

Canadiens Favored To Top With Same Team Again

Bruce Levett, Canadian Press sports editor, is on a tour of National Hockey League training camps. Today he writes about Montreal Canadiens, favored to repeat as champions.

By BRUCE LEVETT
Canadian Press Sports Editor
Coach Toe Blake turns purple when the writers pick Les Canadiens to win the National Hockey League championship in a walk this year.

"Pick us for fourth, fifth, anywhere," he pleads. "Nobody in this league is going to have that easy a time of it."

But the fact remains that Montreal is going into this season with essentially the same club that finished first and won the Stanley Cup last spring. And despite what Blake calls "a good training camp," nobody has come out of it to crack the lineup on the big team.

"I don't like anyone picking us to win it easily," he says. Blake pointed to Terry Harston, Ted Harris, Ralph Backstrom, John Ferguson and Bobby Rousseau as players who have not yet reached their peak.

He feels that all teams in the NHL have improved this year but that Montreal can match that improvement only if these players realize their potential.

Along with a set hockey club, Canadiens have come off last season with the poise and class of champions. When they take the ice behind Jean Beliveau, it's like a stolen car gliding up in front of a bank.

In goal, the Habitants have the Vezina twins back—Charlie Hodge and Lorne Gump Worsley—backed by Gary Bauman.

Worsley missed some late pre-season action with a scratch on the retina of his right eye.

STRONG ON RIGHT
Montreal has great depth at right wing, but lacks an equal balance on the left side. If there's a major weak spot, it's their penalty-killing.

Leon Rochefort has the best chance of breaking into a regular spot, but the Canadiens are taking a hard look at some others—Dave Balon, Claude LaRose and Jim Roberts among them.

Noel Price, who played 13 games for Montreal last season, is another candidate under Blake's microscope.

Blake is reticent about discussing a final lineup—"It's a long season and anything can happen."

He'd rather talk about "the best hockey team I ever saw"—the 1959-60 Montreal club.

"We had the Rocket, Doug Harvey, Tom Johnson, Jacques Plante, Jean-Guy Talbot, Bernie Geoffrion, Claude Provost, Dickie Moore, Bert Olmstead."

"We won eight straight in the playoffs, the last two by shutouts."

As far as the 1966-67 season is concerned:
"Pick us for fourth or fifth."
But ask him to name the three or four teams that will

finish ahead of the fabulous Habs in the six-team league and Blake lights another cigar and changes the subject.
Tomorrow: Toronto Maple Leafs.

McAllister Has Money And Sand

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Fifty-mile-an-hour winds, spiked with desert sands, howled over the course during the second round of the \$100,000 Sahara invitational golf tournament Thursday, sending scores almost as high as the dust.

When the long day ended, husky Bob McAllister, bleary of eye and gritty of hair, found himself the leader with a 36-hole total of 145.

McAllister, a club pro and former college star from Corona Calif., shot the low round for the day—a 74—three strokes over the Paradise Valley Country Club's par of 36-35-71.

Master's champion Jack Nicklaus summarized the day: "It was terrible. Every time you get in one of these you think this was the worst."

He said that at times he was blown off balance by the winds—and Nicklaus has a noticeably sturdy frame.

"I don't think I ever played in a worse wind in this country," added Arnold Palmer.

TIED FOR THIRD SPOT
Nicklaus finished with a 77 for

148 and a tie with six others for third place.

Palmer's 80 left him down the line at 151, tied with Billy Casper, the U.S. Open champion, who had a 78, and seven others.

Phil Rodgers finished with a 75 for sole possession of second place at 146.

The field was trimmed at the 137 cutoff point going into the final rounds.

Ray Floyd, whose 68 led in the first round, soared to an 81 for 149.

Tied at 148 with Nicklaus were Bobby Nichols, Jack Rue, George Archer, Chi-Chi Rodriguez, Gardner Dickinson, Jack McGowan and Bert Yancey.

The dubious honor of the high score of the round went to Jerry Dugan, from Omaha, Neb., who had a 98 and a 157 over-all.

