Trail clobbers Port Arthur 6-0

B.C. champs take one-game lead

TRAIL, B.C. (CP)—Trail Smoke Eaters shelled Port Arthur Bearcats 6-0 Monday night to take the first game in the best-of-seven Allan Cup semi-final before more than 3,800 fans.

The Western International League champions got a two-goal performance from league scoring champion Pinoke McIntyre and singles from captain Cal Hockley, Hal Jones, Ernie Secco and Ad Tambellini.

Goaltender Seth Martin, who kicked out 30 shots, none of them too dangerous, recorded his second shutout of the 1959-60 season.

Trail takes on the Thunder Bay titlists in the second game here Wednesday night. The series winner gets the Patton Cup as Western Canada champions and earns the right to play the eastern champs for the Allan Cup.

Elks 'spiel underway tomorrow

Draws for the opening night's games in the three-day Elks Curling Bonspiel which starts tomorrow are as follows:

7 p.m.—McFarland vs Peterson; Lindquist vs Holkestad; Garner vs Deane; Simundson vs McLean; Simpson vs Flaten; Manson vs Thompson.

9 p.m.—Rosedale vs Standring; Don Scherk vs McChesney; Murray vs Emmerson; Eby vs Ford; Lewis vs Gurvich; Williamson vs winner Lindquest-Holkestad.

Leafs tougher this year says Blake

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Canadiens, after watching Toronto polish off Detroit Red Wings in the Stanley Cup semi-finals, figure the Maple Leafs aren't going to be as easy to handle this year as they were last year.

Last season the Canadiens won their fourth straight cup by knocking off Toronto 4-1 in the best-of-seven final.

Said coach Toe Blake: "They are a tougher team this year. My players will have to work hard to eliminate them."

Said netminder Jacques Plante: "I am confident that we will win, but it is going to be a hard, bitter series.

"Bower (goaltender John Bower) has been sensational Frank Mahovlich has been skating as never before, Red Kelly had an extraordinarily fine series. All three of their lines played dangerously well.

"Nevertheless, I think we will succeed."

Blake's boys were to hold workouts today and Wednesday. Only a chalk-talk was scheduled for Thursday, before the opening game of the best-of-seven final.

Although the team-members figure on a long, tough series, local odds-makers apparently have more confidence in the NHL champions. Odds of 2 to 1 and 3 to 1 in favor of Montreal are quoted.

FREE ADVICE

Blake said he noticed that in the last game of the Detroit series, Leafs' coach Punch Imlach made little use of Billy Harris.

"Any club that can bench a scorer like Harris and still win can be dangerous in a short series," Blake said. "Bower is in fine form. The Leafs are skating much faster and harder this year than last year.

"But it's never hard to steam my boys up for a final series. They always play well under pressure."

Blake is counting on some of his big stars—Jean Beliveau for one—to regain some of their shine. Beliveau has managed only a feeble three points in the playoffs so far, only one of them a goal.

Women's softball entry deadline set for April 15

Deadline for Women's Softball entries has been set for Friday, April 15 it was decided at an executive meeting of the Women's Softball League Sunday.

It is hoped that four teams will enter the 1960 league. The teams will include Savoy, Wahls, Senior High School girls and Fashion Footwear.

All those applying for registration forms are asked to phone league president Jean Billing at 2710 or secretary-treasurer Selma Standring at 3963.

O.C. soccer

LONDON (Reuters)— Results of soccer matches played in the United Kingdom Monday:

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Third Division
Mansfield 2 Coventry 4

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I
Dunfermline 1 Kilmarnock 0
(ppd from April 2)

SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST By hal sharp

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HENRI RICHARD, (left) (16), of Montreal Canadiens and Bill Hay of Chicago Black Hawks skate behind the net in pursuit of the puck in first period of playoff game in Chicago last Thursday. —CP photo.

