

Hodge Family Rejoices With Charlie's Success

MONTREAL (CP) — Success has come like a dream for Sheila Hodge, wife of hockey star Charlie Hodge, National Hockey League shutout king and Vezina Trophy winner in his first full season with the Montreal Canadiens.

"Charlie's success and his winning the Vezina Trophy have been so wonderful," she says. "It's something like a dream you never think will happen."

Charlie's goaling has been largely responsible for the fact that Canadiens now lead Toronto Maple Leafs 2-1 in the best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final. The teams return to action tonight in Toronto.

The Hodges remember the long, frustrating years in the minor leagues when Charlie was shuttled about from city to city and the family followed. Their home in St. Dorothée,

a north-end suburb, was occupied only a few months of the year as Charlie piled his trade-in offers on other cars for Worsley and three other players.

From the start, Hodge was in the nets, the Canadiens began winning. His superlative play, backed by a smooth-working rookie defence, kept the Canadiens in the thick of the NHL fight and assured Charlie of a regular berth. When the regular season ended, Charlie had racked up eight shutouts, and won the Vezina, awarded to the regular goalie of the team least scored upon over the 70-game NHL schedule.

"I still think it's a dream," Sheila said, "although Charlie winning the Vezina trophy should bring me back to reality."

FROM MONTREAL
 "But it's so good to be back home," she said. The Hodges are Montreals. Their sons, Jim, 4, and John, 6, haven't decided whether they want to be hockey players.

But they like to watch dad perform on television. They also have a toy hockey game which they play, with daddy on hand to referee.

"The teams are always Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs," Sheila says about their toy game. "And it's a strict rule between them that they must alternate. Neither will permit the other to keep on playing for the Canadiens."

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Saints Defeat North River 5-3

St. Dunstan's Junior Varsity hockey team defeated North River Juniors 5-3 in the third game in their best of three semi-final series in a fixture staged at the Charlottetown Forum last night.

The Saints were reinforced with star performers George Monaghan (captain), George Gellinas, who were absent when the North River lads drew the Collegians 6-3 in the first half of the second period.

The teams battled to a 1-1 draw in the opening frame and they each scored one in the first half of the second period.

Rookie, David O'Brien, then hit over the North River line at the 14:77 mark and led to go with a high blast that dentist behind John Reid to give the Saints a 2-1 lead at the close of the second period.

The Saints drew first blood in the third stanza and it was Dave Lawlor, playing with an injured knee, pulled the Norman Blarney coached crew within one goal of the Saints when he blasted one high into the mesh as he cut in from right wing.

The North River squad kept pressing for that tying goal, but at the 17:25 mark, Dugore added an insurance marker to the St. Dunstan's pucksters.

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Second period: 3. SDU, Gellinas (Ducure) 5:47; 4. North River, McCormack (Newson, MacKinnon) 6:38; 5. SDU, O'Brien (Monaghan, Molyneux) 14:17. Penalties: Newson, Molyneux, Ducure, McCormack, LeClair.

Third period: 6. SDU, Gellinas 10:40; 7. North River, Lawlor (MacKinnon) 14:10; 8. SDU, Ducure (O'Brien, Molyneux) 17:25. Penalties: Belanger, Monaghan, LeClair.

Champs Decided

North Carleton Combines defeated Prestown Royals 4-1 in hockey action at the Bedoune rink last night. The Combines down 2-0 in the best of five series came back strong to win the last three games. For their efforts they were awarded the Simmons and MacFarlane trophy for the championship of the South Shore Hockey League.

W. Smith was the big gun for the winners as he fired three markers. Smith went to 1. Palmer, R. Hamill, H. Laird, D. Murphy, and A. Penderast.

P. Connick fired a brace for the losers. A. Reeves and W. Taylor got one each.



HE'S FEELING BETTER NOW

Coach George (Punch) Imbach of the Toronto Maple Leafs presented this picture in an article published in Sports Illustrated last Jan. 13 which said he won the title from Jess Willard in 1919 by using 'loaded gloves.'

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Jack Dempsey Denies Story

NEW YORK (AP) — Jack Dempsey, former world heavy weight boxing champion, charged in a \$3,000,000 suit Wednesday that he was libelled in an article published in Sports Illustrated last Jan. 13 which said he won the title from Jess Willard in 1919 by using 'loaded gloves.'

