

Atlantics Swamp Islanders 5-0 In Opener

Irvin To Leave Lineup Unchanged As Canadiens Meet Chicago Tonight

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MONTREAL, (CP)—Coach Dick Irvin sent his Montreal Canadiens through a brisk skating and shooting drill Monday and then announced that the same team that overcame Chicago Black Hawks 3-0 Saturday night will face the Hawks again here Tuesday night.

That means that a big share of the lead in this deciding seventh game of the Stanley Cup semi-finals will be carried by rookie goalie Jacques Plante and three more rookies on the forward lines.

Working with the regular forwards will be Eddie Mazur, Calum MacKay and Lorne Davis, all called up along with Plante from farm clubs.

Veteran Ken Mosell, who played a strong game in Chicago after an injury lay-off, will get the nod again.

McNeil Injured

Irvin's decision to go along with Plante again was made definite when Gerry McNeil, benched for Saturday's game, suffered a severe ankle injury in Monday's practice.

A bullet shot by Maurice (Rocket) Richard caught McNeil on the right ankle. The goalie's skate was caught in the ice as the puck struck. The force of the shot saved in McNeil's boot. He was taken to hospital where examination showed torn ligaments and hemorrhage under the bruised and swollen skin.

Canadiens worked out while the Hawks were still en route to Montreal.

Annual Island Ice Meet Scheduled Here Tonight

The stage is all set for the Provincial Interscholastic Skating Championships tonight at the Forum when 333 young hopefuls will be sent away by starter Neil Matheson in what promises to be one of the biggest and most hotly contested meets of its kind ever held at the Forum. Entries have been received from centres right from Timiskaming to Souris.

Other officials who will be on hand to assist starter Matheson are: Referee-in-Chief, W. A. Gaudet; Judges, William Acorn, M.A., R. D. MacGillivray, Jack Anear, Lt. Col. A. W. Rogers; patrol judges, W. E. Scantlebury, J. T. Hogan, J. B. Scully, A. L. Perry; timer, Bill Bevin, Sr.; scorers, J. Plus, Callaghan, T. Fitzgerald; meet director, Bill Reid.

Immediately following the 24 skating events, the popular Recce Band will take over and provide real skating music for the pleasure of young and old. All skaters will get a thrill out of this good news and a record crowd is assured.

real. What new strategy coach Sid Abel will unfold in an effort to circumvent the thumping checking of the front-line rookies and overcome Plante's wizardry remain to be seen.

"We will play the same hard-hitting game that stopped the Hawks Saturday," said Irvin. "That was the first game in this series in which we got a maximum effort from each player."

Canadiens Looked Good

"The boys were really digging in at practice and showed lots of spirit. If we play the same kind of game we did in Chicago we should win."

"The injury to Gerry dispelled all thoughts of using him. I had given it consideration because Gerry had settled down and was looking good after his little crackup and nervousness following our three losses. He was the most relieved-looking player you ever saw and he was going great in practice. But again Jacques was doing a real job too."

Irvin said he thinks the team that wins tonight and moves on to the big final against Boston Bruins "will win on its merits."

"I think, and certainly I hope, the breaks will play no deciding part. It's about time they disappeared from this series. That Boston-Detroit series wound up that way in Sunday night's game."

"But we'll have to take whatever happens. There's still what I call the 'hidden hand' maybe it's the fickle finger of fate."

Murph Chamberlain, was disappointed in the showing of the team but gave the Atlantics full credit for the win. "We didn't have a man on our team playing hockey," stated Murph. There are two reasons why the Islanders showed such poor form here. First many of the boys have colds Hub Beaudry and Bob Gray were both very sick over the weekend. Yesterday a number of the players were given penicillin to shake off their colds. About the only player not affected is Larry Travis.

The second reason is that the Islanders had a fairly tough game against the Miners on Saturday. Chuck Holdaway blamed the defeat on the fact that the players reached a climax during the Glace Bay series and that the game last night seemed like an anti-climax. The problem now is to get them in shape for Wednesday night. The boys are freely blaming themselves for their poor showing and vow that things will be much different on Wednesday.

Expect Coan To Return Soon

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The Washington Senators got some cheering news Monday. Doctors reported Gil Coan's leg injury is not as serious as it was thought at first and he'll probably be back in action within 30 days.