S'side Prepares For Track Meet

SUMMERSIDE—Cross country runners in local high schools are preparing for the zone cross-country meet next Wednesday at the sports complex in Summerside.

Five teams are involved in the senior, intermediate, and junior categories, and running will take place from the school football field to the timber trail park and back.

The junior races will begin at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with intermediate and senior runs following in that order.

Senior teams competing are Athena, Prince County Vocational High School, Summerside High, and Kensington.

In the junior category, teams will compete from Summerside High, Kensington, Air Marshall Johnson and Summerside Junior High.

Intermediate schools competing will be Summerside, Kensington, and Air Marshall Johnson.

Golfer-Curler Weekend Draw

There will be a Golfer-Curler match at the Belvedere Golf and Winter Club this Saturday and Sunday. There will be a blind draw to select four-man-teams and scoring will be on a net basis.

MAP UNSEEN MOON
Soviet photographs of the other side of the moon now leave only five per cent of the planet unmapped.



WITH PRIDE IN MARITIME HORSES

Above from left to right, Andy Humphrey, Ralph MacFadyen, Dr. Chris Gallant, and Glen Kennedy have another in a series of meetings to clarify the progress of the newly conceived Maritime Colt Stakes Association. The

Association is an incorporated group of owners and breeders trying to promote the breeding and racing of Maritime colts in all four Maritime Provinces. The association was conceived and brought to the attention of the public in

March by Mr. Kennedy at the meeting of the P.E.I. Colt Stakes Association. Since then, this committee has been working in close co-operation with similar bodies on the mainland and in Newfoundland toward a realization of Mr. Kennedy's goal.

Irish Sweepstake Ticket Holders On First Draw

DUBLIN (CP)—Following is a list of Canadian tickets drawn Wednesday in the first of two days of drawing in the Irish Sweepstakes based on Saturday's running of the Cambridge Handicap, with horse's name, ticket number, name or non-de-plume and hometown where available:

Birdbrook-LKH 95261, Black Merc, Port Moody, B.C.; LKT 59611, Lucky, Calgary.
Java-MTB 98801, Ji Tou, Ste. There, Que.; MXB 82120, Big Andy, Saskatoon; LDM 89896, Squeaky, Windsor (No provincial designation); LLK 96789, Jake, Alert Bay, B.C.; LHQ 46335, Zoro, Montreal.

Berkley Springs-LHE 91664, 50-50, Vancouver; MPQ 50156, Kemo, North Burnaby, B.C.
Roaming Star-LMD 86669, Tooshoo, Winnipeg; MZT 55978, Alorio, Calgary; MTA 88963, Tiny, Foxford, S. Sask.; LKL 54293, Sue, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.

David Jack-LMD 87425, Willy, Winnipeg; MQP 50288, Do It, Kelowna, B.C.; LKD 97376, Hoping, Vancouver.
Welcomed-MNA 40899, Argosy, Edmonton; LKD 78359, Hopelul, Moose Jaw; LLS 92341, Bee Cee, Theodore, Sask.; MTB 63145, Jigger, Standard, Alta.

Continuation—MTB 93311, Voyageur, Montreal.
Morris Dancer-LJP 37078, Moon, Montreal.
Red Slipper-LKA 96844, For You, South Burnaby, B.C.; MXE 91381, Oh Boy, Calgary.
Loose Cover-LHD 93201, Kil-daire Comoco, Vaudreuil, Que.; MNA 13467, Endeavour, New

Westminster, B.C.; LKP 46351, Gravel, Gt. Calgary; LJR 83338, Lucky, Limbour, Que.; LMI 96664, N.P., St. John's, Nfld.
Sword Dancer-LKS 66346, Oops, Calgary.
Silver Benker-LAT 81154, Lum Kon Man, Vancouver.
Priceline-MSQ 48766, plane Boyce, Montreal; MTQ 53445, Tamy, Cloverdale, B.C.
Fortezza-MZT 53932, Ready, Calgary.
Yashma-MST 82503, Snow, Calgary; LIT 64543, Cindy Lou, Vernon, B.C.; MTD 96926, Rosie, Montreal.
Norton Priory-LKT 56575, Hopelul, Calgary; MZB 88727, 1-2-3, Vancouver.

