

# Frank Boucher Levels Sharp Blast At C.A.H.A.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—Frank Boucher blasted the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association Thursday for declaring Calgary all-star defenceman Milt Houghton ineligible as a medical replacement for Lethbridge Native Sons in the Memorial Cup playoffs.

Boucher, general manager of the National Hockey League's New York Rangers, who are the Native Sons' parent club, said the decision could only have been made by "a body as lacking in integrity and common sense as the CAHA."

Calling the CAHA "incompetent," Boucher said it is "out of time" the public teased these people out and replaced them with a commissioner or with men who know what they are talking about and who have the courage of their convictions.

The Native Sons lost three regular defencemen through bone frac-

tures for the remainder of the season while winning the Western Canada Junior Hockey League championship. They applied to the CAHA for three medical replacements and were granted one, Houghton, regarded by Lethbridge manager Ed Bruchet as "the best junior defenceman in Western Canada."

Houghton saw action only in the third game of the western junior semi-final series between the Saskatchewan champion Flin Flon Bombers and Lethbridge. The Native Sons won in four straight games.

In a second vote of its branches, the CAHA refused Lethbridge permission to use Houghton but ruled the Native Sons had won their series with Flin Flon.

Boucher said the C.A.H.A. had been "coerced" into taking the second vote by clubs which opposed Lethbridge's use of Houghton.

# S'side Athletic Ass'n Annual Meeting Held

Bob Clark was elected president of the Summerside Athletic Association to succeed W. Chester S. MacDonald at the annual meeting of the organization held at the Town Hall last evening. Other officers were elected as follows: Honorary president, J. K. Curran; vice-president, Norman MacDonald; secretary-treasurer, James Hogan, Jr.; chairman of committees: Baseball, Gerard Bernard; softball, Elmer Matheson; tennis, Earl Smith; track and field, Bob Clark; quills, Dr. H. E. Clark; volleyball, Walter McNeill; publicly, John MacNeill; field managers, James Hogan, Johnny Carroll, Henry Landry, Past president, W. Chester MacDonald; additional executive members, D. O. Stewart, Charles Hogan, Henry Dickie, Bob Seurman.

Reports were heard from last year's chairman of baseball, Norman MacDonald; of track and field, Bob Clark; of softball, Henry Landry; and of Little League, James Hogan. Other committee chairmen were not present.

# St. Louis Browns Sell Park

ST. LOUIS, (AP)—St. Louis Browns sold one of their biggest assets, Sportsman's Park, to their National League rivals, St. Louis Cardinals, Thursday.

Purchase price of the 30,808-seat ball park was \$800,000.

It is the first big-money deal made by the Cardinals since they were bought by the wealthy Anheuser-Busch brewery interest last February.

Previously, the Browns had leased the ball park to the Cardinals. The present lease was to have expired in 1960.

August A. Busch, new president of the Cardinals, said in announcing the deal that the Browns have signed a five-year lease for use of the park under Cardinal ownership at an annual rental price of \$175,000.

# Roberts Appears Headed For Good Season

(By The Canadian Press)

Robin Roberts gave his rooters a good indication that he's headed for another fine season Thursday as he pitched five-hit ball and struck out two in the first inning of the Philadelphia Phillies' 4-0 victory over the Athletics.

A cheering note for the Athletics in the exhibition tilt, was the fine losing effort of Bobby Shantz, who gave up one run and two hits, also fanning seven in his five-inning try.

Another opening-day nominee, Paul Rogovin of Chicago White Sox, also looked sharp in whitewashing Atlanta Crackers of the Southern Association 7-0.

Pittsburgh Pirates' the peoples' choice to finish last in the National League schedule, joined the world champion New York Yankees with a 10-5 victory as Ralph Kiner, Cal Abrams and rookie Danny O'Connell pounded home runs.

