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Melnyk erases memory of major league debut

DETROIT (CP)—Gerry Melnyk, a young man with sickening memories of his brief big league hockey career, erased them all Tuesday night with a sudden-death overtime goal that gave Detroit Red Wings a 2-1 victory over Toronto Maple Leafs.

The win deadlocked the Stanley Cup semi-final series at two games apiece.

The fifth engagement of the best-of-seven affair is set for Toronto Saturday night and Melnyk eagerly awaits it. The sixth will be played here Sunday.

The five-foot-ten centre, who flunked in his National Hockey League debut four years ago and was banished to the minors, scored at 1:54 of the first overtime period, slapping a rebound over fallen goaltender Johnny Bower while Leafs were playing a man short and frantically hanging on.

SECOND TIGHT ONE

It was the second straight time the teams had gone into overtime. Leafs picked up a 5-4 win Sunday after 43 minutes of extra action.

The Wings brought Melnyk up from Edmonton Flyers of the Western League in 1956 to face Leafs in the cup semi-finals. He waltzed in on netminder Harry Lumley and lost the puck. He performed in five other playoff games, then found himself back in Edmonton until this season.

The Wings set a bristling pace and jumped into a 1-0 lead on Gary Aldcorn's goal at 13:15 of the first period. Defenceman Carl Brewer tied things at 10:24 of the second period.

As in the previous three games, Bower and Detroit goaltender Terry Sawchuk were brilliant, made a sensational sliding save on Val Fonteyne an instant before Melnyk sent the 13,050 fans into ecstasy.

Sawchuk performed some of his best acrobatics on rightwinger Ron Stewart, who was in the penalty box when Melnyk scored.

LEAFS PROTEST

Leafs protested that referee Vern Buffey should not have nabbed Stewart for hooking Jack McIntyre of the Wings eight seconds after overtime started—even though he was probably guilty. The argument: It wasn't a glaring sin and similar offences had been overlooked earlier.

"I told you we'd come back," said Wing coach Sid Abel, drawing on a cigar. "Now I won't make any more predictions. We're just going to show up to play the next one. That's all I'll say."

Leaf coach Punch Imlach said: "We're in good shape. Don't forget we have the home ice advantage."

Softball meeting

A meeting of the Senior Men's Softball league has been called for 8 o'clock tonight at the Savoy Hotel sample room, president Ernie Novakowski said today. He said that team entries, rules and games schedules will be discussed at the meeting which is open to all persons who wish to take part in the senior softball league play this season.

ARMSTRONG'S GOAL — Leaf captain George Armstrong draws first blood for Toronto as he scores on Detroit goalie Terry Sawchuk in the first period of the second NHL semi-final between Maple Leafs and Red Wings in Toronto Saturday night. Detroit players in the centre are (left) Peter Geogan and Leonard Haley. Leaf player behind Haley is Billy Harris.
—CP photo.

Trail given halted game

VANCOUVER (CP) — A brawl that stopped a western Allan Cup playoff hockey game Monday night brought stiff penalties Tuesday.

Leo G. Attwell, president of the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, handed out $100 fines to Kelowna Packers of the Okanagan Senior League and Trail Smoke Eaters of the Western International League.

He also fined coaches Bobby Kromm of Trail and Jack O'Reilly of the Packers $70 each.

Trail, which was leading 6-3 on home ice, when the brawl stopped the game, was awarded the victory and took a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven Savage Cup series.

Los Angeles (AP)—Johnny Smith, 154, Los Angeles, knocked out Billy Hesler, 160, Los Angeles, (5).

Richmond, Calif. (AP)—Fernando Sota, 127, Portugal, outpointed Ronnie Perez, 125, Hayward, Calif., 10.

Habs clobber Hawks to lead series 3-0

CHICAGO (CP)—Chicago Black Hawks are still flying their battle flag today, but their voyage on the Stanley Cup seas could end in a trip to Davy Jones' locker Thursday night.

Montreal Canadiens opened fire with their secondary armament here Tuesday night and when the smoke of battle cleared they emerged with a 4-0 victory and a 3-0 lead in their best-of-seven semi-final series.

The big guns were also blazing away but their salvos kept falling short until Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion found the range at 18:04 of the third period. That was Canadiens' final goal and, as far as the 14,396 Chicago fans were concerned, the last straw.

They littered the ice with debris and sweepers had to be called to clear it away.

SPARETIME HEROES

The first three Montreal goals were scored by the spare-part line of Ralph Backstrom, Don Marshall and Bill Hicke.

The line, idle in the first period, appeared only twice in the second and hit the target both times.

Hicke, the only rookie in the lineup of the National Hockey League champions and defenders of the Stanley Cup, broke a scoreless tie midway in the period with Backstrom and Marshall assisting. It was his first goal in Stanley Cup playoffs.

Six minutes later the line came through again, with the help of defenceman Jean-Guy Talbot. Backstrom took a pass from Marshall and worked the puck around to Talbot who scored from point-blank range.

It was also Talbot's first playoff goal.

