

Black Hawks Say Goodbye

By CHRIS ANNETT

The hopes and fears of thousands of Chicago Black Hawk fans went down the drain and were realized...

However fans watching the game got their fill of good action packed hockey and one has to admit that for a moment...

Iron Man Hull showed signs of rusting a bit under the ceaseless observation of Watson and did little to help his image...

Watson is bound to be popular with Canadian fans, for the moment anyway, with some Dickie Moore fans, for in holding Hull to a pair of goals and two assists in the semi-finals...

HULL NOT DESPONDENT

When Hull was interviewed after the game he did not express any disappointment in the loss but rather his joy that hockey for the winter had finally come to an end...

One wonders what a man like Hull is playing hockey for if he is so anxious to get out of the game as he has announced he will do following next year...

WINGS JUBILANT

The Red Wings were jubilant after the big win and the happiest two men on the team must have been Leo Boivin and Dean Prentice...

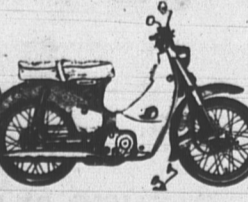
As the TV announcer stated last evening Prentice probably could have been the mayor of Detroit when he streaked into the clear and jammed in the winning goal in the game...

The final is going to be a great series and Detroit is going to give the Canadians more than their share of worries...

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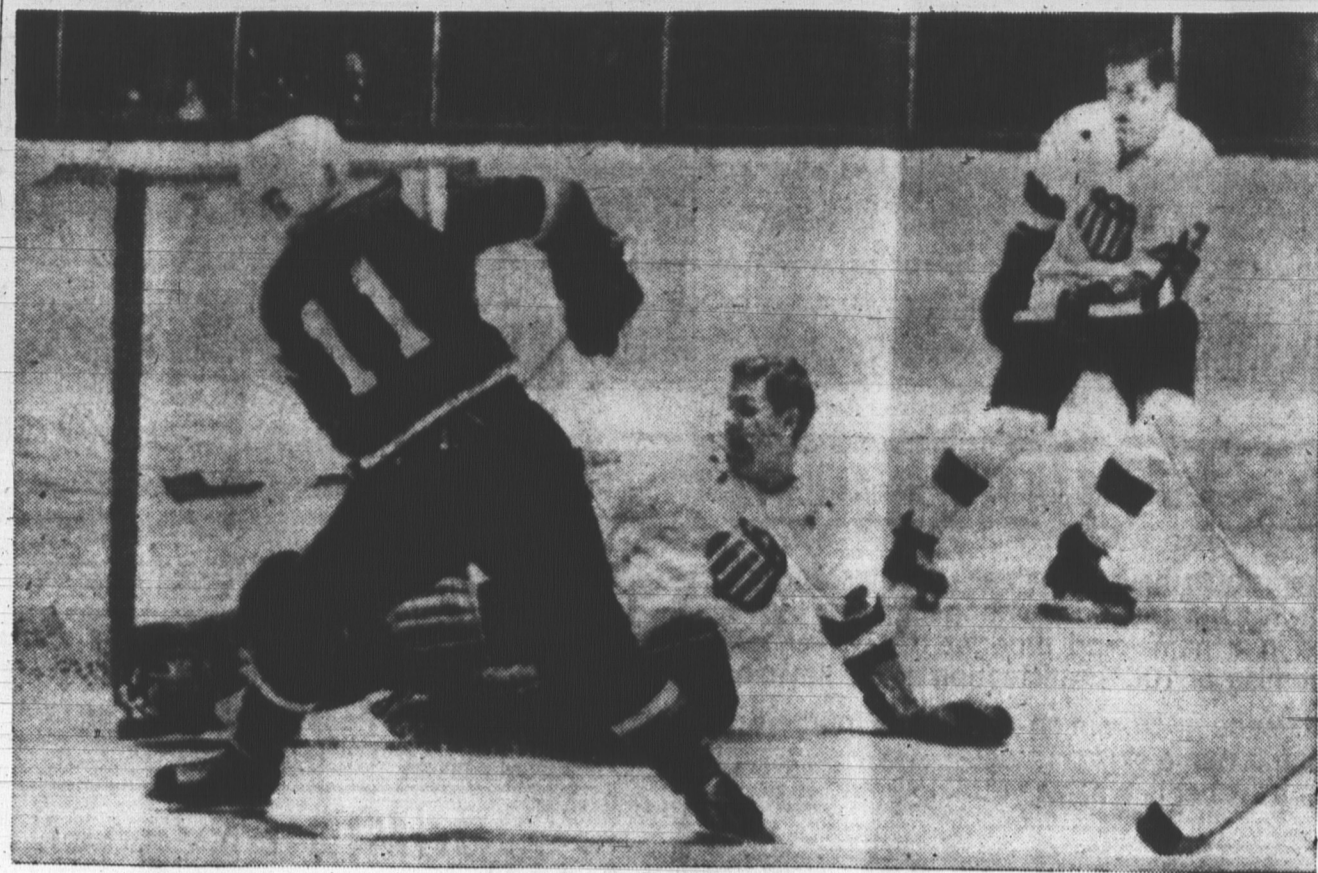
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CALDER CUP ACTION