The injury to Coan was doubly painful to the Senators, for the field outfielder had been at the peak of his game this spring, apparently ready for the stardom which always had seemed to elude him.

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Quebec Citadelles Win Junior Series Opener

QUEBEC, (CP)—Quebec Citadelle defeated Timmins-Porcupine 6-2 in a one-sided contest Monday night to take a 1-0 lead in their best-of-five Eastern Canada junior hockey semi-final.

Mo Collins, big defenceman,

and little centre Gaston Pelletier each scored two goals for the bigger and faster Citadelle, and Jean-Jacques Pichette and Roland Leclerc scored one each. Graham Savard and Mervyn Towers scored for the visitors.

Meyer's Control Boosts Brooklyn Dodgers' Hopes

LOUISVILLE, (AP)—The current Brooklyn Dodger mystery is what happened to Russ Meyer's?

Everybody's been waiting for the trigger-tempered pitcher from Philadelphia Phillies to "blow his screws"—as he puts it. But so far nothing has happened.

The problem righthander who came to the Dodgers in one of the late winter trades has now spent 42 days in spring training without tossing one of his famous tantrums.

He's had plenty of opportunities, too—but instead of obeying the impulse has tightened his jaw and just thrown a little more into his pitching.

Manager Charlie Dressen is pleased with the way Meyer has turned out. The young righthander looked particularly impressive Sunday in his seven-inning stint against Milwaukee Braves, a 3-1 winning performance.

The Braves' bench jockeys were never in finer fettle as they rode Meyer unmercifully from the dugout. Meyer never let himself get flustered. He just grinned back.

"This is the slow sky high on the slightest provocation. I've frequently after a game in which he was relieved, teammates would return to their dressing quarters to find everything in shambles—chairs and benches shattered, waste baskets broken, walls cracked and clothes strewn over the premises.

Nothing like that has happened so far at Brooklyn. Carrying out a pre-season plan to devote all his energies to pitching, Meyer has been meek as a mouse. He hasn't baited an umpire.

Meyer had toned down considerably when he came to the Dodgers but still his teammates never knew what to expect. He has been getting along handsomely with Jackie Robinson with whom Russ has his last big shubart.

Back in May, 1951, Meyer and Robinson almost came to blows after Meyer dropped the ball, permitting Robinson to score on a run-down play on which there was some bumping.

In 1949 Meyer was suspended for a blast at an umpire after Robinson stole home. And in 1950 he was suspended again for "chewing" umpire Al Barlick and throwing a ball at the ump back-handed.

Two Halifax fans were escorted from the rink during the contest in the second period a teen-aged fan almost struck Joe Lepine with the puck as he threw it back on the ice. It is doubtful if the fan intended to hit Lepine but the Halifax players insisted that the boy be thrown out of the rink.

In the last period another boy about 20 years of age held onto Brklackich's stick in the corner. Brklackich had considerable trouble getting the stick free and when he did he rebuked the fan who retaliated by spitting on the Islanders' player. A short mix-up followed.

Referees George O'Donoghue and Jimmy Kelly took much of the hockey out of the game with their

overly-strict officiating. Many of the penalties for both teams were undeserved and Ronnie Hurst in particular was the victim of one very cheap penalty. Hurst was still in the sinners bin when the Atlantics scored their fourth goal as the result of the call. In the last period the officials called them equally as cheap for the Atlantics. The referees in their anxiety to prevent trouble stopped the play almost as soon as two players came together along the boards.

Coach Dugger MacNeill of the Atlantics expects a tough series yet. Dugger was outstandingly happy over the impressive showing of his team but is not over-confident. He has ordered another practice for this afternoon at one o'clock. He stated last night that he has kept his team working hard during their enforced lay-off of the last couple of weeks.

Halifax cab drivers figure that the Atlantics will win the series without much trouble. On the way to the game a cable expressed the opinion that the Atlantics had too much power for the Islanders. The driver stated he was an anti-Atlantics man and wanted nothing better than to see Halifax taking a licking. He sympathized with the Islanders because he figured they got a raw deal in having to meet Glace Bay the second time.

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Saint John Hoop Team Takes Lead

SAINT JOHN, N. B., (CP)—Saint John Marcus Minors practically clinched the Maritime juvenile basketball crown in one game Monday night when they overwhelmed Halifax Comets 83-46.

