

# Canadiens Top N. Y. Rangers 4-3 STANLEY CUP CHALLENGE

## "Flying Frenchmen" Take First Blood In N. H. L. Play-Offs — Roach Saved New Yorkers From Worse Lacing.

(By Wallace H. Ward, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

FORUM, MONTREAL, Que., Mar. 24.—At one time as far as two goals ahead, Canadiens of Montreal managed to defeat New York Rangers 4-3, here tonight in the first game of the National Hockey League play-down series leading to the Stanley Cup competition.

The Rangers were right close to the Canadiens and had the score tied at 1-1 and again at 2-2 before the Canadiens finally forged in front 4-2. Even then Lester Patrick's smart New Yorkers managed to hitch themselves closer and finish trailing by only one goal. The second game of the series will be played here Saturday night and the third in New York on Sunday night. Fourth and fifth games, if they are necessary, will be played at Madison Square Gardens. Canadiens were in form tonight and only the smart work of John Ross Roach saved the New Yorkers on many occasions.

Howe Morenz started the scoring on Mondou's rebound in the first period when Rangers were two men short. Bun Cook brought the Rangers abreast on a trailer play with Earl Siebert splitting the defence. Joliat flipped a backhand through the defence and into the cage in the second and put the world champions out front again. Fighting back smoothly and desperately, the Rangers came up into a tie again when Bill Cook sank Frank Boucher's pass into the twine behind Hainsworth while Sylvio Mantha was in the toils.

Johnny Gagnon beat Roach with a blistering drive from inside the defence as the third period got under way. Johnny stopped dead before he shot. Gagnon's poke check gave LePine the puck inside the Rangers defence and the rangy centre buzzed the puck into a high corner of the net from a difficult angle for Roach. With five men up the ice and only a few minutes to

go, the Rangers managed a final goal. Bun Cook took a double assist from Keeling and Boucher in a scramble and was right in front of Hainsworth. He just had to turn around and poke it in. The Canadiens then threw up a hide-bound defence and held off the Rangers till the end.

"I am going to Montreal tomorrow to meet Frank Calder, President of the National League," said Mr. Foran. We have accepted the challenge of the American League and will settle the whole matter tomorrow."

### WOULD RELINQUISH CUP

MONTREAL, Que., Mar. 24.—"I have nothing more to say, I expressed my opinions before," Frank Calder, President of the National Hockey League, said today when questioned in regard to the challenge of Chicago Shamrocks, American Hockey League champions, issued against the National Hockey League leaders for the Stanley Cup.

Mr. Calder a few weeks ago said when a similar challenge was offered that the N. H. L. would not contest the Stanley Cup with "an outlaw league." The National Hockey League would rather relinquish the Cup altogether, he said.

say, was this: That Dalhousie was to my mind the poorest of the four teams to compete for a Canadian championship for the reason that they lacked a scoring punch. In this regard Fredericton would have been the ideal team," he added. They had what the Montreal critics say Dalhousie lacked, namely, finish around the nets. The Abegweits lacked something in this regard too. Time and time again when they had goals at their mercy they failed at the net mouth. This is an art required by careful coaching and conscientious practice. Stan Bugoyne taught this trick to the Truro Bearcats and this year to the Fredericton Capitals. "If you don't believe me, ask Boston or the Abbies," said our informant.

The peculiar thing about "B" section was that the Abbies had the superiority complex on Moncton and the inferiority complex with Fredericton. Moncton had a very marked superiority complex with Fredericton and very much feared the Abbies, and with good reasons, as in eight games they only won two. It is my opinion, said the speaker, that had Charlottetown been strengthened a little bit in the odd weak spots and coaching given with special attention to work about the nets—not forgetting the referee question, there is no doubt they would have gone far in the race for the Allan Cup.

Just a big bit of praise should be given the Island team and no censure for they have invariably fought with that quality of courage and do or die determination.

### HORSEMAN ILL

The many friends of Dr. J. O. Calkin, former owner of Johnny Miles, 211½, will regret to learn that he is ill. It is hoped that Mr. Calkin will soon be around again and able the coming summer to see "Johnny" performing on the pace.

### POPULARITY OF HOCKEY

Those who claim that hockey has hit the peak and is in the decline as far as our neighbors to the south are concerned should surely be given the quietus with some figures which Col. John Hammond of the Rangers unloaded the other day. Receipts to date for the National League features have totalled over three million dollars, with every club in the league showing an increase in attendance except the Detroit Falcons and the Chicago Black Hawks. And the decrease in these have been very slight. The most spectacular increase is made by the Toronto Maple Leafs who have turned out the wonder team of the year and have created real interest whenever they have played. The Rangers are well ahead of last year. Depression or no depression hockey is here to stay, says Hammond, and adds, "Hockey has just scratched the surface of its appeal, with the return of normal times we will have to enlarge all arenas."

