

# Vernon Canucks Predict Victory

**Vernon** (CP)—Vernon Canucks, with a \$25,000 subsidy from the British Columbia government in their bank account, are to be a good advertisement for their home province when they take the ice against Whittby on Friday night.

Canucks' first Saturday opening game of the best-of-seven Stanley Cup series 5-2. They say they'll even things up in the second game.

George Agar, manager, coach and player with the western champions, said the B.C. government "feels it's good advertising to the province to send a team to compete for the Canadian championship."

Agar said the city of Vernon also put on a fund-raising campaign.

## SERIES SCHEDULE

Third and fourth games are set for Friday and Saturday.

Agar said the larger ice surface in Maple Leaf Gardens bothered the team "but we'll be okay for Wednesday."

Whittby is putting some faith in their lucky Canada sweaters. They are the ones they wore when they captured the world amateur hockey title in Oslo last year.

New the good luck symbols are worn and faded but the team had them on Sunday and plans to wear them for the remainder of the series.

If Canucks win the Allan Cup they will be the first club to do so the year after winning the world title.

## Backstretch

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brought meetings. These can spot a "tout" or a pick-up quite easily, and we notice a recent interview with one of them, which appeared in the New York Herald-Tribune, that these do not present too much of a problem, and the experts can pick them and practically know every one of them.

These "touts" always watch pay winners, and try to get in on cash cheques or loan money, with valuable items signed as security. These values turn out to be next to worthless. One of these "touts" picked up at a New York track the other day had no fewer than 10 watches on him. No doubt he is expecting to do a big business.

Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York last week vetoed a bill that would have prohibited transmitting of horse and harness racing results until a 24-hour period after they were posted. The measure was opposed by the New York Turf Writers' Association and by the New York State Publishers' Association.

The publisher's group said that the new legislation would have the effect of completely eliminating "all news pertaining to results of horse racing and harness racing by the publishing media and radio and television."

At Santa Anita, California, last week, Widower Creed came with a new track record of 1:25.5, driven by Howard Berger in the \$15,000 California Stakes. As mentioned in these notes previously, Widower Creed has the mark at 1:28.25 earlier in the meeting, and that was tied by W.D. Direct.

We notice that Joe O'Brien is racing at Santa Anita, as of week. He won the Santa Anita Pace, purse \$3,000, with the one-year-old Cammy, with the mile in 2:04.45. He was second with Time Me in "B" Trot, purse \$2,500 with the mile in 2:02. Joe won an \$1,000 pace with the three-year-old Mrs. Meadows, time 2:04.45, and a "B" Trot, purse \$1,000 with Little Rocky, time 2:03.25. The above are owned by the A. Camp Farms.

Many will remember when the little Rocky pulled off the biggest surprise of the 1958 racing season when he won the second heat of the more than \$100,000 Hambletonian Trot for three-year-olds 2:02.

We have been wondering why he hasn't yet shown up at York-Racetrack, but no doubt, we'd it was better to stay in California a week or two later, rather than to move east to cold weather, which has been a feature of recent weeks.

The Santa Anita track meeting ended, with a total attendance of 199,995 persons which would be an average of about 10,000 for each afternoon. The total amount pushed through the pari-mutuel windows was \$14,551,267.

## HENNESSEY STABLE

Continuing our list of stables in the Charlottetown track, we introduce one of the youngest drivers in the Maritimes Joseph Hennessey, who is in his 34th year and has been very successful since he took up harness racing. His score last year was 32 firsts, 45 seconds and 38 thirds, with stable winnings of \$777.

Here is a list of the horses he is training: Bertram Hanover, p. 3-5.5, that was last year a member of the Billy Hamilton stable and winner of \$7,235 for the year, and with all time winnings \$72,952. He is owned by S.R. Johnston of Charlottetown.

McGee Volo, p. 2:25.15—winner last year of \$3,244 and all-time winnings of \$15,850. He is owned by Jack Brown of Charlottetown.

Prince, p. 2:03.35—winner last year of \$3,353 and total winnings of \$15,551. He is owned by Stewart of Murray Harbour, E.I., and is seven years old.