Ted Bill hit two homers and Gus Kluszewski drove in six tallies with a homer and two doubles as Cincinnati Reds pounded Ned Garver of Detroit Tigers for a 13-3 rout.

Cleveland Indians produced three four-batters, but two costly errors by rookie second-baseman Doug Hansen cost them a 7-6 verdict to New York Giants.

# Jockey Tony DeSpirito Hurt

LINCOLN DOWNS, R.I. (AP)—Anthony DeSpirito, leading jockey in the U.S. last year, was injured in a three-horse spill at this track Thursday.

He was taken to hospital in a semi-conscious condition.

DeSpirito, whose 390 winners last year set a world record was riding a horse named Ten Per Cent when it and two others went down as they neared the first turn in the fourth race.

Raymond Desmarais, riding Fighting Tony, complained of an injured left shoulder. Richard Rushworth, the third jockey, apparently escaped with a shaking up.

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# Canadiens Defeat Boston Bruins 4-2 In Playoff Opener

MONTREAL, (CP)— Montreal Canadiens defeated Boston Bruins 4-2 Thursday night in the opening game of their best-of-seven Stanley Cup final. A crowd of 14,348 saw the game.

The Canadiens outskated and outthrustled the Bruins as they spotted them a goal early in the first period, tied the score before the session ended and went ahead for keeps in the second period with two goals. Dickie Moore, Ken Mosdell, Floyd Curry and Maurice Richard scored for the Canadiens and Bob Armstrong and Johnny Peirson for the Bruins.

It was wide open for about half the game, then closer checking set in and finally, in the last period, both teams cut loose with terrific body checking. In this respect, the Canadiens had the better of the argument.

**Bruins Lack Sharpness**

The Bruins lacked sharpness, perhaps from their layoff since Sunday, while the Canadiens kept right on from where they left off after knocking off Chicago Black Hawks in the cup semi-final Tuesday.

There were frequent changes in line make-ups by both coaches. Captain Milt Schmidt of the Bruins had to miss the game because of an injury but it is expected he will be back when the teams meet here again Saturday.

Real Chevrefils was shifted from wing to take Schmidt's place, and in the second and third periods other moves from wing to centre were frequent.

**Reay's Ankle Injured**

Billy Reay of the Canadiens had to leave the game during the first period because a damaged ankle was injured again. Dickie Moore took over. Bert Olmstead was used as utility wingman on two different lines.

During the second period, when the Canadiens scored two goals, the Bruins were outplayed by such a wide margin they had only two shots on goal, both easy ones by Dave Creighton.

Rookie goalie Jacques Plante of Montreal was injured in the first period, when struck in the groin by a puck fired by Hal Laycoe, and retired to the dressing room for a rest.

Plante played a steady game, pulling off several sensational saves in the third period when the Bruins went all out in an attempt to tie the score.

Goalie Jim Henry of the Bruins, with far more shots to handle—37 to Plante's 20—was a particular nemesis to Boom Boom Geoffroy who blasted at least 10 shots at the goalie.

Lineups: Boston—Goal, Henry; defence, Godfrey, Quackenbush, Armstrong, Laycoe, Martin; forwards, Chevrefils, Dumart, Klukay, Mackell, Sandford, Peirson, Creighton, McIntyre, Toppazzini, Labine, Sullivan.

Montreal—Goal, Plante; defence, Bouchard, Johnson, Harvey, St. Laurent; forwards, Lach, Richard, Mazar, Reay, Geoffroy, Moore.

**Beliveau Sets Scoring Pace**

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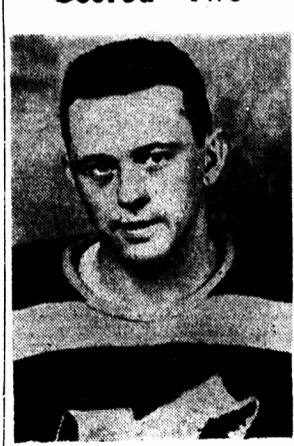
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# Scored Two



Winger Gary Gordon (above) scored two goals for the Islanders Wednesday night in the second game of the Halifax-Charlottetown series which the Atlantics won 5-3.