### PRAISE FOR HORSEMEN

A Halifax sports writer says: "P. E. Island horsemen are to be congratulated on their efforts to keep horse racing to the front during the winter season, thus keeping up the sport and adding general interest to track events to come later on."

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### GREAT BATTLE EXPECTED

Hockey fans who missed the Moncton-Abbie game, and then again missed an opportunity to witness the Abbie-Truro tussle are still kicking themselves for their laxity in not attending on both occasions. However, there's still a chance, but only one to cash in on a hockey game that is labelled a hummer and has every promise of showing the ear marks of a clash every bit as good as any played at the Forum this season. The tussle I refer to is tonight's set-to between Abbies and Amherst Ramblers, the second and final game of their home and home series goals to count.

Amherst by the way are Central Hockey League champions, and at the present time bolstered with such stars as Sargent, Hudson and

Jemmett of Truro Bearcats, they are classed with any team in the Maritimes. They have plenty speed up front in Jemmett, Peebles, White Fagan and others, and with Hudson stiffening up the defence in front of the well known Leo Sargent, it looks as if Abbies are in for a hot night.

### RACES TODAY

Early in January it was predicted in these columns that the ice racing would be very prolonged this year. Our hunch proves to be correct, as today, March 25th, the harbor ice will resound with horses hoofs, the crack of drivers whips and the urge of drivers' voices.

The question of the free-for-all championship will be settled, and several good races will take place. The course was cleared yesterday by the track committee and will get another scrape this morning, so that everything will be O.K. for this afternoon at 2 o'clock sharp.

The same good reliable officials will be in charge so come and see for yourself what good racing the Victoria Driving Club can provide.

### "A FAN'S VIEW"

A close observer of hockey in the Maritimes has this to say regarding the Dalhousie Rangers and their recent quest of the Allan Cup. He says: "In my opinion the Dalhousie Rangers were the poorest of the four leading teams in your Northern League, and whoever drew up the series of games certainly pulled a mean one on Charlottetown, Fredericton and Moncton by placing three high class teams in one section and one good team with two mediocre outfits in another section. There seemed to be some cunning work there, he added, and it meant that Dalhousie had a comparatively easy trip all through the schedule, which by the way took less out of them in worry, travel, etc., while Abbies were forced to travel for a week in order to play their complement of away from home games, which entailed catching of trains at all hours of the morning and the many other inconveniences met with while on the road. This coupled with the fact that a referee, whose name engages me to mention, functioned on several occasions and gave the boys a number of tough breaks. "However, what I started out to

### CANADIENS HAVE EDGE

Dave Gill, former Ottawa pilot, experienced hockey observer, raconteur, all round good fellow calls the coming playoffs as follows: "Canadiens appear to have the edge. They are steady and have play-off experience. Toronto have a good club, but have demonstrated an in and out tendency. Montreal are liable to do anything. Perhaps lose in straight games or win the championship." He labels them inconsistent. "Rangers are not so hot as in the early part of the season. Chicago do not seem as strong as last season. Detroit if they hold their play will scarcely get by." Referring to Boston he declares it is nearly time they developed a few players instead of getting, them ready made. There it is from a neutral observer, who has seen all the teams play this year, and whose detached viewpoint is worth recording.

### SUMMING 'EM UP

A Montreal comment with regard to Dalhousie Rangers says in part: "Dalhousie Rangers had Winged Wheelers back into their own zone for the best part of the final period last night, but their scoring efforts were highly ineffective. Those two goals by Neville were enough for Montreal to come and go on. They should carry this margin to the finish in fact even add to it. Rangers are a pretty fair team consistently, but lack finish around the nets. They didn't bother Coulter very much with their offerings. The big ice surface, too much stickwork in close; inability to uncover marked their efforts. There was a strong tinge of the old Ottawa system to their play, which is natural considering their coach Connor with four of their players were schooled in that method.

"E's so passionately fond of reading, Mrs. Tompkins, that 's father's trying to get 'im into the gas company so that 'e can go round and read the meters."—The Humorist, London.