Taurida Bay, p. 2:11 winner of \$52 last year owned by Ray Stewart. Connie Franz, 2:12.15, record taken last year, owned by Stead of Charlottetown. Jean Egg, p. 2:13.25, owned by Stead. This mare raced exceptionally well last year, and won 451.

Callie Hal, p. 2:14.25, winner of \$53 last year, owned by Han. MacKinnon and Jack MacKinnon.

Jolley Mike, 3, by Jolity, owned by Clifford Sherwin of Charlottetown. Nellie Bangs, by Billy, owned by Ray Stewart.

Jelliscott, 2:11.25 owned by George Rogers and Doug Hill of Charlottetown. This nifty pacer won \$5,234 racing over local tracks.

West Wick, a three-year-old



## IT DIDN'T GO IN

The puck bounces over the shoulder of Montreal Canadiens' goalie Jacques Plante and past the net during the final game of the National Hockey League Stanley Cup finals in Montreal April 18, in which Canadiens beat Toronto Maple Leafs 5-3.

Sweeping in on goal is Leaf's Dave Creighton (centre) who is being watched closely by Tom Johnston of Canadiens. Montreal won the Stanley Cup by defeating Toronto four games to one.

(CP Photo)

# SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

The last Stanley Cup game has been called "nerve-racking" by upper Canadian sports writers. To the players, perhaps, but we as a spectator must register a negative vote.

We are a Maple Leaf fan. Many times during the series did we tense forward in eager anticipation as the Leaf players converged on Plante, or leaned back, clutching the cushions in sheer terror as those Canadiens bore down on Bower. We tried to relax at these suspenseful moments but just couldn't manage it. After the first period of the last game, we sat back in quiet resignation. Anyone looking at us might have even thought we were neutral.

Oh, yes, the Leafs made a gallant try in those last five or six minutes. But we don't get too excited over a team striving desperately for two goals with so little time left. If the Leafs had made it 5-4, the stomach butterflies would have come flying back into action.

The Summerside Aces last winter gave us the most nerve-racking time of our hockey-watching career. They had a maddening habit of going one goal ahead, and then preserving that narrow margin all through the third period. To say nothing of the sudden-death overtime when a team scores an insurance goal, if not only insures them against defeat, it also insures a lot of excitable fans against nervous collapse. But the Aces rarely scored those insurance markers. They nearly always swayed it out leaving us draped inertly on the rail when the game was over.

One of Summerside's greatest athletes is a fellow by the name of Earl Smith Earl is for the most part an unsung hero because he takes part in games which do not catch the public eye in the Maritimes like hockey and baseball. His games are tennis and badminton, and he is far, far ahead of his nearest competitors in these pastimes. Earl was also a top-notch performer in basketball, and could give a softball a real push in the few games we saw him play. We can't help thinking he would have been equally proficient in baseball or hockey. He has the timing and co-ordination of a natural born athlete and looks rugged enough to have taken and given the jolts belonging to hockey.

We were always under the impression that in picking the winners of the different N.H.L. awards the play-off games were not taken into consideration at all. We have seen something contrary to this long-held belief recently and are wondering if we were wrong all the time. Certainly it doesn't seem fair to take play-off games into consideration, for this year, for example, stars of the Ranger and Red Wing hockey teams would not have had any chance to show their wares to the judges, and last impressions are often telling ones.

We read that while the Montreal Canadiens were celebrating their wonderful victory over the Maple Leafs, Maurice Richard was having a thoroughly miserable time. Speaking to reporters, he was even a little bitter, or seemed to be, that he hadn't been played more often. Is it possible that Maurice is only

## Senior 'C' Hoop Tourney To Be Held At Newcastle

MONCTON (CP)—Financial difficulties may prevent New Waterford Strands, Nova Scotia Senior "C" basketball champions, from competing in a two-day Maritime round-robin basketball tournament at Newcastle, N. B., April 25-26. It was announced here Tuesday night by Greg Murphy, secretary-treasurer of the New Brunswick Basketball Association.

## BASEBALL

**National League**  
Cincinnati 002 010 100-4 11 0  
Milwaukee 003 220 000-7 11 0  
Purkey, Acker (4) Cuellar (5), Schmidt (7) and Bailey; Spahn and Crandall, L. Purkey.  
St. Louis 000 000 000-0 1 0  
Chicago 010 000 000-1 5 0  
G. Blylock and H. Smith; Hobbie and S. Taylor.

