Seattle Earn Chance To Square WHL Series

6-2 Avalanche Swamps Royals in Tough Game

SEATTLE (CP)—With a 3-2 disadvantage in games in the best-of-seven Western Hockey League Coast Division finals, the Seattle Americans have their chance to square the series tonight with New Westminster Royals.

The Americans pulled the fat out of the fire Friday night to gain new life, trouncing Royals 6-2 in a penalty-studded, do-or-die home game.

It was the fifth game and Seattle was behind 3-1. But they kept alive through three rounds of intermittent fighting hockey and finally a brawl extending into the stands.

The sixth all-important game is scheduled for tonight at New Westminster.

The Royals, feeling the loss of injured winger Gordie Fashoway and defenceman Pete Durham, were forced into their own zone most of the way.

Fonteyne Stars

Royals opened the scoring at 7:49 of the first period off the stick of Ollie Dorohoy who took the puck from Dick Roberge and rammed it home in a goal mouth scramble.

That was it for New Westminster until late in the third period when Roberge scored off Dorohoy.

Standout for the Americans was forward Val Fonteyne with three goals, followed by Norm Lenardon with a double and Pete Wright with a singleton.

Wright and Ron Matthews came to blows in the third period and were ordered to cool off for five minutes each. But then the referee added five more minutes to Wright's sentence for starting the fracas, much to the player's ire.

Two Uppercuts

And as the argument continued, an unidentified spectator who tangled with Wright suffered two uppercuts while the American suffered a game misconduct.

The spectator also drew the wrath of the Seattle-packed house and was last seen hustled unceremoniously out of the arena.

THE BIG GOAL — Jean Beliveau of Montreal Canadiens moves around Boston goalie Don Simmons to score the only goal of the second game of the Stanley Cup finals Tuesday night at Montreal. Canadiens won 1-0. Leo Labine of Boston tries to check the big Montreal centre. The win gave the Canadiens a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. (CP Photo)

LETTER BOX

Pony League Needs Help Of Parents

The Sports Editor,
The Daily News:

Spring has come upon us and once more we start the regular hot weather sports season. Very shortly the crack of bats and the smack of balls hitting the gloves will be heard on the streets and in the parks about our fair city. And with these sounds come the same old problems. Who can we get to umpire tonight's game? Who would be willing to be equipment manager for the season? What interested person would be willing to drive four or five of our kids up to Terrace for a ball game.

Those are questions which are asked each spring and which very seldom get answered properly.

Of course, the big problem experienced by all the leagues is fan support. And insofar as our Pony League is concerned, it's lack of parental support.

Last year the same faces were at every Pony League game. And there were not very many of them. This year some of those faces will be missing in view of the fact that their sons have graduated out of Pony League into Senior League. I won't mention any names, but anyone connected with Pony League knows who these faithful people were.

It would seem that the majority of the people are extremely interested in having their boys play ball, but they use it as an excuse to get the kids out of their hair for two or three hours.

If there is anything a boy needs it's to have his dad and mom out at the ball park cheering him and his team on to victory. We cannot operate a league for kids strictly on sponsor's fees. We must have the support and co-operation of the parents.

So, in closing this letter, I would ask that any parents or other persons interested in assisting the Pony League please turn out to our next meeting which will be held at the Savoy Hotel in the Sample Room at 7:30 p.m. this coming Wednesday, April 17th, 1957. All members of last year's executive are requested to attend. An election of new officers will take place and a discussion on ways and means to solve the forthcoming season's problems.

Remember parents, a handful cannot do as much as a bucketful. The more we have turn out and offer help, the better time we can arrange for your children. Help us to help the kids.

Len Harrington,
1956 President of the
Prince Rupert Pony League

Little League Start Training

Spring training for Prince Rupert Little League baseball players begins at Algoma Park at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Announcing this today, president Danny Johnston said team coaches can make arrangements to have their boys training every night if necessary.

He also stated that players who had not registered were ineligible.

Four teams will be competing this season—the Kinsmen, North Star, Sea Kings and Shop Easy.

Habs Plan Victory Celebration

By W. R. WHEATLEY

BOSTON (CP) — The Stanley Cup, most prized trophy in hockey, was en route from Montreal today and a victory celebration for Montreal Canadiens was already blossoming both in Boston and in the Canadian metropolis.

The Canadiens, riding high on a 3-0 lead over Boston Bruins in this best-of-seven final, were outlandish favorites to retain the title they won a year ago.

They all but wrapped up the big prize Thursday on Boston ice with a 4-2 win over the Bruins and have their chance to end the series Sunday.

If they fail, the fifth game will be played in Montreal Tuesday.

DETERMINED

Coach Milt Schmidt of the Bruins wasn't at all interested in the talk about Canadiens winning.

"We are not out of the series yet," said Schmidt. "We played our worst game of the whole season Thursday and we can do better.

"There is still plenty of fight left in our fellows and there is no defeatist attitude about this series. Canadiens won't have any walkaway, you can count on that."

Prince Rupert Boxers To Meet Kitimat Squad at Civic Centre

Elks Boxing Club return to show promotion next Thursday when they will put out a team of Prince Rupert boxers against Bull Thurien's visiting Kitimat squad at the Civic Centre. Remembering the crowd that turned out to watch last month's bill at the Centre, it is almost certain "full house" notices will go up well before the first bout on what promises to be an exciting program.