Bill Sutherland (11) of Quebec Aces pokes at the puck as goalie Gary Smith of the Rochester Americans kicks it out...

in the first period of the American Hockey League best-of-seven semi-final game in Toronto Wednesday night...

Rochester's Duane Rupp moves in to cover the Quebec player. The Aces won 5-2 and took a 2-1 lead in the semi-final series.

Montreal Habs Are Set For Series Against Wings

By AL McNEIL MONTREAL (CP)— Montreal Canadiens plan no special strategy against Detroit Red Wings in their upcoming best-of-seven Stanley Cup final series.

The round gets under way here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. EDT, with the second game also slated for the Montreal Forum Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

Montreal coach Toe Blake said after Wednesday morning's workout that the fact that his club is meeting Detroit rather than Chicago will leave right winger Claude Provost free to concentrate on offence...

Blake said it had made no difference to Canadiens who they came up against in the final round, but since it is Detroit, he looks to a free-wheeling, skating series.

MADE LITTLE DIFFERENCE "The only difference is that against Detroit we won't need to send one man out there to cover a specific forward and can go back to playing line against line rather than man-man."

He said he had not decided



TOE BLAKE

which line he will employ against the high-flying Wings' trio of Gordie Howe, Alex Delvecchio and Dean Prentice.

Prentice sank the Hawks with his two third-period goals Tuesday night as Detroit downed Chicago 3-2 to win that semi-final series 4-2. Canadiens had earlier disposed of Toronto Maple Leafs four straight to advance to the final.

In all, Prentice accounted for four goals against the Hawks

and assisted in an equal number. Howe rapped three behind Glenn Hall in the Chicago nets and had five assists in the six games. Delvecchio didn't score a goal, but had eight assists.

MUST WATCH ULLMAN However, while Blake planned no special strategy, individual members of the Montreal team agreed they will have to keep a close eye on Norm Ullman, the Wings' shifty centre and the veteran Howe.

Ralph Backstrom, who could draw the assignment of facing off against the classy Ullman, pointed out that the Detroit centre had been murder against Montreal all year.

Ullman, who leads the individual playoff points derby with two goals and seven assists, accounted for eight regular season goals and six assists against the Montrealers in the 14 times the clubs met over the regular season.

Howe scored six goals and assisted on 10 others, despite the fact the Wings were edged 7-4-3 by Canadiens over the 70-game haul.

Little Henri Richard, who missed the last two games against Toronto in the semi-finals, was flying at Canadiens Wednesday workout.

"I feel okay and the knee is standing up fine," Richard said, as he doffed a rubber sweat suit after practice. "I'm ready to play now and this week's skating has brought me back into shape."

Blake said the week-long lay-off since the Toronto series had proved beneficial "only to Henri" and said he hoped the long spell between games will not prove detrimental to his club.

Big Jean Beliveau, Canadiens captain and last year's initial winner of the Conn Smythe Trophy as the top player in the playoffs, said he feels he is in better form this year than last.

