

SPORTS FRONT

Intangibles Influential

By CHRIS ANNETT

By the time that this column appears in print the results of the second game between Charlottetown Juveniles and St. Lamberts will be known and perhaps some of the questions that I am going to ask in this following paragraph might be answered. However it is unlikely that they will be because the Charlottetown team is without any question superior to the Quebec team and would likely beat the Quebec club under any conditions.

However the question of intangibles in sports is a complex one and well worthwhile looking. It would be interesting to know just how much effect a trip has on a team. Take the game Monday night for example. St. Lamberts appeared to be very tired and disorganized in the first period and it cost them five goals before they hit the scoreboard. They were still losing by five at the end of the period but were only outscored by two tallies in the closing stages of the contest.

This is where the intangible elements enter the game. The ice at the Charlottetown Forum is without a doubt very slow. The Charlottetown club has played on it all season but who knows what sort of ice St. Lamberts has played on. Did it affect their play? Fans will never know because the two clubs did not get a chance to play on fast ice. However it appears safe to say that the Charlottetown club is a much stronger skating team and could definitely stay with St. Lambert regardless of ice conditions.

Then one must consider the effect that a trip has on a team, and that means more than one thing. They are playing in a strange rink, facing what you might call hostile fans, and living a different life than at home to say the least. In the case of the Quebec team they have to adjust to an hour change in the time (seven o'clock here is six in Quebec) and that would mean that their meal schedule would be thrown off for the time they were down here.

People don't think of all these elements when they see a visiting team play but it happens all the time. Take for example Montreal Canadiens when they travel to Chicago. They have to go through the same adjustments. This is why the home team always has the decided advantage in a game. Athletes, as do all people, live on a sort of a built in time table and when there are interruptions to this it is bound to affect them to some degree. It would be indeed be interesting to see two teams playing some day with all the conditions equal to each, but that is something that is going to be impossible for any teams to ever do.

In the meantime fans will be able to argue that it was the trip or the home ice advantage that caused the visiting team to lose. Perhaps it's just as well.

RAMBLINGS

It's the Masters Golf Tourney time again in the States and a galaxy of the top golfers in the world are descending on Augusta, Georgia like a swarm of bees after honey. One of the more tourney favorites is Ben Hogan, the 53-year-old ace who started on the pro links in 1930, was in a car accident that almost killed him and then after doctors informed him that he would never walk again let alone play golf, won 4 U.S. opens, the 1953 British open and two Masters. Arnold Palmer who is always great on the Augusta course is also being favored as well as another long hitter Jack Nicklaus.

Observers Make Hogan Favorite

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Could he be that there is one more golfing miracle left in the tough, determined mind of Ben Hogan?

Such speculation gained momentum Tuesday as more than 100 of the world's top professionals and amateurs put in semi-final practice links for the 90th Masters Tournament, starting Thursday.

Hogan, the once dreaded Texas Hawk, apparently has cured his putting nerves. He is playing his best golf of the last 10 years. He is hard from a month's intensive training in Florida.

"I am playing better than I have in many years," the leathery Texan says. "If I can start sinking those five-foot putts, I think I have a chance."

Hogan's practice rounds have drawn praise from his playing partners and a certain amount of respect from the men who might be favored to win the championship.

SHOWS PROMISE
Hogan has been practicing here a week. He started out with what he called a bad round, then hit consecutive rounds of 70, 70, and 73. Reporters following him insisted he had a 68 last Saturday in beating Nicklaus, the defending champion.

The one thing against a possible Hogan victory seems to be age. He is 53 and his traditional stiff-legged walk has become a bit labored. Still, he hits the ball like a machine and no man in the field is better than he is from tee to green.

Also, the word "can't" always has been to Hogan like waving a red flag before an angry bull.

When this son of a Texas blacksmith started on the tour in the 1930's he had such an atrocious hook that observers

NHL Gives Final Franchise

By KEN PRITCHARD
NEW YORK (CP)—The National Hockey League awarded a conditional franchise Tuesday to a St. Louis group headed by Sidney Salomon Jr., completing the selection of six teams for expansion in 1967.

A petition from Vancouver was received by the league governors, who ruled that they were not in a position to consider further franchise applications at this time.

Said NHL President Clarence Campbell: "At such time as further expansion of the NHL is considered, the governors have agreed that cities such as Baltimore, Buffalo and Vancouver are acceptable and, qualified areas. However, there are no additional franchises available at this time."

Campbell briefed the press on the results of a lengthy meeting of the governors.

BEAT CHICAGO
The St. Louis group headed by Salomon was picked over one headed by Carl Berst of Chicago.

