

Spokane Grab Overtime Tie

Take Advantage of Penalties To Blast Two Against Beavers

FORT WILLIAM (CP)—Spokane Flyers took advantage of penalties to score two second-period goals and grab off a 2-2 overtime tie against Fort William Beavers here Friday night in the fourth game of their Western Canada senior hockey final.

Rock Crawford and Frank Kubasek scored for Spokane while the Flyers had the man advantage. The two goals wiped out Beavers' first-period 2-0 lead from counters by Tom Kompon. The teams played scoreless hockey through the third period and overtime.

Flyers lead the best-of-seven series two games to one, with one tie. Fifth game will be played here Monday. A circus moving into the Fort William Gardens will mount the sixth game to April 15. Ice has been taken out of the nearby Port Arthur arena.

SCORE EARLY

A crowd of 3,035 saw Beavers get untracked around the four-minute mark, with the line of Kompon, Bruce Corness and Steve Black leading the way. As they moved across the Spokane

blue line, Kompon passed to Black, who relayed to Corness. A pass was made back to Kompon, who scored on goalie John Soflak from close in.

At 10:29, Kompon swept in again to beat Soflak after taking a pass from Henry Backer.

A cross-checking penalty to Ernie Oakley at 9:30 proved costly as Crawford scored about one minute late on a blistering drive from just inside the Beaver blue line.

Goalie Soflak, who first handled the puck, and Jack Lienien both were given assists on the play.

Another Beaver penalty—this time to Black for cross-checking—set up Spokane's tying goal. Kubasek beat goalie Paul Morin from close range, following a faceoff to the left of the Fort William net.

Interior Puck Squad Suspended

KAMLOOPS (C)—The Trail junior hockey team has been suspended for a year and its manager and trainer given indefinite suspensions following a Kamloops—Trail provincial play-off game here in March, it was announced Friday.

Jack Martin, Kamloops representative of the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association, said the suspensions were handed down following reports of damage to accommodations used by the Trail club during

a two-game total-goal series March 22-23.

The BCAHA will not permit registration of a junior B team in Trail for the 1957-58 season. Given suspensions "which must not be less than three playing seasons" were manager Alex Meinnies, and trainer C. Spatari of the junior B champion Trail club.

Coach Jim Mailey and six players received one year suspensions.

Sports Trail

By Whitney Martin

NEW YORK (W)—A few days ago a newspaper headline read: Williams Ready for Start of Season. It was an understatement.

Ted Williams isn't just ready for the start of the season; he's in mid-season form, physically, mentally, emotionally and dogmatically.

A verbal blast, aimed at the government, the U.S. Marine Corps, the late Senator Robert A. Taft and "phony politicians," possibly can be traced to his smoldering resentment over being 33 and personally we believe he has a right to be resentful over that.

FOR THE MARINES

But we think Joe Cronin, the level-headed vice-president and general manager of Boston Red Sox, had the right perspective on the situation when he remarked that it was "just one marine talking to another marine."

Any soldier or sailor, or marine will know how that is. They air their gripes to one another, but just let an outsider start to put the rap on their particular branch of the service, and look out!

The big guy had the grace to apologize for his remarks concerning the Marine Corps, but we believe the rank and file of the corps knew he wasn't talking about them. He was blasting the brass, much as an employee of a business concern might refer to the boss as an old matthead, with no disloyalty to the firm intended.

Had practically any ball player except Ted Williams made the remarks they would have been laughed off, and never would have reached print.

But Williams is a big name in baseball and a man who speaks his mind.

We are sorry, Ted made the remarks. We like the big fellow, thinking the kinder side of his nature, and hate to see him damaged in another's competition.

He can't be called diplomatic exactly, he is blunt and expresses his opinions honestly.

Anyway, it seems that a season wouldn't be complete without Ted breaking into the news with actions or remarks bringing criticism on his handsome head.

He usually backs up his actions or statements, too, and it was unusual for him to apologize for his comment concerning the marines.

A complex fellow is Theodore Samuel Williams, but you can say this for him: He's never dull.

Snead, Man to Beat In Masters Tourney

AUGUSTA, Ga. (W)—Sam Snead is front-running again. He has a new putting stroke and he's completely relaxed. That makes him the "man to beat" today as the 21st Masters golf tournament swings into the third round.

Another point in Sam's favor: He won't have to worry about two long-time nominees, Dr. Gary Middlecoff and Ben Hogan, surprisingly eliminated Friday in the "top forty" cutoff.