Canadiens enter the final round missing only one regular defenceman Jacques Laperriere, sidelined 13 games before the season's end by torn knee ligaments. He also missed last year's Stanley Cup victory against Chicago because of a fractured leg.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American League Detroit 601 001—3 10 Boston 010 003 00x—3 7 0

Wicksman, Fox (0-1) (3), Gladding (7), Sherry (8) and Frechan; Stephenson (1-0), Radatz (7) and Tillman. HRs: Det—Demeter (1), Bos—Conigliaro (1).

New York 200 000 000—2 6 1 Cleveland 000 000 133x—4 10 0

Friend, Hamilton (7), Ramos (0-3) (7) and Howard; Siebert, O'Donoghue (1-0) (8) and Sims. HR: Cle—Whitfield (2).

Washington 100 000 020—3 8 0 Baltimore 001 010 40x—6 9 1

Richert (0-2) Cox (7) and Camilli, Brumley (7); Bunker (1-1) Miller (8) and Etchebarren. HRs: Wash—McMullen (2), Balt—Etchebarren (1).

Minnesota at Kansas City, ppd, wet grounds and cold

National League St. Louis at New York, ppd, wet grounds

San Francisco at Chicago, ppd, wet grounds.

Cincinnati 000 000 101—2 5 0 Pittsburgh 000 101 001—3 6 0

Maloney, Baldschun (0-2) (8) and Edwards; Cardwell, Face (1-0) (9) and Gonder, May (9) HR: Cin—Johnson (1).

Atlanta 221 020 001—8 9 1 Phila. 000 000 001—1 6 0

Johnson (1-1) and Torre; Culp (0-2), Herbert (2), Jackson (3), Jenkins (3), Wagner (6), Belinsky (8) and Dalrymple. HRs: Atl—Aaron (2), Thomas (2).

Los Angeles 010 000 200—3 8 1 Houston 000 001 001—2 7 0

Osteen (3-0) and Roseboro, Torborg (7); Bruce (1-1) Carpin (7); Owens (8) and Bate-man. HR: LA—Ferrara (1).

PROBABLE PITCHERS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Probable pitchers for today's major league games, won-lost records in parenthesis:

American League Chicago, Pizarro (1-0) at California, Newman (0-0), N. Only games scheduled.

National League San Francisco, Shaw (1-0) at Chicago, Buhl (0-0).

Atlanta, Lemaster (1-0) at Philadelphia, Short (1-0), N. Cincinnati, Pappas (0-0) at Nuxhall (0-1) at Pittsburgh, Veale (0-0), N.

St. Louis, Gibson (1-0) at New York, Gardner (0-0) Only games scheduled.

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DETROIT WINGS Take Day Off

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT (AP)—Detroit Red Wings took the day off Wednesday to celebrate their Stanley Cup semi-final triumph over Chicago and start thinking about the Stanley Cup finals which start in Montreal Sunday.

Manager-coach Sid Abel plans to send his squad through a light "skating drill today, with possibly a more vigorous practice Friday.

The Red Wings plan to leave for Montreal late Saturday.

The Wings, though tired after the six-game series with the Black Hawks, will go into the Montreal series with all players healthy.

Dean Prentice, who score two late third-period goals to give the Wings their 3-2 verdict in the final game Tuesday night, had a bruise on his upper lip where he struck a Chicago shot.

Defenceman Bill Gadsby, still looking for his first Stanley Cup in 20 years of play, sloped a Pat Stapleton shot with his right elbow but expects to be ready Sunday.

Goalie Roger Crozier, who gave up 10 goals in the six

NHL Public Response Surprises Officials

By ROD CURRIE

NEW YORK (CP)—The National Broadcasting Corporation said Wednesday it is "pleasantly surprised and encouraged" by the public response to the network televising of National Hockey League playoff games.

But the NBC spokesman and the competing Columbia Broadcasting System said it still is too early to assess the national appeal of a sport that isn't played in perhaps half the U.S.