DON WANAMAKER
. . . Organizing Elks show.

Vic Smith, 34-year-old former Royal Navy featherweight champion, will top the bill against Elks clubmate Jim Briggs.

Vic's thinning thatch of hair shouldn't encourage anyone to underestimate him. He's rated a hard enough puncher to keep Briggs on the move.

Bill Sunberg of Andy Marshall's Prince Rupert Boys Boxing Club is down to tangle with Kitimat's Bill Weir in a middleweight clash.

Sunberg's advantage lies in being able to put steam behind his left jab even when he's moving quickly enough to dodge a counter. It will be interesting to see if he can unsettle Weir, a 20-year-old English boxer whose punching power covers up his inexperience.

Elks' Len Shackle might be considered to have the toughest task of the evening if reports from Kitimat about Bob Olson are not exaggerated.

Olson, a 19-year-old Norwegian, looks smart enough to make it awkward for Len, though coach Maurice Bishop says Shackle is a greatly improved boxer with a more aggressive manner than before.

Among the juniors, Elks' Darrel Stephens is named to meet an, as yet, unknown Kitimat opponent along with clubmate Ted Arney.

Another of the wiry, smart-punching Elks brigade is Johnny Clausen. He will take on Kitimat's John Olney, who is rated a good enough boxer to bother most boys at his level of experience.

BRIGHT TRIO

Bill Saunders of Prince Rupert B.B.C. is expected to duck in at 103-lb. for his contest with Bobby Good of Kitimat, and Saunders' clubmate Brad Barber will have to be in top form to check Murray Brown.

Brown is one of Dick Ayres' brightest boys, though Carl Vel and Roland Hill will also be setting a hot pace for young Elks Eric Janes and Ian Jessop respectively.

Ex-professional fighter Benny Windle will be referee, Maurice Bishop, Dick Ayres and Andy Marshall are acting as seconds and Don Wanamaker is handling arrangements.

Marshall's Homer Gives Vancouver First Win

By The Canadian Press

Vancouver Mounties won their first game in the 1957 Pacific Coast League baseball season Friday night by defeating Los Angeles Angels 1-0.

The Mounties, who lost the opener to the same team, won with a fourth-inning home run by Jim Marshall in the Angel's ball park.

At San Diego, R. C. Stevens and Dick Stuart each hit home runs to give the Padres a 14-1 victory over the Hollywood Stars and a homer by infielder Joe Macko in the ninth gave visiting Portland Beavers a 2-1 victory over San Francisco Seals.

In an afternoon game, Seattle Rainiers took advantage of four Sacramento errors to defeat the Solons 6-3 for their second straight PCL victory.

Brown Bomber Gets Tax Aid

CHICAGO (AP)— Joe Louis' income tax problem has received a series of body blows that may send his special torment to the canvas for the final count.

In New York, United States Commissioner Russell Harrington of the Internal Revenue Service said in a television appearance that Louis may be able to settle his income tax problems very soon.

Joe's taxes mount at the rate of $287 a day because of interest.

"We're working on that now, and we hope to get that settled very soon," Harrington said. He gave no details.

Louis owes the government more than $1,200,000.

Remember When

Milwaukee Braves on their first appearance in the National Baseball League beat Cincinnati Redlegs 2-0 in the season opener four years ago today. Max Surkont tossed a three-hitter for the Milwaukee entry, which was created by a switch of the franchise from Boston Braves.

SAN MATEO, Calif. (AP)— Helbuch Farm's Forthebest led all the way to win the featured $5,000 Santa Cruz purse at Bay Meadows Track Friday. Pibe Carlitos from Argentina was second and Larks Music third in the eight-horse field.

NEW YORK (AP)—Ellis Farm's Little Pache, under Conn McCreary, found the early strategy in the $6,000 Baisley Handicap at Jamaica track just to her liking and scored a five-length victory in the 5½ furlong sprint with a late stretch rush Thursday.

Floor Hockey Juniors Keep Referees Alert

Lots of energy and some high scores in both senior and junior games marked the first ever Floor Hockey League games in Prince Rupert at the Civic Centre.

Two promising junior teams, Parker Thunderbirds and Ormes Roughnecks played a fast game that resulted in a 11-4 victory for the Roughnecks.

In the victors' attack, husky Jerry Cameron combined positional sense with a natural drive and notched a personal score of three goals.

Boisterous play kept referees Ernie Novakowski and Bill Evans busy handing out ten penalties—mostly for charging.

DETERMINED TEAM

Sport Shop Rockets beat the Red Wings 24-8 in a second junior match.

An unsponsored team, the Red Wings' determination indicated that they won't be at the losing end of the game too often as soon as they get themselves organized.

Captain Fred Chartoniuk was the Rockets' tactician and top scorer. He arrived in Prince Rupert less than a year ago and has played floor hockey in Vancouver. He combined well with fellow forward Robert Irwin.

In the first senior clash, the Flyers had a 16-6 victory over the Huskies.

Flyers' passing was so good that top scorer Ernie Novakowski had little more to do than bang the puck into the net — which he did seven times.

Efficient zone defence and smart work by Flyers' goaltender Bill Evans kept Huskies score low.

Huskies had few players to call on from the substitute box, but made up in enthusiasm for what they lacked in manpower.

Civic Centre Recreation Director Gordie McCutcheon was praised by all the teams for his support of the city's newest sport.

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