

Bruins, Canadiens Emerge Victorious After Thrill Packed Games Last Night



Habs Edge Rangers With O'Time Goal

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MONTREAL (CP)—Maurice (Rocket) Richard, the man who has scored more goals than anybody in hockey, catapulted Montreal Canadiens into the Stanley Cup final Thursday night with a typical Richard piece of artistry.

The Rocket electrified a wild, screaming crowd of 14,201 with a goal after two minutes and 11 seconds of sudden-death overtime to give Canadiens a 4-3 win over New York Rangers and end the semi-final series with dramatic suddenness.

Canadiens took the best-of-seven series 4-1 and will open the final here Saturday against Boston Bruins, conquerors of Detroit Red Wings.

ALL OR NOTHING

Richard's goal climaxed more than 60 minutes of sensational play. The underdog Rangers, all but overwhelmed by three quick Montreal goals in the second period, struck back with startling viciousness in the third.

Two Montreal goals by Jean Beliveau and one by Floyd Curry were wiped out by Parker MacDonald, Red Sullivan and Harry Howell.

The teams tore into each other at the start of the overtime, gambling on all or nothing, the Rangers lifted to renewed fury and Canadiens again poised and striking with everything.

Play swirled into the New York end. Henri (Pocket Rocket) Richard whipped a shot from a sharp angle. The puck struck big brother Maurice in the stomach and dropped less than 10 feet from the Ranger goal crease.

With the flair and flourish all his own, the 35-year-old veteran in a split second let fly with a backhand shot. The puck streaked past Gump Worsley, the game little New York goalie who time and again had come to the rescue of his mates.

SEVENTH STRAIGHT FINAL. The crowd broke loose into a roar of frenzied acclaim for their hockey idol. Richard's mates swarmed about him, pounding his back and shaking his hands.

The goal meant Canadiens are in the cup final for the seventh straight season. They won last year against Detroit and in 1953 against Boston.

The goal was also Richard's 86th in 106 games of Stanley Cup competition, a series record he better every time he scores.

The windup of the series was by far the best of the three games played in Montreal. The teams battled through the first period without a score and remained deadlocked for nearly 17 minutes of the second.

Canadiens had a man advantage when Beliveau jammed the puck past Worsley at 16:41 after Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffroy had flipped a hard shot from a sharp angle.

HABS CONFIDENT. In another two minutes Canadiens had two more goals and it looked as if the Rangers were done. Canadiens themselves were a man short when Curry scored at 17:53.

Used largely for his defensive work, Curry suddenly stole the puck from Camille Henry near the Ranger blue line and raced in on Worsley to score with a high shot. Beliveau scored his second at 19:30, neatly finishing off relays from Bert Olmstead and Geoffroy.

Canadiens were riding high, apparently certain they had the game wrapped up. The Rangers kept doggedly at work. MacDonald, in the series for the first time, took Sullivan's pass and sent a 25-footer past Plante at 5:28.

It took seven minutes to get the next. Again it was the MacDonald-Sullivan combination, the red-headed centre scoring at 12:21 on a goalmouth pass. Canadiens were reeling perceptibly and flustered when Harry Howell, Ranger defenceman and captain, raced in to score on Larry Popeln's pass at 14:07.



MAURICE (Rocket) RICHARD Scores overtime goal as Habs edge Rangers 4-3.



GOALIE GLENN HALL. Makes just 11 saves as Bruins blast in four to grab 4-3 victory over Red Wings.

Boston Comes Back For 4-3 Decision

DETROIT (AP)—Boston Bruins, picked by the "experts" last fall as the team least likely to succeed in the National Hockey League, headed for Montreal today to bid for their first Stanley Cup crown in 16 seasons.

They disposed of the NHL champions, the Detroit Red Wings, 4-1 in the best-of-seven semi-final series. The Bruins wrapped it up the hard way Thursday night, twice coming from behind for a 4-3 decision.

With the same spirited play that marked their victories over Detroit during the regular season, the Bruins did everything the prognosticators said they couldn't do. Picked by the hockey writers and broadcasters to finish dead last in the

six-team race, the Bruins wound up third despite numerous injuries. Then they blasted the club that was a 12-5 favorite when this series began.

MOHNS ASSISTS ON TWO

Doug Mohns 23-year-old defenceman playing his fourth full season with the Bruins, assisted on the two goals that wiped out Detroit leads, then scored on a 60-foot screened shot midway through the final period to put Boston ahead for keeps. Cal Gardner followed with a 40-footer to send the Bruins ahead 4-2, and that was the insurance they needed as Metro Prystal scored for the Wings with two minutes remaining.

