

Outdoors ... with Marty

Here is a short serial, with moral to follow.

This story of the taking of two splendid fast-water steelheads would be sadly incomplete without telling of the "big one that got away." We fish the beautiful Bulkley River near Smithers, B.C., at a point 30 miles upstream from its confluence with the Skeena.

The Bulkley, virtually unknown to the angling fraternity, is about 300 feet wide where it tumbles over a 30-foot falls, then abruptly narrows to 50 feet as it enters the canyon. At the foot of the canyon the river divides and makes a five-acre gravel island, also a pool of whirling bright green water about 300 feet across. The entire setting is magnificent, the Cascade Mountains as a backdrop, the rugged rock-walled canyon, the roar of the falls, and hundreds of salmon and trout visible against the pebbled bottom, while there may be a dozen or more fish in the air at any given moment.

Each year my daughter, Betty, and I release hundreds of these warrior fish. They are played to a standstill so that the hook may be slipped out while the near-spend fish lies motionless on its side, then recovers to swim away and fulfill its destiny as a spawn.

MUST PLAY FISH

We use True Temper tubular rods, Penn reels of 200-yard capacity, 18 to 20-pound Shakespear casting lines backed with linen line, 10-pound nylon leaders, and No. 2 spinners with a single 1/0 hook.

The long rod angler must not look askance at this tackle, because, once hooked, every fish must be played from right where we stand. It is not possible to follow the quarry downstream. The canyon walls preclude such maneuvers, and the water is too deep and swift for wading.

The first day of October a good fish struck my spinner, but made no move to leap and throw the hook. He merely stayed downstream while I maintained almost the maximum strain I dared apply. This is a characteristic of heavy steelhead. They appear confident they cannot be held.

Betty packed her tackle and took note of the time, 4:29 p.m. After some minutes of just holding tight, I increased the pressure and struck the rod butt several good sharp raps with the heel of my hand. Things then happened quickly. There was a tremendous surge of a powerful tail, then up he came, straight out of the water less than 20 feet away.

LEAPED INTO AIR

He went into the air fully five feet clear of the surface, and looked like 50 inches of gleaming tarpon, a glorious picture of sea-blue and silver. I was then well aware—and still believe—that I was connected to a record steelhead.

Away across the pool he went, 150 feet of silk line gone, then I watched the green cuttyhunk following. He reached the other side and I was down to the third line. I dared not give the tackle any more strain, and luckily the fish turned.

Then came the long haul back, followed by the old see-saw business between angler and fish. Four times we went down to the third line. Everything was going smoothly, including the time, for it was now five o'clock. No sign of any let-up, and presently Betty said "5:30."

HANDS TIRED

My hands were cramped and tiring. An hour-and-a-quarter, then suddenly the tactics changed. The fish headed up the canyon, which suited me fine, for now he also had to battle the current.

During this long fight he never jumped again, but his rushes could not be stopped, even though they now were much shorter. At six o'clock I could hold him on the silk line, then found that I could hold him within 50 feet. At last I began to feel that I might win this scrap.

Then the line went slack! My last year's line had parted at the rod tip, and that was that. It was six minutes after six. In silence we returned to Smithers.

How big was he? I have steel-taped steelheads that the Indians have gaffed up to 47 inches long, and I believe they must weigh 45 pounds.

REMEMBER WHEN

Knute Rockne, the great football coach of Notre Dame University, was killed 22 years ago today in the crash at Bazaar, Kas., of the airplane in which he was a passenger. That accident ended a brilliant coaching career in which Rockne rolled up 111 Notre Dame victories against 13 losses and six ties.



MAURICE RICHARD OF MONTREAL CANADIENS misses the puck on a slap shot as Chicago goalie Al Rollins goes to the ice to block. Canadiens defeated the Black Hawks 3-1 in the first game of their best-of-seven semi-finals for the Stanley Cup.

Canadiens Most Spectacular Hockey Team of Year in NHL

By JACK SULLIVAN
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TORONTO — The National Hockey League's most colorful team? Montreal Canadiens by a whopping majority.

That's the way sports writers and sportscasters of the six NHL cities saw it in a Canadian Press poll. And the overwhelming margin given the Montrealers over Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs—the only other clubs to receive votes—stamped the red, blue and white club as the greatest boon to box-offices in the game.

