

Backstrom Likely To Nail Down Berth With Champs

MONTREAL (CP)—Ralph Backstrom, 20-year-old forward, is fast shaping up as the second player within three years to hop from junior hockey ranks to a regular berth with the starchy Montreal Canadiens.

When Canadiens finished Friday's workout, after nearly two solid weeks of training camp practice sessions and exhibition games, Backstrom was at the top of the scoring list with 15 goals and 16 assists for 31 points.

Closest to him was Don Marshall, a centre who has been more of a stand-out in defensive and penalty-killing roles in his four seasons in the National Hockey League. Marshall's production stood at 13 goals and 16 assists.

Three years ago Henri (Pocket Rocket) Richard, brother of the illustrious Maurice, jumped from the junior Canadiens to the pro club and immediately became a star.

READY FOR BIG TIME

Many observers at the current training camp predict Backstrom can do the same thing. He comes up this season as a graduate also from Canadiens juniors.

There is also speculation that the young native of Kirkland Lake, Ont., may nail down the open left-wing job. Normally a centre, he has played at every forward line position in junior hockey and also on defence.

At present the competition is wide open between Backstrom and Alvin McDonald, a farmhand brought up from Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League.

The weather was just about tops all through the season and especially during Old Home Week when eleven race programs were run off without the loss of a single dash. If the track officials had the arranging of the weather themselves they certainly could not have come up with a better layout.

AFTER TONIGHT race fans on the Island must be content with memories of the past few weeks. It's a long haul till next June when the local track swings into operation once again.

Any racing that will be done from here till June 1959 will be done in the stables where race-conscious folks gather to spin their tales of races that are now history. Many re-runs of 1958 dashes will take place in those stables and other 'hot stove' gathering places. The opinions expressed will not meet with unanimous approval and that fact will lead to many heated arguments.

OF COURSE MANY local race followers will not call it quits tonight. There'll be many slipping over on weekends to Moncton or Halifax and possibly a few to Saint John where there's still a bit of racing to be done. Those folks will be making those centres with the hope that pari-mutuel returns in those centres will at least pay their expenses of the trip. For some it will work out that way but for the majority there'll be no such happy occurrence. The odds are against everybody making a 'killing'.

IT WOULD INDEED be nice to see a large crowd on hand tonight to bid goodbye to the 1958 season here. Ladies are being admitted free, so that makes it a bit easier on the husbands or boy friend's pocketbook.

The eight dashes that are on the menu look like the very best in the way of racing entertainment. So let's close up shop with a real flourish. Let's see if we can't make Charlottetown Driving Park a real beehive of activity tonight.

How about it, race fans?

JOE MCCARTHY one-time pilot of the New York Yankees had quite a record going until a guy named Casey Stengel came along and decided to break it.

What does Joe, one of the greatest managers of all time, think about the antics of Mr. Stengel? Has it got him annoyed? Well, we can find out best by listening to McCarthy himself.

"Stengel broke my record of eight pennants with the Yankees. No, I'm not disappointed. I'm tickled to death a fellow like Casey could do it. He's a good manager. Got a good memory, knows ability—right now he's the best, no question about it."

That doesn't sound like a jealous man talking.

Argos Meet Rough Riders Today; Set Hopes On Knox

OTTAWA (CP)—Toronto Argonauts are scheduled here today in a Big Four football league game against Ottawa Rough Riders, and this time the Argos have the controversial Ronnie Knox in tow.

Argos, who have had a grim 1-5 season to date, are gambling on Knox to give them the steady quarterbacking they've lacked for two seasons.

Knox, the U.S. college sensation of three years ago, isn't expected to start the game. Gerry Ducouette is tabbed to go in first but it's certain coach Hampt Pool will put

Knox into action later in the game to see if he can earn the \$1,000 bill he's reported to be collecting each outing.

Knox has a big chore. Argos have met Rough Riders 11 times in two years. They've dropped 10 of Knox.

If Knox produces the goods it could cause an upheaval in the league. Ottawa is in second spot behind Hamilton with six points, Montreal has five and the lowly Argonauts two. An Argo upsurge could quickly create a lively three-way battle for second spot.

End Pro O'Garra may also be introduced by Argos although coach Hampt Pool said Friday he hadn't decided where to use the high-rated import.

