



MAURICE (ROCKET) RICHARD
... out of slump

Canucks Whip Royals 6-1 To Enter Western Finals

By The Canadian Press

Vancouver Canucks, who many were willing to bet wouldn't make it, were berthed firmly in the Western Hockey League finals Tuesday night, winners over New Westminster Royals in seven games.

The Canucks, surrounded by the shattered hopes of Seattle, Victoria and New Westminster, look eastward across the Rockies

to where the other two gladiators Edmonton Flyers and Calgary Stampers, battle for the right to meet the coast club.

Royals bowed out of the best-of-nine semi-final in Vancouver Tuesday night in unimpressive fashion as they were whipped 6-1.

Calgary and Edmonton meanwhile, gave some indication of the battle that lies ahead of the two clubs as Calgary won out in overtime 3-2 in the first game of the best-of-seven semi-final.

Veteran Cy Rouse paced Vancouver with two goals with singletons going to Larry Poirier, Carl Kaiser, Allan Stanley and Billy Lea. Pete Durham was the only Royal to slip one past Lorne Worsley.

Royals looked good in the first period and only trailed by a 2-0 margin. Pete Durham scored early in the second but took a charging penalty to pave the way for two Canuck markers.

Rouse made it 5-1 with two minutes left in the period and added his second goal in the final.

George Pargeter was the hero of a crowd of almost 8,000 in Calgary as he lifted a rebound over Edmonton goalie Glen Hall at 2:58 of the sudden death overtime session. The second game will be played in Calgary Thursday.

Stampers took a 1-0 first-period lead and pushed it to 2-0 early in the second before Edmonton retaliated. A sustained flyer drive paid off and the score was knotted early in the third session.

The Paul rink took the secondary competition by defeating Hetland, Cameron and Buchanan, to take prize vases, with Hetland placing second, winning prize glasses.

In the consolation event Mitchell defeated Barton, Cameron and Inkster to take first prize, house ornaments, and Barton's rink placed second, to win six cans of clams.

The session also saw the Dennis rink named winner of the final section of the season's league curling, and presented with prize cups and saucers.

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Richard Comes to Life To Spark Canadiens Win

Canadian Press Staff Writer
By W. R. WHEATLEY

DETROIT (CP)—A 36-second onslaught by resurgent Rocket Richard and Dickie Moore swept Montreal Canadiens back into the thick of this rugged Stanley Cup series Tuesday night.

It was a 3-1 win for Canadiens over Detroit Red Wings in the second game, and both clubs headed for Montreal today with the series even and the home-ice advantage, if any, now in the hands of the aroused Canadiens.

It may have been a drastic shakeup in line formations that sparked Canadiens or it may have been Detroit's disastrous lapses in penalties. In any event, Canadiens were the opportunists this time, as the Red Wings were in their 3-1 win Sunday, and Richard came back from a slump with a two-goal outburst in 31 seconds. Moore supplied the first in the rapid fire of power plays and fed the passes to Richard for the next two.

The Red Wings Tuesday night ran up against a team that realized it had to win if it wasn't to be threatened with sudden defeat in the best-of-seven cup final.

FOUGHT COURAGEOUSLY

The Wings fought courageously after facing a 3-0 deficit but they lacked the smoothness of play they showed Sunday and at the end appeared more fatigued than the Canadiens.

Alex Delvecchio scored Detroit's lone goal, and it was a tough break for goalie Jacques Plante who might have had a shutout. Delvecchio shot for the goalmouth from deep in the left corner early in the second period while Canadiens were a man short. Instead of travelling to a Red Wing, as the players milled about in front of Plante, the puck slapped sharply on the stick of Butch Bouchard, Montreal defenceman, and before Plante could move, the puck had shot into the net.

The first two Montreal goals came when the Red Wings were two men short through penalties and they were down one man when Richard banged in the last Montreal tally.

The win leaves Canadiens in this hopeful position—three of the next four games, if the series goes to six games, are on Montreal ice, and throughout the regular National Hockey League season Detroit won only one game in seven in Montreal, that by a 1-0 count.

TWO IN BOX

Gordie Howe, Detroit's ace scorer, and Tony Leswick were in the penalty box when Canadiens broke loose. Howe had been chased by referee Red Storey for highsticking Richard and Leswick for slashing Jean Beliveau.

