TORONTO, MARCH 31.—WINNER—Frank Mahovlich (right) of Toronto Maple Leafs scores the winning goal against Boston Bruins goalie Harry Lumley during overtime in the National Hockey League semi-final game at Toronto March 31. Shown, left to right, are Leafs' Gerry Ehman, Leo Boivin, Jerry Topazzini and Jim Morrison of Boston. Leafs won 3-2. The winner-take-all game will be played tonight as the series stands 3-3 following Saturday's 5-4 win for Boston. —CP photo

Richard, Beliveau hopeful starters as Habs prepare for final series

MONTREAL (CP)—Maurice (Rocket) Richard, veteran of 121 playoff games, geared himself today for an all-out scrimmage session as Montreal Canadiens prepared for their ninth straight appearance in a Stanley Cup final.

There was hope also that Jean Beliveau, injured in the semi-finals just finished with Chicago Black Hawks, may be able to play.

Return of the 37-year-old Rocket after a three-month layoff is an ominous indication that hockey history may be repeated.

In November, 1957, Richard suffered an injury that almost severed an achilles tendon. He came back in the tail end of the regular National Hockey League season and roared through the playoffs with an amazing 11 goals, one short of his own record set 11 years previously.

He scored seven goals against Detroit Red Wings in the semi-final and four against Boston Bruins in the final.

BONE BROKEN

Last Jan. 18 the Rocket suffered a broken bone in his foot. He started skating again in mid-March aiming to play in the final.

"This will be his first workout at a practice session," said coach Toe Blake. "We're still leaving it to the Rocket as to when he is ready, but we expect to have him in the final."

Nobody will be surprised if Richard takes up his old right-wing spot when the series opens in Montreal Thursday against either Toronto or Boston. The second game will be played here Saturday before the scene shifts to the home of the other finalist for games the following Tuesday and Thursday.

Beliveau suffered a painful spinal injury in Chicago March 28. When he turned up for a light skate Monday, Blake had the surprise of his life.

WON'T HURT HIM

"He's far from 100 per cent, but the best news is that he has been told by the doctor there's no danger of aggravating the injury," Blake said.

"There's no indication yet when or if he will be able to play but there's definitely a good chance he will get into the final at some stage."

Managing director Frank Selke said: "Whether we have Jean and Maurice in the lineup could be an important factor. But we'll win or lose on our own ability, not because of what a referee did or didn't do."

That was a sharp jab at all the shouting and excitement engendered over the windup of the semi-final with Chicago Saturday night.

Canadiens won the game 5-4 and the best-of-seven series 4-2 to the accompaniment of a wild, missile-throwing demonstration by Chicago fans.

Principal object of the 20-minute demonstration was referee Red Storey, blamed by fans, coach Rudy Pilous and other Hawk officials for not calling what they considered two deserved penalties.

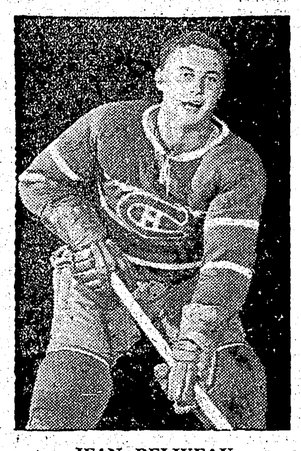
Selke and Blake said it appeared Bobby Hull and Eddie Litzenberger of the Hawks "took dives." Hawks complained both players were tripped.

Selke was critical that "no one has seen fit to remind Pilous" that Glenn Skov put out Beliveau "as a result of a butt-end without any penalty being given."

Storey was the referee in that game also, lost by Canadiens.

"Some day," mused Selke, "a losing team is going to accept defeat graciously and half the referees in hockey will die of shock."

ROCKET RICHARD
. . . on skates



JEAN BELIVEAU
. . . may see action

IT'S WINNER TAKE ALL NIGHT AS BRUINS-LEAFS CLASH AGAIN

BOSTON (CP)—The supremely confident Toronto Maple Leafs and the taped-up Boston Bruins meet tonight to decide in one game what they couldn't do in six-a berth in the Stanley Cup final.

It's winner take all and if that isn't enough incentive, throw in a minimum of $1,250 for each player and the magnitude of this struggle comes into focus. The losing team gets $750 a man and the winners $1,250. Players who move into the championship series pick up at least another $750.

Bruins and Leafs held light workouts today in preparation for the seventh engagement of their best-of-seven semi-final.

"I'm still confident," said Leaf coach Punch Imlach Monday after Leafs arrived here by plane "My boys will come through".

Boston coach Milt Schmidt commented apprehensively: "We can't kid ourselves that we're going to have an easy time with the Leafs. I don't care if we are on our home ice."

The big news in the Bruin camp was the possible return tonight of star defenceman Doug Mohns. He has been out since the third game with pulled knee ligaments.

Vernon downs Regina 4-3 on last-period markers

REGINA (CP)— Vernon Canadians scored three times in the third period Monday night to overcome a 2-1 deficit and defeat Regina Caps 4-3 before 2,000 fans in the first game of their best-of-seven western Allan Cup final.

Second and third games will be played here Wednesday and Friday.

The first period was scoreless and Caps went ahead 2-1 in the second. Vernon took a 4-2 lead in third before Caps got their final marker.

Jim Moro, Bill Hryciuk, Art Hart and Willie Schmidt scored for the Canadians, with Schmidt getting the winner. Brian Whittal, Pat Lundy and John Reeve got the Regina goals.

Play was even and both goalies played well. Vernon's Hal Gordon stopped 29 shots, while Regina's Ed Babiuk blocked 30.

