

# Bruins, Habs Within Victory Of Winning Playoff Series

## Simmons' Save Lauded As Wings Blanked 2-0

BOSTON (AP)—Boston Bruins hailed rookie goalie Don Simmons today for the "big save" which helped move them to within one victory of the final round of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

"Don made the big save and it was all we needed," said coach Milt Schmidt after the Bruins blanked Detroit Red Wings 2-0 Tuesday night for a 3-1 lead in their best-of-seven semi-final series.

The Bruins were leading 1-0 when the 25-year-old netminder stopped Gordie Howe, the Wings' high-scoring forward, on a break-away in the second period.

### GAVE 'BIG LIFT'

The Bruins—and probably the Red Wings, too—still were talking about Simmons' great stop as they prepared to entrain for Detroit for the fifth game of the series Thursday night.

"The kid was great," said center Cal Gardner, a veteran of a dozen NHL campaigns. "He fooled Howe."

"That save gave us a big lift and we tried even harder," said

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Canadiens were top-heavy favorites today to wrap up in short order their Stanley Cup semi-final series with New York Rangers, a team that still must find a well-knit defensive formula that operates for 60 minutes.

The under-dog Rangers threw a scare into the Montrealers Tuesday night, holding desperately to a thin 1-0 lead until midway in the third period. Then the Ranger defence wilted under Montreal power and Canadiens snatched a 3-1 victory, setting up a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. The fifth game will be played here Thursday.

(Goals by Bernie (Boon Boon) Geoffrion, Henri (Pocket Rocket) Richard and rookie Phil Goyette in little more than four minutes turned Andy Heberton's first-period goal into comparative insignificance and the Rangers were sunk.)

### RANGER DEFENCE CLICKS

"It was no cakewalk for Canadiens, who drubbed the Rangers 8-3 Saturday. For 49 minutes the New Yorkers had a defense pattern working that brought Canadiens up short. The Rangers were forechecking consistently and, when driven into their own end, were blocking out the Montreal attackers and covering up smartly."

The question was whether the Rangers could keep it up and the home crowd of 14,001 was becoming apprehensive. Canadiens kept turning on the power. They were getting into closer range at the time on Ranger goalie Lorne (Gump) Worsley, who was playing a standout game.

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Commission Endorses Welter Bout

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The Louisiana state athletic commission Tuesday night dropped the question of lightweight contender Ralph Dupas' racial status and supported the fancy boxing New Orleans fighter by endorsing his bout with welterweight Vince Martinez next Monday.

It announced its decision on competing hearings started after Mrs. Lucretia Gravelot of Vincennes Parish, La., and others told the commission that Dupas, rated sixth in the lightweight division, was born of Negro parents. They contended he should be barred from meeting white fighters in compliance with Louisiana law banning competition between white and Negro athletes.

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## At The CURLING CLUB

By BOB RUDDERHAM

Playoffs for the Rupert Motors Trophy get under way tonight and some of the games for the Grotto Trophy also get started. It has been decided by the executive that the Grotto Event be a double knockout event so in this case, we can only make up the draw to a limited time.

The following games are scheduled:

TONIGHT—7 p.m.

Rupert Motors Trophy

Lewis vs Steel

McHiston vs Robertson

Johnson vs Bateman

Berg vs Simundson

Grotto Trophy

Gregorson vs Paul

McDonald vs Anderson

8:15 p.m.

Rupert Motors Trophy

Werner Berg-Simundson vs McLean

Werner Lewis-Steel vs Evelyn

Grotto Trophy

McLaren vs Lindsay

Laurie vs Dunbar

Garnier vs Lamble

Scott vs Waldauer

FRIDAY—9:15 p.m.

Grotto Trophy

Holliston vs May

Rupert Motors Trophy

Playoffs

Grotto Trophy

Rutherford vs Johnson

Silver vs Warren

Parker vs Dibb

FRIDAY—9:15 p.m.

