Canadiens Grab Opener, Shade Maple Leafs 5-3

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MONTREAL (CP) — Handyman Marcel Bonin scored one goal and set up Dickie Moore for another in the third period Thursday night to pull Montreal Canadiens into a 5-3 victory over troublesome Toronto Maple Leafs in the opener of the Stanley Cup final.

It took the favored Canadiens more than two periods to overcome the faster-skating and better-checking Maple Leafs who looked good enough to win after a 2-2 deadlock at the end of the first and 3-3 at the end of the second.

The Montrealers finally shook off their sluggishness, led by Bonin who steered in what proved the winning goal at 11:59 and, when the Maple Leafs were shorthanded sent out a perfect pass to Moore for the clincher.

Henri Richard counted Montreal's first goal after only 36 seconds of the opening period. Dick Duff scored on a breakaway at 4:53, with the Leafs themselves a man short, and Billy Harris at 6:24 for the Maple Leafs and Ralph Backstrom at 15:41 for Montreal left, the teams even.

STEWART TIES IT

Andre Provost of Montreal counted at 16:28 of the second period and Toronto's Ron Stewart tied it up again at 18:26.

For most of the way the game lacked the aspects of playoff hockey and the crowd of 14,370 became apathetic despite the closeness of the score.

The Leafs had the advantage in the first two periods by a fair margin. They were more alert and better opportunists while Canadiens were playing as if they couldn't untrack themselves except in a few spurts.

FIGHT LIVENS THINGS

The third period livened up with a brief scrap between Bobby Baun of the Maple Leafs and Henri Richard. Both were sent off with major penalties. Late in the period Toronto's Billy Harris was given a minor penalty for hooking and had a misconduct penalty added for protesting to referee Eddie Powers.

Maurice Richard, veteran Canadiens star, made brief appearance in the lineup after his long layoff since last Jan. 18 because of a fracture of a bone in his foot. The Rocket was used only on a few of the power plays.

The second game of the best-of-seven series will be played here Saturday, and the following two in Toronto next Tuesday and Thursday.

LINEUP

Toronto — Goal: Bower; defence: Horton, Stanley, Reaume, Price, Brewer, Baun; forwards: Harris, Ehman, Mahovlich, Creighton, Duff, Armstrong, Pulford, Olmstead, Barry Cullen, Brian Cullen, Stewart.

Montreal — Goal: Plante; defence: Johnson, Talbot, Harvey, Turner, Langlois, Cushenan; forwards: Henri Richard, Moore, Bonin, Backstrom, Geoffrion, McDonald, Goyette, Provost, Provost, Maurice Richard, Marshall.

Referee: Eddie Powers; linesmen: Bill Morrison and George Hayes.

First period: 1. Montreal, H. Richard (Moore, Talbot) 0:36; 2. Toronto, Duff 4:53; 3. Toronto, Harris (Horton) 6:24; 4. Montreal, Backstrom (Provost) 15:41. Penalties: Geoffrion 1:13, Pulford by Price) 3:35, Armstrong 7:00, Brewer 18:51, Geoffrion 19:24.

Second period: 5. Montreal, Provost (Goyette) 16:28; 6. Toronto, Stewart (Brewer) 18:26. Penalties: Brewer 2:51, Johnson 7:37.

Third period: 7. Montreal, Bonin (H. Richard, Harvey) 11:59; 8. Montreal, Moore (Bonin, H. Richard) 15:02. Penalties: Mahovlich 1:38, Bonin 1:28, Armstrong 7:13, Turner 7:13, Baun 14:02, Baun major 15:32, H. Richard major 15:32, Harris minor and misconduct (penalty served by Price) 16:54.

Hampshire Cops R. R. Bell Trophy

Hampshire defeated Milton 8-2 Wednesday evening at SDU rink to capture the R. R. Bell trophy. This the best of seven series and Hampshire won the series 4 games to 3.

Milton captured the trophy last year for the first time.

V. White got the hat trick for the winners in Wednesday's encounter with F. MacLean and C. Godfrey each picking up a pair. Balderson scored the other marker for Hampshire.

F. Andrews picked up both markers for Milton.

NHL STATISTICS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

	W	L	F	A
Montreal	1	0	5	3
Toronto	0	1	3	5

(Montreal leads best - of - seven final 1-0)

Former Champ Is Stabbed

NEW YORK (AP) — Cesar Brion, former Argentine heavyweight boxing champion, was stabbed and another man was shot Sunday night as they tried to break up a fight at a dance.