A big measure of credit for Canadiens' popularity should go to Maurice Richard, voted the most colorful guy in the game. The Rocket won it easily over Gordie Howe of Detroit and Milt Schmidt of Boston Bruins, the only others receiving a vote.

POPULAR TEAM

The writers and announcers probably had their eyes on the standing-room only accommodation at Montreal Forum and on the attendance figures of other NHL cities when Canadiens were playing.

The reason was summed up neatly by Vince Lunney, sports editor of the Montreal Herald, with this observation: "Canadiens must be the most colorful, they outdraw all other clubs on the road." The same view was expressed by Baz O'Meara, Montreal Star sports editor. Sportscaster Frank Fallon of WMEX, Boston; Andy O'Brien of Weekend Magazine, and sportscaster Frank Starr of CJAD, Montreal, agreed with Lunney and O'Meara, but others emphasized the color of Montreal players.

"Personalities," was the one-word description of Canadiens by John Giloolv of the Boston Daily Record. "Fast and flashy," said Dana Mozley of the New York Daily News. "They have every type of player out there," observed sportscaster Foster Hewitt of CKFH, Toronto.

"Detroit is workmanlike, efficient; so is Montreal—but Canadiens also are a rough, tough, bruising, spectacular crew who will fist fight when necessary," summed up Dan Desmond of the Chicago Herald-American.

WIDE-OPEN STYLE

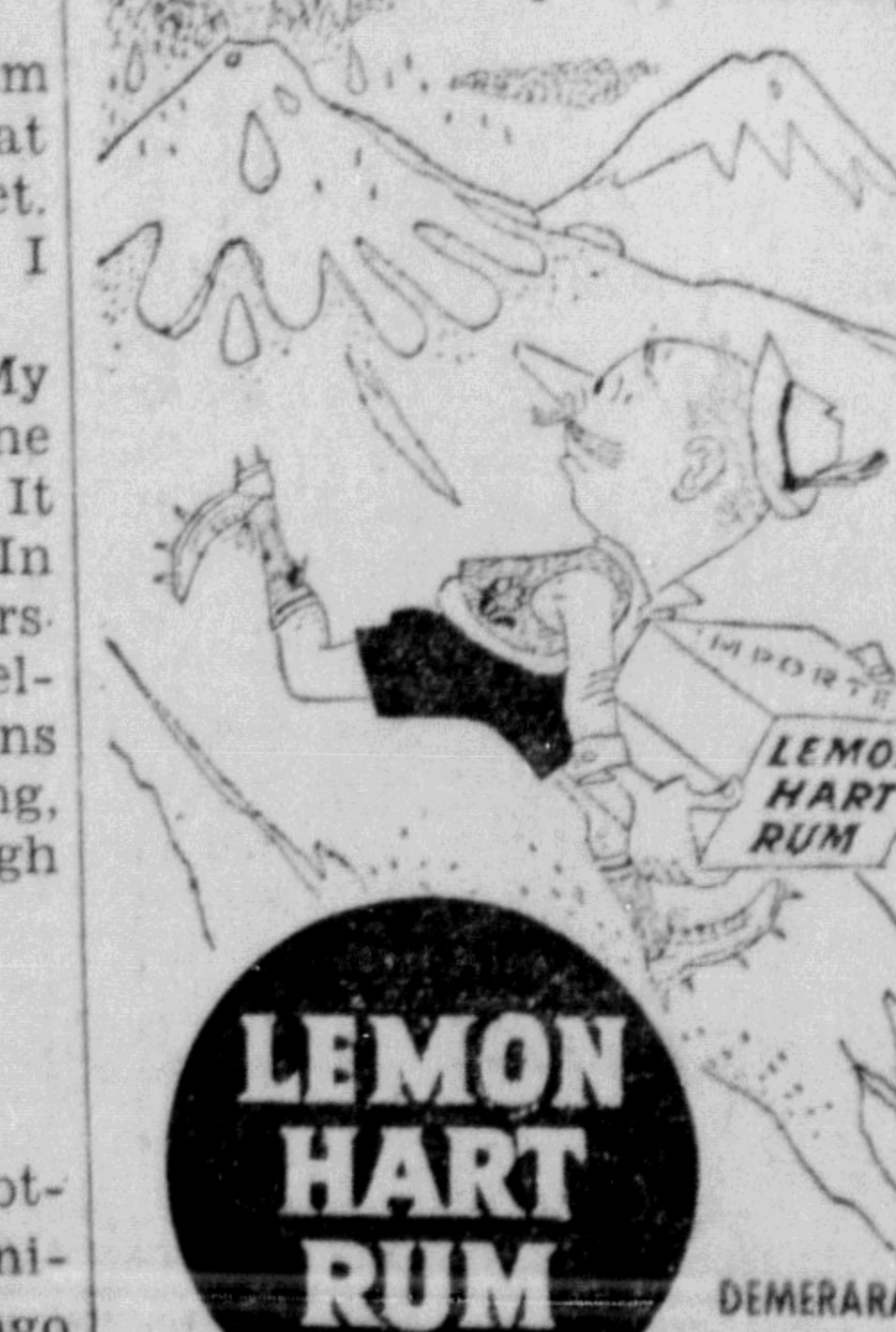
"They are the most colorful because of their wide-open play," said Red Burnett of the Toronto Daily Star.