TORRID PACE

Throneberry may give Senators needed power

By MIKE RATHET
Associated Press Staff Writer

Washington's fearsome four-some minus one, shopping around for a new partner to aid in the war against organized pitching, today began checking the credentials of Faye Maynard Throneberry.

Throneberry continued his torrid hitting along major league baseball's exhibition trail Monday, driving in the winning run with a seventh inning single as the Senators edged Kansas City 3-2 in the only game played.

With slugger Roy Sievers traded to Chicago White Sox for catcher Earl Battey, first baseman Don Mincher and $150,000, Throneberry may be just the man to fill the depleted ranks.

A 28-year-old Tennessean who has knocked around the American League since he came up with Boston in 1952, Throneberry crashed the Washington lineup last season and compiled a .251 batting average in 117 games The outfielder-first baseman hit 10 home runs and accounted for 42 runs batted in.

SOME DIFFERENCE

Now he's the sensation of the Senators' training camp with his .462 batting average, and has been outshining fearsome holdovers Harmon Killebrew, Jim Lemon and Bob Allison.

Killebrew (42), Lemon (33), Allison (30) and Sievers (21) slugged 126 home runs during the 1959 campaign and a little more power from Throneberry could make up for the departure of Sievers.

While Throneberry drove home the clincher against the A's, Killebrew and Lemon started the Senators on their way to their seventh victory in 20 games by driving home two runs in the first inning with sacrifice flies.

The A's tied it in the second when Bob Cerv homered—his fourth of the spring—with a man on. Then, in the seventh, Lennie Green singled, advanced on a ground out and came around on Throneberry's clutch hit.

Meanwhile Cincinnati manager Fred Hutchinson and Charlie Grimm, field boss of Chicago Cubs, took advantage of the open date to get their starting lineups in shape for the National League's opening program a week from today.

Grimm named rookies Sammy Drake and Lou Johnson to his probable starting lineup at third base and right field, respectively. Drake batted .292 at Burlington, Iowa and .303 at San Antonio last season. Johnson hit .316 at Lancaster, Pa., and .327 for San Antonio during the 1959 campaign.

Other clubs continued paring their rosters to get down to the required limit. The only surprise came from San Francisco Giants, who asked waivers on infielder Danny O'Connell, a 10-year major league veteran.

Big Train's son Lionel with Als

MONTREAL (CP) — Lionel Conacher, Jr., son of Canada's late "Big Train" of sports fame, has signed a contract with Montreal Alouettes, the Big Four football league club announced Monday.

Conacher starred last season with University of Western Ontario of the senior intercollegiate football league, running from a twin-fullback offence with Meco Poliziani.

The Alouettes signed Poliziani earlier.

Statistics showed that Conacher alone carried the ball for 1,106 yards of the total of 2,213 yards Western gained on the ground last year. If he had carried for 18 inches more, he alone would have gained half Western's ground.

Conacher and Poliziani between them carried the ball 80 per cent of the time it went on the ground.

Conacher, 24, is the son of the late Lionel (Big Train) Conacher who was a Member of Parliament, an outstanding football player at Toronto, National Hockey League star, and the athlete of the half-century in a Canadian Press poll in 1950.

He died of a heart attack while playing baseball in an annual game between Commons members and members of the Ottawa press gallery.

Gerry Lemire, Armstrong win Legion 'spiel

Gerry Lemire's rink and that of Bob Armstrong captured the first prizes in the annual Canadian Legion Branch 27 bonspiel staged Sunday.

Lemire captured A Event by defeating Harold Mede while Armstrong downed Doug Kerr to take B Event. Twelve rinks took part in the annual event.

The two trophies will be presented to the winners at a banquet at the Canadian Legion Friday night at 7 o'clock.

Montreal (AP)— Burke Emery, 170½, Sherbrooke, Que., stopped Bobby Devlin, 165, Tulsa, Okla., (4); Bob Cleroux, 208, Montreal, knocked out Richie Ruth, 199, Tulsa (1).