The second game of the two-game total-point series will be played here Tuesday night.

Marcus Minors had a hefty 40-20 lead at half time and steadily increased the margin.

Minor Hockey Night Proving To Be Popular

The last few days interest in Wednesday night's big hockey session at the Forum has been increasing until it is now at a point of real enthusiasm. Rorarians state that adults who normally take little interest in our winter game are enquiring about the various teams, time of games, etc. The hundreds of youngsters who had the benefit of the programme all winter but who were eliminated by the finalists are planning to be on hand to cheer up the Cotton States League and there to see their boys strut their stuff and dyed-in-the-wool fans will be there to see the future greats so it promises to be a big night.

Four games will be played in all with the evenings entertainment concluding with a skate. Following is the evening's programme:

7:00 p.m.—Paperweights City Title—Bluebirds vs Falcons.

7:30 p.m.—Pee Wee City Title—Hornet vs Canadians.

8:10 p.m.—Bantam City Title—Whirlwinds vs Eagles.

8:45 p.m.—Midget City Title—Parkers vs Aces.

9:—p.m.—Skating.

Hockey Scores

Maritime Major
Charlottetown 0, Halifax 5.
Halifax leads best-of-nine finals 1-0.

Allan Cup
Sudbury 4, Kitchener 6.
Kitchener wins best-of-seven Eastern semi-final 4-2, one tie.
Regina 2, Fort William 7.
Fort William leads best-of-seven semi-final 3-2.

Memorial Cup
Timmins 2, Quebec 6.
Quebec leads best-of-five Eastern semi-final 1-0.
St. Michael's 6, Barrie 4.
Toronto leads best-of-nine Eastern semi-final 3-2.

Mickey Mantle Is Recovering

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., (AP)—Mickey Mantle is almost recovered from the rash ailment which struck him a week ago and probably will open in centrefield for the New York Yankees against Washington next Monday in Washington.

Manager Casey Stengel said Monday he had received word that the young outfielder would rejoin the squad Tuesday in Nashville.

Mantle had returned home to Commerce, Okla., after being sidelined by the rash and a swelling of the glands under the arms.

Stengel became irked at Mantle's absence Sunday, declaring: "If he's better he should rejoin the team. If he ain't, then he belongs in New York under a doctor's care. I don't want him in Oklahoma."

When Mantle was afflicted a week ago, it was said he might be out for three weeks.

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Admission To Be Increased For Finals Games

For the final series with the Halifax Atlantics, the price of admission at the Charlottetown Forum will be raised. It was announced yesterday by the executive of the Islanders Hockey Club. This increase was established a year ago, and very graciously accepted by the hockey public.

The reason, of course, is the financial pressure on the Islanders' executive, who have had great worries in this regard all season but especially so in the past several weeks. This condition was much aggravated last week when no league game was played. The Islanders' executive of course are just the agents of the public, and feels you would act in a similar way were you in their position.

The spirit of full co-operation and support is assured so that player commitments can be carried out. It may be added that this additional charge will go completely to the club.

Team Tossed Out Of League Because Of Two Negroes

GREENVILLE, Miss., (AP)—The Hot Springs, Ark., baseball team was tossed out of the Cotton States League Monday because of its refusal to release two Negro players.

Meeting in a lengthy executive session, the class C league directors terminated Hot Springs' franchise "since it is a matter of survival of the league."

In a prepared statement, league president A. Haraway said: "Since the Hot Springs club has assumed a position from which it refuses to recede, which would disrupt the Cotton States League and cause its dissolution, which position having been assumed without the courtesy of a league discussion and since it is a matter of survival of the league, or transfer of the Hot Springs franchise, this action was taken."

Leslie O'Connor, a Chicago lawyer and former general manager of Chicago White Sox, termed the directors' action "the most grievous error ever committed in baseball." He did not elaborate.

O'Connor accompanied the Hot Springs delegation here to "assist the club in any way he could."

Hot Springs representatives said no further action was planned until the club's directors have been advised.

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A little over a minute before the period ended Bob Hayes was chased for charging Chuck Holdaway. Despite the odd man advantage the Islanders were unable to get out of their own end.

