

Maple Leafs Win Stanley Cup Opener 3-2

Islanders Given Until Noon Today To Decide Whether To Play Friday

(Special To The Guardian)
NEW GLASGOW, N. S., April 12 (Thursday)—Early this morning it was learned here from officials of the Islanders Hockey Club that there would be no decision probably before noon today on whether Islanders would return to Sydney for a replay of the eighth game of the Maritime Major hockey finals.

Islanders coach Leo Lamoureux, Judge Hudson, president of the Maritime Major Hockey League, Bryce Love, president of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association and William Massey, vice-president of the Islanders Club were in session behind closed doors tonight discussing the M. A. H. A. ruling that the seventh game be replayed at Sydney Friday night. The Islanders Club was attempting to have the locale of the game changed from Sydney.

There was still a possibility of an appeal to the C. A. H. A. It was understood that the M. A. H. A. executive voted 4-2 for a replay of the game at Sydney, with an additional game if necessary at Halifax Saturday night. Islanders were given until noon today to make their decision. If they do not return to Sydney they forfeit the series.

Unofficially it was reported Lamoureux took a poll of the players to ascertain their feelings about returning to Sydney and that the team divided on the issue.

Vancouver Boxer Wins U. S. Title

BOSTON, April 11—(CP)—Len Walters, sharp-shooting Vancouver featherweight, tonight won the United States amateur boxing championship of the 126-pound division by scoring a technical knockout over Jerry McGuigan of Cambridge, Mass.

The referee stopped the bout after 40 seconds of the second round.

Tournament officials said they believed it was the first time a Canadian boxer ever won an American A. U. title.

Walters took his semi-final bout with a decision over Walter Brown of Baltimore.

Hockey Scores

(By The Canadian Press)
Allan Cup
All-Ontario Senior Final
Sault Ste. Marie 3, Owen Sound 4 (Best-of-five series tied 2-2)
Eastern Canada Semi-final
Dobeleu 2, Smiths Falls 3 (Best-of-five series tied 2-2)

Gardner-Brion Fight May Be Held On May 22

LONDON, April 11—(AP)—The Jack Gardner-Cesar Brion fight for May 22 is on again—maybe. Promoter Jack Solomons, after conferring with Gardner's manager, John Simpson, said the London scrap is definitely on.

Simpson, who said yesterday his European heavyweight champion wouldn't fight because of an injured left thumb, changed his stand today.

"It's up to Gardner," said Simpson. "I shall see him and find out how the thumb has responded to treatment."

N. Y. Yankees Hear Good News Re Rizzuto

BALTIMORE, April 11—(AP)—A doctor's assurance that shortstop Phil Rizzuto will be ready to play opening day lifted some of the gloom today from the 1951 pennant prospects of the world-champion New York Yankees.

At the same time, Dr. George Bennett said no surgery will be necessary for two ailing veterans of the Yankee pitching brigade, right-hander Allie Reynolds and relief ace Joe Page.

Reynolds worried about an elbow ailment and Page complained of a kink in his pitching shoulder.

Smiling broadly when he got the doctor's good news, Rizzuto said: "I think that's pretty wonderful."

The dapper little infielder, voted most valuable player in the American League last year, had damaged a cartilage in his right side during spring batting practice.

Last year, when manager Casey Stengel resorted to everything but baling wire and hairpins to guide his injury-riddled crew to the pennant and World Series triumphs, he invariably built his line-up around the seemingly indestructible Rizzuto. Phil's loss this spring, therefore, was particularly discouraging.

Maurice Richard Wins Competition

NEW YORK, April 11—(AP)—Maurice (Rocket) Richard, the Montreal Canadiens' star right winger, today was named the March winner in the Hickok pro athlete of the year competition.

Richard's sensational play in the National Hockey League's playoffs gained him the edge over golfer Jim Ferrier and boxer Harry Matthews and Rex Layne.

Richard piled up 124 points in the voting by sportswriters and sportscasters. Ferrier had 116, Matthews 90 and Layne 84. Jockey Johnny Longden was named among the first eight.