## ICE RACING AT S' SIDE

(Special To The Guardian)

Yesterday's ice races at Summerside were very largely attended and gave the fans plenty of thrills as there was some real sports at this meet. As the day was fine and the roads good, a large crowd came in from the country. The track was in perfect condition. All the races were very closely contested. There were four classes. In Class A, Yorkola won in straight heats, but was pushed closely by Major S. Billy Witte, although a green horse, raced in with the Free-for-All and showed up wonderfully well. The fans expected to see him outclassed, but he finished a good third. Class B. Witty Jim answered the bell with the veteran driver and owner, Gordon Dawson, and again carried off the honours as in last week's race. It can be truly said that Mr. Dawson is "Geers the Second." He certainly showed the coming generation how to pilot the horses. Alie Witte trailed him a close second with Peter Will Tell winning third. Class C. had the fans guessing. John F. winning the first heat with Pansy Volo pushing him closely. In the next heat Pansy Volo came to the front with Trouble Cope a close second, John F. landing third. The third heat was won by John F., Pansy Volo second and Trouble Cope, third. Class D. was won in straight heats by Witty Lindy, with Johnny Mack second and Don Forbes third.

The racing fans appreciated the able manner in which the races have been handled this season by the starter announcer and judges. Mr. Harry Silliphant and Mr. W. B. McArthur, who were the timers this winter had a very efficient manner of working, running their car on a separate track from wire to wire giving excellent service. The Summerside Driving Club have been at much pains this

winter to make the ice meets a success, using a good deal of their valuable time attending to the details necessary for good racing.

### SUMMARY

Class A—1-3 Mile  
Yorkola, 1-1—owned and driven by Roy MacDonald.  
Major S., 2-2—owned by Don Baker and driven by C. Kenny.  
Billy Witte, 3-3—owned by Walter Wigmore and driven by Myron MacArthur.  
Time—42; 42.  
Class B—1-4 Mile  
Witty Jim, 1-1—owned and driven by Gordon Dawson.  
Alie Witte, 2-2—owned by G. McDonald and driven by R. Phillips.  
Peter Will Tell, 3-3—owned by John Harkins and driven by Roy MacDonald.  
Time—32 1-2; 35.  
Class C—1-3 Mile  
John F., 1-3-1—owned and driven by Geo. B. Wakens.  
Pansy Volo, 2-1-2—owned and driven by Ed. Sobey.  
Trouble Cope 3-2-3—owned and driven by Alfred Schurman.  
Time—47; 46; 46.  
Class D—1-4 Mile  
Witty Lindy, 1-1—owned by Mrs. E. Gay and driven by R. Phillips.  
Johnny Mac, 3-2—owned and driven by Major MacDonald.  
Don Forbes, 2 drawn—owned and driven by Ledwell Boswell.  
Time—37; 38.  
Starter: L. Leard. Announcer, F. J. E. Wright. Judges, G. W. Bell, John Crockett, Tyndie Semple. Timers, Harry Silliphant, W. B. MacArthur.

### S' Side 6 P.W.C.'s 2

The P. W. C. hockey team came up to Summerside on Wednesday

evening and crossed sticks with the Summerside Hockey Club at the Crystal Rink. P. W. C. was snowed under with a score of 6-2 in favour of the local boys. The first period opened fair and after six minutes of play Tub Gay on a pass from Frank Woodside notched up the first goal for Summerside. Near the end of the period Dickie placed the puck in the P. W. C. drapery. The second period went scoreless. In the third O'Brien scored twice for S. H. C. Gay on a pass from O'Brien made the fifth tally. G. Stewart in a mix-up in front of S. H. C. net made the first score for P. W. C. Beer from a left wing shot scored the second and last goal for the visitors. Another tally was made for the home team when Lea in a beautiful solo rush shot the puck in the net. The score seems a little one-sided but the Prince of Wales Boys played excellent hockey.

The lineups follow:  
S. H. C.—Goal, Schurman; Defence, Ferguson, Lea, Groom; Forwards, Gay, Holman, Dickie, O'Brien, F. Woodside, W. Woodside.

P. W. C.—Goal, Reid; Defence, Rowatt, Prowse; Forwards, McNeven, Beer, Grant, Rogers, Mahar, Ives.  
Referee—Jimmy White.

## SPEC PEEBLES WILL CAPTAIN MT. A. SQUAD

SACKVILLE, N. B., March 24.—(By The Canadian Press) — Clarence "Spec" Peebles of New Glasgow has been elected Captain of the Mount Allison University hockey team for 1932-33. Edgar Dizon, of Sackville, and Don Boyd of Cowansville, Quebec, were others mentioned for the honor of leading the Maritime intercollegiate champions into action next season, but the majority of votes went to Peebles, who formerly played with New Glasgow in the Eastern League and this winter pastimed with the Amherst Ramblers as well as playing in the Intercollegiate League with Mount A.

Note—Peebles will perform on left wing with Amherst Ramblers against Abbies tonight.

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