The period was fast and rough with the Atlantics enjoying a wide edge on the play. Carroll Bloom handed out the best body check as he crashed Beaudry to the ice with a solid belt at the 45 second mark. Goalenders Al Miller and Roy MacMeekin each made nine stops.

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Soccer Results

IRISH LEAGUE
Ards 2 Bangor 1.
Coleraine 0 Derby City 3.
Distillery 0 Cliftonville 0.
Glenoran 3 Crusaders 0.
Linfield 2 Glenavon 0.
Portadown 1 Ballymena U 1

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Div III Southern
Shrewsbury T 3 Gillingham 1.
Div III Northern
Accrington 0 Oldham A 2.
Scunthorpe U 2 Crewe Alex 0.

STOLEN DRESSES
MONTREAL, (CP)—H. Leibling reported theft of \$1,400 in dresses and \$40 in other articles from his parked motorcar here. The loot included 150 dresses.

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4,500 Fans See Lively Encounter As 9-Game Series Gets Underway

HALIFAX, April 6 — (Special)—The Halifax Atlantics displayed near perfect form here tonight in outskating and outplaying the Charlottetown Islanders for a convincing 5-0 win in the opening game of the best of nine series for the Maritime Major Hockey League championship. The Atlantics, after getting away to a slow start in the opening five minutes, opened up with a flashy passing and pressure attack to keep the tired Islanders out of contention during the first and second periods.

The Halifax crew scored one goal in the first period and ripped through with four more in the penalty infested second period to put the game out of reach of the Islanders.

Some 4,500 fans were in attendance.

Billy Ford opened the scoring for Halifax while the Islanders played two men short in the first period. Billy Watson, Billy Good, Hughie Campbell and Doug MacPhee counted off the Haligonians in the middle period. The superior skating of the Atlantics told the story of tonight's game. The long rest during the league semi-finals appeared to sharpen the Halifax club as they clicked on in every department.

Penalties Costly

Penalties served to ruin the Islanders in the first two periods. Referees O'Donoghue and Kelly called even the most minor infractions and there were several times when two Islanders sat in the penalty box.

Halifax scored three times while the Islanders were short handed. Twice the puck took a bad bounce on the soft ice and eluded the agile Al Miller who turned in a good game although beaten five times. Islanders started fast in the first period with Hurst firing the first shot on the Halifax net at the 30 second mark. Successive penalties to Good and Hayes of Halifax left the Atlantics two men short but the Islanders came close only once when Bob Gray drilled a low shot from close in that MacMeekin stopped with his skate.

Kenny Laufman tested Al Miller for the first time at the 5:40 mark on a 30 foot shot. The shot marked a turn in the tide of the play as the Atlantics took over and controlled matters for the rest of the period.

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Lineups:
Charlottetown—Goal, Miller; defence, McLagan, Gustavson, Travis, Hurst, Brklackich; forwards, Whitlock, Gray, Gordon, Wiseman, Beaudry, Pawlshyn, Clement, Holdaway.
Halifax—Goal, McMeekin; defence, Lepine, Bloom, Hayes, Bergeron; forwards, King, Bonness, Campbell, Watson, Ford, Laufman, McPhee, Good, Hollett.

Referees: Kelly and O'Donoghue.

First Period
1—Halifax, Ford
(Bloom) 9:55
Penalties — Good 5:2, Hayes 2:00, Gustavson 8:18, Brklackich 8:24, Travis 12:54, Wiseman and Bergeron 13:37, Hayes 18:47.

Second Period
2—Halifax, Watson
(Campbell, Bloom) 2:43
3—Halifax, Good
(Lepine) 6:14
4—Halifax, Campbell
(Watson) 10:10
5—Halifax, McPhee
(Hollett, Good) 18:41

Penalties — Bloom 4:24, Bonness 6:47, Wiseman 7:20, 13:21, Hayes 7:46, Hurst 8:24, 17:53, Brklackich 12:48, McLagan 17:02.

Third Period
Scoring — None
Penalties — Bloom 1:45, Laufman 3:08, Campbell 6:08, Brklackich misconduct 11:42, match misconduct 16:33, Bonness 15:14, McPhee and Wiseman majors 16:33, Lepine 19:04.

Stops:
Miller 9 14 6—23
McMeekin 9 6 11—26

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