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Welshmen Tie Y 42-All To Win Way To Finals In Island Hoop League

Earl Nicholson's P.W.C. Welshmen will enter the finals of the I. P. F. B. L. The collegians, though yesterday held to a 42—all tie by an aroused Y. M. C. A. squad, won out on the two-game total point series 91-77 having defeated the Y 48-35 last week. They will be opposed by the winner of the S. D. U.—R.C.A.F. round.

The contest was a scrumbly affair for the most part. Erratic shooting and poor passing combined with a great deal of body contact all contributed to a low scoring game. The Y jumped to an early lead and ran their scoring to eight points before the Welsh counted at all. Led by the brilliant shot of rookie Jim Wood, who counted the first eight markers for the scholars, the Welsh picked away at the Yellow-shirt lead until half time but

could not catch the Y team, leaving the floor with a seven-point deficit, the scoreboard showing the Y in front 23-16.

A worried Welsh squad came back stronger in the latter frame to outscore their opponents 26-19. They continued to pick away at the Triangle lead but were held off until the fifteen-minute mark when Ashford sank a long set shot to put the Tri-colour in front for the first time.

Y fought back to take the lead again and they lay sea-sawed back and forth for the remainder of the contest.

The game was far rougher than the 24 called fouls would indicate. The Y drew 14 decisions and P. W. C. 10.

High point man in the game was George Scantlebury. The chunky Y forward played magnificent ball, looping 23 points, mostly on accurate one hand tosses. Howatt played well at guard as did Ballem.

Hine led P. W. C. The o' carrot-topped smoothie flipped 14. He was ably assisted by Wood who showed a lot of drive in counting 11 big ones.

LINE-UPS—P. W. C.—Hine 14, Wood 11, J. McAndrew 6, B. McAndrew 5, Crockett 2, Ashford 4, Hoyt, MacNaught 2, Y. M. C. A.—MacLean 6, Scantlebury 23, Glover 4, Ballem 4, Howatt 5, MacMillan, Taylor, MacPadyen, Dalziel.

Liberal Party Offers Support In Court Action

Party politics were injected into the hockey picture here with a bang yesterday when the Liberal Party, with the sanction of Premier J. Walter Jones, promised support to two members of the Islanders facing court action in Sydney.

Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island stands behind our players in their legal expenses and will defray legal appeals, if necessary, to see justice done" was the text of a telegram sent to coach Leo Lamoureux yesterday. A similar one was despatched to Somerled Trainor, Charlottetown lawyer, who went to Sydney with the Club as legal adviser.

The telegrams were signed by Simon Paoli and H. L. Sear for Liberal Executive and are result of court actions instituted at Sydney against Captain Wes "Bucko" Trainor and Johnny Horek.

Yesterday news concerning the renewal of the title series between Islanders and Millionaires rivaled comment on the Federal Budget and the approaching Provincial election. It was a topic for discussion in almost all places not only in Charlottetown, but throughout the Province.

Ike Williams Wins Bout

CHICAGO, April 11—(AP)—Ike Williams, world lightweight champion, tonight stepped out of his division to administer a severe lacing to Fitzie Pruden of St. Catharines, Ont., in a one-sided 10-round battle in the Chicago Stadium.

Williams, by his victory, served notice to the welterweights that he is capable of handling them. The decision of the two judges and referee Norman McGarrity was unanimous.

Pruden, ranked sixth among the welterweight contenders, won only one round and was a gory spectacle from the fourth round on because of cuts over and under the right eye.

The bout drew only 2,897 spectators, smallest crowd of the season. The gross gate was \$3,649.

The television audience saw only seven rounds because of the switch to President Truman's radio report on his dismissal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Too Late To Classify

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Smiths Falls Evens Series With Dolbeau

OTTAWA, April 11—(CP)—Smith Falls Islanders tonight evened their Allan Cup playoff by edging Dolbeau Castors 3-2 in the fourth game of their Eastern Canada semi-final. The win evened the best-of-five series at two victories each.

