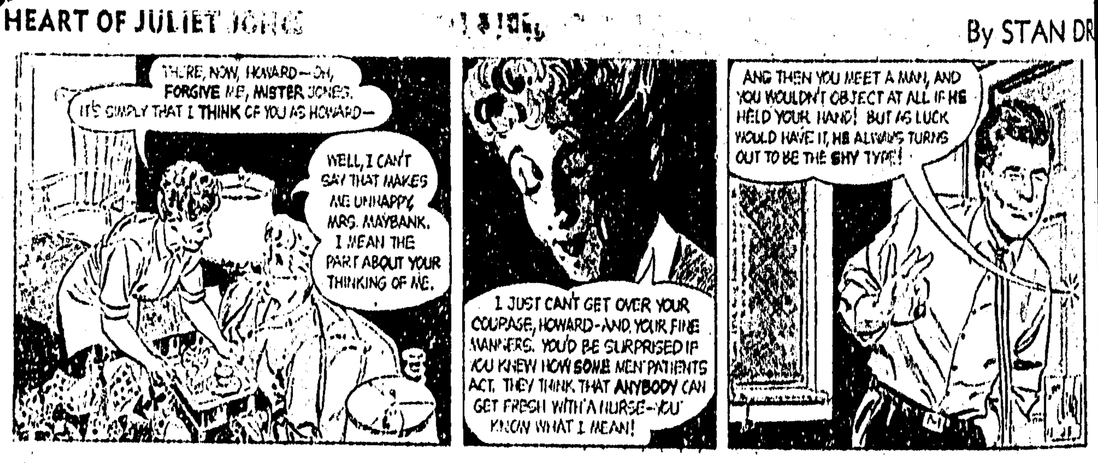

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