

SPORTS FRONT

Hawks Meeting Wings Tonight

By JIM CULLEN

The Detroit Red Wings and Montreal Canadiens picked up fifth game victories in Stanley Cup playoff action over the weekend to take 3-2 leads in their best-of-seven semi-finals with Chicago Black Hawks and Toronto Maple Leafs respectively.

The Hawks topped the defending Stanley Cup champions at the Montreal Forum Saturday night in a game which we thought they never should have won. This columnist feels the Leafs controlled the play throughout the greater part of this contest, but penalties hurt the Imlach coached squad and Bobby Rousseau's winning goal would probably never have gone in except Bower had the misfortune to have his stick break. These two teams take to the ice at Maple Leaf Gardens tonight and the Leafs will be facing elimination, but this is apparently when they play best and we will be calling a Toronto victory.

Sunday night's game between the Hawks and Red Wings was a bitter disappointment to our expectation of Stanley Cup playoff hockey. Neither team displayed a consistent attack and the Hawks, with the exception of Bobby Hull, looked like they were out for a 'Sunday afternoon' skate rather than taking part in a crucial Stanley Cup playoff tussle.

Once again we would have to use our harshest words on Stan Mikita, if we were in shouting distance of the Chicago players, and then Glen Hall would be next with the Chicago defence coming in for a close third. We don't believe that Mikita would even have to take a shower after the game as we didn't see him move fast enough to work up any sweat.

Norm Ullman's two rapid-fire goals that came within five seconds of each other in the dying stages of the second period and secured the victory for the Wings were far from spectacular in our opinion. True, the Chicago defence erred when they both backed in on Hall with one man coming down, but we think any minor league goalie could have handled the shots by Ullman let alone a man considered among the top goalies in the National Hockey League.

Action resumes in the Detroit-Chicago semi-final in Chicago tonight with the Billy Reay coached squad with their backs to the wall. We think they have the team capable of disposing of the high flying Detroit Red Wings. Some of those Chicago players wouldn't dare put on a performance on home ice comparable to Sunday's farce in the Olympia.

Tid Bits From Here And There

Congratulations to the Charlottetown Red's basketball team and coach Wayne MacDonald upon capturing the Island basketball championship by virtue of their victory over Summerside's Heckbert Studio Aces at Birchwood gymnasium Saturday afternoon. David Hyndman of the Red's was high scorer for Saturday afternoon's contest as he swished the twines for 14 points while teammates Art Strang and Peter McConnell each contributed 11 points to the Charlottetown cause. MacDonald's hoopsters will now represent the Island in the Maritime playdowns scheduled for New Brunswick this weekend.

Lorne Hennessy's Charlottetown midgets defeated New Brunswick in the Maritime midget hockey tournament staged at the Charlottetown Forum Friday and Saturday, but saw the Maritime crown come to rest in Nova Scotia when they ran into a fast skating, smooth passing midget squad from Antigonish in the final game of the tournament Saturday night and suffered a 6-2 setback.

President Johnson got the 1965 major league baseball season off to a rousing start Monday by throwing the first ball in an American League game between Washington Senators and Boston Red Sox. Johnson a one-time first baseman, surprised the Boston and Washington squads by getting off a toss that went over the heads of most of the players. Steve Riddick, a Senator pitcher, finally grabbed the ball after a scramble in which he wound up on the seat of his pants.

Minnesota Twins used a helicopter Monday to hoist four players, including starting pitcher Jim Kat, across a flooded area to Metropolitan Stadium for the baseball game with New York Yankees. The four live in Burnsville, a suburb cut off by the flooded Minnesota River.

The condition of Clarence Campbell, president of the National Hockey League stricken last Thursday with a peptic ulcer, was reported by Sunnybrook Hospital officials Monday as improved. The only visitor permitted to see him to date has been his wife.

CURLING ROUNDUP

**SOURIS**  
The following is today's draw for the Souris Curling Club 7 1/2 P.M. - 9 P.M.

- Ice 1 - R. Jenkins vs B. Pierce.
- Ice 2 - Gallant vs E. Glenn.
- 9 P.M. - 11 P.M.
- Ice 1 and 2 open for scratch games.