**American League**  
Baltimore 400 001 000-5 6 2  
Boston 001 010 000-2 8 1  
Wilhelm and Triandos; Casale, McEford (7) and Daley, L. Casale, HRs: Bl-Triandos 2 (4).  
New York 202 103 030-11 18 0  
Washington 010 003 000-4 8 1  
Larsen, Maas (6) and Berra; Ramos, Kralick (3) Valentini (7) Griggs (8) and Fitzgerald, W. Larsen, L-Ramos, HRs: NYK-Mantle (1), Bauer (2) Wsh-Allison (1), Lemon (2).  
Cleveland 500 102 501-14 16 1  
Detroit 000 000 010-1 6 2  
McLish and Nixon; Foytack, Davie (1) Susce (7) Burnsides (7) Aquirre (9) Mossi (9) and Berberet, L-Foytack, HRs: Cle-Inoso 2 (3), Strickland (2), Power (3).

happy and enthusiastic when honor and glory is being heaped on Maurice Richard?

Isn't it time someone was starting to think about the organization of softball or baseball or both in Summerside vicinity?

## Senior 'C' Hoop Tourney To Be Held At Newcastle

Mr. Murphy said he received a wire from Ralph Cooley, secretary-treasurer of the Nova Scotia Basketball Association, saying that New Waterford was having financial difficulties and wouldn't know until Thursday whether or not they will compete.

If New Waterford fails to show, a series between New Brunswick champion Newcastle Legionaires and Prince Edward Island representatives, Summerside RCAF, will be arranged. It could be a two-game, total point series or a best-of-three series.

Following is a proposed schedule released by Mr. Murphy:  
**Saturday**  
Newcastle vs Summerside (2:00 p.m. at Newcastle).  
New Waterford vs Newcastle (9:00 p.m. at Newcastle).  
**Sunday**  
Summerside vs New Waterford (1:30 p.m. at Chatham).

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# Habs' 4th Cup Win Heads List Of Broken Records

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Canadiens' fourth straight Stanley Cup title heads the list of records broken during this year's National Hockey League playoffs.

Canadiens, who defeated Toronto Maple Leafs 5-3 Saturday night here to win the best-of-seven Stanley Cup final 4-1, broke a tie with Leafs for most consecutive cup championships. Toronto won the title in 1947-48-49 while Canadiens equalled that record last year.

The Montreal club also bettered its own marks of most final ap-

pearances, running its total to 19 this year. It was also Canadiens' ninth straight final appearance in 35 years of playoff competition, two more records.

Montreal coach Toe Blake, who has yet to lose a final since taking over from Dick Irvin four seasons ago, is the first coach to guide his team to four straight championships.

Canadien defenceman Doug Harvey was the only player to set a new mark among scorers. He collected 11 assists during the 11 playoff games in which Canadiens played to run his total to 58 in 11 years.

Gord Howe of Detroit Red Wings held the old mark of 48 assists.

Maurice Richard, who saw little action during the first four games, of the Leaf series, but

was dressed in the final, regained the record of most Stanley Cup games, 125. Ted Lindsay of Chicago Black Hawks, whom Canadiens defeated 4-2 in the best-of-seven semi-final, had passed Richard in that series, running his total to 122, while Richard missed the series because of a broken ankle.

Muscleman Marcel Bonin fell two short of the record for most goals in a playoff year. The Montreal left winger scored 19 goals against Chicago and Toronto. Richard and Canadiens' Jean Beliveau hold the mark of 12.

Dickie Moore, the NHL's scoring champion in the last two regular seasons, had five goals and 42 assists for 17 points during the playoffs, three short of the record held by Howe.

## Backed Leafs, Will Pay Off

WELLAND, Ont. (CP)—For Larry Miller, like other hockey fans who bet Toronto Maple Leafs would win the Stanley Cup, the day of reckoning has come.

Leafs lost in the cup final against Montreal Canadiens and Miller will pay off his losing wager today when he pushes Clifford Lamarche 16 miles to St. Catharines in a rubber-tired wheelbarrow.

Miller said he feels Leafs' coach Punch Imlach should push the barrow at least half the way.

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