

Habs, Red Wings Try To Forget Hockey For Time

MONTREAL, April 2 — (CP) — Anything to keep a hockey player's mind off his job was the rule today. So there were such goings-on as ping pong and pool for the stalwarts of Montreal Canadiens and Detroit Red Wings.

It was even hard to pry hockey dope from the coaches. Neither Dick Irvin of the Canadiens nor Tommy Ivan of the Wings went in for predictions about this Stanley Cup National Hockey League semi-final between their clubs.

Canadiens, with two overtime wins in Detroit, hold a 2-1 game margin in the best-of-seven series. The Wings scored their first victory here Saturday night, 2-0, and the teams meet again on Montreal ice tomorrow.

Both coaches said the breaks have played a big part so far and will likely keep right on doing it.

Canadiens are at Val David in the Laurentian Hills, Red Wings at Granby in Quebec's Eastern Townships.

A few of Canadiens' farmhands, called up for the series but without having seen action yet, came into Montreal for a light skating workout. Then they hustled back to Val David. Irvin arranged ping pong and shuffleboard tournaments for his squad. He sent roommates against roommates.

It was much the same story at Granby. The Red Wings occupied themselves with pool, ping pong and bowling.

"That win Saturday night gave us a lift, all right," said Irvin, "but we're not over-confident. We've still got a lot of work to do, and the pattern of this series so far shows it's going to be a close fight."

So far the scoring aces of the National Hockey League have scored the telling goals. Maurice Richard drove in the overtime goals that gave Canadiens their victories. Gordon Howe, league leader, ended the goal famine for the Wings Saturday night and Sid Abel fired the clincher.

Junior Abbies Hockey Club Tendered Banquet

Members of the Junior Abbeville Hockey Club, Maritime Junior "B" hockey champions this season, were tendered a delightful banquet by the Charlottetown Amateur Athletic Club at Wentworth's Turf Room last evening.

Presiding over the function, Brigadier W. W. Reid, Director of Department of Physical Fitness, congratulated the boys for "a job well done" and presented them with the J. R. Williams trophy, emblematic of junior hockey supremacy in this Province. There is no existing trophy for a Maritime winner in the junior "B" bracket.

Winning the Island title by defeating the Summerside juniors, the Abbies made a strong showing when they continued along a successful playoff trail to down the Moncton Beavers for the N.B.-P.E.I. title and then defeated the Halifax Saints. Maty's junior "B" club for the Maritime crown.

Other members seated at the head table, who congratulated the boys on their fine showing were

Gordon Bennett, president of the Abbeville Club; Walker Lawlor, vice-president of the M.A.H.A., and W. E. Scantlebury, member of the Abbeville hockey committee.

In reply to the many commendatory remarks made on their behalf, coach Art Perry, team captain Don Burgess, alternate captains Arnold McCallum and Keith Dalziel and defenceman Joe Coyle, replied very fittingly to the remarks and paid tribute to the fine work of coach Perry, the Abbeville Club and the Department of Physical Fitness, who made it possible for them to carry on their season's activities to such a successful conclusion.

High praise was also forthcoming from the various speakers to Forum Manager Bill Brown, who co-operated so closely with the team in arranging practice sessions, games, etc. during the season. Brigadier Reid expressed his regret that Mr. Brown was unable to attend the gathering, but that an appropriate gift from the team, in appreciation of his assistance and co-operation, would be forwarded on to him.

Inkerman Rockets Win Jr. Series From Halifax

OTTAWA, April 2 — (CP) — Inkerman Rockets tonight captured their best-of-seven Eastern Canada Memorial Cup playoff with Halifax four games to two by defeating St. Mary's 7-3 in the sixth game.

The victory earned the Rockets the right to advance into the Eastern Canada semi-finals against Quebec Citadelles. The opening game of that best-of-five series will be played in Quebec City Thursday night.

Maurice Savard, Ron Trussell and Brian McFarlane each counted a pair for the winners while Louis Pelino tallied the other. Halifax goal-getters were Ken Flynn, Doug McPhee and Courtney Malcolm.