The deciding game will be played in Smith Falls tomorrow night.

Alf Webster, Hal Dewey and Jim Gibson sniped goals for the winners while Fernand Bernaquez and Gerard Paquin scored for Dolbeau.

Exhibition Baseball

(By The Associated Press)
At Atlanta, Ga.
New York (N) 4 7 1
Cleveland (A) 5 9 1
Hearn and Westrum, Yvars (8); Feller, Lemon (8) and Tebbetts, Hegan (9).

At Richmond, Va.
Philadelphia (A) 15 14 1
Richmond (Pied) 8 11 5
Brissie, Haris (7) and Astroth; Frederico, Browning (6) Gibbon (7) and Davis.

At Lynchburg, Va.
Washington (A) 3 8 1
Cincinnati (N) 12 14 0
Sims and Grasso, Sacka (5); Fox and Scheffin, Howell (5).

At Columbus, O.
Boston (A) 6 10 1
Columbus (AA) 1 9 0
Nixon, Wight (7) and Evans; Deal, Arroyo (7) and Morgan, Marshall (7).

At Vero Beach, Fla.
Montreal (IL) 4 7 2
Elmira (EL) 3 7 1
Alexander and Staples; Lambert, Fabbro (5) and Stammen.

At Daytona Beach, Fla.
Toronto (IL) 4 8 3
Rochester (IL) 2 6 0
Singleton, McLaughlin (8) and Plumbo; Collum, Hahn (8) and Bucha.

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A disgraceful and beligerent display of rowdism by the crowd, unprecedented in the history of Maritime hockey finals competition, that saw bottles and other debris thrown on the ice was the cause of the final decision. As the result of a similar demonstration in the first period, Referee-in-Chief Casey Bradshaw informed the crowd by means of the public address system that if the crowd didn't refrain from throwing stuff on the ice, the game would have to be awarded to the visiting club. Later he changed his mind and said the "game would be called off."

When the third period outbreak occurred, Bradshaw made the cross signal that the game was over and then informed the public address announcer that the "game is called." On the basis of what had been announced earlier, Leo Lamoureux took his team off the ice to the dressing room, and while M.A.H.A. officials were meeting to decide on further decision, which took about a half hour, some of the Islanders had already donned their street clothes and had left the rink.

Later, when M.A.H.A. officials informed Coach Lamoureux that the game was to be continued, he refused to allow his players to return to the ice, on the ground that the game had already been awarded to them. This sent the M.A.H.A. into an additional half hour before they returned with the verdict that "the referees had ruled the game no contest" and that another meeting would be held to decide when and where the game would be replayed.

In the meantime, Islanders players were being escorted out of the rink under police protection, and later were advised to leave the city as a safeguard measure. Returning to their hotels, the team and accompanying club officials packed their suitcases and boarded their chartered bus for New Glasgow and were accompanied to the city limits by two members of the Sydney Police force.

Island fans who had made the trip to Sydney by private cars, were also advised to leave the city, and did so.

Leaving Sydney at about midnight, the team travelled all night by bus to arrive at New Glasgow at eight o'clock in the morning, tired and weary, but completely untruffed and in a confident frame of mind that when ever or wherever the game was played, they would yet defeat Sydney for the Maritime title. They were unanimous with Coach Lamoureux's decision, however, "that never will I take my team to play in Sydney again."

"These boys of mine," Leo stated to Charlottetown press representatives "mean too much to me to take any chances of them being maimed or injured for life

By asking them to go back to Sydney and be the target of more bottles, or even worse than that, mob violence.

During the third period demonstration by spectators, it was alleged by prominent officials of the rink "that one lady spectator had been struck in the face with a flying bottle and had her glasses broken and cut above the nose." Defenceman Phil Vitale of Islanders, a near target for another flying bottle that landed on the ice beside him, was cut on the lip by a piece of splintered glass, while Referee Frank Elliott was also narrowly missed by another flying missile. The two latter incidents were no alleged attempt either, but witnessed fact. It was not only a case of things being thrown on the ice either. At least two spectators got right out on the ice to make a donnybrook complete. And both had to be restrained and removed from the ice again by Sydney police. One spectator made a direct attack on Phil Vitale, who on protesting too strongly to the referees, was awarded a misconduct penalty.