Mossell, Davis, Curry, McCormack, Olmstead, Mackay.  
Referee: Bill Chadwick. Linesmen: Doug Davies, Sam Babcock.

**First Period**  
1—Boston, Armstrong (Mackell, Yayoec) 2:08  
2—Montreal, Moore 13:42  
Penalties—Mossell 1:52, Bouchard 8:57.

**Second Period**  
3—Montreal, Mossell 2:37  
4—Montreal, Curry (Mackay, St. Laurent) 16:05  
Penalties—Olmstead and Chevrefils :32, Martin 2:48, Labine 8:02.

**Third Period**  
5—Boston, Peirson (Mackell, Sandford) 10:11  
6—Montreal, Richard (Mossell) 11:12  
Penalties—Mackell and Mazar 2:00, Harvey 8:56.  
Stops: Henry 10 12 11—33  
Plante 6 2 10—18

# Brklacich May Play Tonight

Coach Murph Chamberlain last night threatened to use Steve Brklacich in the game tonight if the Halifax Atlantics play forward Hughie Campbell.

Brklacich was suspended for two games yesterday for wrestling with referee Jim Kelly in Halifax on Wednesday. In the same game Campbell struck referee George O'Donoghue in the middle of the back with his glove and had to be restrained by his team-mates from further assaulting the official. He received only a misconduct penalty.

If Chamberlain uses Brklacich he will do so to bring the officiating problem to a head. The Islanders coach has been displeased with the work of referee Kelly and favors a return to the one referee and two linesmen system.

Chamberlain also dislikes the manner in which League President J. Elliott Hudson has selected the officials. He believes that the best officials possible should have been obtained for the League finals and that such men are available now that the hockey season is nearing a close.

The Islanders coach had earlier suggested to Judge Hudson that Stan Pratt, a former National Hockey League, be brought in to handle the series. He maintains that this is Major Series hockey and is too tough a proposition for men who have been working in Junior B Leagues.

Chamberlain was in a bitter mood over the rulings of the hockey bodies this season. "They threw Grosse out, stole Ted Power from us and now they're going to throw Brklacich out," said an irate Murph.

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# Exhibition Baseball

St. Louis N 12, Memphis 5  
Cleveland 6, New York N 7  
Cincinnati 13, Detroit 3  
New York A 5, Pittsburgh 10  
Chicago A 7, Atlanta 0  
Philadelphia N 4, Philadelphia A 4.

# Sell-Out Crowd For Play-Off Game Tonight

Hockey fever reached a new high here yesterday as fans from across the province poured their orders into the Charlottetown Forum for seats to witness tonight's play-off game between the Islanders and the Halifax Atlantics.

All seats were sold out early yesterday evening. Only standing room tickets are left and they will go on sale shortly before game time tonight. A record crowd is expected to witness the encounter.

And a rousing game it should be. If the Islanders are to get back into contention, and they feel confident they will, they must win tonight's contest. The Atlantics now lead the series 2-0.

But missing from the Islanders lineup will be Steve Brklacich suspended for two games and fined \$60.00 for wrestling with referee Kelly in Halifax on Wednesday. Chuck Holdaway is on the sick list but may play while "Buck" Whitlock who missed the game in Halifax on Wednesday due to illness will be back in action.

The Atlantics are expected to be at full strength for the game. To date neither playing coach Duggie MacNeill nor Don MacLaughlin have seen service in the series but both are expected to be in the ice ways before the play-offs are completed.

The players will have the best ice of the season to play on. Yesterday Forum officials obtained an ice playing rink that cuts the ice down to three-quarters of an inch. This will insure good ice regardless of the temperature of crowds.