Laeya-MXB 76966, Kevin, Regina; LKB 79745, Carman Johnson, Regina; LHE 77272, Roymain, Carman, Man.; MTB 96562, Susanne Boler, Montreal.
Crepall-LHS 54583, Roses, Windsor (No provincial designation); LKR 61338, Al and Bruce, Edmonton.
Campaign-MXT 48826, Duke, Jasper, Alta.; MXA 81154, All Come, Regina; LCE 96604, Jackie, Montreal.
Crepango-LHC 97228, Chuck, Montreal; MZT 54123, Quizzes, Calgary; MTL 65623, For Sure, Edmonton; LJK 966520, Oxo, Montreal.

Excel-LBJ 93127, Shock, Victoria; MTP 57801, Horse Shoe, Montreal; LME 98562, Once Again, Montreal; MXQ 56549, Ti Cov, St. Jerome, Que.; LHS 51610, Marion McDougall, Vancouver; MXC 78532, Hope, Melville, Sask.; LMS 97705, Pouch, Moncton, N.B.
Swift Harmony-MSA 87637, Slea, Dalhousie, N.B.; MZL 67478, Hope, Inverness, N.B.; MTR 50833, Love, Victoria.
Dunmore Lass-LKN 58828, Kiki, Montreal; LKA 92473, Yacupuchi, South Burnaby, B.C.; MTD 96674, Chateau, Repington, Que.
Langley Park-LHT 52482, Try Again, Port Coquitlam, B.C.
Parcel Post-MZJ 81617, Easter, Fort Nelson, B.C.; MZP 65329, Lucky Man, Nansimo, B.C.; MZM 67615, Susas, Halifax.
Mountain Moss-MTH 83907, Patio Pete, Windsor (No provincial designation); LIQ 53872, For The Twins, Lachine, Que.; LKC 96944, E. E. E. Crawford, White Rock, B.C.; MSP 60850, Glenda, Verdun, Que.
Par Value-LHM 57722, Jynny, St. Jerome, Que.
Lucky Biscuit-MKL 55905, Mackey First, Lafleche, Que.; MZE 88336, Oh Please Me, Alberta (No hometown given); LKT 46500, Tainoo Pituharoo, Port-Arthur; LKN 54353, Ingrid, Powell River, B.C.
Ambericos-LMD 90164, Patio, Winnipeg.
Kamunde-MSN 48891, Marleandhill, St. Foy, Que.; LHQ 48995, Dead Eye, Vancouver.
By Rights-MSL 52984, Yves, Outremont, Que.; LMD 89388, Delta, St. James, Man.
Bangle Boy-LBK 98447, Still Going, Scotch Hill, B.C.; LHM 55587, Henry Mary, Montreal; MTA 99172, Lucky 18, Longueuil, Que.; LKT 53838, Maggie, Revelstoke, B.C.