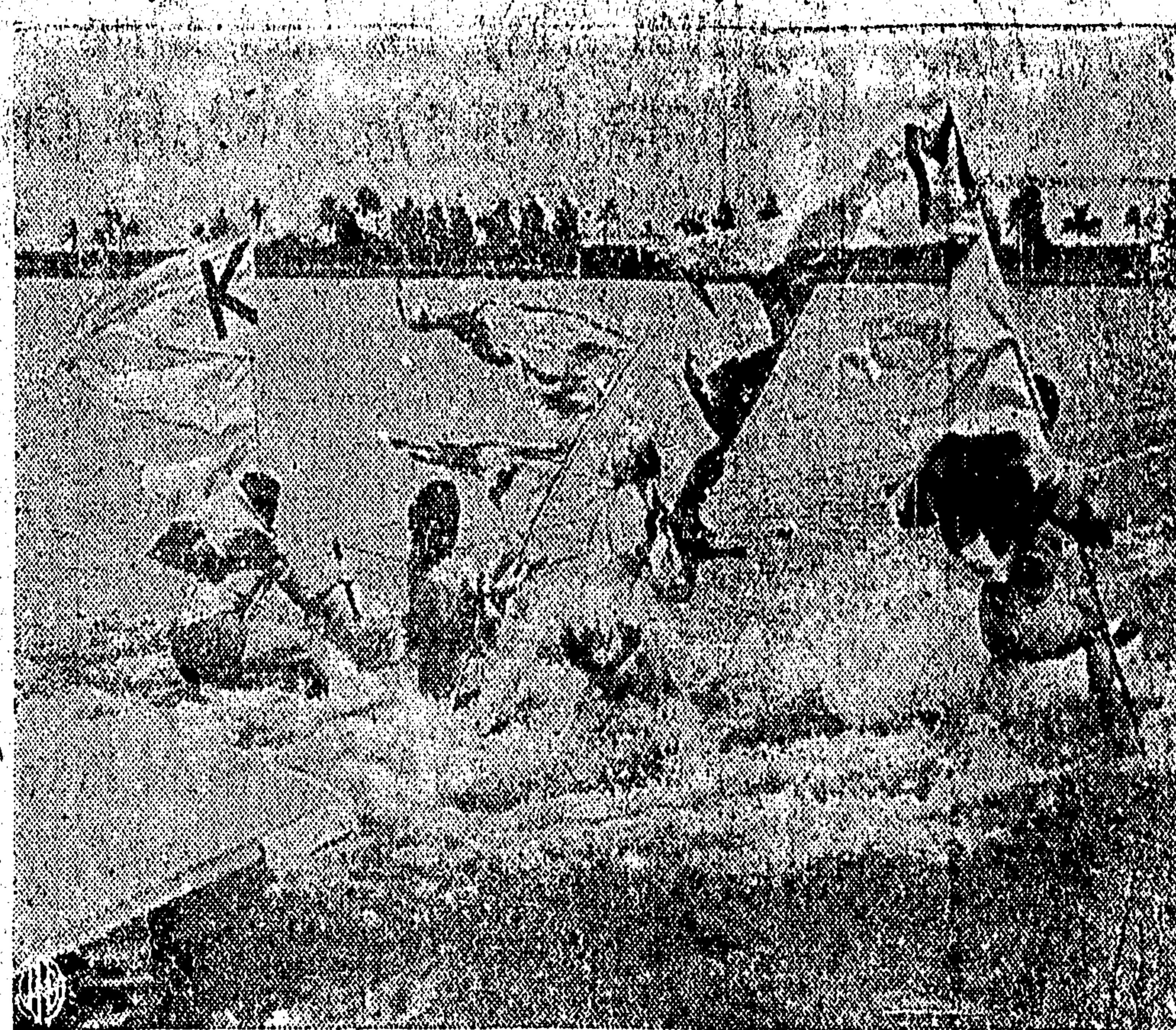
"I play super and nobody else goes crazy I figure I got a good chance," Snead said after shooting a four-under-par 68 which at 140 gave him a two-stroke half-way lead toward his fourth Masters crown.

CANADIANS QUALIFY

Two of the four Canadians—Al Helling of Toronto and Stan Leonard of Lachute, Que., and Vancouver—were among the qualifiers, and both stood a chance of overthrowing the leaders with a hot round.

Helling, with two one-over-par rounds of 73 for a 140 total, is one of five players tied for eighth place, six strokes off Snead's pace.

Leonard, with 70-72-147, is



WEATHER CLEAR, TRACK WET—Making a splash landing after coming off a hurdle at the Gulfstream Park racetrack in Hallandale, Florida, these University of Miami water skiers battle the wind and spray as they entertain the horseplayers between races. Two-dollar bettors who can tear themselves away from their scratch sheets are treated to a variety of stunts like this on the lake in the infield during big racing days at Florida track.

Canadiens 9-5 Favorites To Take Stanley Cup Title

By W. R. WHEATLEY
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MONTREAL (W)—Boston Bruins, whose positional hockey has been a source of frustration to Montreal Canadiens this season, will open it on display tonight in the opening game of the Stanley Cup final.

Around town Canadiens have been installed 9 to 5 favorites on the series. The odds will probably come as something of a shock both to coach Milt Schmidt of the Bruins and coach Toe Blake of Canadiens.

The Bruins have just polished off Detroit Red Wings in the semi-final, four games to one. Before it started the Wings were 12-5 favorites. Schmidt is high on his club, which confounded the experts by finishing the National Hockey League season a rousing third, and is sure the Bruins can grab the big title.

HABS MUST IMPROVE

Canadiens dumped New York Rangers, also 4-1 in games, and were pre-series favorites 8 to 1 in Montreal.

Blake shuddered at those odds and, for this final series, said his team will have to play more inspired hockey and check harder if the Bruins are to be defeated.

The odds-layers apparently figure the first two games on Montreal ice mean a lot and the seventh game, if the series goes that far, will be played here.

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THREE BIG MEN

Canadiens rolled up 22 goals against New York's 12. The scoring was concentrated heavily among three men — Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion with seven, Jean Beliveau with five and Maurice (Rocket) Richard with four.

These three players accounted for 16 of the 22 goals. Five players, including Henri Richard and Dickie Moore with two each, accounted for 20 of the 22.

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