

SPORTS FRONT

Hab Centremen Is Difference

By CHRIS ANNETT

It would be only too easy to come out with an "I told you so attitude" after the Montreal Canadiens' big win Thursday evening, but I don't believe that I will. Instead let's examine the factors that entered into the big reversal of form that saw the suddenly underdog Canadiens demolish the Red Wings.

The most obvious difference was the play of the three Montreal centers, Bellevue, Richard and Backstrom. Backstrom has been skating throughout all three games and has been the only bright light for the Habs in their two previous losses and Thursday evening was no different. The difference came however in the play of Bellevue and Richard who are finally rounding into form after the long layoff and a series of injuries. Bellevue's play has been hampered by a strained wrist which kept his shooting from par. Richard on the other hand was recovering from a leg injury and still had not appeared up to form.

In the third game however, Bellevue came up with an exhibition of the form that earned him the Conn Smythe trophy last season, as he checked the Wings relentlessly, scored a picture goal and set up another one. Richard was checking with authority and carried the puck well although he did not really pose a threat to Crozier.

The Wings on the other hand did not seem to be able to hem the Montreal aggregation in their own end as they have been doing. The net result was a loss and it must have showed the Wings that they could not hope to let the Habs get organized.

Montreal displayed just how effective a checking attack could be in the third period of the game as they held the Wings at complete bay until the final second of the game. The Wings however just might have run out of steam in the second session of play as they threw everything they had into knotting the score. Gump Worsley refused to back down from the 16 shot barrage in the second period, and that for all intents and purposes was the end of the game.

The loss ended a five game winning streak for the Wings but spirits were still high in the Red Wing dressing room following the loss. It was pointed out that this was the first game that the Wings had really lost and members of the club felt that they had just got rid of a bad game.

Nevertheless the Habs showed their regular season form and the series is shaping up to be a real dog eat dog battle from here on in. However the consensus of opinion is that if the Wings drop the second game on their own ice they are in trouble.

By the way, Brian Watson is going to get his head pushed in by one of the Habs musclemen in the next couple of games if he will not run and hide behind the referees.

Tomorrow should tell the story of the series. One can not forget that the Wings have yet to drop a game on Sunday afternoon in front of the hundreds of thousands of U.S. fans so if they should manage to lose it will no doubt, be a tremendous blow to their pride and playoff plans. However it is not likely that they are going to roll over and play dead after taking one loss. After all they did get into the finals and not too many expected to see them there let alone hold a 2-0 lead on the Habs in games at 1 point.

BASEBALL SCORES

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS National League Phila. 100 101 110 - 5 90 Chicago 000 000 100 - 1 90 Bunning (2-1) and Uecker; Ellsworth (0-2), Jenkins (8) and Hundley. HRs: Phila - Uecker (1), Chi - Phillips (2).

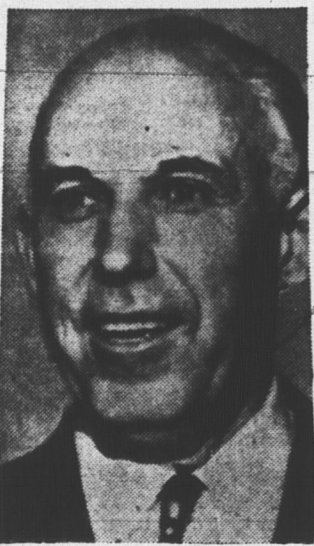
American League Minnesota at Washington, p.p.d. rain. Chicago 100 110 100 - 4 90 Cleveland 000 001 000 - 1 81 Peters (1-0), Locker (7) and Martin. Bell (1-1), Kralick (6), Hargan (7), Kelly (9) and Azcue. HRs: Chi - Peters (1), Cle - Davallillo (1).

PROBABLE PITCHERS

Major league baseball's probable pitchers for today with won and lost records:

National League New York (Fisher 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Veale 1-1). Philadelphia (Short 1-1) at Chicago (Holtzman 1-0). Houston (Diener 0-0) at Atlanta (Cloninger 2-1) (N). Cincinnati (Jay 0-2) at Los Angeles (Koufax 3-0) (N). St. Louis (Gibson 2-1) at San Francisco (Bolin 2-2).