Halifax showed more drive than in their previous meetings but the defence were unable to cope with Inkerman's fast forwards.

The Saints' Wimpy Morrison failed on a penalty shot at 10:11 of the final period. He was awarded the shot after he was hooked on a breakaway by Rockets Wally Swords.

Saints got into the scoring at 1:40 of the second period after Inkerman took a 4-0 lead in the opening period. Flynn counted first from a rebound and McPhee made the lead 4-2 on a goal-mouth pass from Bob Rae.

Inkerman's Trussell and McFarlane counted singles before Malcolm ended the Halifax scoring at 11:46 of the final period while Inkerman was short-handed. McFarlane added the other Inkerman goal at 16:30.

Sixteen minor penalties were issued during the game, seven to Halifax. Halifax's Rae also got a misconduct for intentionally bumping the referee.

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WARNING TO SOME FANS

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USHERS AND POLICE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REMOVE FROM THE RINK ANY PERSON ATTEMPTING TO SMOKE DURING THE GAME.

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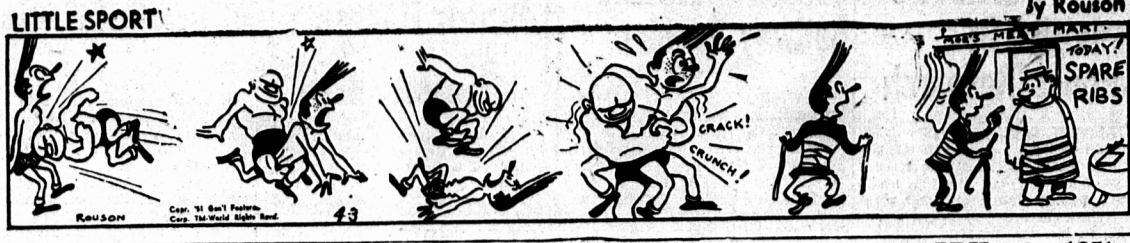
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Islanders, Millionaires Clash Here Tonight In Third Game Of Series

The stars of the two major hockey loops in the Maritimes, Sydney Millionaires and P. E. Islanders will renew hostilities in quest of the All-Maritime Major Hockey crown when they cross-sticks with one another here at the Forum tonight at 8:30 in the third game of their best of seven series.

Giving Cape Breton and other Maritime hockey fans a glowing preview of what can be expected in the way of top calibre hockey for the remainder of the series in the opening game there on Friday and Saturday nights of last week, the Millionaires topped out the first game by a narrow 2-1 count, with Islanders setting the pace for the second that ended in a 2-2 deadlock after ten minutes of overtime hockey that kept fans on the edge of their seats.

Like the champions they are, both teams will be carrying a calm confidence into the battle with them but a grim determination in their hearts to pave the way to an ultimate series victory and a step further along the Alexander Trophy playoff trail.

Tapering off with a brisk workout at the Forum yesterday morning under the watchful eye of coach Leo Lamoureux, the Islanders are right down to razor sharpness for their pending battle tonight, while playing coach Bill Dinning led his charges through a light skate over Forum ice last evening after their arrival here by plane yesterday afternoon, and are reported in the pink of condition.

Complete Sellout

Reports from Forum Manager Bill Brown last night, indicated a complete sellout by the early hours of this morning when the balance of the tickets for the rink's maximum seating capacity will go on sale to a clamoring hockey public. "The Forum box office has been rushed off its feet all during yesterday," Bill quoted, "and there has been such a rush for holding seats that the remaining tickets to go on sale today will be greatly reduced as compared to other games throughout the season. Orders have been coming in for as many as 10 holding seats at one crack." Bill continued, "and when you consider that these people are willing to spend an extra five bucks just to assure themselves of seats for the three games here this week, you can imagine what the demand will be on the rush sale."