Crossbow-MXM 55612, Lucky 7, Montreal; LKX 95399, Lucky 8, Vancouver; LER 52293, Jerry, Edmonton; MKS 61089, Missu, St. James, Man.; MTK 83948, Billy Boy, Kimberley, B.C.
Double-U-Jay-MZT 54150, Will Come, Calgary.
Chestergate-MTK 95159, Barrette Fernand, Portneuf, Que.
Golden Bell-LMD 90161, Come Home, Winnipeg; MXL 59778, Overdue, Pointe Claire, Que.
Tarogagan-LJE 83034, Diana and Leah, Moncton; MTP 56913, Hannover, Montreal.
Le Garcon-MPK 99442, Ken and John, Vancouver; LIQ 48888, Eighty Days, Calgary.
Hiding Place-LMR 68351, Needy, Lehighbridge, MNB 70672, Tommy, Windsor (No provincial designation); MTB 97611, Le-Vigne, Montreal.
Pretty Asset-MXQ 51575, Dearest Dolly, Calgary; LHA 94889, Helen, Montreal.
Pally-MXQ 59045, George Lindblom, Manitoba (No hometown given); JLMK 77665, Don Bill, Balfour, B.C.; LKB 97830, Big Ed, Merritt, B.C.
Contrast-LKN 61080, Marton, Montreal; MSN 53402, Running Wild, Montreal; MXA 78738, Gypsy, Raymond, Sask.
Finish Fast-MSE 24713, Bib Tree, Cobble Hill, B.C.; MNA 10149, Hurry Up, Montreal.
Hay on a King-MSQ 68165, Homer, Calgary; MSB 85432, Pee Wee, Moncton; LDC 85668, Come In, Vancouver.
Naza zovna-MTM 63790, Sweet Sue, Edmonton.
Corbalton-MZE 98207, Elpis, Vancouver; LKB 86776, Tequila, Vancouver.
Running Words-LJS 67159, Square Face Kamloops; MXP 57854, Rolade, Montreal; MZE 83861, Mindi, Vancouver; MXJ 77451, Hurry, Windsor (No provincial designation).
Guro-MZE 96925, Java, Vancouver; MXT 58514, Doron e-o Tina, Montreal; LAD 88547, She, Calgary; MTD 94281, Le Nez, Montreal.
Le Cordonnier-MNK 93758, Hear, Vancouver; LHA 98636, Margot, Montreal; MRA 85730, JFK, Edmonton.
Mighty Faustus-LLS 59180, Mi Begin, Montreal; MSA 90174, Len Hatton, Fort Macleod, B.C.; MZK 87472, Mouse, Vegreville, Que.; LHK 90170, This Time, Dawson City, Y.T.; LJS 50899, Vels, Montreal.

MARITIME RACING

TRURO (CP) Armond's Buddy was the lone double-dash winner on a harness racing card at the Truro Raceway Thursday night.

The horse was clocked in 2:09 4/5 and 2:09 1/5. Charles Dudley's time of 2:06 2/5 was the fastest of the night.

Other winners were Mr. M. Valley (2:14 2/5), Prince Robert (2:15 2/5), Rhapsody in Brown (2:09), Sonoma Girl (2:16 3/5) and Stephen Lee Hal (2:16).
The daily double on Mr. M. Valley and Prince Robert paid \$142.70.

FREDERICTON (CP)—Alice Haven's mile of 2:11 2/5 was the fastest of the night on an eight-dash harness racing card here Thursday.

Alice Haven combined with Mark Perdue (2:13 2/5) to return \$221 in the Daily Double.
Other winners were Winnburn (2:12), Charming Abbe (2:12), Freight Bound Sal (2:11 2/5), Northwood Don (2:16 1/5), Misty Peg (2:13) and Sherman Conrad (2:15 1/5).

SYDNEY (CP)—Borderview Roy swept honors in the featured invitational trot and pace at the Sports Centre here Thursday night.

The speedy six-year-old won the opening dash in 2:10 2/5 and then was awarded first place in the second race after Filbert's Boy, the first horse under the wire, was set back for interfering in the stretch. The second heat was clocked in 2:12.

Jolly Marg was the only other double winner on the program. She won races two and six with times of 2:15 4/5 and 2:15. Her 2:15 clocking is a new lifetime mark.

Other winners included Navarone (2:14), Garnet's Pick (2:14 4/5), Mr. Harvest Time (2:18 2/5 and Brook Hal (2:18 4/5).

Green Gables Enjoys Success

The golf season is drawing to a close with the approaching cold weather, but there are still numerous island players getting their last "drives" in before the cold weather chases them from the course.

One of the most popular courses in the Maritimes, Green Gables, enjoyed a very successful season this year and there are still numerous golfers touring the picturesque Cavendish course.

The management of the course are reported to have ceased charging green fees and many beginners as well as the seasoned pros are taking advantage of the free playing time.

Clubs and balls and other golf equipment are still able to be purchased or rented at the course club house.

SPORT ECHOES

In Praise Of The S'side Boys Club

By NORMAN MacDONALD

Well, we didn't get any poison pen letters after the world series, though a few were all set to write, if the Dodgers had won. Some special instructions should be given to those "experts"—and this includes Estelle—who picks a team which barely staggered into the pennant the last day, over a team which had outclassed all its opposition in the American League.