Carl Lindman, sports director for NBC, said the TV ratings in 27 cities were higher than expected but the test area and the duration of the test were too limited to be conclusive.

"We will have to have samplings over a wider area and for a longer period of time and then analyse what they mean before we can determine just how popular hockey on TV is," Lindman said.

For one thing, the 27 test areas included all the U.S. NHL cities except Chicago, scene of the two NHL playoff games televised so far, which was blacked out.

Lindman said NBC, the sponsors and the NHL entered into the agreement to televise the NHL Sunday playoff games, with the tentative "long-term plan" to expand the coverage next season. However, no contract had been proposed for next year and no decision would be made until the more complete ratings had been studied and analysed.

In Montreal, Clarence Campbell, NHL president, said it "is very gratifying to know we have come so far, as we are only half way."

The third NBC color presentation is scheduled for Sunday afternoon from the Montreal Forum when Canadiens meet Detroit Red Wings in the opening game of the Stanley Cup finals. The fourth will be the following Sunday, May 1, from Detroit Olympia.

"It's always good to know that the ratings are better than originally anticipated," Campbell said. "We (the NHL) have noticed a stepped up interest by the interested parties."

HORSESHOE MEETING

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Earl McCourt had announced that the regular play in the Island Horseshoe League is slated to commence in the second week of May this season and that facilities will be greatly improved over last year. It is hoped that all communities will attempt to enter a team in the competitions this season and two sections, novice and experienced are going to be run at the first of the year. The schedule for play will be announced at a later date in this paper.

Leafs Coach Punch Imlach Inks Three Year Contract

By BILL SENYK

TORONTO (CP)—The taskmaster who has guided Toronto Maple Leafs for the last eight National Hockey League seasons will continue as pilot of the team for the next four.

George (Punch) Imlach signed an additional three-year contract as general manager and coach of the Leafs Wednesday. He still had a year to run on his previous contract and this, together with the new pact, will keep him with the team until the end of the 1969-70 season.

Stafford Smythe, president of Maple Leaf Gardens who announced the signing, said the new contract should end speculation that Imlach, 48, would be leaving the Leafs. Recent reports suggested Punch might go to Los Angeles' new NHL entry in 1967.

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the club shows a record of three Stanley Cups, one NHL title, three second-place finishes, two thirds and two fourths.

Commenting on his new contract, Punch said: "I signed as general manager-coach on very satisfactory terms. This should put an end to the wild tales that (a) I was leaving town, and (b) that I was retiring to the front office with someone else taking over as coach."

Imlach said he is going to Tulsa to "watch our team there play Oklahoma in the Central Hockey League finals and from there I'll go to San Francisco to

comment on the new contract. Imlach, 48, would be leaving the Leafs. Recent reports suggested Punch might go to Los Angeles' new NHL entry in 1967.

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see our Victoria team in the Western League playoffs. "I'll also be looking at players on other teams with an eye to the draft and possible trades."

Saunders, Brewer Favored

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Doug Saunders, biggest winner on the tour, and Gay Brewer, who would have been were it not for Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer, will be the favorites in the \$85,000 Dallas open golf tournament starting today.

It seems most logical since they are the hottest players of the last two months and come here as No. 1 and No. 3 money winners of the year.

Saunders has captured three tournaments, the most of any player, and Brewer has been quite the sensation since he won the Pensacola open in March.

Brewer has the lowest stroke average, 70.11, and has been no lower than ninth in six straight tournaments. He lost in playoffs to Nicklaus and Tommy Jacobs in the Masters and to Palmer in the Tournament of Champions.

But he won't have Nicklaus and Palmer to contend with here since Nicklaus never entered and Palmer passed up the tournament because of television commitments.

Nicklaus, Palmer, Gary Player, Ken Venturi and Billy Casper, Saunders and Brewer face a field that has 12 of the top 20 money winners.

There will be 144 in the field when they move out in the opening round. This will be cut to the low 70 and ties after the second round Friday.

MARITIME RACING

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HALIFAX (CP)—Princess Jane C., was the only double winner on the 10-dash harness racing card at the Exhibition Raceway here Wednesday.

