Habs coasting to championship

Take early lead, let Leafs catch up

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Canadiens, fast becoming prohibitive favorites to win their fifth straight Stanley Cup championship, set out for Toronto today hopeful of wrapping up the best-of-seven final series in short order.

Shorn of an unneeded but much talked-about goal as the game ended Saturday night, Canadiens completed back-to-back victories on home ice with a 2-1 win over the Maple Leafs.

Just as in last Thursday's 4-2 win, Canadiens jumped in front early and the battling Leafs were struggling to catch up the rest of the way.

Now down 2-0 in games, the Leafs will be on home ice for the third and fourth games Tuesday and Thursday.

All the goals Saturday came in the first period. Dickie Moore and Jean Beliveau scored at 1:26 and 5:56 for Montreal—both on backhand efforts—and Larry Regan drilled in a 15-footer for the Leafs at 19:32.

Johnny Wilson of the Leafs missed by a whisker in a bid to tie the score in the third period. The Leafs thought the puck had edged over the line before skittering off the post.

Frank Mahovlich, whose pass set up the play, swung around behind the net and raised his stick in the traditional goal-scoring gesture. The play went on.

In the dressing room, Mahovlich said:

"Im sure that went in. I was right behind the net. I could see it perfectly. It seemed to hit just inside across the red line."

Coach Punch Imlach of the Leafs backed up Mahovlich on that point.

Just as time ran out Claude Provost of Montreal fired into the open Toronto net, 12 seconds after Leafs pulled Johnny Bower.

The scoreboard flashed the score as 3-1. But referee Eddie Powers was seen signalling "no goal." Canadiens protested mildly, but to no avail.

Power said the puck hadn't crossed the line when the green light flashed. Linesmen Neil Armstrong and Loring Doolittle confirmed his ruling.

Sports Shop, McRae's top women's loop

Sports Shop of A division and McRae Motors of B division came out on top of the Women's Bowling League as regular season's play ended last Tuesday.

Playoffs will start April 12 with New Laurel, Dibbs, Co-Op, Annettes and Stars rolling off for top division honors of A League. McLean & Rudderham, Credit Union, Saanich, Good Neighbors and either Hertz or Clausens (who are tied for sixth place) will meet for top division B League honors.

The bottom 12 teams will roll off for a consolation trophy April 19.

In A League action Tuesday, Clara Bellamy of New Laurel rolled high single of 282 to aid her team in sweeping twin honors with 1062 and 2882. Mary McLeod of Rupert Taxi took high three with 659.

B League's Ruby Grimolfson of Clausens rolled high triple of 627 to aid her team in taking both honors with high single of 1077 and triple of 2765. Dawn Fehr of RCMP took high single with 269.

RESULTS

A League—Sports Shop 3, Annettes 1; Cooks 3, Jeannies 1; Stars 3, Dibbs 1; New Laurel 3, Shop Easy 1; Vans 3, Co-Op 1; Broadway Pickups 2, Rupert Radio 2.

B League—Good Neighbors 4, Hertz 0; McLean & Rudderham 4, Kelly's Kids 0; Clausens 4, Saanich 0; Credit Union 3, Five Pins 1; McRae Motors 3, RCMP 1; Mansons 2, Big Sisters 2.

FINAL STANDING

A League—Sports Shop 58, New Laurel 56, Dibbs 51, Co-Op 50½, Annettes 47, Stars 45½, Vans 45, Shop-Easy 42, Jeannies 37½, Cooks 35½, Rupert Radio 31, Broadway Pickups 29.

B League—McaRc Motors 63, McLean & Rudderham 51, Credit Union 50, Saanich 49, Good Neighbors 47, Hertz-U-Drive 45, Clausens 45, Big Sisters 43, Mansons 38, Five Pins 38, RCMP 34, Kelly's Kids 25.

Ormes belt Parkers to lead finals

Ormes Drugs overpowered Bob Parkers 19-7 at the Civic Centre Sunday to take a 2-1 lead in the Junior Floor Hockey finals.

Six-foot three-inch Rainmaker and Ormes forward John Olsen loped by Parker defenders and blasted in five goals to lead in the scoring.

Chris Harvey and Adolpho Paolinelli of Ormes each collected a hat-trick while Ken Cameron of Parkers scored two goals.

First period saw Parkers hold the Ormes crew to a 1-1 deadlock for 12 minutes of play until the druggists added two more goals and ended the frame 3-1.

Second period, however, was completely dominated by Ormes who blasted seven goals past Parker's netminder Ray Windle and were only answered once.

Ormes continued their fierce offensive play in the third period, scoring nine goals, but Parkers were able to fire five past David Allen in the Orme's net.

Ormes—Allen (goal), Paolinelli 3, Adams 1, Olsen 5, McLeod, Martin, Morrison, A. Specht 2, McDonald, Harvey 3, Jensen 2, Gasuinas 2, Dorash 1. Total 19.