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Minneapolis Wins Opener; Beat Royals 6-2

MONTREAL (CP)—Playing manager Gene Mauch and outfielders Art Schult and Lou Clinton provided the batting punch for Minneapolis Millers Friday night as the American Association champions downed Montreal Royals of the International League 6-2 in the opening game of the Little World Series.

Schulp and Clinton drove in two runs apiece while Mauch brought home one in a three-for-three night at the plate to support the seven-hit pitching of pitcher Al Schroll and right-hander Al Schroll and eighth-inning reliever Tom Hurd.

Minneapolis racked four Montreal hurfers for 11 hits, scoring twice in both the first and third innings and finishing with single runs in the seventh and eighth.

Tom LaSorda, Montreal's south-paw starter, absorbed the setback.

The Millers won the American Association playoff after finishing third during the regular season. The Royals won both the IL pennant and playoffs.

The second game of the series will be played here tonight with the third scheduled here Sunday afternoon.

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McLish Inks 1959 Contract

CLEVELAND (AP)—With five more games yet to play in their 1958 season, Cleveland Indians Tuesday signed their winningest pitcher—Calvin Coolidge (Cal) McLish—to a 1959 contract.

The 17-year-old McLish, who has a Triple-A won-lost record, will get a "substantial" raise in his new contract.

Rangers Sign Fontinato And Three Rookies

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP)—The signing of colorful rear-guard star Lou Fontinato and three Western Hockey League rookies to contracts with New York Rangers was officially announced by general manager Muzz Patrick Tuesday.

Fontinato, one of the most rugged blueline betters in the National Hockey League, came to terms here Monday to become the seventh Blueshirt regular to sign.

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Columbia Again Triumphs; Will Retain America's Cup

By WILL GRIMSLEY

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP)—Columbia, proud aristocrat of the Atlantic, sent Sceptre back to Britain Friday a badly-beaten challenger—victim of a four-race sweep in the historic America's Cup yacht races.

The glistering Yankee racer completed the white-wash with another lopsided victory in the fourth and final race off Brenton's Reef light ship.

She swept over the 24-mile triangular course in three hours four minutes 22 seconds, leaving the pride of the Royal Yacht Squadron about three-quarters of a mile in her wake.

Columbia's margin of victory, seven minutes five seconds, was carved out in a choppy sea swept by winds of 16 to 22 knots.

If Sceptre had any hope of altering the course of things, she lost it in a false start.

Then a jib jammed at the first mark. Early on the second leg, the Sceptre's red, white and blue spinnaker became unfurled and fluttered wildly for a minute before it could be secured.

Just before the spinnaker trouble the main boom which carries the mainsail, broke and began swinging loosely around the deck. The boom is a heavy pole about 40 feet long.

At this point the situation was so serious that assistant helmsman Colin Ratsey said the Sceptre crew was seriously considering abandoning the race.

"That boom could have gone over or through someone," he said. "It was very dangerous but finally we managed to patch it up and continue."

Her helmsman, Lt.-Cmdr. Graham Mann of the Royal Navy, clearly outmanoeuvred his rival, Briggs Cunningham, in the shadow boxing around the orange-striped starting buoy.

Mann forced Columbia out around the committee boat second and before the starting gun and then took a hard running shot at the line. Sceptre was two boat lengths ahead of Columbia when the gun sounded, but she was two feet over the starting point. She had to be recalled for another start while Columbia sailed on out to sea.

By the time Sceptre pointed her nose into the wind on the first eight-mile windward leg, she was trailing by several boat lengths.

Sceptre began a short tacking duel after five minutes of the windward run but Columbia treated her with utter disdain, frequently refusing to cover tacks.

There was a poignancy about the scene when the blue-jacketed Britons finally cruised across the line for the last time.

They smiled and waved gamely in response to the horn-toting salute of the small, almost negligible spectator fleet.

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

A short distance away, a flag hoisted on the four-master coast guard cutter Duane spelled out an official message of condolence from the New York Yacht Club.

Down The Back Stretch

One of our most capable Island drivers is Blair Andrew of New Glasgow, P.E.I., who, through the years, has piloted many winners and the horses under his care come through their season's racing in good form.

Now we hear from Dow Clowater, our correspondent in the New Brunswick capital, Fredericton, with a report of the races there on Tuesday night. Dow writes (Blair Andrew and J by Troy, Woodstock, each reined three winners in last night's racing card at the Fredericton Raceway, that saw Boyonne and Bob Lee Boy divide wins in the feature junior free-for-all. Andrew won the second and sixth dashes with Roman Counsel, an 11 year old bay gelding owned by Lloyd McKinney of Gagetown in 2:12 4-5 both trips, and he added a third victory with Chico Vivian, another paced from the McKinney stable stopping the watches at 2:12 4-5 in the third heat.