Early in February, conditional franchisees were awarded to Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Los Angeles and San Francisco-Oakland.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Wednesday night at the Charlottetown Club (Spare needed).

Ice 1 — Open (mixed).
Ice 2 — E. Tanton, A. Gill, G. Wright, H. Shama vs C. Asprey, E. Ford, D. Ward, G. Lord.
Ice 3 — F. MacMillan, S. Beaton, E. Gillespie, G. Gallant vs T. White, Bill Smith, B. Jones, Geo. Schleyer.

Ice 4 — L. Blakeney, N. Nicholson, Jim MacLean, F. Dillon vs A. Jones, J. MacDonald, Bob Stevenson, F. Miles.
Ice 5 — R.C. Parent, V. Milton, B. Partridge, W. Carr vs Henry Douglas, F. Corcoran, B. Rogerson, T. Winter, 1:30 p.m.

All ices open. (Mixed games will be played if they don't conflict with City Mens Championship).

AT SOURIS

Kassner trophy.
Ice 1, 7-9: H.B. Poole vs. Delory.

Ice 2, 7-9: Open.
Ice 1, 9-11: Jenkins vs. Peters.

Ice 2, 9-11: Durling vs. Gallant.



INTERPROVINCIAL BANQUET

Members and officials of the St. Lambert and Charlottetown Juvenile hockey clubs met in the more friendly atmosphere of a banquet yesterday afternoon at the Confederation Centre. Seen above are two members of the visiting club, from the left, Dennis Charbonaud and Roger Taylor talking with Deputy Mayor, Mrs. Dorothy Corrigan, Alan Flood and Billy MacKinnon, members of the Charlottetown Club. Also present at the banquet were members of the Charlottetown Minor Hockey Association executive and other noted officials from the Island.

Charlottetown Juveniles Mangle St. Lamberts Team

By CHRIS ANNETT.

The Charlottetown Minor Hockey Association Juveniles acted as perfect hosts yesterday afternoon as they dined their St. Lambert counterparts in lavish style at the Confederation Centre but all semblances of good hostmanship disappeared at the Charlottetown Forum last evening as the locals bombed the Quebec team 16-2 in the second game of their two game total point series. Six bin officials Don MacLean and Reg Arsenault could well have had writers cramps as a hungry Charlottetown team pressed for every minute of the rout.

Despite expectations that the St. Lambert club would put up a bit stronger battle after having gotten the lay of the land so to speak the Charlottetown club came up with an awesome display of power as almost every member of the 18-man team figured in the scoring in one way or another.

Bobby Whitlock led the scorers with four goals while Billy LeClair had three. Paul Stanley and Bob Doherty each contributed a brace of goals while Herman MacQuaid, Ken Ballem, Jim Dowling, Lowell Brown, and Jim MacDougall had one apiece. For the losers Abraham and Lemenu each had one. Oddly enough Ballem was the only defenseman to score a goal and he got that at the 19:47 mark.

The Charlottetown team held the majority of the play and completely outclassed their opposition. At no time was the question of the game in doubt despite the fact that the visitors opened the scoring at the 31 minute mark. From then on it was completely Charlottetown.

Fans had barely settled down in their seats after the opening whistle the first period when St. Lamberts opened the scoring in the game. John Murray and Bob Abraham took advantage of a 2-1 break as Abraham opened a goalmouth pass into the open corner. However a penalty to Abraham at the 3:44 mark proved costly to St. Lamberts as a Paul Stanley was in the right place in the right time to deflect a Bob Doherty point shot into the far corner.

Bob Whitlock gave the locals a comfortable 3-1 lead before the nine minute mark as he lashed on two equally beautiful efforts. Alan Flood, in the process of killing off a penalty set up Whitlock's first goal as he centered a pass that Whitlock banged in and then two minutes later he hit with a rising shot that just caught the upper left hand corner.

Jim Dowling, one of the less prolific marksmen on the club rounded out the scoring in the period as he squeezed a sharp angle shot behind Gary Ernest in the CSA cage. However fans got to see one of the very very few penalty shots called this year at the Forum when Barry Turner after having worked his way into the clear had the puck taken off of his stick by a thrown stick was given the honor. However Turner lost control of the puck as he attempted to deke the goalie.



BILL LECLAIR

Bob Doherty scored Charlottetown's fifth straight marked at about the five mark of the second as he put a screened backhand past Ernest and then Bill LeClair rapped a centering pass into the twines to run the count to 6-1 at the 7:30 mark. A penalty to Charlie O'Donnell led to the next local goal as Paul Stanley finished off a sustained attack on the St. Lambert goalie with a flip shot in the short

side after a goal mouth scramble.

