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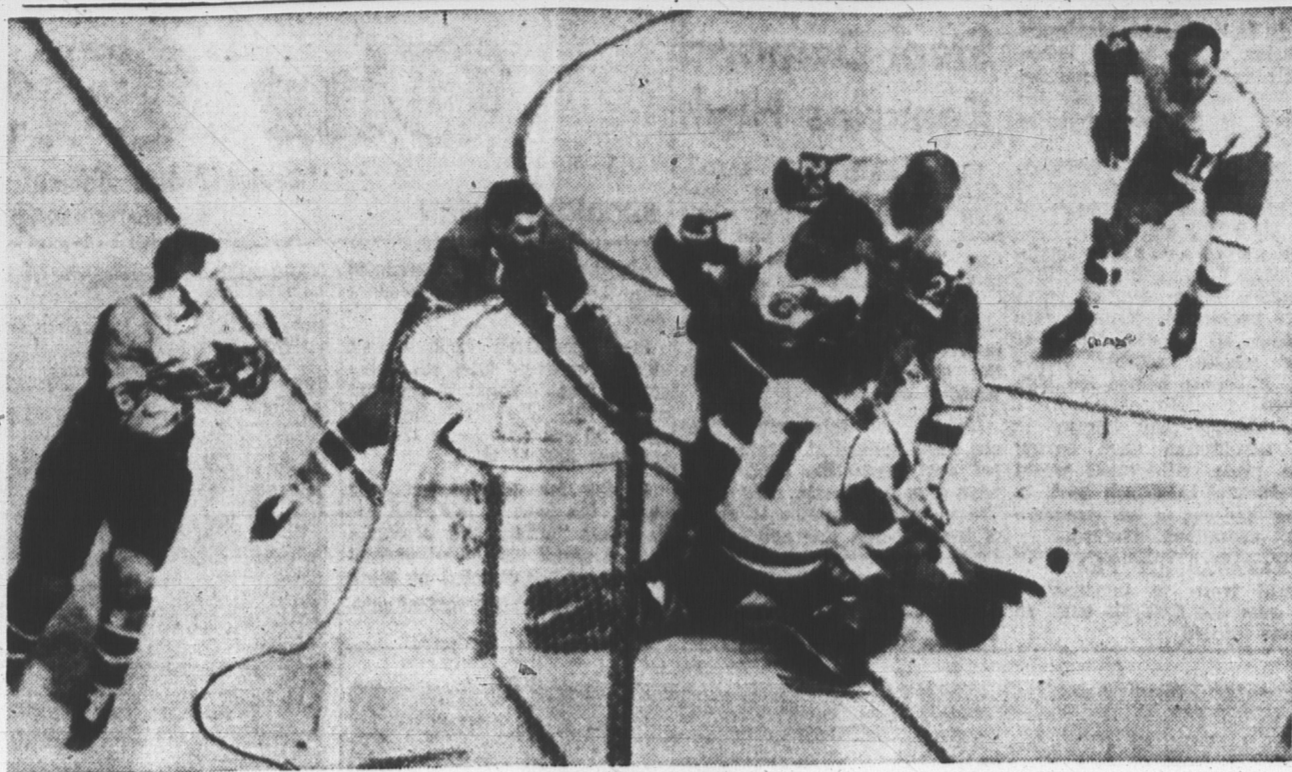
Montreal Habs Lose Own Tilt

By CHRIS ANNETT

Although it grieves this observer to say so the Detroit Red Wings toppled the Montreal Canadiens yesterday by playing the type of game that the Habs are famous for, check, skate and hold that one goal lead. The Red Wings, far from displaying the age that is packed on their roster simply outskated the Canadiens in their own home rink and now hold a one game lead in the series.

Every distinguished personage that was interviewed yesterday was of the opinion that the long layoff had hurt the Canadiens from this corner. The only player that it really had seemed to bother was big Jean Beliveau and he was far from his form of the semi-final series with Toronto. However he is going to skate himself into shape soon and then we shall see what the story will be.