The Backstrom-Marshall-Hicke line came on four times in the third period—making a total of six appearances—and scored once. This time Marshall did the honors, finishing off a play with Backstrom and Hicke at 9:39.

WINDSOR WINS AGAIN

VANCOUVER (CP) — Windsor AKO shook off a strong third-quarter challenge by Vancouver YMCA Tuesday night to score a 71-58 victory and a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five Canadian junior basketball championships here.

Parker's win puck final opener

Bob Parker's captured the first game of the best-of-five Junior Floor Hockey finals by trouncing Ormes 13-7 at the Civic Centre last night.

A five-goal effort by Skip Cronk, brought up from Juvenile League late in the season, paced the Parker win while Allen Specht with a hat-trick was high scorer for the druggists.

Parkers surged into a 5-2 first period lead extended it to 8-5 at the end of the second and outscored Ormes 5-2 in the final stanza.

Other Parker scorers were Robert Armstrong, Bruce Kerr and Ken Nakatsu with two goals each while singletons were added by Larry Atchison and Norman Mio.

For Ormes, Adolpho Paolinelli, Don MacDonald, Jerry Jenson and Chris Harvey added one each.

Referee's Floyd Jessop and Lorne MacMillan handed out 13 penalties to the garagemen and eight to Ormes.

The two teams will clash again in the preliminaries Tuesday April 5.

RCMP clouts Parker's to win senior semis

By KEN SPECHT
Daily News Sports Writer

An injured but jubilant RCMP crew limped off the Civic Centre floor last night after downing Bob Parker's 8-3 to capture the rubber match in a Senior Floor Hockey league best-of-three semi final series.

The win, hammered out before 200 fans, gave the police squad the right to meet Sports Shop in the finals which start April 5.

Five RCMP players suffered injuries during the rugged fixture. In addition RCMP lost ace forward John Penz at 10:13 of the first period when he was evicted by referee-in-chief Floyd Jessop for "intentionally attempting to injure a referee."

The score, however, was hardly indicative of the game.

RCMP jumped into a 3-0 first period lead on goals by Penz, Derrick Slack, and Greg Lyttle but Parker's countered in the second with a goal by Paul Lefebvre.

Third period was one for the books.

Parker's Poulton fired in a goal with the period five minutes old to move the garagemen within one goal of the constabulary but Slack gave the police a two-goal lead on the prettiest goal of the game at the eight-minute mark. He grabbed a loose puck in his own zone, faked past two forwards, ambled to the defence, but suddenly changed his pace to leave the two Parker defenders looking at each other and then flicked a shot by hapless goalie Gil Goudry.

Twelve seconds later Jeff Paul put Parker's back in contention with a 15-foot shot past RCMP goaltender Don Johnson.

From then on Parker's forwards swarmed around the RCMP net firing a total of 10 shots on Johnson in an attempt to deadlock the score.

It was all RCMP could do to clear the puck out of their own zone but burly defenceman Ron Basso twice managed to reach centre court and from 40-feet out blasted two insurance markers into the Parker's net.

Seconds later Jim Arsenault took advantage of three Parker penalties to score and late in the game Bill McLeod scored the game's last goal.

Standout defensive efforts by Basso, Lyttle, John Fitzgerald snubbed Parker's rally while outstanding goaltending was turned in by Johnson who stopped 31 shots during the game.

For Parker's Goudry handled 24 shots.

Three referees were on hand to quell the tempers of the two rival squads. Referees Jessop, Lorne McMillan and Jim McDougal handed out a total of 27 penalties with 15 going to Parkers.

Piersall sparks Tribe win

By The Associated Press

Jim Piersall, a veteran of eight years in the major leagues, is making a second baseball comeback.

From a case of mental illness in 1952, he returned to play six straight seasons for Boston Red Sox. From 1953 through 1958 he never played fewer than 130 games.

In 1956, his peak year, he led the American League in games played at his position, (155) and he hit 40 doubles to top the American League. His batting average was .293. Then it slipped to .261, .37, and in 1958 the Red Sox traded him to Cleveland Indians for Vic Wertz and Gary Geiger.

Piersall, a right-handed hitter, opened the 1959 season in centre for Cleveland, but he was a fixture only until the Indians acquired Tito Francona from Detroit. Piersall played in only 100 games, hit just .246 and a mere four homers.

WASN'T HAPPY

He wasn't happy as a platoon player in manager Joe Gordon's lineup and he wants that regular centrefield job back.

At Scottsdale Tuesday, Piersall went two-for-two and made the big defensive play against the Red Sox who traded him. Cleveland won 7-6, and it was Piersall who made a fine recovery and threw on Don Buddin's long double in the ninth inning. The play prevented Don Gile from scoring the tying run.

That kind of playing should convince Gordon that Piersall is the man for centre, rather than the younger huskies. Francona seems set in left, now that Minnie Minoso has been traded to Chicago and power hitting Rocky Colavito is the right fielder.

In the other Arizona exhibition game, Chicago Cubs edged San Francisco Giants 7-6.

In Florida, Los Angeles Dodgers blanked St. Louis Cardinals 5-0, New York Yankees defeated Detroit Tigers 7-6.

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