Other race winners were Halie's King, True Hero, Jolly Bars, Becky's Prince, Spencer Rapid, W.W. Direct, Lee Texas and Bill's Time.

Fastest three furlongs was in 47.2 seconds by Jolly Bars and fastest three-quarters of a mile in 1:40.3 by Halie's King.

Aaron Hits 400; Favorites Win

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Hank Aaron became the 12th player in major league history to hit the 400-homer mark when he hammered a pair in Atlanta's 8-1 victory over Philadelphia Wednesday night.

Aaron collected No. 399 in the first inning, hitting a 3-2 pitch with one on into the left field bleachers off Ray Culp after protesting a called strike.

Then, in the ninth, the 32-year-old right-handed swinger got No. 400, tagging a 2-1 pitch from Bo Belinsky high over the left field bleachers.

Only four active players—Willie Mays of San Francisco, teammate Eddie Matherwa, Mickey Mantle of New York Yankees and Ernie Banks of Chicago Cubs—have hit more homers than Aaron.

CLEVELAND (AP)—Fred Whitfield's second homer in two nights against New York capped a three-run eighth inning uprising that carried unbeaten Cleveland to a 4-2 victory over the Yankees Wednesday night.

It was the Indians' sixth victory and the Yankees' fourth straight loss and seventh in eight games this season.

Whitfield, who hit 10 homers against the Yankees last year, homered in the Indians' 3-1 victory against New York Tuesday night and hammered a two-run shot this time that snapped a 2-2 tie.

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pinch-hitter Jose Pagan hit a bases loaded sacrifice fly in the ninth inning, scoring Donn Clendenon with the winning run as Pittsburgh Pirates shaded Cincinnati Reds 3-2 Wednesday night.

Pagan batted for ace pinch-hitter Jerry Lynch.

The Pirates, who won their seventh game in eight starts, had loaded the bases when Clendenon and Bill Mazeroski opened the ninth with consecutive singles and Bob Bailey was given an intentional walk.

BALTIMORE (AP)—Andy Etchebarren and Louis Aparicio, forgotten members of Baltimore's power lineup, picked up the slack Wednesday night and helped bat the Orioles to a 6-3 victory over Washington Senators.

Etchebarren smacked a homer and a double. Aparicio drove in two runs with a pair of doubles and a single. Boof Powell broke out of his slump with a two-run double during a four-run rally in the seventh that put Baltimore ahead 6-1.

BOSTON (AP)—Tony Conigliaro broke out of a batting slump by hitting his first 1966 homer with two on base in the sixth inning Wednesday, boosting the Boston Red Sox to a 5-3 rain-soaked victory over the Detroit Tigers in the American League.

The Tigers held a 2-1 lead in a game played in steady rain until Conigliaro connected for his second extra base hit of the season.

After Boston took a 1-0 lead on singles by George Scott and Bob Tillman and a double by Rico Petrocelli in the second, Detroit tied the count in the

Banff Sees Ace-In-Hole

By STUART LAKE

OTTAWA (CP)—Calgary lawyer Peter Lougheed said Wednesday Banff's unsuccessful bid for the 1968 Winter Olympics may be an ace-in-the-hole for the Canadians when they present their case for the 1972 games.

Lougheed, 37, vice-president of the Canadian Olympic delegation, was in Ottawa briefly lining up any last-minute support before taking off for Rome where next Tuesday representatives of 72 nations decide the sites for the 1972 Summer and Winter Games.

Lougheed recalled that Innsbruck in Austria was a contender for the 1960 Winter Games but lost to a strong bid by Squaw Valley in the U.S.

Sentiment swung to Innsbruck in balloting for the 1964 Winter Games, said Lougheed.

"In fact, there was no one else in the ball park" during the vote, he said.

SEA-YIELDS WEALTH Norway caught 2,048,000 tons of fish in 1965, an increase of more than 40 per cent over 1964.

NOT OFF BALANCE

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Killington ski instructor Hermann Goellner of Austria makes a complete back flip on skis to astonishment of spectators. Goellner builds a small

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