The Red Wings took a page out of the Habs' operating manual as they packed five men into the center ice zone in the third period and they did it perfectly. Montreal did not muster any attack to speak of in the closing moments and that is unusual. An interesting aspect in the game was the checking and the lack of dirty play. Young Brian Watson who was assigned to cover Henri Richard and then benched when he could not handle the Pocket Rocket must have decided to catch the fans eyes with a bit of showing in the corner but things did not turn out as he had planned them. Beliveau almost decapitated him and that was the end of any dirt.



ACTION GALORE

The Detroit combination of man (23) and Norm Ullman Crozier stop a shot by Montreal's John Ferguson in the final series in Montreal Sunday. Billy Harris (14) Gary Berg move in to help goaler Roger (CP-Wirephoto)

BOVIN BOUNCER

Leo Bovin nailed a couple of players with stiff body checks and it is easy to see just why he is considered the hardest hitter in hockey today. Both he and Prentice must be in seventh heaven for it is a logical assumption that they never dreamed that they would be playing in the Stanley Cup finals this season.

The Detroit team altered the Habs attack considerably by their relentless forechecking and it paid off. Fans could see the effects as Blake, the Montreal coach, shifted his lines throughout the tilt but it made no difference.

Both clubs missed numerous golden scoring opportunities and this, in part anyway, was due to the fantastic netminding of both Roger Crozier and Gump Worsley. Crozier well deserved his first star rating as he came up with saves bordering on the sensational in the clutch moments and as Ron Stewart commented when he was asked why he chose Crozier, he could think of 35 good reasons. Both the Habs and Wings had 35 shots on nets.

Paul Henderson continued to enhance his reputation as one of the best clutch players in the business although he does not get very much recognition for his abilities. Henderson got the winner in the game as he did in nine of the regular schedule games. Just why a player has this ability to do so well under pressure has never been discovered but a recent scientific study of the phenomena attributes it to fear. If a person is afraid of falling (now this is according to the scientific report) his heart puts out more adrenalin which gives the body more energy.

BLAKE NOT UPSET

Coach Toe Blake felt that his club was "just outplayed and outscored" but felt that all the same his team had not played badly. Worsley when he was asked if the 100,000 watt bulbs had bothered him, came back quickly. "Nothing bothered me except the three goals I let in."

Detroit now holds an advantage in that the Habs must take at least one of three games on Detroit ice and the remaining games in the Forum but Montreal fans are far from discouraged by the loss. It's always nice to see a team come from behind to win.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tigers Have Lots In Tank; Yankees Lose 6th Straight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Norm Cash's triple and home run powered Detroit Tigers to a 4-1 victory over Washington and a sweep of their doubleheader Sunday.



NORM CASH

Bill Monbouquette scattered seven hits as Detroit won the opener 4-0 despite a record tying strikeout performance by the Senator Pete Richter.

Richter struck out seven consecutive Tigers, equaling the mark shared by Ryne Duren, and Denny McLain of Detroit. In the nightcap, Cash tripled across a run and scored another in the Tigers' three-run third inning, then hit a homer in the eighth.

Joe Sparna had a one-hit shutout for six innings, but he walked lead batter Jim King in the seventh and gave up a single to Dick-Ned.

SHERRY HALTED RALLY — Larry Sherry relieved Sparna and gave up a run on Ed Rinkens' man's single, but then he struck out Bob Chance and Fred Valentine and got Don Blasingame on a grounder.

Richter struck out 12 Tigers in the first six innings of the opener but departed in the seventh after Don Demeter doubled and scored on Ken McEulien's error.

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EMILE GRIFFITH

NEW YORK (AP) — Will old age catch up with middleweight champion Dick Tiger in his title defence against welterweight King Emile Griffith tonight?

The 36-year-old Nigerian scoffs at the idea but the bookmakers have dropped the odds favoring Tiger from 2 to 1 to 8 to 5. It could be lower by the time they climb into the Madison Square Garden ring for their 15-rounder.