Both teams had several good chances in the first period, but could not make them count. Each side had nine shots on goal.

Canadians just missed on three chances while Caps' Bernie Grebinsky was off early in the second. Bill Kyle, captain of the Regina team, drew a misconduct penalty for protesting the penalty to Grebinsky.

Last Night's Fights

New York (AP) — Alex Miteff, 205½, Argentina, stopped Harold Carter, 198, Linden, N.J., 2.

McAllen, Tex. (AP)—Miguel Juarez, 128, Reynosa, Mexico, outpointed Ardella Garcia, 125, Monterrey, Mexico, 10.

Lake Charles, La. (AP)—Paul Jorgensen, Houston, Tex., stopped Juan Pradia, Monterrey, Mexico, 1, featherweights.

Little League set May 13 for opening

Little League Baseball tryouts will commence almost any day now and the first game of regular play with an official opening has been set for May 13.

At the group's final "ironing out" meeting last night at which more than 20 enthusiastic parents and others attended, it was decided tryouts would start as soon as weather permits.

Robert Tough, player's agent, reported that registrations have been coming in quite well but Saturday April 11 will definitely be the last day Little Leaguers can register.

Mr. Tough said that any boy who has not registered may pick up a form at the Civic Centre any time during the week and turn it in Saturday.

Doug Kerr, chairman of players equipment committee, told the meeting that new uniforms have been ordered for all regular teams.

Mr. Kerr asked that all last year's farm team players turn in their sweaters to the coaches or directly to him.

At the conclusion of the meeting, President George J. Brown commended parents for the good turnout and expressed an optimistic view for a successful baseball season.

Junior boxers wanted at gym

Regular members of the Boys' Junior Boxing class at the Civic Centre are asked to be in the small gym Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock without fail, instructor Dick Ayres said today.

He said that four boys of the class are to take part in the Civic Centre variety show Friday and Saturday nights and he wants to give the young boxers their final instructions.

Remember when . .

By The Canadian Press

Toronto Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup by beating New York Rangers 6-4 at Toronto, 27 years ago tonight, for their third consecutive victory. That was the first of Maple Leafs' seven Stanley Cup triumphs, the last in 1951 over Montreal Canadiens.

Men bested by women of Celco City

Phyllis Ruttan of RCMP city and Agnes Pierce of Rupert Motors led Celco City Bowling League play last Wednesday with singles and triples.

Phyllis marked up a single of 283 and collected high triple with 612. Agnes rolled 278 and 705 for her single and three.

Seiji Matsuo of Wong's Cafe bowled 268 for high single in A League while Ron Small of Sweet Sixteen put together 671 for men's high three.

Rupert Motors took both team honors with totals of 1208 and 3575.

In B League, Pete Clifford of Kelly Douglas captured men's high single with 273 while Harold Germscheid of Pipefitters came up with 710 for three.

Both team laurels were rolled by RCMP city with 1112 and 3020.

Results

A League—Rupert Motors 2, Good Neighbors 2; Radio Cabs 2, Sweet Sixteen 2; Allsorts 3, RCMP Sub Div. 1; Wong's Cafe 4, Tom-Boy 0; Shop-Easy 4, Oceanview Angels 0; Calypsos 3, Cook's Jewellers 1.

B League—Pipefitters 2, Kelly Douglas 2; Marine Radio 3, Neal Evans 1; Jugheads 3, Lucky Royals 1; Savoy Hotel 2, McRae Motors 2; Johnson's Outboards 3, Neighbors 1; RCMP city 4, Co-Op 0.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

Montreal (AP)—Billy Pickett, 158, New York, stopped Bruno Boucher, 160, Chincoutimi, 2. Robert Cleroux, 205, Montreal, stopped Chuck Hood, 189, Washington, D.C., 4.

San Diego (AP)—Nacho Escalante, 110, Mexico City, outpointed Ward Yee, 120, Pasadena, Calif., 10.

Tokyo (AP)—Larry Pineda, 114½, Philippines, outpointed Shigeru Ito, 111½, Japan, 10.

Sydney, Australia (AP) — Joe Ngidi, 146½, South Africa, outpointed George Barnes, 148½, Australia, 12.

Magazine says cold cash in world hockey

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's predominance in world hockey brings more than athletic prestige. The current issue of the government's magazine Foreign Trade says it also brings hard cash.

It reports that every team in the 1958 world hockey championships at Oslo, Norway, when the Whitby, Ont., Dunnies defeated Russia in the final, was equipped wholly or partly with Canadian skates and boots.

Hockey and the potential market for Canadian hockey equipment has soared in Europe since the Second World War. Geneva in Switzerland now is building a luxurious new rink with a capacity of 14,000 spectators.

ELK'S LODGE BONSPIEL SET WITH 24 ENTRANTS REGISTERED

The Elk's Lodge will hold its annual inter-club Bonspiel Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with three draws each evening.

A total of 24 teams have placed entries and will take to the ice 6.30 Wednesday night.

Semi-finals and finals will be run off starting at 6:30 Friday night.

Presentation of trophies and prizes will take place at the Elk's Lodge Friday evening after the finals.

Trophies at stake are the Elks Lodge award and the Esquire trophy.

Two opening draws for Wednesday are as follows:

6:30 p.m.—Pavlikis, vs. McLean; Garner, vs. Anderson; Lewis, vs Richardson; Schuman, vs. Deane; McFarlane, vs. Gurvich; D. Crowe, vs J. Eby.

8:30 p.m.—J. Ward, vs. Scherk; Lindquist, vs. Youden; Murray, vs. Ford; Johnson, vs. Holkestad; Manson, vs. Rosedale; Peterson, vs. Simundson.

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