New York (AP)—Jorge Fernandez 149, Argentina, stopped Mel Barker, 147¾, Austin, Tex., (7).

Rough 'n' ready RCMP to tangle with speedy Sports Shop tonight

It'll be a speedy offence versus a solid defence and ability to counter-attack in the clutch, when Sports Shop meets RCMP in the opening game of the Senior Floor Hockey league finals at the Civic Centre tonight.

Both teams had to play the full three games of their best-of-three semi-finals against Savoy Hotel and Bob Parker's, respectively, but after a weekend lay-off both squads are raring to go.

Sports Shop reigned as slight favorites today on the basis of possessing the league's two top scorer Ernie Novakowski and Doug Brunton.

Novakowski captured the league scoring title with a total of 47 goals in 18 games, while Brunton banged in 44 tallies in the same number of games.

However, RCMP are generally accepted as having the best defensive combination, with star goalie Don Johnson in the nets and a solid group of stalwarts ahead of him including Ron Basso, Gary Lyttle, Bruce McDonald and John Fitzgerald.

The rough and ready RCMP will match their burly attack methods against the speedy Sports Shop crew in a best-of-five series.

As a prelude to the senior opener, Parker's will meet Ormes in the second game of the best-of-five Junior Floor Hockey league finals. Parker's have a 1-0 lead in the series.

The junior fixture will face-off at 6:45 p.m. while the senior will clash at 8 p.m.

Rains make Masters muscle battle

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Drenching rains have turned the 24th Masters gold tournament into a prospective battle of muscle men and one of the most eminent of these, Sam Snead, says it could be his year.

"The way I'm playing, I just might do it," the three-time winner from West Virginia said Monday. "I don't know when I've hit the ball better. I'll tell you one thing—as heavy as this course is, no short knocker is going to win it."

The 72-hole event starts Thursday over the giant Augusta national course, which measures 6,980 yards.

PALMER FAVORED

One of the game's strongest players, Arnold Palmer, has been established as the advance favorite. Most of his competition is expected to come from such powerful hitters as Snead, Cary Middlecoff, Mike Souchak and perhaps Jackie Nicklaus, United States amateur king.

Nicklaus, a 200-pound package of power from Columbus, Ohio, trudged around the course in a driving rain Monday in 69, three under par. It was the best score of those brave enough to buck the elements. No amateur has won the Masters.

Snead played 18 holes and was even par as he experimented with his long irons. Veteran Ben Hogan gave up after eight holes and said, "I don't have a chance."

"There's no possibility that the course can dry out by the weekend," Snead said. "More rain is forecast for today. It's going to be very slow."

Punch Imlach avoiding pre-series predictions

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP)—Coach Punch Imlach has too many worries these pre-Stanley Cup final days to waste any of his waking hours about gambling odds on the outcome of the best-of-seven series. The bookmakers here consider Leafs sitting ducks for the defending champion Montreal Canadiens.

"That's pretty foolish," commented Imlach Monday when told the bettors had established Canadiens 5-to-1 favorites. "But if they want to be foolish, let 'em go ahead. Anyway, I don't pay any attention to the gambling end" of hockey.

Punch has also apparently retired as the swami of the National Hockey League coaching ranks. Fans will recall that last year he called Leafs to take Canadiens in six games in the final and then watched coach Toe Blake's powerhouse squad carve up the Leafs in five.

"We'll be there," was the only prediction Imlach cared to make about the series starting Thursday night at Montreal Forum.

PRAISES NETMINDER

This was a most unusual turn of events. It may be attributed to the just-concluded semi-final with Detroit Red Wings. Punch conceded Wings took two and may have taken it all except for the sensational goaltending of Leafs Johnny Bower.

The Leafs didn't waste any time getting ready for Canadiens. They were on Maple Leaf Gardens ice for an hour's workout Monday, just 12 hours after eliminating Red Wings 4-2 at Detroit, and daily training periods are scheduled until the Leafs leave for Montreal Wednesday night.

