

Birds Salute Comeback But Go 6 In Overtime

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By CARMAN SMITH

Birds Given Stiff Workout

OLD SPAIN Penguins took on the chin in losing the opening game of their best series against Ottawa Montagnards 60 Wednesday night at Ottawa Civic Auditorium where they had arrived only eight hours earlier after a 20-hour train trip. The game had little significance on the remainder of the series however and a more thorough story could be given following the second game which got underway as this column was being written last night.

We heard numerous fans blame the lopsided setback to the team on the fact that coach Wes "Bucko" Traitor claims that this wasn't the reason Penguins took so inept against Monties. He said "We let them beat us by not backing in our own zone at centre ice and all over the rink." The Penguins coach added "we won tougher games this season than the one we lost Wednesday."

Bucko put the Baby Birds through a stiff hour-long drill Thursday and afterwards expressed the hope that they would show a little more hustle for last night's game.

In describing the workout the veteran coach said "we practiced line rushes and the defensive and offensive corners. We had a couple of line rushes and I saw that we were tangled and got to the puck first when they should. It'll be a good lesson."

We think the Penguins can stage a comeback. After all, they didn't lose it to this year? They have to take into consideration "After tonight's performance he deserves a shot, doesn't he?" Eddie's reply to the question was more cautious. "It's up to the coach," he said. "I'm available if he needs me. Let's put it on that way."

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Great Game By Litzberger

WE WERE happy to see Eddie Litzberger put on a good performance in his 122nd game for Detroit Red Wings Thursday night. His good games have been few and far between since the night he and his wife were married following a game at the Chicago Stadium. His return home following a game in Toronto was a relief. He was driving, was fatally injured, although suffering no lasting injuries. He never returned to the form he had during his tenure with the Hawks prior to the accident.

He lasted a short while longer with Chicago and from there went to the Red Wings and although for a time played on a line with the great Gordie Howe he showed little. He never showed up to the Toronto camp.

He gave few classic performances while wearing the Leaf jersey on Thursday night when he displayed a first period reminiscent to the Hawk days when he was a 20-goal performer. This is the fourth National League club for which he has played. He has had a splendid time and stayed only a short time with the Leafs as these were his years when Montreal had a splendid line and got into the lineup was almost impossible.

Litzberger was dressed for almost every Toronto game this season and saw the Hawks but he never got a shift or two to a game. He was becoming a "bench-warmer deluxe." One report following the game said "his season was over." He normally is normally a quiet, reserved man, moved by congratulatory and quizzical reporters, besieging him with questions.

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Howe Still Bothered By Flu

GORDIE HOWE, who saw less ice time up until Thursday night and whose performance wasn't up to par even though he scored two goals, says he still isn't over his mild case of influenza.

"Had it all through the Chicago series," said the Detroit goalie. "I'm playing as well as I can. It gets more sore when I'm trying to sleep."

"Commenting on Eddie Shack acting as Howe's shadow, Eddie said "Shack is doing a good job. He's not as good as we played against the Black Hawks. He gave Gordie a tough night. But don't forget he was at all times what happened in the Nesterenko series left Chicago."

Nesterenko stayed with Howe for two games then Gordie pulled away for the Hawks.

"And don't forget," added Abel. "When we got to Detroit the Leafs have to name their lineup first. Then I do the matchup. I'll have to have more chances at Howe."

Blair Richardson To Game With Different Line

WINDSOR (CP) — Moncton Hawks, down but not out, will play their fourth game of the Eastern Canada Allan Cup playoffs in a dramatic final tonight, says playing coach Doug McPhee.

"We had a meeting the other night," McPhee said here Friday, "and talked it over."

"The boys think they can come back and tie the series at 2-2. We had won before we were back."

The task at hand for the Maritime champions representing the Nova Scotia Senior League is not an easy one, however.

Moncton Bulldogs, 3-2 losers in overtime in the first game of the best-of-seven series, have broken through the miraculous Moncton goaltending of Jean Guy Morissette in the last two games to have won out 6-2 and 8-3 decisions.

The OHA champion Bulldogs feel that they have found the man of the series and seem confident of winning four straight.

MONTE DEPTH "We've got more depth," claims Windsor coach Al Watson. "We've also got skating power and scoring strength."

"As long as we're in the series, we don't come up with another miracle game like he did in the opener (2-6 save). I don't think they can stay with us."

Tonight's contest will mark the first time a major Windsor hockey club has played a Saturday night game in many years. Traditionally, the board only plays Sunday afternoons but the Hawks, with the prerogative, chose not to play Easter Sunday.