The shakeup in lines that coach Dick Irvin had mulled over since Sunday came at the start of the game. Richard played on a line with Paul Masnick and Eddie Mazur, instead of with Ken Mosdell and Bert Olmstead.

Mel Davis Sparks Murray's Climb In Men's League

Led by Mel Davis, who rolled two games over the 300-mark, Art Murray's moved further ahead in "A" Division of the men's five-pin bowling league this week.

Starting off with 316, he came back with 320 and ended his string with 192 for top three of 838. Jim Thompson had high single game of the night with 337.

Cook's rolled best game of 1270 and best three of 3380. In "B" Division, Bruce Simondson topped the list with 306 and Doug Jelstad had high three of 720. Kaien Industries continued as head of the division and rolled high game of 1031 in taking three points from Legion. Overwaitea had best three of 2955.

Results:
"A" Division: North Stars 4, CNRA 0; 537 Taxi 4, Northwest Construction 0; Art Murray's 4, Thom Sheet 0 (default); Family Market 1, Cook's 3; Moose 3, Short Circuits 1; Philpott Evitt 2, Local 708, 2.
"B" Division: Don Juans 4, Jaycees 0 (default); LCB 3, Rupert Motors 1; Overwaitea 3, Nelson Brothers 1; Kaien Industries 3, Legion 1; Savoy Hotel 3, Deuces 1.

Standings: "A" Division—Art Murray's 66; 537 Taxi 63; North Stars 61; Philpott Evitt 60; Local 708, 58; Moose 51; CNRA 45; Family Market 42; Northwest Construction 39; Cook's 34; Short Circuits 32; Thom Sheet Metal 22.

"B" Division: Kaien Industries 50; Rupert Motors 48; Legion 45; Overwaitea 51; Nelson Brothers 50; Rupert Motors 48; Legion 46; Don Juans 32; Jaycees 18.

Mosdell was shifted to a formation of Calum Mackay and Dorne Davis, and at times with Olmstead and Floyd Curry. There were other shuffles here and there, and Olmstead was used at times in a penalty killing role.

Two fresh players were sent into the game—Mackay and defenceman Jim Macpherson. Minor injuries to Paul Meyer and Dollard St. Laurent brought about the replacements.



DICKIE MOORE
... boosts total

OUTDOORS With Marty

Right now your columnist feels highly elated and also has a strong feeling of vindication. The reason? The Field and Stream contest results are now out in the April issue, and no fewer than three out of three prizes go to British Columbia fish. Top prize on springs (Ahem, Chinook), and second as well were taken from Rivers Inlet, 76 pounds and 74 pounds; but it is the interior captures which so strongly appeal.

Copper River shows up twice in the first three with cohos of 20 pounds plus, and 19 pounds, the former taken on a Bear Valley spinner, the same lure which the all-time high and further up (25 1/4 pounds and 25 pounds) fell for in 1950. But a better thing yet is that Kispiox Wilson's tee spinner, this 30 pound beauty topped its class in the open division rainbow trout, to be followed by five fish taken from Lake Pend Oreille in Idaho and four from Washington State rivers.

Here is my vindication, for I was not believed for some considerable time when I ventured to report similar captures from the Kispiox, Bulkley, Skeena and Price Creek etc. Right now is the time to state that I fully expect the world record of 37 pound rainbow to be superseded by a fish from one of our northern B.C. waters, and it could even be Kispiox!

There is just one other division which our anglers should enter, the fly-casting for steelhead (rainbow); Green Drake, Grizzly King, Alexandra, and Whisky and Soda on No. 4 hooks have gotten me fish, the last named took first prize from F & S in 1950. Today's excellent glass rods have ample backbone for this work, nylon leaders are away ahead of the once good catgut, and in general, anglers are better anyway; so go at it folks, and the best of luck.

Mel Bussey back from Shames Slough with another limit of oversize dillies but nothing to beat the Canadian 1953 top fish which was caught in the At-narko (Bella Coola) eight 10 1/2 pounds. He further reports meeting some Terrace rosters who left the muddy Copper with just one ordinary steelhead, but who filled out bags with Shames dillies. The Copper will be in good shape when it carries more water than at present.