**CHARLOTTETOWN**  
The following is the curling draw for Tuesday night at the Charlottetown Curling Club: 8:30 P.M.

- Ice 1 - J. Squarebriggs, L. Blakeney, A.E. Piercey, Bob Stevenson vs Dr. Gallant, L. Bagnall, V. Mitton, Bill Stevenson.

Air Force Hockey Club Has Successful Season

By GEORGE TAYLOR  
S'IDE BUREAU. The Guardian SUMMERSIDE. It couldn't have been a nicer birthday present for RCAF Eagles, playing coach Tony Licari.

His Eagles defeated Borden Nationals 4-3 last Friday, the day of his 44th birthday, to win the PCHL championship in six games of a best-of-seven series. "It was a very good series," said the stocky, ex-NHL player. "It was one of the best all year. They (Borden) did a marvellous job. They have good skaters and play an open game. The crowds enjoyed the type of hockey we gave them."

MAKE REPUTATION  
The Eagles earned a tremendous reputation of winning the 'big' games as the season wore on. Three well balanced, and forever checking lines would have to be the major factor. Gravelle and Doug Tucker were the leading goal scorers with 26 and 20 respectively. Four others were in double figures. Their scoring punch undoubtedly would have been increased if smooth skating Kenny MacDonald hadn't been lost for most of the year. The fine playmaker was leading the league in assists when he broke his collarbone in a December game. In the end after a total of 56 games - 38 wins, 16 losses, two ties and not counting an exhibition game, the Air Force claimed the Maritime Armed Forces Hockey League Championship. The Maritime Tri-Service Tournament and of course, the PCHL title.

Here is evidence of what a 'clutch' team the RCAF were. They went unbeaten in their last four games to shade Borden by two points for a first place finish in the PCHL. In fact they shelved the Nats 10-2 in their last games to clinch it. Down two gave-to-one to Enman Drug in the PCHL semi-finals, the Eagles took the next three straight to win and the same situation applied when they met pesky Borden in the finals.

The Air Force won all the remaining handful of games to capture first place in the Maritime Armed Forces Hockey League. In the same league, after knocking off Cornwallis Cougars with little trouble, the Eagles claimed the MAFHL championship with a 4-2 victory over Greenwood Bombers in the deciding game of a best of three series. RCAF won the tri-service, single knockout tournament held here sweeping through undefeated in their three games. The Eagles trounced Shearwater Flyers 11-2 in the final game.

In addition, Gravelle was the scoring champion of the MAFHL from the opening game and in Tri-Service play, Eagle goalies Gerry Campbell and Gord MacLean united to win the Bidwell Trophy, awarded to the team having the fewest goals scored against them in tournament play. The RCAF won that by the slimmest of margins - one goal.

"It was a fantastic year," remarked Licari. "We have a pretty good club here and everything went for us."

**David Bauer Gives Opinion**  
CAMROSE, Alta. (CP) - Rev. David Bauer, coach of Canada's 1964 Olympic hockey team, says Canada should withdraw from the 1966 world hockey tournament to rebuild her team.

Speaking at a dinner Saturday in aid of \$300,000 recreation plan for Camrose, Father Bauer said the suggestion was not "our grapes."



DOUBLE SPILL ON DOUBLE PLAY

Minnesota Twins second baseman Jerry Kindall, left, and Ron Theobald of the New York Yankees tumble over each other on the first half of a double play in 11th inning of Theobald was forced at second when Elston Howard grounded into double play. Twins won 5-4.

Young George Royal Colt Runs Like Silky Sullivan

By JACK MORRIS

ALDERGROVE, B.C. (CP) - An unpretentious colt that almost yawns at the starting gate has quietly emerged as the top Canadian thoroughbred currently running on North American racetracks.

George Royal fools everybody. He hasn't the classic configuration of a Northern Dancer. He's so even - tempered he doesn't need a guide pony to the starting gate. He usually starts last.

"The sky could fall on that horse and it wouldn't bother him," says co-owner Bob Hall in the thick Irish brogue that every trainer should have. "But when the race starts you need a good heart. I'll tell you that."

George Royal runs like a Silky Sullivan, with a blazing burst in the stretch that so far in his young racing career has made his owners richer by \$156,000.