With headquarters set up in New Glasgow, at time of writing, Coach Lamoureux and Club Vice President W. P. "Bill" Massey were still negotiating with M. A. H. A. officials over the decision as to when and where the game was to be replayed, but no definite decision had been reached at time of dispatch.

Mr. Massey, who is looking after the club's affairs in close association with Coach Lamoureux on the trip, is utterly disgusted with the show put on by Sydney. It was the worst piece of business I have ever witnessed in my life. Such action should bar Sydney from organized hockey for good. Under no circumstances would I allow our team to go back to Sydney to play. I would take the team home and forfeit the series before I would jeopardize the safety of such a fine bunch of boys. They are a wonderful hockey club," Mr. Massey stated, "and have the greatest morale and fighting spirit I have ever seen in a group of athletes, and every Prince Edward Islander can be justly proud of them."

The citizens of New Glasgow are also staunch Islanders supporters. To prove this here is the caption over a picture of the Islanders team that is posted in the window of a New Glasgow business establishment. "P. E. Islanders forever victory. The Islanders, Maritime Champions, Big Four and also Cape Breton, and all points east, west, north, south. Long live the Islanders." Many other signs can be also found posted at other business establishments carrying such messages as "Welcome Islanders to New Glasgow," etc. The New Glasgow rink management also put the rink at the Islanders disposal for practise or skating, while many other citizens are more than going out of their way to make the boys feel at home, which is being truly appreciated by the entire team and management.

Sid Smith Scores In Overtime After Habs Tied It Up In Second

By GERRY LOUGHEED
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
TORONTO, April 11—(CP)—Sharp-shooting Sid Smith scored at 5:51 of the first overtime period tonight to give Toronto Maple Leafs a 3-2 victory over Montreal Canadiens in the first game of their Stanley Cup final series.

Smith, who scored 30 goals during the regular National Hockey League season, picked up a pass from linemate Tod Sloan and drilled it past goalie Gerry McNeill for the deciding marker.

The 13,939 fans roared and the Leafs mobbed the smooth left-winger. It was his second goal of the night.

He opened the scoring at the 15-second mark of the first period. Sloan, who potted 31 tallies during the 70-game regular schedule, got the other Leaf marker.

Marksmen for Canadiens were Maurice (Rocket) Richard in the first period and rookie Paul Masnick, who tied the score at 2-2 early in the second frame.

The Maple Leafs, who eliminated Boston Bruins in the cup semi-finals, were full value for their win tonight.

Canadians, fresh from their upset victory over Detroit Red Wings in the other semi-final round, were outplayed through much of the game.

The Leafs plastered 39 shots at McNeill in this first of a best-of-seven series. Canadians, baffled by thorough leaf checking, managed

only 22 on veteran Turk Broda in the Toronto cage.

TAKE TWO
LEAFS
Smith's first goal was registered before the fans were settled in their seats. Smith snared a pass to one side of the Montreal net and fired home a short rising shot. It was the game's first shot on goal.

Richard tied the score at 15:27 of the first period. He shovelled the puck towards the Leaf net and the disc sizzled under Broda's leg pads. Twenty five seconds later Sloan sent Toronto in front again, his waist high shot finding the mark as McNeill fell to the ice attempting to save. Masnick's counter which tied the score at 2-2 was a 20-foot screened drive from in front of Broda.

SUMMARY

First Period
1—Toronto, Smith 1:15
2—Montreal, Richard 15:27
3—Toronto, Sloan
(Morton) 15:42
Penalties — Flaman, Richard, Mosdell, Curry.

Second Period
4—Montreal, Masnick (Reay) 4:02
Penalties — Kennedy, Flaman.

Third Period
Scoring — None.
Penalties — Meger, Sloan (major), Overtime Period
5—Toronto, Smith (Sloan) 5:51
Penalties — None.

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