In hockey this fall Summerside will be represented in Halifax—by Errol Thompson, in Moncton—by Alan Gaudet, and at Saint-Dunstan's by Paul MacWilliams. Errol seems to be doing a good job for Halifax Canadiens, and the fact that he is only 16 years old augurs well for his future in hockey.

We haven't heard how Alan is faring in Moncton, and the Saints, of course, are still busy with football. We certainly want to take in some of those S.D.U. matches with Paul in the line-up and we may get over to Moncton, and even as far as Halifax before the season is over.

We regretted that we couldn't be around when the Summerside Boys' Club won their Maritime Juvenile Championship, and we hear from fans who saw the game that it was a real thriller. Anyway, here are a few thumb-nail sketches to celebrate the occasion.

Another boy who is on the move; At stabbing grounders he's in the groove. There's been lots of favorable commentary 'Bout that second sacker named Gary Perry.

The team has been guided quite well all year. They've given the fans a reason to cheer. There's no doubt the coaches have been well-chosen. Don Schurman is one—the other Rick Ozon.

REMEMBER WHEN . . .
Canadian Olympic hopes faded two years ago today—in 1964—as track star Bruce Kidd dropped back to 26th place in the 10,000 metres at Tokyo.

Not very big, but he's dynamite. When the chips are down in a rousing fight. There are not many juvenile pitchers around. Who can equal this boy whose name's Jon Down.

To his name he added a bit of renown. When the Summerside Boys' Club won the crown. He's never before been in this column—From the capital city, Kenny Bailern.

He's a perfect pivot for double plays. His slick ball-handling sure does amaze. The boy going to first had better be running. When the fellow at short is Donald Gunning.

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NOTICE

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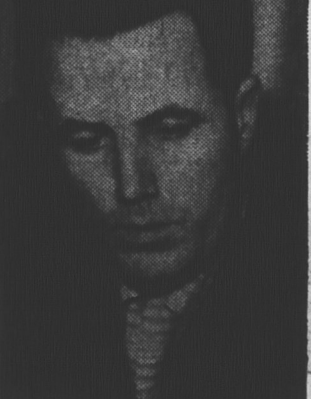
Local Hockey Officers Named

The following slate of officers were named to the Charlottetown Minor Hockey Association for the 1966-1967.

Hon. President Brig. W.W. Reid; president Mr. William Murphy; Vice-president Mr. Louis Butler; Secretary Treas. Mr. Leonard Spencer; Statistician Mr. T.L. (Babs) Fitzgerald.

Directors—Paperweight Division, Mr. Frank Strain and Mr. Lorne Hennessey; Pee Wee Division, Mr. George (Buck) Ward; Bantam Division, Mr. William Ledwell; Midget—Juvenile Div. Mr. Lloyd Hillier.

PREPARING for the winter season of minor hockey, Donny MacLean, the chairman of the Nominating Committee for the Minor Hockey Association, and Jim Fox, City Recreation Director, consult with Lloyd Hillier and Lorne Hennessey, the respective directors of the Midget Juvenile and Paperweight hockey divisions in a foundation meeting presided over by Association President Ivan Doherty. This meeting was called to discuss finances, the coming season's schedule, and the election of officers.



MR. MURPHY

AFL-NFL Merger Talks Collapse Over Anti-Trust

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hopes dimmed Thursday for congressional approval of a bill that would clear the way for the merger of the National and American football leagues.

Lawyers for the combined leagues and the House anti-trust subcommittee were unable to agree on language exempting the proposed merger from anti-trust action.

With Congress hoping to adjourn next week and subcommittee chairman Emanuel Celler saying he wants to "plumb the depths" of the merger plan, there appears little chance the House will get to act on the bill.

Only the fact that a substantial majority of Celler's subcommittee favors the bill keeps alive a faint possibility that it might still squeeze through. If it doesn't, NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle says he will urge

that the merger be cancelled. League lawyer Hamilton Carothers and subcommittee counsel Kenneth B. Harkins, who were asked by Celler Tuesday to try to draft a limited bill, disclosed Thursday they are in fundamental disagreement.

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