The Rod and Gun Club people got away to a big start, work parties at Oliver Lake these lengthening evenings, much to be done and money also needed.

NOTICE

To All Bowlers in "A" Division
MEN'S FIVE-PIN BOWLING LEAGUE
Games scheduled for April 12 will be played at 7 p.m., Friday, April 9.

All teams except Art Murray's and Local 708 are asked to report on time. Local 708 and Art Murray's will bowl their games on alleys 5 and 6 this Sunday, April 11.

Town Ball Teams Will Dominate Congress Program

WICHITA, Kan.—Town teams, representing mostly communities of 2,500 or less population, will dominate the 1954 Canadian baseball program for players of unlimited age, in the National Baseball Congress program this year. This is revealed in 1954 Official Baseball Annual, yearbook of the world-wide organization.

Leagues, mostly inter-town in competition will be formed and franchised in all the provinces by the National Baseball Congress.

To encourage the organization of more leagues throughout Canada, the National Baseball Congress will award each champion an elaborate trophy and protect teams from player-pirating under its own contract system.

League champions will compete further for a berth to determine the 1954 Canadian national championship.

The 1955 N.B.C. champions will represent Canada in the world's tournament in Milwaukee, starting September 8.

Complete details of the Canadian N.B.C. program are in the 1954 Official Baseball Annual, now off the press.

Plan Meeting

All coaches, managers and sponsors are asked to attend an important meeting of the Little League baseball association tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the council room of the Civic Centre.

32,607 See Opening Games Of Coast Baseball League

By The Associated Press

Seattle, Portland and Oakland are off to winning starts in the 1954 Pacific Coast League baseball season and Los Angeles and San Diego are half a game back as a result of a split twin bill opener.

The league started the long grind Tuesday with 32,607 customers out for the five games in California.

Seattle, with new manager Jerry Priddy providing punch at the plate, clubbed San Francisco 8-5; Oakland welcomed Charley Dreesen back from Brooklyn by edging Sacramento 2-1, and Portland upset defending champion Hollywood 6-4.

San Diego and Los Angeles divided a day-night twin bill, the Padres winning 5-0 in the afternoon and Los Angeles 4-0 at night.

The fan turnout for the opener was a disappointment to league officials who are hoping for a big season, attendance-wise. A year ago on opening day 39,967 were in the stands.

Biggest disappointment was Hollywood. The turnout in the film capital was only 3,150 to see the Stars lose a decision to the Portland Beavers, who knocked Mel Queen from the mound. Frankie Kelleher and Lee Wallis clouted homers for the Stars but Lefty Glenn, Elliott, although touched for 10 hits in 6 2/3 innings, got credit for the victory.

Seattle spoiled San Francisco's opening before its home fans, getting four runs in the ninth. San Francisco had tied the score in the eighth with a four-run rally that drove Al Widmar from the mound. It was outfielder Al Lyons' three-run homer that evened the count.

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Bobby Dukes, 161, Miami, outpointed Joe Rindone, 162 1/2, Boston, 10. Los Angeles—Buddy Evatt, 132 1/2, Los Angeles, knocked out Juan Luis Campos, 133, Los Angeles, 3.

Seattle—Dixon Hoxsey, 137, Seattle, stopped Don Rogers, 145, Portland, Ore., 3.

Toledo, O.—Pat Lowry, 145 1/2, Toledo, stopped Emerson Butcher, 147, Rock Island, Ill., 10.

Sacramento, Calif.—Jess Flores 142, San Francisco, outpointed Bojo Montes, 139 1/2, San Jose, Calif., 10.

Chicago—Dick Kerber, 146, Milwaukee, stopped Paul Holman, 148, Allston, Mass., 2.

San Jose, Calif.—Johnny Gonzales, 137 1/2, Oakland, Calif., outpointed Jimmy McCoy, 143, Portland, Ore., 10.

EXPORT
CANADA'S FINEST
CIGARETTE

Manager Priddy started the Seattle ninth with a double and the Stars just couldn't stop the rally. There were 10,783 fans on hand, the best turnout of the day, to see the "Little Corporation" team in action. The Stars are in the league this year through the donations of thousands of fans who kicked through to save the franchise.

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