

SPORTS FOCUS

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Things Are All Even

ANYONE who called either Stanley Cup semi-final in five games has been proved wrong.

New York Rangers and Chicago Black Hawks made certain there'd be no such short series when they waded into Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens Tuesday night.

Down 2-0 in their best-of-seven sets, the Hawks and Rangers began their comeback Sunday night and Tuesday they picked up where they left off on Sunday.

Tonight the scene has shifted to the Canadian cities where Leafs and the Habs are holding the supremacy on home ice will continue. If both semi-finals to date, not one of the four teams has been able to garner a decisive win. That pattern could continue throughout and if it does, the Leafs and Canadiens will meet in the finals.

However, these two comebacks by the Hawks and Rangers surely must have inspired these underdog clubs and tonight they'll take to the ice with a confidence and determination that will be hard to overcome.

ONE THING is sure and that is that we will see plenty of hockey in the next few days.

Tonight the cameras are on Montreal and Chicago as these teams fight for that all-important fifth game and a 3-2 lead in the series. Saturday night the scene shifts to Toronto for the sixth final between Leafs and Rangers. This will be the final game in this set if tonight's winner comes through again on Saturday. If Leafs and Rangers split the next two games, the series will conclude Sunday night at Madison Square Gardens.

After tonight's game in Montreal, Hawks and Canadiens will meet Sunday when they will renew their battle in the Windy City of Chicago. This will be the final game in the series if the victor tonight can do a repeat on Sunday.

So those of us who growled last Saturday night because of a game which was not completed this Saturday, Leafs and Rangers will undoubtedly it will be Hawks and Canadiens on Sunday.

Mahovich Looks Bad

UNDOUBTEDLY the goat in that Rangers-Leafs game was Frank Mahovich who failed to show anything like what folks expected of him. The Big M was so dangerous and so second bestless most of the evening. He drew two rather useless penalties in the first period, and he looks no more dangerous in the work on the two-goal lead that Rangers have.

Johnny Bower was supposed to be playing for his job Thursday night against the Hawks. He was a sure thing and he had to be. He was in fine form, and he was a sure thing and he had to be. He was in fine form, and he was a sure thing and he had to be.

Of course young Rod Gilbert was the game's hero. The Hawks never had control of the situation throughout, and he assisted on the third. He looked mighty dangerous every time he got possession of the rubber, and you can be sure the Leafs will give him extra attention tonight.

What About Tonight?

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The way the Hawks have bounced back has folks talking in terms of Canadiens once again bowing out in the semi-finals. This could indeed be the case but I'm making any such call. We still think the Blackhawks will be mighty tough tonight to crack on the Hawks. It's hard to see them to do that once again in the series tonight. You can't just write off a team like Canadiens. After all they did have a most impressive record during the regular schedule and even though they now are short-handed they still remain a potent outfit.

We should witness a rugged contest tonight and the Montrealers will have their loyal supporters band to cheer every thing they do. If Chicago could capture this one, they'd be in a fair way of ending this Sunday night. Canadiens know this better than anyone and they'll take no chances.

Farmers League Plans Big Night

The 1962 Farmers' League champions will be declared this Saturday night at Kensington when Kensington and Hope River battle it out in the seventh and a final game of the season.

After playing through six hard fought games, the teams expect to attract the largest crowd in a long time. These folks will be anxious to witness a game which will capture the coveted Stanley Bridge trophy.

Following the game each team will line up at its bedside and all players who are to receive awards are asked to come forward for the presentation ceremony.

The Stanley Bridge trophy will be presented by Mayor Ernest Buddy McEwen to the captain of the victorious squad.

The league Walker trophy awarded to the team finishing first in the league, will be presented by the president, Delbert

Runs Galore Seen In Majors Wed.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
They broke the bank along baseball's exhibition trail Wednesday with Houston hitting Los Angeles Angels 20-5 at El Paso and San Francisco wallowing Cleveland 15-7 in two games.

Phoenicians for a grand total of 60 runs and 74 hits in the two games.

Colls lashed 21 hits against Angels with Roman Mejias connecting for two home runs while pitcher Dave Gault, Hal Smith and Norm Larker each stroked one circuit breaker.

Washington's Wagner hit the only homer for Los Angeles, held to eight hits by Grafton and Dean Stone.

Nine home runs and 45 hits were sprayed around at Phoenix with Grafton leading off, including homers by Willie Myers, Orlando Cepeda, Mammel Mota, Phil Perry and Dave Gault. Willie Kirland had a pair for Williams and Woody Field and Bubba Phillips one each.

