Rocket Richards Named Canadian Athlete Of 57

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TORONTO (CP) — Maurice Richard, the most prolific scorer hockey has known, is Canada's outstanding athlete of 1957.

The Rocket, who thrilled sports fans by scoring the 500th National Hockey League goal of his bombastic career with the colorful Montreal Canadiens in October, was known over softer ice as Balding of Toronto by the country's sports editors and sports-casters in the 23rd annual Canadian Press sound sports poll. It was a battle all the way.

Richard, now in his 37th year, suffered a badly - cut achilles tendon on Nov. 13 and has been sidelined since, but the selectors didn't forget him in the CP poll.

TOP THREE

Based on a scale of three points for first choice, two for second and one for third, he earned 153 points. Balding got 102 points and Gerry James of Winnipeg Blue Bombers, the outstanding Canadian player in professional football this year, was third with 75 points.

The voters were asked to name in order the three outstanding Canadian athletes and a total of 21 were suggested, representing hockey, football, track and field, golf, tennis, paddling, curling and boxing.

As returns came in, it developed into a fight between Richard and Balding for the No. 1 spot with James and Yvon Durelle, the bull - shouldered battler from Baie Ste. Anne, N. B., and a rankings contender for the world light-heavyweight title held by Archie Moore, battling for third choice. A late surge of votes for James settled the issue, 75 to 44.

NOT IN PICTURE

The other candidates, including Jean Beliveau, Canada's outstanding athlete in 1956, never were in the picture. Beliveau, brilliant Montreal Canadiens centre who drew more than half the first-choice votes a year ago for a 193 - point total,slumped to a measly six points this time—one first-choice ballot and three third choices.

The voters paid Richard a big tribute. Still a sensation in his 16th NHL campaign, he started the season with Canadiens needing only seven goals to reach 500 and with just about every hockey fan pulling for him to hit the magic number.

He made it on Oct. 19, was sailing along like a sophomore at the top of the scoring list when he was accidentally cut down by defenceman Marc Reaume's skate in a game at Toronto on Nov. 13. It was a tough blow for the fiercely competitive Richard and fans openly wondered whether the great scorer at all time had reached the end of the trail.

That question won't be answered until near the end of January when the casts come off. But don't bet that he won't be around for the finish of the 1957-58 NHL season. Since he hit the big time he has suffered fractures of both legs and one arm plus other assorted injuries and has gone on to become one of the greatest players the game has seen.

More than 30 of his goals have been game - winners. He could still have a few clutch goals in his system before he calls it quits.

JUST BEGINNING

While the Rocket is heading for the home stretch of his career, Balding at 34 is coming into his own in a sport where timing, accuracy and self-control are prime prerequisites. It took him a little while but the painstaking path to perfection now is paying off.

The Toronto golfer, who hit the tough and tough American pro circuit three years ago and was just another starter, now is ranked in the top 10 on the list of professional golfers in North America. The ball started to do the things he wanted it to do in 1956 and this year his game became as hot as a pistol.

He won three tournaments, finished second in five, was in the money in 23 events in Canada, the United States and Cuba and is winding up the year with prize money of more than $30,000, the 10th leading money - winner of 1957 and the most a Canadian has ever earned in competition with the top American pros.

WALLOPING HALFBACK

James, 23 - year - old halfback with the Blue Bombers, hit Western Canada football with a big wallop this year after deserting the sport for a two - year hitch with the junior Toronto Marlboros and Toronto Maple Leafs of the NHL.

He won the Western Interprovincial Football Union scoring title with a record 131 points, including 19 touchdowns, was named to CP's WIFU all - star team, was voted the best native-born player in Canada and was a big cog in Winnipeg's march to the Grey Cup final.

James was a disappointment in the cup final against Hamilton Tiger - Cats by fumbling four times but it was revealed after the game—which Tiger-Cats won 32-7—that he suffered two broken knuckles on his right hand in the first quarter.

NO. 2 BOXER

Durelle hit the sports - page headlines by fighting highly-rated Tony Anthony to a draw last June. That performance earned him the No. 2 spot in the National Boxing Association's ratings of world contenders. During the year he added the British Empire title to his Canadian championship when he knocked out Gordon Wallace of Brantford, Ont.