Although there was no immediate release forthcoming from the two opposing camps last night, the Islanders are expected to ice their same lineup as in the opening two games, while Millionaires will possibly have one or two changes come starting time, but will be within the player strength used in the first two games. Bill Cupolo, the Niagara Falls flash and former N.H.L. performer with Boston Bruins, is here with the Sydney club, but it was not known last night whether he would be a probable starter tonight or not. A leading scorer in the Cape Breton loop earlier this season, "Cupie" has been sidelined for some time with a torn ligament in one leg.

Making last minute predictions, coach Lamoureux spoke for the attitude of his whole team last night with a view to the pending battle. Making it brief and to the point, Lamoureux stated, "We'll take 'em."

Sydney Fans Have Complaints

SYDNEY, N.S., April 2 — (CP) — A hockey fan said today his arm was broken in two places Saturday night by a slash from Bucko Trainor's stick in the playoff game between Charlottetown Islanders and Sydney Millionaires.

Frank McCarthy, wholesale dry goods operator, said he was among a group of heckling fans in the first period when the Charlottetown player slashed wildly, hitting him on the arm. In the second period, Trainor skated over and apologized, McCarthy said.

McCarthy went to see a doctor during the week-end and an X-ray showed two breaks.

Other fans also commented on the conduct of some of the Charlottetown team and complaints have been filed with president Bryce Love of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, it was reported. The game ended in a 2-2 tie.

John Abbas, free lance photographer, consulted a lawyer today about possible action against Charlottetown's Wally Pawlyshyn. Abbas said the lawyer struck him on the face and threatened to smash his camera.

The teams meet again in the Maritime major finals at Charlottetown tomorrow night.

Coach Leo Lamoureux last night said he was not aware of any serious misconduct between Sydney fans and members of the Islanders Hockey Club. Trainor, he said, had complained of fans at one end of the rink interfering by grabbing at his stick, but no untoward incident had been reported. In another case a photographer, near the Islanders bench, was "banging" away indiscriminately as players were leaving the ice for rest periods. The flash proved an inconvenience and the photographer was asked to move. He moved further along the boards.

Victoria Cougars Having Trouble In Semi-Finals

VANCOUVER, April 2 — (CP) — All season, Victoria Cougars have had their eye on a Pacific Coast Hockey League final with the defending champion New Westminster Royals.

But now they can't afford to take their eyes off the pesky Portland Eagles, who just squeaked into fourth place when the regular schedule ended.

Portland won the first two games of the semi-final, Victoria bounced back to take the next three but one night in Portland the Eagles deadlocked the best-of-seven series at three games apiece with a 2-1 overtime victory.

The deciding game will be played tomorrow night at Victoria.

Meanwhile, the Royals were safely ensconced in their finalist berth, awaiting the outcome of the Victoria-Portland playoff.

With coach Babe Pratt sick with flu, the Royals dropped their first two semi-final games to Tacoma Rockets. The Babe returned at that point and wasn't having any more of that nonsense. Royals won the best-of-seven series by taking the next four in a row.

The clincher came at Tacoma Saturday night, a 3-2 verdict with Gord Fashoway and Joe Patterson firing the big ones in the last period.

Ken MacKenzie, co-owner of Royals, says his club can take Victoria comfortably if it's at full strength. He didn't say anything about Portland.

Sees Roughness Hurting Hockey

TORONTO, April 2 — (CP) — Hockey is due for a decline as Canada's national game unless present roughness is eliminated, Lionel Conacher said today after being presented with a plaque by the city of Toronto.

The plaque was presented in connection with Conacher's being chosen in a CP poll as the country's outstanding athlete and football player of the half century.

"If that's hockey — I wasn't playing hockey for 20 years," Conacher, one of the most-battered players in the game, said of the Toronto-Boston game here Saturday. Conacher now is Liberal member of Parliament for Toronto-Trinity.

He objected particularly to charging from behind which he said was being tolerated. "Eliminate that and you'll eliminate 90 per cent of the injuries."

Dodgers Get Two Players

MIAMI, April 2 — (AP) — Brooklyn Dodgers today announced the purchase of outfielder Hank Edwards and pitcher Clyde King from their Montreal International League farm club.