"I feel as good now as I have felt in the last five years," said Tiger. "I think I am a better fighter than I was five years ago."

Griffith has a 49-7 record, including 18 knockouts. The Garden hopes for a crowd of 15,000 or better to pay \$150,000 at prices ranging from \$5 to \$25. The fight also will be telecast nationally in the United States.

Only two welterweight champions — Sugar Ray Robinson in 1957 and Carmen Basilio in 1957 — have been able to capture the middleweight crown. Four others failed in their bids.

Red Wings Flap To Win Over 'Flying Frenchmen'

By AL McNEIL

MONTREAL (CP) — Winger Paul Henderson's goal early in the third period proved the margin Detroit Red Wings needed as they beat Montreal Canadiens 3-2 in the opening game of their best-of-seven Stanley Cup final series here Sunday afternoon.

Henderson's game-winning tally was his third in the playoffs. Floyd Smith and defenceman Bill Gadsby were the other Detroit goal scorers, while centre Ralph Backstrom and defenceman Terry Harper scored for Canadiens.

Roger Crozier in the Detroit nets played a sensational game for his club, and at many times during the action-packed, fast-skating contest he was the difference between victory and defeat.

Crozier and Lozne (Gump) Worsley in the Montreal goal had an equal 35 shots to handle.

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Second game of the best-of-seven series will be played here Tuesday at 8 p.m. EDT.

MADE RINK-LENGTH DASH — Henderson won the game when he made a rink-long dash after taking a pass deep in his own zone from defenceman Bert Marshall.

He carried the puck along the left boards and stepped nimbly around Montreal defender J. C. Tremblay to win himself a clear path to Worsley's net, at the 2:14 mark of the period.

Twenty-two seconds later Harper put Canadiens back in contention as he fired a shot from the right point that eluded Crozier.

The Detroit netminder appeared to be partially screened on Harper's shot by centre Henri Richard, who was roaming in front of the crease, and behind the Wings defencers.

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The Montreal netminder moved to block Bathgate's shot and Smith got just enough of the puck to trickle it behind Worsley.

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MADE GREAT STOPS — Crozier had been brilliant in stopping Backstrom and right-winger Claude Larose as they kept buzzing near his net, and then at the 6:30 mark he came up with three saves in rapid succession from the sticks of Claude Provost and Ted Harris.

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The Twins slugged 11 hits, including a bases-empty homer by Bob Allison and a run scoring single by Andy Kosco. Minnesota piled up a 4-0 lead in the first four innings, driving starter Dean Chance to the showers.

Jack Warner was on base with his second straight single when Reichardt hit his third homer of the year in the seventh inning. Warner also tripled in the ninth and scored on an error.

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defenceman J. C. Tremblay had a clear break through on Crozier, but the little netminder refused to be deked out of position and the shot trickled off his pad to the side of the net.

Backstrom made it 1-1 at 4:23 of the second when he whizzed around Gadsby inside the Detroit blue line and carried right in to deposit the puck behind a fallen Crozier. Gadsby also fell on the play.

However, less than one minute later Gadsby made up for his defensive lapse as he scored a neat goal, after combining with winger Ab McDonald on the play.

TWO WING ON PLAY — On Gadsby's goal, Montreal defenceman Ted Harris fell at his blue line and took a teammate down on the play. This left Gadsby, Smith and McDonald clear in the Montreal zone.

It was Gadsby's fourth play-off goal in a career that spans two decades and the first this year.

Referee Vern Buffey called only three penalties throughout the contest, as he allowed the players to skate and bump just as long as flatsticks didn't erupt.

He assessed Gadsby and Harris two minutes each for interference on different occasions in the opening period and sent Bathgate off for hooking in the middle frame.

Canadiens outshot the Wings 10-8 in the first period and 11-10 in the second, but in turn were outgunned in the closing period by a 16-14 margin.

HOWE MISSED GOAL — In the closing seconds of the second period, Gordie Howe missed a golden opportunity for the Wings as he and Dean Prentice got a clean break on Worsley.