The Bruins had only 15 shots on goal, but sank four of them. Wing goalie Glenn Hall made just 11 saves and rookies Don Simmons turned back 23 in the Boston nets.

THIRD-PERIOD DRIVE

He caught Alex Delvecchio's 20-foot blast midway through the opening period, but couldn't hold onto the puck and it dropped behind him to send the Wings into a 1-0 lead.

Another rookie, chubby Bud Boone, tied it up in the second period with a shot which Hall juggled and finally dropped.

The Red Wings swept into a 2-1 lead at the 36-second mark of the final period on Ted Lindsay's backhand shot at the goalmouth.

Six minutes later, Leo Labine's short blast tied it again and Mohns and Gardner took it from there to carry the Bruins into the final round for the first time since 1933.

Roberts Blanks Yanks For Eight Innings

By The Associated Press. Shantz, the winner, had relieved Whitey Ford who went seven innings.

Elsewhere, Brooklyn battered Milwaukee 14-8 as Duke Snider hit two homers; Chicago White Soxhipped Boston Red Sox 6-5 in 11 innings; St. Louis Cardinals defeated Detroit 5-4; Philadelphia Phillies being burgh beat Kansas City 4-3; Cincinnati rallied to defeat Washington 5-4 in 10; New York Giants halted Cleveland's winning streak at six games, 0-0 and Baltimore walloped Chicago Cubs 18-5.

Roberts, not as fast as before but changing speeds effectively on his curve, Thursday gave the New York Yankees a look at the best pitching they've seen this spring. It wasn't until Roblin left in favor of a pinch-hitter that the world champions managed a 1-0 victory.

GIVES UP ONE HIT. In eight innings the 30-year-old Roberts permitted but one hit—a bunt single by Hank Bauer that opened the fourth. He faced only 28 batters, struck out three, walked none.

In the ninth, Yankee rookie Woody Held tripled off Dick Farrell, and Gil McDougald followed with a sacrifice fly that brought home the run.

McDougald had junked the Phils bid in the ninth, stabbing a "sure" RBI hit to centre by Ted Kazanski that got reliever Bobby Shantz out of the inning.

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Dynamiters
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In Puck Final
MEDICINE HAT (CP)—Kimberley Dynamiters, qualified for the Western Canada intermediate hockey final by defeating Medicine Hat Cantaluis 6-3 Thursday night. They won the best-of-seven series 4-1. Dynamiters now meet Gravelbourg Hornets, Saskatchewan champions, in the final.

Deinstadt's 348 New High Single In Mixed Loop

Ralph Deinstadt bowling for Vikings in B division of the Mixed Five Pin Bowling league last week established a new high single game record for the season with 348.

High triple was racked up by Jack Sparkes of Shop Easy with 718.

In team honors, Shop Easy scored 1242 for high single and went on to tie the Esso Extras' record for high triple with 3396.

In the women's play, Joan Parks of Pat's Service look high single game with 280 while Betty Holkestad of Esso Extras notched high three with 662.

Over in A division, Bob Armstrong of Shenton's bowled 296 for men's high single while Wrathall's Gordon Freeman chalked up 712 for high three.

Georgina Evans of Hi Greens captured women's laurels with 288 for high single game while Bertha Dunbar of Pushovers look aggregate honors with 725.

Both team high single and team high triple were rolled by Fishovers for totals of 1239 and 3641.

Results:

A Division
Pushovers 4, Fashion Footwear 0, Canfisco 3, Hi Greens 1, Smith & Elkins 3, Thom Sheel Metal 1, Shenton's 3, RCMP 1, Headpinners 2, Esquire Men's Wear 2, Wrathall's 3, Frosty's 1

B Division
Esso Extras 4, Chatham 0, Pat's Service 4, Yukon Jewellers 0 (default), Astoria Messenger 3, CPA 1, Shop Easy 3, Vikings 1, Eby & Sons 3, CNRA 1, Overwhite 2, Airliners 2

Standings:

A Division
Esquire Men's Wear 51
Pushovers 48
Headpinners 45
Frosty Lockers 41
Fashion Footwear 41
Hi Greens 30
Thom Sheel Metal 30
Shenton's 30
Smith & Elkins 31
Canfisco 32
Wrathall's 27
RCMP 29

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Pat's Service 42
Esso Extras 41
Shop Easy 41
Astoria Messenger 41
Eby & Sons 40
Chatham 39
CNRA 34
Airliners 24



PERFECT END—Four members of the RCAF curling club in Ottawa pose with a curler's dream-come-true—an eight-end. Scored during a round-robin tournament, it was the first perfect end in the four-year history of the club. Left to right skip: Fred Stubbings, R. R. Gregear, Keith Ogilvie and George Ward.