In an action directed against Time, Incorporated, publishers of Sports Illustrated, Dempsey said: "In truth and in fact, my gloves were not 'loaded' when I defeated Jess Willard and won the heavyweight boxing championship of the world. I won the championship fairly and the published matter was in fact, false, malicious and defamatory."

Dempsey defeated Willard at Toledo, Ohio, July 4, 1919. In his complaint, Dempsey said the story was titled "He didn't know the gloves were loaded," by Jack (Doc) Kearns with Oscar Fraley.

Kearns died in July, 1963. Dempsey said that the story charged falsely that his gloves "were improperly and surreptitiously weighted with plaster of Paris when he fought Jess Willard."

Roxburgh Has Suggestions For Future Olympic Teams

By STUART LAKE
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CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Thursday at the Charlottetown Club. This is a two game mixed curling pot competition.

7 p.m.
 Ice 1 — G. Stewart, C. MacGregor, J. Shelton, W. McGill vs. K. Acorn, M. Stewart, A. MacEwen, J. Jones.

Ice 2 — J. Cameron, F. Rossie, B. McGill, M. Bees vs. George, M. Jardine, D. Willis, J. MacKarris.

Ice 3 — H.R. Carruthers, E. Wood, H. Coffin, A. MacDonald vs. H. Douglas, L. Webster, C. White, G. Duffy.

Ice 4 — F. MacMillan, S. McMillan, S. Willis, C. Senter vs. E. Nicholson, M. Wilson, S. Taylor, J. Douglas.

Ice 5 — Open.

8:30 p.m.
 Ice 1 — Open.

Ice 2 — R. Ketch, M. Farrell, D. Wood, B. MacDonald vs. T. Whitlock, C. Phillips, K. Ready, L. Johnston.

Ice 3 — Dr. Giddings, M. Jones, B. Soper, D. Cormier vs. R. Jones, F. Whitlock, L. Johnston, W. MacDonald.

Ice 4 — W. Farrell, K. Douglas, H. Douglas, J. Duffy vs. D. Douglas, J. Giddings, J. Higgins, E. Douglas.

Ice 5 — G. Anderson, A. Cudmore, B. Crockett, C. MacKenzie vs. E. MacDonald, J. Higgins, J. Simpson, G. Crockett, B. Kelly.

Note — If you can not curl, please get your own substitute.

burgh says Canada should be represented at international hockey competitions by national teams.

The past president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association holds the CCHA should ditch for all time its former practice of sending Allan Cup winners to world championships and Olympics games.

"Our senior clubs just aren't strong enough any more," says Roxburgh, who now is Liberal MP for the Ontario riding of Roxburgh.

His views will be aired before the annual meeting of the CCHA meeting here in May when Canada's representation at the 1965 world hockey championships is to be chosen.

The CCHA departed from its usual practice last year when it decided to send a team from the University of British Columbia to the 1964 Winter Olympics. It placed fourth.

The MP-sports official thinks the first step for Canada should be the hiring of a national coach.

"He should be one who has the confidence of National Hockey League teams since we'd be asking them to supply players who were not yet ready for the NHL."

"The idea would be that these players would develop under the national coach as well as they would on farm teams."

NHL scouts who comb the countryside for hockey talent also could suggest names of players perhaps not a good enough for professional ranks but who would fit into the national team.

Roxburgh pointed out that the UBC team was whipped together in a relatively short period of time.

"I'm there's a lot of good hockey talent in the country for a national team. We take the time to stretch it out."

The CCHA executive also said that a national team would be "more amateur" than teams from other countries in the world competitions.

The Russians, he said, could be compared to Canadian minor professionals. Hockey was their full-time job. The Canadian team members would be together only six months each year and then would return to their career jobs.

Toronto, Chicago In Trouble

THERE IS LITTLE need to point out that both the Maple Leafs of Toronto and the Black Hawks of Chicago are in a heap of trouble as a result of Tuesday's Stanley Cup semi-final encounters.

The eight ball stands high, round and black in front of both of them, although of the two perhaps the Leafs stand the better chance of getting out from behind it.

When the "B" series started some folks, in fact most folks, said the Black Hawks had to win all their home games to make it to the finals, pointing to Detroit's home ice superiority over the regular season and to the fact that the Red Wings were just about the hottest team in the league on any ice during the last half of the campaign.

Hawks, however, had to come from behind to win the first game with a third period flurry of goals, lost the second game and were indignantly shut out in the opening game at Detroit. Of course the cause is not yet lost Chicago is a powerful hockey team capable (as they showed convincingly during the season) of whipping any team in the league on any given night. But while they are looking directly into that eight ball, the view is black indeed.

