

Islanders Win Opener In Big Four Finals

Edge Out Halifax St. Mary's 4-2 In Keenly Contested Game At Forum

Leo Lamoureux and his P. E. Islanders jumped into a one-game lead in the Maritime Major Hockey League finals here on Saturday night when they scored with a 4-2 verdict over Halifax Saint Mary's in the opening game of their best of seven series, played before a capacity crowd at the Forum in an action-packed performance that was a crowd pleaser from start to finish.

The second game of the series will get underway here tonight at 8 o'clock with the teams shifting to Halifax on Wednesday and Saturday for the third and fourth contests.

Playing it wide open and aggressive all the way, both squads came up with smart performances. The Islanders grabbed off a 1-0 lead in the first frame on Johnny Dutchak's tally, broke even on the scoring with one each in the second on goals by Bill Ford for Halifax and Danny Horeck of Islanders to still leave Islanders holding a one goal edge.

The Lamoureux-coached squad closed out the final session potting two goals to Halifax's one for their verdict. Frank Bathgate and Walter Pawlyshyn fired the counters for Islanders while Hughie Campbell's unassisted effort accounted for Saints marker.

The game produced snappy hockey all the way with both teams pulling smart passing attacks and using their bodies although the game was kept well under control at all times. Islanders held the larger margin on the territory play but were forced to do a lot of hard back-checking to keep the opposition in check.

It was scoreless hockey for the first half of the opening frame before defenceman Johnny Dutchak rang up the first counter while Frank Grabowski was serving two minutes for holding. Teaming up with Frank Bathgate and Marcel Clements in a hammering attack inside Saints blue-line, Dutchak rifled home a hard, screened shot from about 30 feet out with the two forwards ringing in on assists, the tally coming at 11:15.

Saints Get Equalizer

Jumping to the attack at the outset of the second frame Halifax pressed hard that paid off with the equalizer from the stick of Bill Ford in a close play around Islanders case that was a soft goal for the visitors. Stopping a hard shot by a Halifax forward, a long rebound came off goalie Hal Gordon's stick. Attempting to clear it, an Islanders defenceman let it slide off his stick right in front of the cage and Ford just pushed it home.

The Halifax goal came at 4:01 and just 64 seconds later Danny Horeck sent the Islanders out in front again with a power attack around the net with brother Johnny and Dutchak. Danny potting the goal at point-blank range, Halifax were playing two men shy and Islanders one at the time Ford and Johnny Myketytyn both serving minors for interference and Hub Beaudry for boarding.

Making no attempt to protect their lead in the closing session, Islanders launched an offensive right from the opening faceoff with Mac Beaton setting up the nicest scoring effort of the night at the 36 second mark. Taking the puck at his own blue-line on a pass from Clements, Beaton stick-handled his way along the right boards, sidestepped two back checks, cut in behind the net to centre a slick pass to Bathgate who dented the twines with a sizzling slap-shot from about ten feet out that goalie Eddie D'Aoust never had a chance on.

Hughie Campbell brought Halifax to within one goal of the Islanders again at the 7:48 of the period when he caught the Is-

landers flatfooted in front of their cage to latch onto a loose puck during a scramble in front of Gordon to punch it home.

Walter Pawlyshyn fired the insurance marker for Islanders in the closing seconds of the game into an empty Halifax net. Coach Sweeney Schriener pulled out D'Aoust when the Saints forced a faceoff to the left of the Islanders cage with only 40 seconds left in the game, to shove on six forwards in an attempt to notch up the equalizer. But the attempt backfired. Getting the draw on the faceoff, Bucko Trainor slipped the puck to Jack Morrow, who relayed it to Dutchak. Dutchak skated it to the Islanders blue-line where he sent it ahead to Pawlyshyn who was flying out to centre. The play trapped the whole Halifax team inside the opposing blue-line and Pawlyshyn just took his time in skating the remaining distance to flip it into an empty cage.

The goal came at 19:29, and put the game on ice for the Island crew.