Lowell Brown continued the flood of goals on the St. Lambert crew minutes later as he rammed in a shot between the pads and post, and then Billy LeClair took a perfect pass from Bill MacKinnon and cut in rifling the puck into the twines.

Bobby Whitlock and Jim MacDougall ran the score to 11-1 at the beginning of the third period as they scored after a passout and a pretty passing play respectively had set them up and then St. Lamberts finally got their second of the evening as Francoise Lemenu broke in on the right side and popped a quick shot into the far corner.

Whitlock continued his one man assault on the CSA club at just over the 11 minute mark as he converted passes from Bob Doherty and Alan Flood into the twelfth goal of the night, and approximately two minutes later

CURLING DRAW



TODAY'S DRAW

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Wednesday: 6:45 P.M.
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9:00 A.M.
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Habs Pre-Series Favorites As Playoffs Get Underway

By AL McNEIL
MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Canadiens are pre-game and pre-series favorites for their Stanley Cup semi-final despite the fact Toronto Maple Leafs hold the edge in regular season National Hockey League play. Oddsmakers have established the reigning Stanley Cup champions at 8½-2 choices for Thursday's opening game of the best-of-seven series against the Leafs. The same odds apply for the series.

Canadiens, who on the weekend wrapped up their eighth league title in 11 seasons under coach Toe Blake, finished the regular schedule on the short end of a 7-5-2 record against Toronto.

The Hawks open their series at home against fourth-place Detroit Red Wings the same night.

Blake ran his club through a 90-minute workout Tuesday. Canadiens will be at full strength for the opener, with the exception of all-star defenseman Jacques Laperriere, sidelined for the last 13 games with torn knee ligaments.

HAS GOOD HOPES
The Montreal coach said after the workout he thinks his club can handle the Leafs even though Toronto has won five of the seven games played on Forum ice this season.

His club had played well against Toronto in recent outings because the players were skating well.

"As long as we're skating they don't get the chance to hit," he said. "At least two of the mid-season games we played against them and lost, we just didn't seem up for them."

Blake said he thinks a considerable spread in the standings at the time caused the Canadiens to underestimate the opposition.

Now that the playoffs have arrived he doesn't think Toronto will be any tougher to beat than either Detroit or Chicago.

Frank Mahovlich, the Leafs'

starry leftwinger who scored 32 goals this season, may hold the key to his club's success.

Mahovlich injured his knee against Canadiens in Toronto last Wednesday, played against Boston Bruins Thursday, but since has been sidelined by fluid in the joint.

LOOK TO BIG M
Frank (King) Clancy, assistant general manager of the Toronto club, said Tuesday that "without Frank we haven't got a hope. If he's all right, we've got a better than 50-per-cent chance."

Clancy, filling in for coach Imlach, absent on a scouting trip, said that, if Leafs are to

beat Montreal, they must stop Henri Richard, Canadian speedy centre.

"He's the Canadiens' key player and the heart of the club," Clancy said. "If we stop him we'll stop Canadiens."

If Mahovlich is unable to play Toronto will bring up Dick Gamble from Rochester American of the American Hockey League as his replacement.

RIFLE SHOOT

Following are the scores at the York Rifle Club shoot held Wednesday night:

Scott MacDonald	100
Lorna Vessey	99
Raymond Vessey	98
Tom Vessey	98
Lorne Stevenson	98
Ernest Prowse	97
Lloyd Vessey	97
Wendell Brown	97
Blois Cotes	96
Lenore Crockett	95
Bob Currie	95
Keir Vessey	94
Reg. Mocher	94
Nelson Shaw	94
David Ling	94
Harold Neill	93
Lowell Vessey	90
Donna Bryenton	90
Ralph MacCallum	90
Stuard Vessey	90
Beryl Vessey	89
Frank Vessey	89
David Leard	87
Barry Metcalfe	87
Roland Vessey	86
Larry Welton	86
Wayne Vessey	86
George-Jenkins	85
Betty Crockett	80
Ricky Buell	80
Dwight Vessey	80
Jean Bruce	80
Arlene MacDonald	80
Donna Welton	80
Edward Bruce	80

Kensington Blanks Montague

Kensington Bantams defeated Montague Bantams at the St. Dunstan's rink 5-0 last night to capture the Island Bantam 'B' championship. This was a sudden death game.

Scoring for Kensington were: F. Wall, B. Murphy (3) and Blaine Coal.

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815x15 (710x15) /4	Diamond Nylon Tbls. Black	39.20	28.20
845x15 (760x15) /4	Diamond Nylon Tbls. Black	42.50	30.60
775x15 (670x15) /4	Diamond Nylon Tbls. W/W	39.20	28.25
815x15 (710x15) /4	Diamond Nylon Tbls. W/W	43.90	31.60
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