Fifth place in the CP poll went to Jackie Parker, triple - threat backfield star with Edmonton Eskimos who earlier this year was named the outstanding player in the country. The Mississippi speedster was No. 4 choice in the 1956 CP poll after leading the Eskimos to three straight Grey Cup victories over Montreal Alouettes.

Parker's point - total this year was 36, far in front of the remaining candidates.

Sports

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Saturday afternoon. SKIPS are reminded that entries for the Rendezvous Trophy close December 28th.

2 P.M.

Ice 1—J. S. MacDonald, W. R. MacNeill, G. Hawkins, Dr. Gallant (Rotate) vs Schoolboys. Ice 2—Hal Spillett, Judge McGuigan, S. Beaton, N. Stewart, W. Mellish, Russ Spillett, F. MacMillan, H. R. Carruthers.

Ice 3—Dr. MacDonald, J. Squarebriggs, F. Hansen, D. Walker, D. Cameron, G. Dillon, J. Cameron, A. Llewellyn.

Ice 4—Dr. Cox, R. C. Parent, T. Mitton, R. W. Manning, Dr. Hooper, W. R. Burnett, J. Burden, W. R. Jenkins.

3.30 P.M.

Ices 1-3-4 Open to curlers who have not completed their 3 rounds of points.

Ice 2—Open For Scratch Game.

EVENING

Following is the draw for the mixed curling which will be played at the Charlottetown Curling Club this evening:

7:00 P.M.

Ice 1—R. LeClair (skip), F. Wonnacott, A. Trainor, M. Buell, vs D. George (skip), E. Andersen, M. Toole, S. Prowse.

Ice 2—C. J. MacLean (skip), D. Stewart, J. Coady, A. McKee, vs. F. McInnis (skip), B. Prowse, L. Webster, S. Vessey.

Ice 3—A. Humphrey (skip), G. MacKay, Bob MacLeod, D. Doyle, vs E. MacLeod (skip), E. Sutherland, L. Doyle, V. Wood.

Ice 4—Games arranged as curlers arrive.

8:30

Ice 1—W. McLaine (skip), P. Burden, G. Ives, S. Carr, vs. L. Blakney, (skip), K. Johnston, R. Manning, B. McLaine.

Ice 2—J. Burden (skip), L. Bell, J. Whitlock, M. Manning, vs. M. Bell (skip), F. Whitlock, R. Carr, M. Blankney. Spares: S. Rodd, W. Rodd.

Ices 3 and 4—Games to be arranged as curlers arrive.

Curling Draw For Montague

Curling at Montague to-day.

8:00 P. M.

East Ice: D. MacLaren vs. L. G. Phillips

West Ice: Dr. Johnston, E. Cudmore, Dr. W. S. MacIntyre, D. Nicholson, vs. A. Wightman, H. Inman, Dr. Ings, D. Wightman.

Reports No Improper Use Of Information

LONDON (Reuters)—Cameron F. Cobbold, governor of the Bank of England, said Monday he is satisfied there was no improper use of advance information when three companies headed by some of the bank's directors sold government securities shortly before the government reduced the security market.

He told a tribunal that sales of government stock by the companies last September were entirely proper.

The tribunal is investigating allegations that there was an advance leakage of information about the decision to raise the bank rate by two points to seven per cent—a move which at first depressed the market value of government securities.

Attorney - General Sir Reginal Manningham-Buller suggested to Cobbold that the total nominal value of securities sold by the three companies was about £4,250,000.

The three companies which sold securities are Lazard Brothers, Merchant Bankers; the Royal Exchange Assurance Company, and Matheson and Company, which sold on behalf of the great Far East trading and shipping concern of Jardine, Matheson and Cosupany, Hong Kong.

Lord Kindersley, a director of the Bank of England, is chairman of Lazards and governor of the Royal Exchange Company. William Johnston Keswick, also a Bank of England director, is chairman of Matheson and Company.

Red Wings, Black Hawks Meet Twice On Weekend

By The Canadian Press

Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Black Hawks, who this week traded eight players between them, get a fast chance to show which team is the more skillful trader.

The teams play a home-and-home series in the National Hockey League's six-game weekend schedule, in Chicago this afternoon and Detroit Sunday.