Another Canadiens supporter was Nick Del Ninno of the Boston Traveler who added a good word for coach Dick Irvin.

Valuable Player

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP) — Tom Fowler, centre on the Moose Jaw Millers, was voted the most valuable player to his team in the Saskatchewan Senior Hockey League. Fowler led the league in scoring with 83 points.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—"If the army had let me have Willie Mays back," said manager Leo Durocher of New York Giants, "I would have been ready right now to tell you we would win the pennant. I would have been willing to put it down on paper. Now I just don't know."

The game's loudest manager was trying, as best he could, to explain the problems he now faces in putting together a lineup which will stand the best chance of overhauling Brooklyn in the coming National League race. He put his cards on the table.

"With Willie in centrefield we would have been all set," he said. "Bob Thomson likes to play third base better than centre, and he hits better when he's there. I'm still going to try to keep him there and play Henry Thompson in centre."

It was suggested to Leo that his pitchers preferred to have the best flycatcher available out there in the open spaces.

"Nuts to that," he said. "Pitchers also like to have a good man at third, a tall, rangy fellow like Bobby who can knock down those drives and field those

bunts. I want myself a tight infield, even if it means I'll have two comparatively-weak outfield spots with Henry in centre and Don Mueller in right."

"I've just got to wait and see. If Davey Williams' back comes around it might be—might be, I say—that I'll play him at second. Al Dark at short and my rookie, Daryl Spencer, at third. That's my line-up today, but you'll notice that Hank Thompson still is playing centre."

A few moments later this no longer was the Giants' line-up. Ferris Fain, the Chicago White Sox new first-baseman, threw a jolting block into Williams to break up a potential double-play at second and hurt the little guy's back all over again. He was replaced by Ronnie Sanford, and the next time Fain came to bat he nearly had his head taken off by one of pitcher Dave Kosloski's fast balls. Anyhow, to continue with Durocher's troubles:

"Those two days of rain in San Francisco last week set us back badly. We were just rounding into shape and I was able at least to see what some of my boys could do. Now I've got to change all my training routine and it will take another two weeks to get back where we were."

Boxing Card Here Soon

A boxing match to feature Prince Rupert's Elks Athletic Club champion amateur fighter of B.C. is expected to be staged here in three weeks. Trainer Joe Ward said today.

At least one of the fighters which fell at the hands of Prince Rupert pugilists last week-end in Terrace wants a return match here, said Constable Ward, radio operator of the RCMP here.

He is Van Johnson, young lugger who was stopped in the first two minutes of the second round by Chuck Place after taking a sharp beating from the start.

A second Elks Club fighter, powerful Andy Marshall, downed Tom Pandergast in the same event, also in the second round. Pandergast weighed 190 pounds to Marshall's 174 but was no match for the hard-hitting Golden Gloves champion of three seasons.

It is doubtful, said Ward, that Pandergast will seek a return match but an opponent for Marshall as well as for Bill Morrison light-heavy champion of B.C., Bill Tsuchiya, welterweight, and Glen Carlson, heavyweight titleholder are likely to be found in South Burnaby's Lions Club.

Arrangements are now underway to complete the matches and announcement of a card by the Elks is expected soon.

Kennedy Gets \$1 For Each Of 200 Goals

TORONTO (CP)—Ted Kennedy, captain of Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League, received 200 silver dollars from an anonymous admirer.

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