The Montreal goalie moved to block a shot from Prentice and fortunately for him Howe's drive on the net rolled past an open corner.

Montreal coach Toe Blake started Jean Beliveau, Gilles Tremblay and Claude Provost against the line of Alex Delvecchio, Howe and Prentice for Detroit.

Red Wings' utility man Bryan Watson made only a few ap-

pearances, as Detroit manager-coach Syd Abel sent him out to face-off.

Watson was given the chore of checking Bobby Hull when the Wings defeated Chicago Black Hawks four-games-to-two in their semi-final round. He hobbled the blond bomber effectively throughout the series.

SUMMARY — First period — 1. Detroit, Smith (Rathgale) 13:25. Penalties — Gadsby 0:35, Harris 9:10.

Second period — 2. Montreal, Backstrom (J. C. Tremblay) 4:23; 3. Detroit, Gadsby (McDonald) 5:14. Penalties — Bathgate 9:26.

Third period — 4. Detroit, Henderson (Marshall) 2:14; 5. Montreal, Harper (Rousseau) 2:36. Penalties — None.

Shots on goal by Detroit 10 11 14-35 Montreal 10 11 14-35 Attendance—15,070

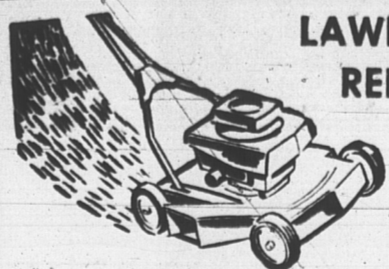
Unknown Golfers Leading

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — John Lotz and Harold Henning, a couple of comparative unknowns on the golf tour, finished in a tie for the lead in the \$85,000 Dallas open golf tournament Sunday with 205 for 54 holes.

Lotz, from Hayward, Calif., shot an eight-under-par 68, and Henning, a South African PGA champion who once beat Gary Player, posted a 65 to move to the top from well down the list.

They overtook Doug Sanders, the leader at the halfway mark with 137. Sanders managed a 70 Sunday over the 6,923-yard rain-swept course. He had 207 for 54 holes.

Two rounds originally were scheduled Sunday, but rain continued and it was decided to cut it to 18 holes and end the tournament today.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cubs Cuff Dodgers 2-0 Willie Mays Equals Mark

CHICAGO (AP) — Don Kessinger's fluke triple chased home two runs in the second inning and Chicago Cubs made them stand up Sunday for a 2-0 victory over Don Drysdale and Los Angeles Dodgers.

Rookie Ken Holtzman, a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a part-time pitcher, blanked the world champions on three hits in the first six innings and then received help from relief ace Ted Abernathy.

Drysdale, making his third start after his lengthy holdout, suffered his second loss against no victories. Drysdale fanned seven and gave up five hits in the six innings he worked.

HOUSTON (AP) — Willie Mays of San Francisco Giants tied Mel Ott's National League record for career home runs when he hit No. 511 in the eighth inning of Sunday's game against Houston Astros.

Mays tagged his record-tying shot off Houston reliever Jim Owens with one out in the eighth, driving the ball 420 feet into the left centre field seats.

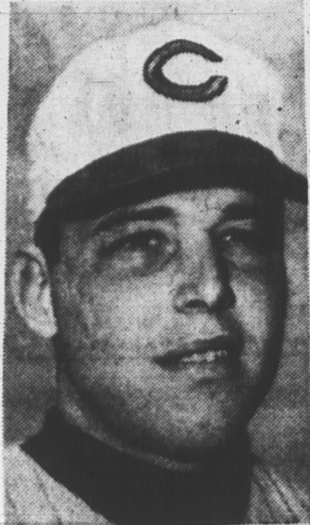
Mays needs only one more homer to break the record Ott set in 22 seasons from 1926 through 1947 when he played with the Giants, then based in New York. Mays has accomplished the feat in 15 seasons since he came up with the Giants in 1951.