Wings have played one game since the trade, Thursday against Toronto Maple Leafs, and Jack McIntyre, one of the four players who came from Chicago, scored two goals to place Detroit's 3-2 victory. They were his first of the season.

TRADED HEROES

Also moving from the Hawks to the Wings, hockey's most prolific traders in recent years, were Nick Mickoski, Bob Bailey and Hec Lalonde.

Earl (Dutch) Reibel, Bill Dineen, Billy Dea and Lorne Ferguson were the players who went in the opposite direction.

At least a split in the games is a must for the last - place Hawks, five points behind Detroit. Wings are two behind fourth-place Toronto.

In other games tonight, New York Rangers play Montreal Canadiens and Boston Bruins play Toronto. The league-leading Canadiens, with a six-point edge over New York, have managed only one victory in six games against the Rangers.

SCORING DUEL

The game will also feature the individual goal - scoring duel between New York's Camille Henry, the leader with 17, and Montreal's Henri (Pocket Rocket) Richard, second with 15.

Toronto, a point back of third-place Boston, has beaten the Bruins the last two times out.

Sunday's other games have Montreal at Boston and Toronto at New York.

M.L. STANDINGS

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Ramblers	10	4	4	2 60	49 10
Aces	10	3	5	2 53	68 8

S'side Aces In Surprise 6-3 Victory Over Royals

The Summerside Aces defeated the Charlottetown Royals at Civic Stadium last night in a regular League fixture by the score of 6-3. The home team was out front 3-1 at the end of the first frame, the teams split a pair of goals in the middle session, and the Aces scored two to Royals one in the final period.

The game was fast and exciting, but marred by altercations between players and spectators. At the 11 minute mark in the second period just after the Aces had gone in front by the score of 4-1, some of the Royals became embroiled with spectators sitting behind their bench. Whitlock, given a misconduct for his part in the affair, threw his gloves at referee Gord Kelly and made efforts to attack the arbiter but was held back by his teammates. Whitlock was given a match misconduct. The Royals skated off the ice to their dressing room, were given two minutes to resume play, and agreed on condition that they received police protection. The seats behind the Royal bench were cleared and the game continued. Near the 19 minute mark a high shot put out a light, and the period was declared over, the remaining time added to the third frame.

Bonnie Howatt opened the scoring for the Aces at the 5 minute mark finessing his way past a lone defenceman and deking Doyle out of position to slam the wafer home. Josey got a misconduct shortly after this for squabbling with a spectator behind the penalty bench. While Reeves was sitting out a tripping penalty, The Royals tied it up at 1-all with about four minutes to go. Dowling getting the puck out from a scrimmage back of the net to Pineau who was close to the crease. Howatt got his second goal, drifting one through Doyle from the right wing 18.25. Doyle seemed to have the angle well covered? but the blazing shot went through to find the twines. Wallie Shepherd grabbed a caromn off Doyle's skates to salt away the third ace marker with 24 second to go in the period.

At the 11 minute mark in the second period Hughes took a pass from Hennessey to drill one past Doyle from squarely in front of the cage. Making the score 4-1. Then the rhubarb developed which resulted in the Royals' losing Whitlock for the rest of the game. Dunn sailed down the right boards and fooled Mann with a rising shot with five minutes to go. The period ended 4-2.

Allie Carver opened the scoring in the third frame at 3.20 taking a neat pass from Lowe to beat Mann from fairly close in. Two minutes later Reeves went over the Royal blueline, and assisted by the fact that MacLeod fell as he was about to check him, Eustace beat Doyle getting the open right side. With Josey, Schurman, Pineau, Harris, and Coke Grady all serving time for roughing (Josey getting an extra misconduct) while the teams were skating three a side, Hughes took a relay from Grant Grady and Reeves and ended the scoring for the night with less than a minutes to go.

LINEUPS

Charlottetown —, Goal: Doyle, Defence, Perry, Josey, Mac. Leod, Lowe. Forwards, Carver, Whitlock, Pineau, J. Ready, Hunn, Dowling, Lewis.

Summerside—Goal, Mann, Defence. G. Grady, Steel, Harris, Reeves. Forwards, W. Shepherd, Clow, Howatt, Hennessey, Gaudet. C. Grady, Hughes, Schurman.