The fast open pace all through the contest kept the two custodians on their toes, with both having to handle some hard shots. D'Aoust handled a total of 23 and Gordon 17, and both looked really hot on many close-in attempts by pressing forwards.

Fine Refereeing Job

One of the outstanding points of the game was the solid refereeing by Leo Murray and J. Charles Deziel from the Quebec Major Hockey League. Never relaxing on the play, they called their shots fair and square and clamped the lid down tight on any possible outbreaks between players during heady sessions with prompt, firm action. What is more, the players took their decisions without any argument or displays of dissatisfaction, which was a decided change from previous contests this season.

Playing a solid game back on the Islanders defence and leading a number of rushes to pot one goal and assist on two others, Johnny Dutchak got the nod of the press for the Henderson and Cudmore Adam hat award, while Frank Bathgate came through with a steady performance all night to collect a goal and an assist and the Jack Cudmore award of a guaranteed Forsythe shirt.

Line-ups:
Halifax: Goal, D'Aoust; defence, Powers, Myketytyn; centre, Watson; wings, Campbell, Hollett; subs, Grabowski, McLaughlin, Ford, Thomas, Diguier, Anderson, Sullivan.

Charlottetown: Goal, Gordon; defence, McLagan, Dutchak; centre, Bathgate; wings, Beaton, Clements; subs, Travis, Vitale, Pawlyshyn, Morrow, Beaudry, J. Horeck, D. Horeck.

Officials: Murray, Deziel

First Period
1-Charlottetown, Dutchak (Clements, Bathgate) 11:15
Penalties: Ford, McLagan, Myketytyn, Dutchak (2), Beaton, Grabowski.

Second Period
2-Halifax, Ford, 4:01
3-Charlottetown, D. Horeck (J. Horeck, Dutchak) 5:05
Penalties: Ford, Beaudry, Trainor, Myketytyn, Bathgate, Anderson, Vitale.

Third Period
4-Charlottetown, Bathgate (Beaton, Clements) :36
5-Halifax, Campbell 7:48
6-Charlottetown, Pawlyshyn (Morrow, Dutchak) 19:29
Penalties: Bathgate, Thomas, Clements.

VATICAN CITY, March 18 (AP)—Pope Pius' Easter Sunday blessing to the world will be broadcast by the Vatican Radio, beginning at 5:46 a.m. EST.

LITTLE SPORT



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Canadiens Sure Of N. H. L. Playoff Berth

BOSTON, March 18 (AP)—Montreal's third place Canadiens clinched a play-off berth in the National Hockey League tonight by playing a fast 2-2 tie with Boston Bruins who moved one point ahead of New York Rangers.

Rangers and Bruins had been tied for fourth until tonight but Rangers were whipped by Toronto in New York. A crowd of 10,141 watched tonight's game here.

Montreal now has 63 points, the best in the league, and will be really buckling down to serious business without any so-called stage fright to hamper them. They both have had the feel of action against one another again and know what they are up against in the way of competition and can be expected to govern themselves accordingly and profit by any mistakes that were made in the initial session.

Again we say Congratulations Abbeles.

most New York could obtain by winning its remaining two games. Canadiens have three to play. Should they finish tied, Montreal would win the play-off spot because of winning more games.

CHICAGO, March 18—(AP)—Detroit Red Wings clinched their third straight first-place finish in the National Hockey League tonight by defeating Chicago Blackhawks 4-3 before 4,958 fans. It was the 10th straight defeat for the Hawks.

Leaving the Big Four picture for the time being, however, we would like to take time out in joining the many other sports followers and fans in extending congratulations to another group of hockeyists who are not seeking a Maritime title, but have already won it. They are Art Perry and his smart young band of Charlottetown Junior Abegweits who added the Maritime Junior "B" Crown to their list of other accomplishments this season. Capturing the N. B. P. E. I. junior crown from Moncton Bruins in games on Monday and Tuesday of last week, the Abbie juniors topped out Halifax Saint Mary's 6-1 here Wednesday in the opening game of the Maritime finals, and although losing the final game at Halifax on Friday 5-2, took the total goal round and the title 8-6.