Montreal rolled over the opposition in the 70-game schedule, allowed Leafs only three victories in 14 Leafs-Canadiens meetings and disposed of Chicago Black Hawks in four straight in the semi-final.

Leafs masterminds, and the players, are happy about the Thursday series opening. Ordinarily, the first game would be scheduled for tonight but Toronto, with the consent of Canadiens and president Clarence Campbell, got the two-day delay.

WILL HELP

"The four-day layoff is in our favor," Imlach said. "There's a natural letdown by the players after winning a series like the one we've just been through with Detroit. We'll be in better shape Thursday and that will make for a much better game.

"After all, that's what the fans want, a good game."

The later opening also eliminated the possibility of a Saturday night game in Toronto, invariably a box-office sellout. The first two games will be played at Montreal Thursday and Saturday with the next pair at Toronto the following Tuesday and Thursday.

A fifth game, if necessary, will be at Montreal April 16, the sixth at Toronto April 19 and the seventh in Montreal two nights later.

Leafs came out of the Detroit series in remarkably good shape.

"There were a few bruises left over from Detroit but a few days of rest will take care of those," Imlach said.

Nanaimo wins

NANAIMO (CP)—Nanaimo Labatts whipped Lacombe Rockets 6-4 in overtime Monday night to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five Western Canadian intermediate hockey semi-final.

NOT TOO DISAPPOINTED

Wings manager figures young Detroit squad as team that might end reign of Habitants

DETROIT (AP) — Jack Adams, general manager of Detroit Red Wings, settled back comfortably in his Olympia Stadium office and a smile crossed his face.

"We've had a lot of championships," he said, pointing around the room to pictures of some of the Wings' great teams of the past. "But you know, I got a real kick out of our team this year. We didn't win anything, but we turned a lot of boys into men.

"They wrote us off—a lot of them did, anyway. We went down the ladder—from first to third and then to last. We took a lot of abuse—I did and the players did, too. I said when we hit bottom that we'd be back. I told them not to give up on us.

"I hope they haven't, because we're on our way. Yes sir, I'm proud of these kids this year. They gave 100 per cent. The road up ahead is quite a bit brighter."

Fourth place in a six-team league may not seem like much of an accomplishment but its quite an improvement over the 1958-59 campaign when the Wings finished last for the first time since they got into the National Hockey League wars in 1926-27.

It was Adams who predicted a few seasons ago that Montreal Canadiens would dominate the league for a while, just as the Wings had done for so long.

"Things are beginning to even themselves out now," said Adams.

"The Montreal string is ending. Someone will catch those Canadiens before long. It might be us. We need a couple more good hockey players to do it."

Detroit players dropped around to the offices throughout the day Monday, saying goodbye, picking up travel money to go to their homes.

"I'm proud of all of them and I told them so," said Adams. "I had some pleasant surprises — Gary Aldcorn, Murray Oliver and Pete Goegan—and a couple of disappointments. We thought Len Lunde would score 15 or 16 goals and he scored only six. But he started to play well near the end of the season. We still have great plans for him.

"Oliver should get the rookie-of-the-year award. He missed 16 games and still scored 20 goals—that's like hitting .300 in baseball, you know."

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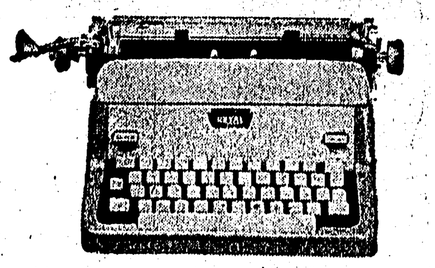
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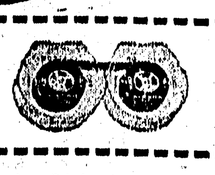
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