SUMMARY

First Period:—1, Aces Howatt 4.50; 2.—Royals Pineau (Dowling) 15.51; 3.—Aces Howatt (Harris) 18:25; 4.—Aces Shepherd (Hughes) 19:36. Penalties: Pineau. Josie. (minor and misconduct) C. Grady, Reeves.

Second Period: 5.—Aces Hughes (Hennessey) 11.00 8. Penalties: Whitlock (match misconduct), Royals—team misconduct) Gaudet.

Third Period: 7.—Royals Carver (Lowe) 3.20; 8.—Reeves (Harris) 5.03; 9.—Aces Hughes (Reeves, G. Grady) 19.06 Penalties: Reeves, Schurman, Josey (minor and misconduct,) Pineau, Harris, C. Grady.

Referees—Gord Kelly and Brian McCallum.

Errors Made In Hockey Schedule

Last evening Minor Hockey League officials announced that two slight errors were made when to-day's schedule was released to the press. Both errors or rather omissions involve West Kent School teams, namely Paperweight Wolves and Pee Wee Foxes.

In the Paperweight bracket where it was originally shown P. S. S. Tigers were to play Q. S. S. Redwings at 12.00 noon, P. S. S. Tigers will now play W. K. S. Wolves at the same time. In the evening game scheduled for 6.30 p.m. W. K. S. Foxes will play Royalty Springers.

Paperweight Redwings and Pee Wee Sparrows are reminded that they now just play one game each and so let Wolves and Foxes also get in a game each, today.

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We had a talk over the telephone with Earl Sample of Kensington last evening, and reminded from him a brief account of his racing activities in the state of Maine and at Vernon Downs, New York, this past season. At Gorham, he won a stake race with Gem McElwyn, and at Bangor won with Wilbur M., by Jolity, and also with Smoky Tass, 2.11 4-5. And at Skowhegan, Wilbur M. was also a winner.

From there the stable moved to Vernon Downs, where his stable made an excellent showing. Jewel's Hiram won his first race there in 2.05 2-5 and his last race in 2.04. As a three-year-old, the previous year, he took a mark of 2.11 4-5. Gem McElwyn, a 2.09 1-5, liked that track and in one of his winning races there took a record of 2.06. He is an easy-gaited trotter and should improve.

Another winner for Earl was Jan B. that took a record of 2.04-2-5. The Bachelor, that had a four-year-old record of 2.13, was nicely in 2.08 1-5; he is a trotter that will be campaigned again next season. The final member of the stable is the four-year-old pacer, Voiler, that had a record of 2.13 3-5 last year as a three-year-old and this year reduced it to 2.08 at the above racetrack.

ADDED TO STRING

On the way home, a new purchase was added to Earl's string, Madame Chiang, 2.07 1-5, by Long Key. She is a half sister to Mary Merk, 2.08 2-5. Madame Chiang is probably the biggest money-winning trotter in Maine, with over $30,000 to her credit, and after her racing days are over, it mated to Dean Gallon, 2.07 3-5, their progeny should be a star trotter.

We asked Earl how he liked the Vernon Downs track, and he said that it is probably the finest in the world. The track, and its appointments — stables, grandstand, and everything connected with it — are the most modern in style and all those who race there consider it unexcelled anywhere.

Of course we asked him about Dean Gallon, 2.07 3-5 and Earl said that they had at last found the cause of his lameness. It was a clot that had formed in one of the blood vessels supplying the blood to the veins in his leg, and treatment showing the most promising results is now being used. Earl has strong hopes that he will be able to campaign Dean next year. One of the most gratifying possessions Earl has is a colt by Dean Gallon out of Mary Merk, 2.08 2-5. We would feel the same way if we owned that colt, as his sire and dam were two of the best trotters that ever stepped over a Maritime track, and both are superbly bred.

10 STARTS 10 WINS

Dean Gallon is a horse that always intrigued us, and horsemen here will remember the afternoon in 1954 that he trotted a mile in a workout in 2.04 3-5.

That season he had made 10 starts and had 10 wins and took a record of 2.01 2-5. That record was made on September 6 in the free-for-all trot at Windsor, Me.