"Troy got to the winners' circle twice with Marvel Song, owned by Ted Grant, Houlton, Maine in 2:16 and 2:17 1-5, and he captured the second heat of the free-for-all with the three-year old Bob Lee Boy in 2:11 for owner Bud DeWitt of Houlton. In the first heat of the feature, Tom

Etter headed the field with Bayonne, owned by W. Hedley Wilson of Fredericton, time 2:12 1-4. "Parrmouth Hal, four year old full sister to the great three year old Peppy Hal, 2:07 3-5, copped the seventh dash in 2:14 for owner Walter Davis of Houlton and driver Ace Harvey.

A LOT OF PROMISE

"Davis, owner of Peppy Hal, told me last night that he plans to call it quits for this season with the colt after his victory last week in the Halligonian Stake at Sackville Do. s. He says he will rest the colt and send him South to be trained this winter, and if everything proves successful in training, he will stake the son of N.D. Hal in several stakes throughout Maine next season. Peppy Hal shows lots of promise and may be quite a horse before his racing days are over."

Here is a summary of the above card: Races 1 and 5-Marvel Song (Troy) 1-1, Desi D. (Walker) 2-3, Bonnie Bank (Lindop) 3-2 Golden Fancy (H. Bishop) 4-4, three other starters, time 2:16 and 2:17 1-5. Races 2 and 6-Roman Counsel 2:08 3-5 (Andrew) 1-1, Glendale Cindy (T. Etter) 2-2, Lucifer (H. Bishop) 3-5, "Tunny Maid (Regan) 5-3, three other

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Fred Haney Says The Heck With Mickey Mantle

MILWAUKEE (AP)—"The heck with Mickey Mantle. Now put that in your paper."

That was Fred Haney's bristling retort when the Milwaukee Braves' manager was asked Friday whether he thought the New York Yankees would prove tougher to beat than last year now that Mickey Mantle was back in top physical condition for the World Series.

"What do I care about Mantle's condition," Haney snapped. "I've got my own players to think about. Let Stengel worry about Mantle. And I don't think how that guy feels will make any difference. Why should it?"

"It's a funny thing. You take the guy everybody thinks 'you worry about and usually he doesn't hurt you as much as everybody else. It's the little guys you've got to watch. That (Jerry) Coleman."

"And how about our own guy last year? I mean Lew Burdette. If you had to rate the top ten guys in the Series, he probably wouldn't have been in the list. All he did was turn in the best pitching anybody ever saw in a World Series."

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Runner Bows From British Track Scene

LONDON (AP)—Gordon Pirie, a great runner and talker, bowed off the British track scene Wednesday with honeyed words.

The holder of the world 3,000-metre record at seven minutes, 52.8 seconds sails today for South Africa to run in several races. After that, he will emigrate to New Zealand with his wife Shirley.

Braves Announce Tickets Sold Out

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Milwaukee Braves announced Friday that all tickets for the four 1958 World Series games at County Stadium have been sold. The sell-out covers 44,668 seats and 2,500 standing room tickets for each game.

REMEMBER WHEN

Ezzard Charles gained universal recognition as world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Joe Louis in the latter's attempted comeback campaign in a 15-rounder at New York eight years ago tonight. Charles previously had been recognized as champion only by the NBA, when he defeated Joe Walcott after Louis had first retired.

Probable Pitchers

NEW YORK (AP)—Probable pitchers for today's major league games. (won and lost records in brackets):

American League Baltimore at New York—Pappas (10-9) vs Larsen (8-6). Boston at Washington—Brewer (12-12) vs Ramos (14-16). Detroit at Cleveland—Foytack (14-13) vs McLish (16-7). Kansas City at Chicago—Urban (8-11) vs Wynn (14-15). National League Cincinnati at Milwaukee—Newcombe (7-13) or Hook (0-0) vs Spain (21-11). Chicago at Los Angeles—Hillman (4-9) vs Williams (9-7) or Maunula (1-1). Philadelphia at Pittsburgh (X)—Cardwell (2-6) vs Law (14-11). St. Louis at San Francisco—Jackson (13-13) vs McCormick (11-8).

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