The referees will be George O'Donoghue and Jim Kelly, both of whom were reported ready to resign following Wednesday night.

# Good Series



"Big Bob Bowness (above) has been playing standout hockey for the Atlantics during the present Halifax-Charlottetown series. Bowness scored the insurance goal in the Halifax win on Wednesday night.

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# Babe Zaharias Likely All Through As Athlete

BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP)—The fabulous athletic career of Mildred (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias that spanned more than two decades and included virtually every competitive sport is apparently at an end.

Mrs. Zaharias is in a Beaumont hospital awaiting the result of tests being made by her family doctor, who is expected to announce that she never again can compete in big-time sports, perhaps never can participate in any kind of sport again. She is suffering from a malady reported to be of a malignant nature.

A magnificent career apparently is ending where it started. It was in Beaumont, where she lived 15 of her early years, that the Babe developed her athletic ability.

She went to Dallas, where she was an All-American in basketball. She became the star of the 1932 Olympic Games in which she won two events and set world records in both.

She became a golfer, won all the amateur titles, including the British women's championship, and then became the queen of the professionals. Only Sunday she won the tournament named for her—the Babe Zaharias Open in Beaumont.

The Babe, wife of former wrestler George Zaharias, was to have gone from here to Phoenix, Ariz., for the next women's tournament but stopped off at Fort Worth for an examination for a condition that had been troubling her since she underwent an operation for hernia last spring. Dr. William Tatum of Fort Worth is believed to have described her ailment as "along the line of malignancy."

She returned to Beaumont and now is in Hotel Dieu hospital where the family doctor, Dr. W.E.

Tatum, no relation to the Fort Worth physician, is making x-rays and tests that should reveal within 48 hours exactly what is wrong with the great woman athlete.

# Will Never Play Again

Mrs. R. L. Bowen, with whom Babe and her husband stayed while in Fort Worth, said: "Babe will never be able to play golf again. She took the report that she is a very sick girl standing up."

Dr. W. E. Tatum said, "I don't know yet if surgery will cure her but I will say that she never again will play golf of championship calibre."

Mrs. Zaharias, 30, was adept in every sport—tennis, swimming, diving, bowling, fencing, polo, track and field, golf, baseball, softball, boxing and even football. She once pitched an exhibition game for the St. Louis Cardinals. She could drive a golf ball more than 300 yards.

# Expect To Save Life of Catcher

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Doctors said Thursday night they think they have won a fight to save the life of Ernie Lombardi, former major league catcher who attempted suicide Wednesday night.

The big, good-natured "Schnoz" lay near death earlier Thursday after slashing his throat with a razor blade.

But hospital spokesmen said the husky, 45-year-old ex-star was now "off the critical list and doing as well as could be expected."

Lombardi was given two transfusions to replace large quantities of blood lost when he cut his throat from ear to ear at the home of a sister. His wife, Bernice, said he pleaded "let me die" when she found him on a blood-soaked bed.

# Campbellton Takes 2-0 Lead In Series

CAMPBELLTON, N.B. (CP)—Campbellton Tigers gained a 2-0 lead in the Maritime intermediate A hockey finals when they trimmed H.M.C.S. Stadacona of Halifax 6-2 Thursday night.

The third game in the best-of-five series will be played Saturday at Halifax, with a fourth and fifth, if necessary, also at Halifax Sunday and Monday.

LONDON, (CP)—The Royal Naval Minesweeping Service nearly 3,000 strong since it was formed early last year, has received uniforms of navy blue battledress and beret for its task of guarding Britain's coast line in any future war.

# Memorial Field Lights Ready

The Memorial Field lighting system will be ready for some time today, it was learned here last night from Brigadier W. W. Reid, Director of the Physical Fitness Department.

Workmen have been putting the final touches on the installation of the lighting project for the past three days. Although the plant will be ready for operation within a few hours it is not likely that the lights will be used until nearly the first of July.

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