Edwards, who battled 364 in 40 National League games with Chicago last year, will be used mainly as a pinch-hitter. The Cubs sold Edwards to Montreal during the season.

King, signed by the Dodgers out of the University of North Carolina in 1944, returns as a relief pitcher. He won 17 for the Royals last season after developing a slider.

Wayne Belardi, first baseman, and Steve Lembo, rookie catcher, were both optioned to Mobile.

Boxer John L. Davis Is Quitting Ring

RICHMOND, Calif., April 2 — (AP) — Lightweight boxer John L. Davis announced today he is quitting the ring for good to save the sight of his right eye. He said he suffered a detached retina and further hammering of the eye might cost him his sight.

Davis is quitting at the height of his career. It means cancelling two money-making fights — with Paddy Demarco April 27 in New York and with Art Aragon in Los Angeles in May.

Speed Prospect For Sale

Guy Carroll, age 4 years, out of Nancy Carroll, half brother to Colonel Dan, worked in 2.30 last year, sound.

First \$300.00 takes him. Write Box 340 Summerside.

Leafs Strong Favorites Over Boston Tonight

BOSTON, April 2 — (AP) — Because of numerous Boston injuries, Toronto Maple Leafs tonight became strong favorites to defeat the Boston Bruins here tomorrow night when the two National Hockey League clubs resume their Stanley Cup playoffs.

The teams are deadlocked at one victory each in their semi-final series. The victor will oppose the winner of the Detroit-Montreal semi-finals.

Bruins had an off day today but many reported for medical treatment.

Milt Schmidt, team captain and centre, had a puffed right knee. He expressed doubt he'd be able to play tomorrow night and his loss would seriously hamper the Bruins.

Wing John Peirson is in a Toronto hospital and won't be available for Bruins until next Saturday. He suffered a fractured left cheekbone Saturday night when the teams played a bloody 1-1 overtime tie.

Defenceman Murray Henderson is playing with a cracked rib tightly taped and his left eye stitched. He reported for treatment today as did Dunc Fisher, Vic Lynn and Pete Horeck. Horeck suffered a charley horse last night and Lynn played with a charley horse. Fisher complained of dizziness since Saturday, when he needed a dozen stitches in the back of his head.

The rest of the fagged Bruins took the day off but Leafs skated for about 30 minutes at the Garden.

Only Gus Mortson was excused from today's practice. Leaf spokesman said he was given a rest and declined to confirm a report he had suffered a slight shoulder separation.

Moore & McLeod Award Won By Blind Girl Bowler

Miss Ida Alchorn yesterday was awarded the prize given by the local clothing firm of Moore & McLeod Ltd. The Moore & McLeod award is given to the blind bowler showing the greatest interest and improvement following every two weeks of the regular bowling matches which have been organized in Charlottetown by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Miss Alchorn achieved the only strike made by these blind bowlers at the regular matches at the Roll-Away Club Alleys yesterday afternoon in regulation candlepin bowling, and also made the highest aggregate scores for the four games. The scores made by these blind Charlottetown bowlers were as follows:

Miss Ida Alchorn	43 64 60 37
Mr. Russell Jenkins	52 39 40 38
Mr. Peter McGary	32 45 47 32
Mr. N. I. Warren	29 41 42 38
Mr. G. E. Wood	51 38 62 48

Walt Droppo Has Broken Wrist

SARASOTA, Fla., April 2 — (AP) — Big Walt Droppo, who led the Boston Red Sox in home runs last year, today was laid up with a broken right wrist.

The slugging first baseman was hit on the wrist by a pitched ball in the seventh inning of Sunday's exhibition with Detroit, which the Sox won 8-1.

His loss will be a blow to the Sox. In 136 games last year he rolled up a batting average of .322, clouted 34 home runs and tied Vern Stephens for the runs-batted-in lead, with 144.

Manager Steve O'Neill said Billy Goodman, the club's handy man and last year's American League batting king, would take over first base.

Goodman had been due to play right field in the Red Sox's power-laden lineup. O'Neill said either Tom Wright or Clyde Vollmer would fill in at right.

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