Royals Grab 2-0 Lead, Regals Tie Up Series

Lucien Dechene, the spinal column for Brandon Regals throughout regular season play, gave another sound performance in the Brandon nets Thursday night as his mates defeated Edmonton Flyers 2-1 in a Western Hockey League semi-final on the Prairies.

The victory put Regals into a favored position to take the Prairie Division series, although the best-of-seven affair now stands at one game apiece.

On the coast, Thursday night's game was more wide open. New Westminster dumped Seattle Americans 4-2—but the result left the series primed for an upset. The Royals hold a 2-0 lead in games over the Americans, who led the coast in season play.

The Edmonton crowd of 5,530

watched with pride as the Flyers pushed into a 1-0 lead late in the opening period.

Bill McCreary caught Dechene with a clear shot for the opener after Brandon's Bill Bucyk failed to clear the puck.

After a scoreless middle frame, Regals turned on the heat and rookie Les Colwill and veteran Vic Lynn did the honors. Lynn caught the wide corner of goalie Dennis Riggan's net with a bouncing shot while Colwill's goal came from a scramble and beat Riggan.

Both the coast and Prairie series continue Saturday night, with a change of venue in both cases. The next three games on the Prairie are at Brandon, giving Regals favorites' money to add the series to their regular-season crown.

Defenceman Ron Matthews, Blinky Boyce, Donny Olson and Ollie Dorohoy scored for the winners. Ray Kinasewich and Gayle Fleder counted for Seattle, which had goalie Emil Francis back in action after a two-week layoff with a shoulder injury.

Seattle got the first goal, Kinasewich shooting in Fleder's pass while Royals were short-handed. Seattle was in the same fix shortly after when Matthews' hard shot went in off an American defenceman.

Boyce provided New Westminster with its lead at 18:30 of the first after a three-way play with Matthews and Gord Pashoway.

Seattle evened it up early in the third when Fleder tipped in Fred Croighton's pass from the blueline. Olson scored the winner at 13:30 and, with Francis pulled from the net during the final minute, Dorohoy made it 4-2 by scoring on the open goal.

Vancouver Eilers Sweep Title For Eighth Consecutive Time

VANCOUVER (CP)—Vancouver Eilers entered the Canadian women's senior basketball finals as favorites, but few observers thought they'd outclass the opposition so thoroughly.

With a 61-31 victory Thursday night, the Eilers completed a four-straight mauling of the Kitchener-Waterloo Illotta, to win the national title for the eighth straight time.

Scores of the three earlier games were 67-30, 46-30 and 66-18. There have been few comparable findings in Canadian playoff basketball since Edmonton Grads breezed to 64-0 and 66-12 wins over a Halifax team in 1928. Grads won the title nine years in a row—from 1925 to 1934—record Eilers may equal next year.

RULE RESTRICTIONS

Alex Kwanak, the Kitchener-Waterloo coach, said he doubts any worthwhile competition will

come out of Ontario in 1958 unless "we change our antiquated rules for girls' basketball in Ontario schools."

In Ontario schools guards cannot pass the centre line and cannot score. Interference with the shooter is not permitted.

Consequently Ontario girls don't learn the style of play used

in championship competition until they leave high school.

Eilers' lack of polish was evident in their weak dribbling, lack of pattern in passing and inaccuracy on penalty shots. Of 10 foul shots only three were made good, all by Mary Gay, the former Ontario women's golf champion.

Move To Speed Up Cricket Game Sees Bonus Offered For Runs

LONDON (CP)—Cricket's governing body Thursday night adopted a series of rule changes designed to speed up the game.

The new rules, effective this season, include the controversial "incentive bonus" of two points for the side scoring its runs faster in the first innings. Another restricts the number of outside fielders to five.

The reforms, proposed last week by the advisory county cricket committee, were accepted without change by the Marylebone Cricket Club, which ordered drafting of the necessary rule changes as soon as possible.

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