HUNTER'S CORNER

We Need Support For Game Laws; Not Relaxed Rules

I understand, from an item in the local Press, that a year 'round open season on trout will come up for discussion at the next meeting of the Fish and Game Association. In short this would mean that trout may be legally taken by angling on their spawning beds in late October, November and early December or through holes cut in the ice over sea springs where the big salt water beauties gather during January, February and March. Here in this province we have no inaccessible spawning beds. Many of them are within a few hundred yards of farm buildings. Spawning trout could be wiped out in a matter of a week or ten days while next season's potential breeding stock are being decimated on their wintering grounds.

This is not a new idea. Four years ago while attending a Wildlife Conference I listened to a trout biologist from Alberta, speak on the same subject. Alberta is situated somewhat differently from P.E.I. They have countless inaccessible mountain spawning beds and the turbulent Bow and Elbow us the rivers afford safe, or reasonably safe, quarters during the winter months.

In some States to the south of us I understand that certain areas have been thrown open to year 'round fishing. Here again conditions are different. Angling for trout is confined to a large extent to released hatchery trout long lines of cars may be seen following the trout vans to the release points. Then again the States to the south depend upon a great variety of coarse fish for their angling sport. These run the gamut from Perch and Sunfish to Bass, Pike, Pickerel, White fish, Catfish, Lake trout, etc.

This 'no close season on trout' thought has been discussed among the angling fraternity for a month or more. Some are against the idea, a fair following is all for it; another group of trout fishing enthusiasts are torn between two opinions. They lie alst it's practically open the year 'round now and it might just as well be made legal. There's no doubt that some get the idea from late fall and winter smelt fishing at North River and Vernon Causeways. Smelts are a delicacy prized by the angling fraternity. Many of them are more or less static and they do not have to fight the incoming or outgoing tides. Sea trout love shrimp.

Other types of food dear to a trout's heart are to be had for the taking around Causeways. Smelts Capelin and Silver-sides have to pass the narrow spillway funnel on their way in or out and have to run the gauntlet of Schools of voracious trout.

SEATROUT

People have wondered how come so many large sea trout have been hooked by fishermen angling for smelts at the two Causeways. The spillways is the answer. All smaller species of fish making the Causeway Run are liable to swim square into the maw of a big trout. Big trout are opportunists—they prefer to lie in wait rather then chase and catch their dinners. It's common knowledge that a large number of big sea trout have been caught at the Causeways mentioned. I have been told It was nothing unusual to see a smelt fisherman sprinting for his car with a big trout under his arm—some in the three and four pound class. A three pounder was reported caught at Vernon a week ago.

The cry in this present age is for the removal of restrictions. Many of the present crop of hunters and anglers resent having their style cramped. Not content with a record goose kill this fall there are some who argue we should have spring goose shooting because it's the only way our kill here in Canada will be made to equal the kill in the States.

They do not stop to consider the Migratory Birds Convention Act is a Treaty between Canada and the States. If we got spring shooting the gunners to the south of us will get it too. How long would our wildgeese last if shooting restrictions were removed? We have five months of trout fishing. April 15 to September 15, and that should satisfy the most ardent angler. What sport would there be in hauling trout through sea ice in January, February and March with a length of cod line unless it was for profit—trout at one dollar per pound. They fett me that's the current market price.

VIOLATIONS

At the moment we are passing through a period of unprecedented lawlessness but only with regard to game law violations but also with respect to Criminal offenses. Holdups have occurred in this city where the victim was not only robbed but beaten up in the process. Breaking and Entering is not confined to our Capital City—eight breaks in Alberton in a week.

Unfair criticism has been directed against our Police Force. If this criticism was directed into other channels it would achieve a useful purpose. There is a deep underlying cause for present conditions—they didn't develop over night. The best Police Force in the world will deteriorate into a mediocre body unless supplied with the proper machinery to work with and are backed solidly by public opinion.

There is nothing wrong with our Police Organizations either Civic or Provincial. In the words of the immortal Churchill "Give us the tools and we will finish the job". Give our Police the proper backing and moral support and see how quickly this flurry of lawlessness will be brought under control. With this comforting thought in mind I take the opportunity to wish all readers of this Column a Merry Christmas.

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