George Royal has had only one winter at the big-money tracks. But already he is considered a top rival to Northern Dancer who won \$50,647 in two years before pulling up lame, as the best-ever Canadian race horse.

**WANTS GUN BOW**  
Hall thinks of a "dream race" - Northern Dancer against his George Royal. Since Northern Dancer will never race again, Hall and co-owner Ernie Hammond have raised their sights to Gun Bow, the top money-maker in the United States.

In his first race against Gun Bow in California, the four-year-old dark bay colt from British Columbia finished half a length behind. In their second encounter, George Royal was six lengths in front.

In six starts in his first winter at the big California tracks, George Royal showed twice, then won the \$125,000 San Juan Ben. Jack said as he prepared to return to his Columbus, Ohio, home.

"Every time you walk out to that first tee, you realize you are under a great responsibility. People expect a lot of you. You have to deliver. Also, you have to keep delivering for yourself, or your confidence suddenly gets shaken."

"It's awfully tough on any man. I think that's why a player is unable to stay at the top for very long."

During the late 1940s and early 1950s when he won four U.S. opens, the PGA, the British open and two masters, Hogan was the favorite in every tournament he entered.

Capistrano Handicap March 11. He beat such favorites as Hill Rise, Duel and Cedar Key in that race.

Johnny Longden, the millionaire Canadian-born jockey who rode George Royal, can attest to the similarity between Silky Sullivan and the B.C. colt.

"This horse ran a helluva race," said Longden after the Capistrano triumph. "He must have been 20 lengths out of it but he really turned it on in the stretch."

George Royal now is "laid out" at Hall's Emerald Farms in this quiet Fraser Valley farming town just west of Hammond and his next race. The colt likely will go east, to race at Toronto and New York for the first time.

"Hall is the first to admit he never thought his colt would turn out so well."

"We bought him for \$3,000 as a nine-month colt - and that price included his half-sister, a two-year-old, thrown in with the deal."

Bred by Dark Hawk out of Polly Bashaw, two relatively unknown horses, George Royal nevertheless boasts some proud racing blood.

His sire was an offspring of Alibi, a great British stallion once considered the best in the world. Imported by U.S. movie mogul Louis B. Mayer, Alibi broke the Santa Anita track record for the mile during a workout, pulled up lame and never raced again.

George Royal showed promise the first time he hit a track, in Vancouver. He soon won almost everything in sight, including the \$15,000-added British Columbia Derby.

ESPOSITO FLAGGED  
Sunday, Esposito was the least oppressive of the three and Reay was forced to replace him on his regular line with super star Bobby Hull and hustling

Montreal's Charlie Hodge Is Back In Top Condition

By AL McNEIL

MONTREAL (CP) - Montreal Canadiens, who can wrap up their best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final series against the Maple Leafs in Toronto tonight, have developed what coach Toe Blake describes as a "nice worry."

Canadiens, who hold a 3-2 edge in games, worked out for 90 minutes at the forum Monday morning before departing for Toronto.

It was following the practice that Blake disclosed his goal-tending dilemma. "Both Gump and Charlie looked good in practice," the coach said. "It's a nice worry to have both healthy and sharp."

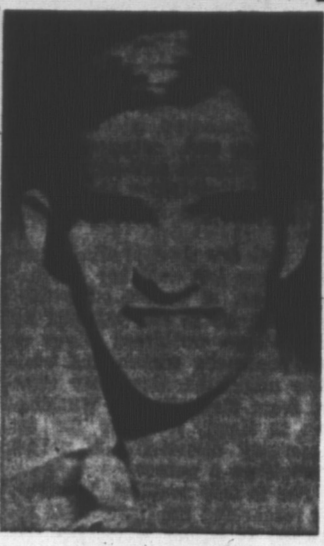
The Montreal coach was referring to the return of Hodge - who was sidelined with a groin injury - after turning in steady if unspectacular performances in Canadiens' first two victories of the series.

Sam Pollock, Canadiens general manager, said the club will keep Ernie Wakely, Quebec Aces goalie, on tap as an insurance netminder.