Parkers — Windle (goal), Mitchell, Nakatsu 1, Atchison 1, Gregory, Kerr 1, Cronk, B. Specht 1, Cameron 2, Armstrong 1.

THREE-WAY PENNANT RACE SEEN FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press

The National League Tuesday begins its long run for the pennant—a probable three-way struggle among the champion Los Angeles Dodgers, San Francisco and Milwaukee.

Major league baseball tries out its first split opening with Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, Philadelphia at Cincinnati, St. Louis at San Francisco, and Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles.

The American League opens next Monday with Washington Senators getting their traditional one-day jump on the rest of the league.

The Giants, favored to win the National League pennant, also open their new $15,000,000 Candlestick Park. Manager Bill Rigney picked ace righthander Sam Jones to face the Cardinals' Larry Jackson.

Shmoos edge Riders for juvenile crown

Final game of the Juvenile Floor Hockey championships on Saturday morning saw the come-from-behnid "Shmoos," captained by Wayne Specht score a 7-6 victory over favored Roughriders led by brother Brian Specht.

The Shmoos finished the regular league in the cellar of the three-team league. Roughriders were first and Bill Pottle's Fireballs second.

An aggressive, smooth passing team, they beat out the Fireballs in two straight games in the best-of-three semi-finals.

The finals went the full five games with the hard-hitting Shmoos taking the series.

Trophies were presented to the winning team Saturday night at the conclusion of the 1959-60 Variety show. The 15-inch perpetual trophy donated by Len Harrington and Tom Masich was presented to assistant Shmoo captain Skip Cronk. Regular captain, Wayne Specht, was out of town.

The playoffs wound up five and one-half months of play by the boys of the Juvenile League. Play will resume when the regular floor hockey season begins next fall.

Buster Hill softball commissioner

W. H. (Buster) Hill was re-elected as commissioner of the 1960 Men's Softball League at a general softball meeting April 6.

Mr. Hill will work in conjuction with assistant commissioner Ron Davies who was also elected at the last meeting.

Four teams have been entered in this year's League. Veteran teams, Commercial Hotel, Savoy Hotel and Old Empress Hotel will enter their respective teams while the Canadian National Recreational Association will present new faces to this year's play.

Senior Softball president, Ernie Novakowski said that the registration deadline for team entries has been set for April 18.

Mr. Novakowski said that the league is in dire need of umpires and anyone interested in officiating duties are requested to phone Buster Hill or any other softball executive.

Opening day for the league has been set back to May 15, president Novakowski said, as it has not been decided which park will be used for softball this year.

At present, the Softball Association is awaiting word from the Parks Commission as to the possibility of using a portion of the Algoma Park soccer field as a softball diamond.

Weekend Fights

Mexico City (AP)—Jose Medel, Mexico, outpointed Danny Kid, Philippines, bantamweights, (10.)

Havana (AP)—Sal Fuentes, 157¼, Havana, stopped Sammy Stone, 163½, Miami Beach, (7.)

Frankfurt, Germany (AP)—Erich Schoeppner, Germany, outpointed Helmut Ball, Germany, European light heavyweight title bout, (15.)

Canucks tie western finals

VICTORIA (CP) — Vancouver Canucks built up a 5-1 margin in the first two periods Saturday night and coasted to a 6-2 win over Victoria Cougars to tie the best-of-nine Western Hockey League final at two games each.

Leading Vancouver's attack was centre Gordon Vejprava, acquired from Calgary in mid-season, with two goals. Orland Kurtenbach, Dale Anderson, Colin Kilburn and Danny Belisle picked up the other Vancouver goals.

Victoria goals came from centre Art Jones and defenceman Jim Hay.

Fifth game of the series is scheduled for Vancouver Tuesday night with the sixth game here the following night.

Indians get reliefer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnny Klippstein has been sold to Cleveland Indians, Los Angeles Dodgers announced today. He was a right-handed reliefer with the Dodgers for two years.

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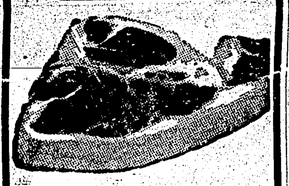
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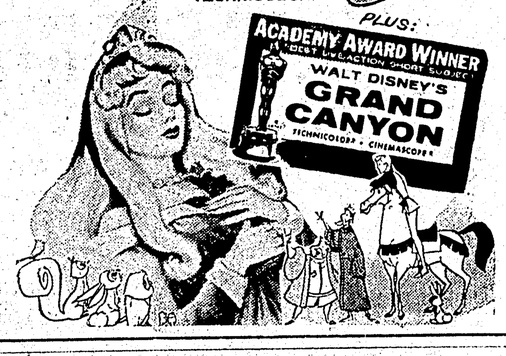
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