Brion, 33, and Jesus Santiago, 34, were hired to keep order at a casino.

Brion was stabbed in the face, neck and arms. He was in fair condition in hospital. Santiago, with a bullet in the abdomen, was in critical condition.

Police detained about 50 persons for questioning.

Red Story Has Mar. Supporters

MONCTON (CP)—Referee Red Storey of the National Hockey League can add to his long list of supporters the names of 55 employees of Canadian National Telegraphs here.

They sent a wire Thursday to his Montreal home suggesting he reconsider his decision to resign as referee.

"The league needs referees of your calibre," the message said.

Storey quit suddenly after an Ottawa sports writer quoted NHL President Clarence Campbell as criticizing Storey's handling of the final minutes in the last game of the Montreal - Chicago Stanley Cup semi-finals.

REMEMBER WHEN

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jackie Robinson, the brilliant infielder, became the first Negro to break into major league baseball when Brooklyn Dodgers 12 years ago today announced purchase of his contract from Montreal Royals of the International League. The announcement followed Montreal's 4-3 victory over Brooklyn in an exhibition game at the Dodgers' home park.

Howe Turns Down Bid

DETROIT (AP)—Gordie Howe of Detroit Red Wings has turned down an invitation to tour Europe with Boston Bruins and New York Rangers.

The veteran star was asked to accompany the two teams but said Monday he had decided against it.

"I talked with my doctors about my injured ribs," said Howe, "and we feel I should rest them as much as possible. Also, we have a new baby girl and I'd rather spend the time at home."

The Rangers and Bruins will leave later this month on the tour.

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SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

WE HAVE NOT READ too many comments that have backed President Clarence Campbell in his recent episode with Roy 'Red' Storey Perhaps we have been looking at the wrong sport pages. If that has been the case, we will be glad to have someone let us have a glimpse at the 'right' ones.

However, the Evening Patriot sport columnist, has rushed to the side of the big boss of the National Hockey League. He tells us "we have nothing but the greatest of respect for Mr. Campbell." We certainly had the greatest of respect for the NHL top man until he handled the Storey case the way he did.

OUR FRIEND comes through with the understatement of the year when he says "he (Campbell) could have handled the Storey situation with more diplomacy."

But then he pats Campbell on the back again, saying "when he appointed Storey to handle the seventh Boston-Toronto game he was casting his vote of confidence for the referee."

That's about as hard to swallow as anything we ever heard.

CAN YOU IMAGINE Storey getting a vote of confidence from Mr. Campbell after the press had been told that big Red froze on a play in Chicago. The author of that statement had been the NHL prexy, the employer of Mr. Storey.

Here was the rather ridiculous situation. The world has been told that Clarence Campbell the mighty man of National League Hockey, did not agree with Storey's calling of certain plays in Chicago. The fans in that Windy City didn't agree either and put on a demonstration that was an utter disgrace. Naturally, Storey would expect Chicago and all followers of the Black Hawks to be on his back. But you can bet your last dollar he never expected Clarence Campbell to be one of his chief critics.

BUT CAMPBELL publicly expressed his 'personal' opinion on the matter. He would have made a different call had he handled the referee's whistle. Chicago and all its friends must have gloated. Even if the Canadiens had ousted them, they were satisfied how that they had been 'robbed'.

So Storey simmered all through Sunday and Monday and well into Tuesday.

The big fellow must have been really sick at heart. The very person he had expected to stand by him was busy making the Chicago supporters forget their loss to the Canadiens. Storey was indeed alone with his thoughts and his weekend must have been one of the most unpleasant of his entire life.

So here it was the time of decision. Would 'Red' go into Boston and handle that crucial game between Boston and Toronto? If he did, wouldn't the losers and their ardent supporters cry 'robber' once again. Could he tackle this all-important tussle knowing that his boss had said he (Campbell) hadn't agreed with his call on Saturday last?

Storey finally reached a decision. He up and quit as a National Hockey League official despite the 'vote of confidence' that he work Tuesday's game.

OUR FRIEND in the Evening Patriot sport page insists 'that Campbell was' almost bound to express an opinion, since he was a spectator at the game."

Let us repeat. Mr. Campbell, much as he may try, cannot disassociate himself from his office as National Hockey League president when he speaks on NHL matters. He can have personal opinions but those should be kept to himself.