Grotto Trophy

McNeece vs Campbell

Eby vs Bird

McCracken vs Mathews

Rupert Motors Trophy

Playoffs

Grotto Trophy

Buchanan vs Ford

Watman vs Simpson

Each rink in the Grotto Event

will have to be beaten twice before eliminated from the event. As the finalists are made up of one unbeaten rink and one rink that has suffered only one defeat, the rink with one defeat has to win two straight games to win the trophy while the other rink has only to win once to win the event.

**DYED, SAYS WATSON**

Coach Phil Watson and his Ranger players thought they were more outlucked than out-played. Watson went so far as to say he thought the series should stand 3-1 in Rangers' favor and that the only game they deserved to lose was the disastrous 8-3 affair Saturday. Rangers' sole victory so far was a 4-3 overtime win in New York.

Coach Toe Blake of Canadiens said he was highly pleased with the work of his defensemen and that young Goyette had played an exceptionally fine game.

Temper got out of hand a few times during the tussle and Tom Johnson of Montreal and Andy Bathgate of Rangers were given major penalties in the second period for fighting.

**THE FIGHTS...**

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## Kubek, Kucks Help Yanks Blank Red Sox

By The Associated Press

It was early February in New York and Casey Stengel was talking of his world champion Yankees when he said "Now you take this young fella Kubek, and you can't because I got him and he's the closest I've seen who can go and get 'em like DiMaggio."

It was a quote hastily scribbled down by sports writers. The name was Tony Kubek, 21, six foot three, 188 pounds. He wasn't even on the Yankee roster, still attached to Denver, when he hit .331 as a shortstop last season.

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

A month later, Kubek was the rookie phenom of spring training. And since he was a shortstop, Stengel naturally had him in the outfield every once in a while. Now it's time to head for home and Kubek is still a sensation, already tabbed the American League's rookie of the year.

He grabbed himself another hunk of newspaper Tuesday, banishing three hits and driving in the lone run as the Yankees, behind the five-hit pitching of young Johnny Kucks, defeated Boston Red Sox 1-0.

Kubek, playing centrifold in place of the injured Mickey Mantle, now has a .333 spring batting average.

Elsewhere, St. Louis Cardinals wrapped up Cincinnati 9-2, with Stan Musial hitting five-for-five including a homer, Brooklyn ended a three-game losing streak with an 11-5 job on Pittsburgh; Warren Spahn became Milwaukee's first nine-inning pitcher, beating Atlanta 8-5; Philadelphia Phillies rallied to defeat Chicago White Sox 4-2; Chicago Cubs beat Baltimore 7-6 in 12 innings, and Cleveland Indians walloped New York Giants 11-6.

**EILERS WIN AGAIN**

VANCOUVER (CP)—Coach Alex Krasnay, says his Kitchener-Waterloo Elliotts may salvage at least one game out of their best-of-seven series with Vancouver Eilers for the Canadian Senior A women's basketball title. And he thinks they'll do it tonight.

Eilers won by a 46-39 margin Tuesday night after taking the opener Monday by a lopsided 57-30.

**INFANTS WEAR**

Baltimore Orioles optioned left-handed pitcher Art Carril to Vancouver to trim the club's roster to 30 players.

Also sept. Vancouver's first since breaking camp was another southpaw, Dave Jordan. Two more players must be cut before the season opener April 15.

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## Amerks, Regals Held in Check As WHL Playoffs Get Underway

By The Canadian Press

The season's leaders in the Western Hockey League didn't do so brilliantly in the first games of the best-of-seven Coast and Prairie Division finals Tuesday night.

Seattle Americans, who emerged atop the regular coast schedule with a commanding lead, went down to New Westminster Royals 4-2 while Edmonton Flyers checked fiercely and effectively to edge Brandon Regals 5-4.

The games produced a pair of fireballs—Jerry Melnyk of Edmonton and New Westminster's Max McNab.

At Seattle, McNab assisted on Ollie Dorohoy's first goal, scored the second himself and assisted on the clincher.

Dorohoy and McNab made the first period score 2-0 before Seattle tried to make it a game.

Gordy Shulcier and Eddie Dorohoy, Ollie's brother, tied the score little more than three minutes after the second period began.

Second games in both best-of-seven series will be played Thursday night.

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