LOOKING IN ON the game at Toronto the casual observer might be forgiven for feeling that the Maple Leafs were pulling some sort of an April Fool's Day joke on him. For well over two and a half periods of a real-time hockey game the Leafs looked the superior team, but in the final minutes with victory and a 2-1 lead in the series in sight, the Leafs came apart at the least likely source.

One might expect a greenhorn rookie or someone like Eddie Shack to pass blindly in his own end and find the puck landing on a Canadian stick, but not Red Kelly and not Alan Stanley.

No Room For Complacency

THESE TWO VETERANS, both having great series, were the best men on the ice and must for the Leafs as Punch Imbach said. To have each of them present the Canadiens with gift-wrapped goals, that meant a hockey game and possibly Toronto's chances at the Stanley Cup must be frustrating indeed.

Mr. Imbach. If playoff pressure can cause people like Kelly and Stanley to make such fearful misplays, it must be unbecomingly indeed.

Depressing for a moment, we've always felt that assists came cheaply in the NHL, but seldom have we seen such a splendid example as during Tuesday's game. Here we had Red Kelly digging into the corner of the rink and finally coming up with the puck as the Canadiens were about to score. Kelly tried to skate out of his own end, passes to his right. The puck lands on J.C. Tremblay's stick. Tremblay tries to directly into the net, but the Canadiens were not to give any other than a goal. Goals became worth two points apiece in the scoring race.

Despite the loss, however, Toronto is still in this playoff and the best men on the ice and must for the Leafs as Punch Imbach said. "We stole it," as Toe Blake said and if they intend to trim Toronto they'll have to play a lot better than they did Tuesday. Even with their last minute collapse the Leafs could easily have won if one or two of those pucks had been headed rather than the outside of the goal post and sent Mr. Hooley.

'Side Bids For Ch'ship

THE HOPES AND best wishes of every hockey fan on Prince Edward Island are with Summerside Junior Legionaires today as they prepare to meet the St. John's Legionaires in the final of the Maritime Junior Hockey title for something that has even more meaning for the people of Summerside.

Having won great hopes of knocking off the Nova Scotia champs and bringing home the title, there's no doubt that the Islanders will be confident about their earlier victories and will try to keep them primed in an attempt to make the Sydney stay short and sweet.

Junior Legion Plays Tonight

By NICK FILLMORE
 IT WAS LIGHTED off for the Leg-Junior's 11 o'clock last night. And following a good rest, they were scheduled to have their first of the Maritime Junior Hockey championships series, a 10-point practice from 1:30 to 2:30 with a now-confident Syd-Pride Junior Club at the Sydney Forum tonight.

The Cape Breton team, coached by former Islander, expressed an air of confidence in the Islanders' meeting with the Cape Bretoners. Both series in Summerside Monday night. The Islanders were fully confident that now they are back home they will give the Legionaires a good account of themselves.

Coached by former Islander Senior league player, Grant Gagny, the Summerside club, facing elimination with their first defeat, say they are determined to whip the Legionaires tonight and again tomorrow night to extend the series to its full five games.

If the Legionaires can come through with their Maritime title, the Islanders' management said the team would return to the Island Friday evening.

Armouries Holds Dart Tournament

The following are the results of the Charlottetown Armouries men's Dart Tournament after three weeks of play under the guidance of Clair Archer, president.

P	W	L	Pts
L. DeLeon	14	10	4 20
B. MacIsaac	14	9	5 18
M. Benoit	15	8	7 16
G. Gallant	15	8	8 16
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A. Shaw	15	7	8 14
L. Carter	14	6	12 12
F. Larter	14	6	8 12
W. Stewart	15	5	10 10

Seabrooks Down New London 10-8

Kensington Seabrooks defeated the Monty Campbell coached New London 10-8 in a 10-11 played at the Kensington rink last night. The victory gives the Seabrooks the Stanley Cup trophy, emblematic of the championship of the Farmers League, as they took the best of seven series in four straight games.

J. MacFarlane paced the winners' attack as he collected a hat trick. E. Moore and B. MacLean each notched a brace and Gerry, B. Casely and D. Johnston earned singles.

Mt. Stewart will now advance against seven Mile Road in the best two out of three series to decide the Island Intermediate "C" Championship.

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