Storey is gone and Campbell still remains. But the National Hockey League family is not a happy one. Eddie Powers, who subbed for Storey in Boston Tuesday, is the latest to let the public know that NHL officials are not satisfied with the backing they are receiving from the front office.

The fun could just be starting.

WE THOUGHT hockey was all over in local circles but Harry Sentner has decided otherwise. He has arranged a sudden-death game for the Maritime Midget crown with his Abbies opposing the Halifax Monarchs, champions of Nova Scotia.

The local youngsters, who copped the New Brunswick title last Saturday with a 6-4 decision at Bathurst, are confident that they can take the measure of the classy Nova Scotians who romped to their provincial title with the same ease as Abbies captured the Island crown. The Monarchs laced New Waterford 18-4 and that showing is certainly enough to prove to everyone that they are 'tough nuts' for Abbies to conquer.

THE MANAGEMENT of the Abbies can't say enough good things about Saint Dunstan's who have kept their rink open just to have this game played. Officials at the university had intended to close shop earlier this week but when the Abbies put this Saturday game to them as a proposition they readily agreed to accommodate the Red and Black.

The Halifax club is coached by Al Hollingsworth who refereed last year's Midget playoff at the Sports Arena. Al is loud in his praise of his entire team but warns the opposition to keep their eye on a fellow named Steve Brown. Steve is a native of Sarnia, Ontario, having moved to the Nova Scotia capital recently.

The Haligonians are bringing a referee along with them in the person of Hal Lewis who has worked games in the OHA.

LOCAL MIDGET PLAYERS are at present selling tickets throughout the city for this big game Saturday night. The price is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. Your generous response will surely be appreciated by the midgets and their handlers.

The starting time has been fixed for 7 o'clock. This means you can see every bit of the action and be back home in plenty of time to get the start of the Canadiens-Leafs struggle which is scheduled for 9.30 local time. The Abbies' management has thought of everything, so you certainly can't say the Stanley Cup playoff kept you from seeing our local midgets try to bring a Maritime crown to Charlottetown.

PAUL WILLIAMS of CFCY has informed us of the starting times of all Stanley Cup games from here on. We know the tremendous reader interest there is in these affairs, so we gladly pass then on to you.

Saturday — April 11—9.30; Tuesday — April 14—9 o'clock; Thursday — April 16—9 o'clock; Saturday April — 18, 9.30; Tuesday — April 21 — 9 o'clock; Thursday — April 23—9.30.

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Ice 5 R. LeClair, A. Mahar, B. Soper, C. Philips, G. Stewart, Bessie Browse, M. Pursey, Myrtle McLeod.

Harris Goes Back To Royals

CHICAGO (AP) — Los Angeles Dodgers Thursday released pitcher Billy Harris to Montreal of the class AAA International Leagce.

Manager Walt Alston said the righthander was released on option. Harris pitched for Montreal last year, compiling a 14-10 record.

Alston said the Dodgers also released pitcher Fred Kipp to St. Paul of the class AAA American Association to bring the team down to the player limit.

Harris is a native of Dorchester, N.B.

Ramblers Trip Comets 12-6

Harrington Ramblers downed Dunstaffnage Comets 12-6 in an exhibition hockey fixture at SDU rink last night.

Scoring for Ramblers were B. McGee 10, G. MacCallum 1, D. Hughes 1.

Comet markers were by J. MacCallum 2, G. Thompson 2, A. Dover 2.

Blood Objective Is Surpassed

DALHOUSIE (CP) — Citizens who attended the blood donor clinic held in the Legion Memorial Hall here Thursday numbered 257. The quota set was 250. W.F. Edwards, committee chairman for the Red Cross, said he was highly pleased with the result and thanked those who contributed to its success.

Donations included many from citizens of various sections of eastern Restigouche County.

Plant Manager Is Appointed

DALHOUSIE (CP) — Eldon Scott, superintendent of the steam plant of the N.B. International Paper Co. here has been appointed manager of the Miramichi Lumber Company coal mine (subsidiary of N.B. International Paper) at Minto, N.B.

He will assume his new duties June 1. Mr. Scott has been employed in the steam plant here for the past 25 years.

Scott replaces the present manager, Alex Tuque, who has acquired a coal mine of his own. Mr. Scott is formerly from Saint John, N.B.

Sultans Defeat Trotters 41-38 To Cop Hoop Crown

R.C.A.F. Sultans are new Island Senior C basketball champions.

Last evening the Sultans defeated the defending champs, Windy LePage's Trotters, 41-38 in the fourth game of a best of five series. This was their third win against the Trotters' one. The game was played at Birchwood High School.