Giants finally nailed it down in the 11th when Mally Alou singled with the bases loaded. In contrast, Ed Rakow went to bat for Kansas City in the best Cincinnati game since the Minnesota Jack Krallack and Michigan blanked Baltimore 5-0 on six hits at Orlando and rookies Bob Veale, Jack



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Minor Hockeyists Feted At Banquet

SUMMERSIDE — Three hundred Minor Hockey League players were feted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the George R. Peakes VC Branch, Royal Canadian Legion Summerside last night at a banquet held at the Legion home. Master of ceremonies was Robert C. Schurman.

The principal speaker was the director of physical fitness at Summerside High School Charles Ballam, who spoke to the boys on the importance of sportsmanship, rules of the game, respect for officials and stressed the responsibility of conducting themselves with dignity at all times.

The highlight of the evening was the awards presentation to the most valuable player in each Minor League bracket. These trophies, awarded by Robin Hood Mills Ltd. were presented on their behalf by Sidney Forbes, a member of the Minor League committee of the Summerside Amateur Athletic Association. Receiving the awards were: Mosquito, Jimmy Kousshi; Paperweight, Gary Gallant; Pee Wee, Emanuel Gallant and Benman, Paul Hogan.

Harold Champion presented the most valuable player in the Midget division to David Coffin. This trophy was donated by H. R. Crockett Jewellers.

Mr. Schurman presented crests to members of the Pee Wee team which won the Island championship. Mrs. Gordon Ramsay, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, who prepared and served the delicious turkey dinner, was presented a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Minor League players by George Bernard of the Hunter River Comets.

Mrs. MacIntosh will present the David MacIntosh Memorial trophy to New Annan Beavers' goalie, Richard Dalziel for leading the goaltenders during the regular season.

Joan Walker will make the rink management presentation of silver spoons, engraved P.H.L. to the following scorers: Clayton Mill, Jack O'Connor, Joe Pineau Dan Thompson, Don Fyfe, John Pincus, Ernest Waugh, Gordon Watson, David Walker and Ed-win Wall.

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Canadies Not Consistent; Penalties Disturbing Blake

By LAURENT CHASSON

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Canadiens will try to halt aggressive Chicago's Black Hawks' onslaught when the two clubs meet in the fifth and key game of their best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final here tonight.

Canadiens, out to avenge last

spring's humiliating semi-final loss to Hawks, haven't been content even though the present series is tied 2-2 in games—and they know it. They were hand pressed to win the first two games 2-1 and 4-3 here last week, before losing 4-1 and 5-2 at Chicago Sunday and Tuesday night.

Coach Toe Blake was particularly disturbed about the club taking too many penalties and its inability to kill them. "I thought we played well enough to win that last game, but the penalties killed us," he barked to "When we were short-handed we just stood there watching the other fellows put the puck in the net."

"LOT OF RUBBISH" "I can't figure out why we're being given so many penalties. I keep reading we're playing rough and dirty. That's a lot of rubbish."

"In the last three games we have had two men out at the same time with penalties. It never happens to the other clubs, always."

Canadies made the long trip back from Chicago by train for tonight's game. Hawks' meanwhile, flew by chartered airplane.

The clubs will meet again in the sixth game at Chicago Sunday night and if a seventh and deciding game is necessary, it will be played here next Tuesday night.

To beat Montreal, you have to keep them off balance and that's what we're doing," said Hawk coach Rudy Stouffer.

"Being on home ice for the last two games helped us, and lost two of them."

Should the Nine Mile Creek team square the series up the seventh and deciding game will be played Saturday night at SDU rink.

Blake said Ralph Backstrom, left-light centre who suffered a slight separation of the left shoulder in the third game and

sat out the fourth, may be ready for tonight's game. "He wasn't so hopeful about Bernie (Boomer) Bloom. Geoffrion, who twisted his chronically bad left knee in the third game."

The Boomer dressed for the fourth, but wasn't used. "I'm not going to take any chances with Geoffrion unless he's fit," said Blake.

Canadies will have Keith McCreary, 21-year-old winger brought up from their Hull-Orleans farm club in the Eastern Professional League as an emergency replacement.

McCreary took several turns in the fourth game and showed well.

Chicago's biggest gun in the series has been Stan Mikita, the Czech-born centre who is finishing his third year with the club.

Mikita not only leads all play-off scorers with nine points—three goals and six assists—but is generally regarded as the best man in Chicago's offensive attack.

"I'd have to pick him as our best player so far in this series," said Hawk general manager Tommy Ivan.

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