The fact that there is no Stanley Cup playoff game helping bring out the biggest crowd of the series, which has drawn about 2,400 people in three games.

McPhee plans one and possibly two more games. He expects to defeat young defenseman Frank Sheppard while left winger Charlie Porter may also get a call. The only doubtful

ATLANTIC HOCKEY

MUTUAL ADMIRATION

Kansas City pitcher Ed Rakonko left, and first baseman Norm Siebern, right, exchange congratulations in the A's field fence, scoring Gino Cimoli and Ed Charles. This victory was the A's first of the season.

Abel Isn't So Confident Wings Will Bounce Back

By JERRY GREEN
DETROIT (AP)—Detroit Red Wings are in a back-to-back stop again in the Stanley Cup hockey playoffs—and this time Coach Sid Abel isn't so confident they'll bounce back.

"If we don't get our zip back Sunday, we're done," said Abel. "If we can, I think I'll make a series of it."

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OTTAWA (CP) — Ottawa Montagnards continued their mastery over a Charlottetown Penguins Friday night by defeating the Martinies junior hockey champions 8-6 in overtime.

The win gave the Ottawa District champions a 2-0 lead in the third series when they enter provincial series. The third game will be played here tomorrow night in the next series.

Canadian Amateur Hockey Association officials said the winner of this series will be the winner of a best-of-seven series against the Quebec branch champions in a Quebec-Quebec final.

They indicated that the winner of the series with Quebec would be given the right to challenge the Ontario branch champions for the Eastern Canada junior hockey championship and the right to oppose the West in the Memorial Cup final.

Martiniere, who took a sound 6-0 beating in the first game last Wednesday, came out battling Friday night and held the lead three times in the first period.

They also staged a thrilling two-goal comeback late in the third period when they appeared on their way to certain defeat in regulation play.

When Lloyd Gallant tied the score at 6-6 just 28 seconds before the third period ended, the 800 fans in the rink gave Penguins a thunderous ovation.

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Hard Luck Haunts Keon On Breakaway Efforts

Does the fact that he misses so many breakaways worry him when he gets a clear chance? "No, not at the time. I just have to make a play and I guess I'm making wrong moves," Frank Mahovlich, the high-scoring left winger who suffered a bruised and sprained knee in the first game of the series, skated Friday and Imbach said whether he can play in the third game. Earlier reports had him halber as an almost certain starter Sunday.

But that isn't the fact that he can skate at all is certainly on the plus side," the coach said. "The Red Wings left immediately after the game Thursday night in Toledo, Ohio, their playoff opponent, when coach Sid Abel said the club will take it easy until Sunday night's game."

COACH NOT WORRIED
Coach Imbach, Toronto management coach, took that particular incident philosophically. "I don't think we're worried for Penguins. Their other markers are Gordon Whitlock and Dave MacDougall."

Monties, making their third bid in four years for the eastern title, held an edge in the first two periods and were especially sharp on power plays.

GOALS
Gos, who had beat out three infield singles while failing to get the ball out of the infield in the previous trips to the plate, drove the clincher following a single by Al Spangler, Peter Rynn's sacrifice, an intentional walk to Rusty Stasiuk, and a go-ahead home run by Bob Aspromonte's grounder to short that landed the bases.

It was the Colts' first victory after three losses to San Francisco in the opening day series and sent the Dodgers down to their second straight low-dick hit.

The judges in Leppert's -who had only a .361 average in two years of part time duty - were unanimous in Pittsburgh.

Leppert was obtained by the Senators from Pittsburgh in an off-season deal. His three home runs Thursday night matched his entire 1962 total.

After the game, he matched "Two of the home runs would have been in Pittsburgh. The second would have been caught there and the third would have been a can corn (easy out). That center field fence in Pittsburgh is 465 feet from home plate."

But when he talked about Cheney's piling, Leppert got excited, exclaiming: "Tonight he was the best pitcher I ever caught. He had two great pitches, a fast ball slider and knuckler. I caught him two years ago when we were in Pittsburgh." Leppert, Columbus farm team. He had a kind of stuff but he's getting it across the plate now. That's the big difference."

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Colts Shade Dodgers 2-1

HOUSTON (AP) — Howie Gos' fourth single drive in the deciding run as Houston's Colts edged Los Angeles Dodgers 2-1 in 12 innings Friday night.

He scored both Red Wings goals nearby Toledo, Ohio, shortly after they arrived in Detroit from Toronto early Friday.

And Parker MacDonald and the Kid Line aren't doing as well, either," Abel said.

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