SUNDAY

DETROIT 4, CHICAGO 3

First Period
1-Detroit, Couture (Skov) 5:22
Penalty: Dewsbury.

Second Period
2-Chicago, R. Conacher (Fogolin) 1:41
3-Detroit, Howe 9:56
4-Chicago, Powell (Mosenko) 17:43
5-Detroit, Gee 18:26
Penalties: Dewsbury, Skov.

Third Period
6-Chicago, Mosenko (Powell, McCaig) 4:40
7-Detroit, Gee (Pavelich) 12:46
Penalties: None.

TORONTO 4, NEW YORK 1

First Period
1-Toronto, Bentley (Meeker, Flaman) 7:56
Penalties: Mackell, Barilko.

Second Period
2-Toronto, Meeker

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Canada Retains World Hockey Championship

PARIS, March 17 — (Reuters)—Lethbridge Maple Leafs retained the world amateur hockey championship for Canada Saturday night, defeating Sweden 5-1 in the pay-off game.

A sustained 80-minute Canadian attack made the concluding game even more one-sided than the score suggests.

The winners — unbeaten and untied through the round-robin play—hustled the Swedes completely off stride and the losers

seldom had time to get their crisp passing plays working.

A crowd of 16,000 watched the game and the presentations afterwards of the world and European cups and cup winners' medals.

FINAL STANDINGS

Group "A" (Championship)

	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Canada	6	6	0	0	62	6	12
Sweden	6	4	1	1	33	14	9
Switzerland	6	4	1	1	28	12	9
Norway	6	2	4	0	10	27	4
Britain	6	1	4	1	18	42	3
United States	6	1	4	1	14	42	3
Finland	6	1	5	0	15	37	2

Group "B"

	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Italy	5	5	0	0	26	8	10
France	5	4	1	0	15	6	8
Holland	5	3	2	0	17	16	6
Belgium	5	1	4	0	20	28	2
Austria	5	1	4	0	16	25	2
Yugoslavia	5	1	4	0	13	37	2

Intermediate Game

The final game of the Island Intermediate "C" hockey title and the Physical Fitness Trophy will be played in O'Leary tonight at eight o'clock between Lennox Island Micmacs and Glasgow Road Maple Leafs. Micmacs lead the total goal series at present by a score of 3-1.

Curling Schedule

There will be no regular schedule of matches at the Curling Club tonight. However, the Games Committee are prepared to arrange impromptu matches for all those desiring to play.

Roll a Good Cigarette with a Good Tobacco...

OLD CHUM

FINE CUT

FORUM WEEK — MARCH 19 TO 24

MONDAY — HOCKEY — 8:30
HALIFAX vs. ISLANDERS.

TUESDAY — CHILDREN'S SKATE — 4 TO 5:30
SKATING — 8 TO 10.

WEDNESDAY — GARRISON NIGHT.
HOCKEY — 7 TO 8; SKATING.

THURSDAY — SKATING — 8 TO 10.

FRIDAY — CHILDREN'S SKATE — 4 TO 5:30
SKATING — 8 TO 10.

SATURDAY — SKATING — 3 TO 5
SKATING — 8 TO 10.

END OF THE ROAD

BIG FOUR FINAL PLAY-OFFS

HALIFAX vs. ISLANDERS

HERE ON SATURDAY AND MONDAY

TICKET REGULATIONS—

1. ALL HOLDING TICKETS MUST BE PICKED UP FOR BOTH GAMES ON FRIDAY — 9 A.M. TO 9 P.M.
2. ALL REMAINING TICKETS ON GENERAL SALE ON SATURDAY AND MONDAY — 9 A.M.
3. PLEASE OBSERVE ABOVE AND IF DISAPPOINTED YOU MUST BLAME YOURSELF.
4. POSITIVELY NO CITY PHONE ORDERS UNTIL LINE-UP IS SERVED.

NOTE:—All ushers and gatemen are to be at the Forum tonight at 8 o'clock.

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