CINCINNATI (AP) — Home runs by Johnny Edwards and Vada Pinson powered Cincinnati Reds to a 3-2 victory over Philadelphia Sunday in the opening game of a scheduled doubleheader called in the sixth inning because of rain.

The victory broke a six-game losing streak for the last-place Reds, who have won only two of nine starts this season.

John Briggs hit home runs in the first and sixth innings to account for both Philadelphia runs off Sammy Ellis.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Pitcher Ray Sadecki slammed two hits, including a two-run homer in the second inning, that brought St. Louis from behind and pro-



JOHN EDWARDS

elled the Cardinals to a 5-2 victory over Pittsburgh Pirates Sunday.

Sadecki, making his first start of the season, checked the Pirates on five hits before needing relief help from Tracy Stallard in the eighth.

Sadecki's second hit, a single to center, a wild pitch and Lou Brock's double gave the Cards a fifth run in the seventh inning.

Pittsburgh took a 2-1 lead in the second with an unearned run Andre Rodgers ground out.

ATLANTA (AP) — New York Mets made the most of a throwing error by veteran third Eddie Mathews, pushed across two seventh-inning runs and snapped a five-game losing streak by edging Atlanta 4-3 in the second game of a doubleheader Sunday.

The Braves extended their winning streak to six games in the opener with a 5-2 victory before a crowd of 40,477.

The Mets' nightcap victory: their first against the Braves on the road in 19 games—came despite two solo homers by Felipe Alou, who connected in the third and eighth innings while extending his hitting streak to 12 games.

ATLANTA (AP) — Pitcher Wade Blasingame drove in two runs in a three-run second inning uprisng Sunday that carried Atlanta Braves to their sixth straight victory, 5-2 over New York Mets.

The loss was the Mets' fifth in a row.

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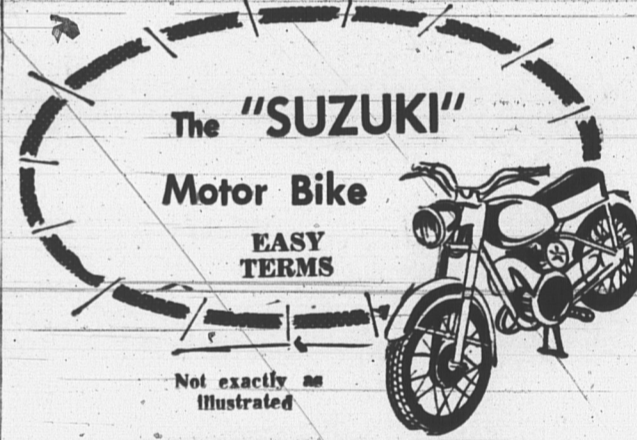
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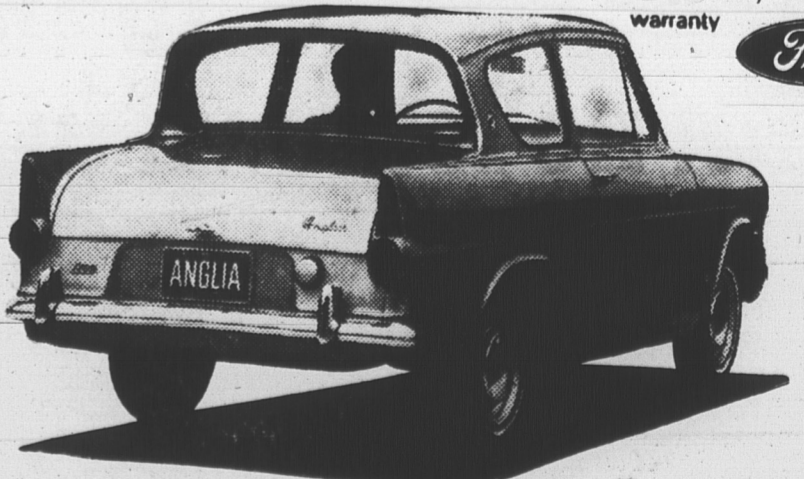
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