It was a close game all the way and the Trotters had a slight edge in the first half, outscoring their airforce rivals 25-23. In the final session however, the Sultans were sharper, picking up 18 points to the Trotters' 12.

Mark Ladner, ace sharpshooter for the local team, was not as sharp as usual, being able to sink only two baskets and one free throw for five points

Leading sniper of the game was Wayne MacDonald of the Trotters with 17 points.

Kelly was top man for the winners with 14 points.

At the foul line the Sultans were much more successful than their counterparts, sinking 10 of 17 free throws. The Trotters dunked 6 out of 18 free tosses.

Referees for this playoff fixture were Pete and Ray McGonnel.

Following are the lineups:

Trotters — Ladner 5; Roche 6, MacLean 7, Howatt 1, MacKinnon, Tooke 2, Flynn, MacDonald 17. Total — 38.

Sultans— Kelly 14, Lefler 8, Purchase 1, Ternan 4, Howlett 9, Millar 5, Anderson. Total — 41.

Grabs Lead In Greensboro Open

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Mike Fetchick of Yonkers, N.Y., came up with a five-under par 66 Thursday to take a one-stroke first-round lead in the $15,000 greater Greensboro Open golf tournament.

The 36-year-old pro wrested the lead from little Billy Maxwell of Odessa, Tex., who had finished with a 33-34—67.

Stan Leonard of Vancouver was tied for third place at 68 with four others—PGA champion Dow Finsterwald of Tequesta, Fla.; Tony Lema, San Leandro, Calif., and Joe Campbell, Knoxville, Tenn.

Leonard went out in 36 and came back in 32.

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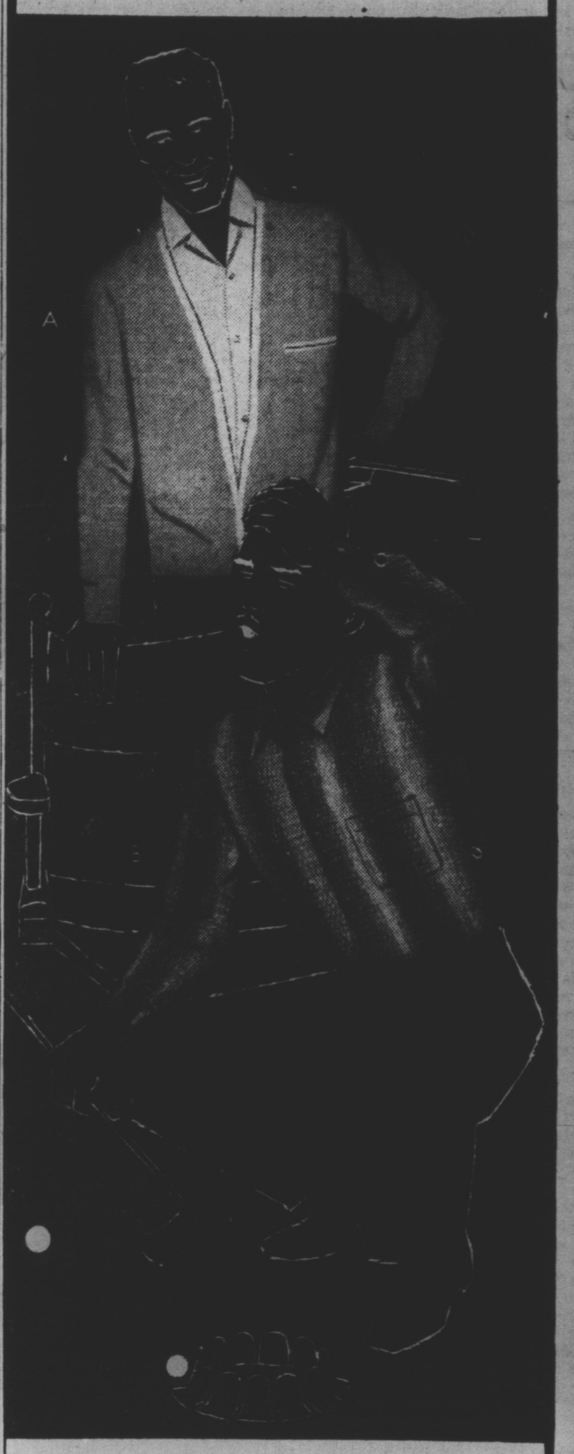

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