Blake said he will have the same lineup for tonight's sixth game scheduled for 8 p.m. EST (9 p.m. AST) at Maple Leaf Gardens.

"Hodge is okay, but Worsley will start," Blake said. "After the three games Gump has played it would be pretty hard to make a change now. . . . Any team would be happy to have this decision to make."

**HAVE EQUAL ABILITY**  
"I don't think the situation is



CHARLIE HODGE

that difficult," Blake said in reply to a query. "The boys have confidence in both goalies and play just as well behind either one."

Pollock agreed and said he felt the club had goaltenders of equal ability.

During the workout, Blake had Jean Beliveau centring Bobby Rousseau and Dick Duff; Ryan Cournoyer and John Ferguson centred by Ralph Backstrom; Little Henri Richard pivoted between Claude Provost and Dave Balon and a new combo had Gary Peters centring Red Berenson and Claude Larose.

Blake said his charges looked freer in practice than before

their last trip to Toronto in which they dropped two games to the Leafs, one in overtime. "I'm experimenting with Cournoyer right now," Blake said. "Larose is hurting himself by pressing so hard. . . . I'll send Cournoyer in when I see this and Berenson remains."

In regular season play, Montreal finished with 1,653 minutes in penalties, while the Leafs had 1,068. Detroit led the team penalty parade with 1,121, with Chicago sandwiched between Montreal and Toronto with 1,051.

Both Pollock and Blake said they are looking to their wing-men for some goal-scoring. "A seventh game, if necessary will be played here Thursday night."

"The style of hockey of the teams. . . . It just doesn't add up. We now have a team that isn't going to be pushed around, but it's not the kind of hockey we want to give the fans," Pollock said.

Tiger Pucksters Refuse Playoffs

CAMPBELLTON, N.B. (CP) - Campbellton Tigers will not contest the Maritime Intermediate "A" hockey championship, manager Robbie Robinson said here Monday.

Robinson said the Tigers wanted to play the winner of a semi-final series between the Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia champions "but the MAHA would have no part of it."

The Maritime Amateur Hockey Association asked the Tigers to play Charlottetown Royals this week, with the survivor to meet Shearwater Flyers for the Maritime title.

"We asked the MAHA to match P.E.I. and Nova Scotia, but they wouldn't do it," Robinson said. "I understood this was to be a pairing for the Maritime title."

In a letter dated Feb. 7, to Hanson Dowell, secretary-registrar of the MAHA, the Southern

New Brunswick League asked the governing body to change its original draw and match P.E.I. against Nova Scotia in the semi-final, with the N.B. winner getting the bye into the final. The Southern New Brunswick League says Dowell has never answered the letter, but in a telephone conversation, the secretary-registrar said the MAHA would comply with the request.

Robinson said he learned P.E.I. champion Charlottetown has played only seven games this season. In view of this there is no point playing them," he said.

"Had we known the MAHA was going to pull this on us, we could have played a best-of-five series with Lancaster," Robinson said. The Tigers defeated Lancaster Mooseheads two games to one to win the N.B. championship. Tigers won 7-4 at home, dropped the next game 7-6 in Saint John and won the deciding contest 3-2.

The provincial title was Campbellton's first Intermediate championship since 1954.

**Toronto Club A Little Late**  
By IAN MACLAINE  
TORONTO (CP) - It's a little late, but Toronto Maple Leafs are still experimenting after 92 pre-season, National Hockey League and Stanley Cup games.

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Ullman, a 10-year veteran and the league's top goal scorer with 42, has counted five in the playoffs, including the winning goals in the first and fifth games.

But Detroit's edge after five games and the disappointment in some of his players has failed to shake Reay's confidence that his club will come back here tonight and again in the seventh game, if necessary, in Detroit Thursday.

Ullman's two goals, late in the second period Sunday, came within a five-second span - a playoff record - and killed the Hawks.

There has been talk that Reay might switch to 23-year-old goalie Denis DeJordy when the series resumes tonight. Although Reay was not ready to criticize veteran Glenn Hall for the loss, he was at fault on Ullman's second period goals.

The oldest unchanged border on the European continent is that between Spain and Portugal.

During the workout defence-man Bob Bauw was slashed across the neck by Carl Brewer as the two combined to stop a

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