American League Baltimore McNally 2-0 at Detroit (McLain 3-0). Chicago (John 1-0) at Cleveland (McDowell 3-0). Minnesota (Grant 1-1) at Washington (Duckworth 0-2). Kansas City (Talbot 0-1) at New York (Stanton 0-2). California (Chahee 1-1) at Boston (Wilson 0-1).



CLARENCE CAMPBELL

NHL Clubs Differ In Opinion

DETROIT (CP) - National Hockey League clubs were far apart Friday on what formula they will use to stock six clubs entering the league for the 1967-68 season, president Clarence Campbell said.

After day-long sessions with club owners, general managers and personnel directors, the NHL president said a "wide disparity of opinion still exists" and it is unlikely any decision will be reached for some time.

He added: "Those present received and discussed a confidential report and the discussions will be kept confidential until a solution has been achieved."

A further meeting is scheduled for Montreal Tuesday, May 3. Representatives of the six new clubs will attend. The final decision on the formula will be made by the current clubs, Detroit, Montreal, Boston, New York, Chicago and Toronto. The league earlier granted franchises to six United States centres, San Francisco-Oakland, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Minneapolis-St. Paul which will make up a new division in 1967.

"What we're trying to do now is fill in numbers," Campbell said, referring to the number of players each of the current clubs will be forced to relinquish in the expansion draft.

"We still don't know whether the number of players to be protected by each club will be five or 15, as all we have established are the mechanics of the thing."

REMEMBER WHEN...

Charlie Robertson of Chicago White Sox pitched a perfect baseball game 44 years ago today in 1922 - to beat Detroit Tigers. The feat has been repeated in modern times only by Don Larsen, for New York Yankees in the 1956 World Series, and by Jim Bunning for Philadelphia in a scheduled game.

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GARY PETERS

Chicago Sox Hold Indians From Record

CLEVELAND (AP) - Chicago White Sox kept Cleveland from setting a major league record Friday night, defeating the previously unbeaten Indians 4-1 and ending their winning streak at 10. It was the fifth straight victory for White Sox. Gary Peters, who hit a homer for the White Sox, and reliever Bob Locker brought the Indians' streak to an end by keeping eight hits well scattered. Indians had tied the major league record for the most victories at the start of a season when they beat California Thursday night. The record was set by the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers and tied by the 1962 Pittsburgh Pirates.



DEFENDING CHAMPS

Members of the Seaman's All-Star bowling team, defending Maritime Bowling champions are seen admiring their trophy which was won last year.

The team leaves for Greenwood, Nova Scotia, this coming Wednesday where they will defend their crown, in a 16 team tourney which is scheduled to last three days.

Two other teams from Charlottetown and two from Summerside are also participating in the championship. FROM THE LEFT are Roy MacDon-

ald, Stanley Johnston, Gordon Gallant, Vic Williams (capt.), George Kays and missing from the photo is Earl Smith.

Rookie Detroit Player Helps Wings In Playoffs

By BOB TRIMBEE

DETROIT (CP) - Bert Marshall has started to hit and his coming of age as a better has provided the punch needed to tighten Detroit Red Wings' defence and make the club a power to be reckoned with in the Stanley Cup final.

The husky native of Kamloops, B.C., was strictly a stick-checker until late in the season. "But players began to take advantage of me because they knew I didn't bodycheck much," the 22-year-old rookie said. "I decided I had to do something if I wanted to stay around and started to hit."

His improved play was a key reason Wings sidelined Chicago Black Hawks in their semi-final series and now hold a 2-1 advantage over Montreal Canadiens in the best-of-seven final.

Fourth game in the series will be played here Sunday at 2:30 p.m. EDT, with the fifth scheduled for Montreal Tuesday at 8 p.m. EDT.

ALMOST WENT TO WHL Marshall didn't figure, in Wings' plans at the outset of the season after a terrible training camp. In fact, coach Sid Abel almost loaned him to Portland of the Western Hockey League for the season.

"Hal Laycoe (Portland coach) wanted him badly," said Abel. "He didn't show much in camp, but I figured if Laycoe thought he was pretty good it might be best to keep him near for a little while to see what happened."

"So I shipped him to our Pittsburgh farm club last September. We ran into injuries and had a horrible start and I started to look around for help. Pittsburgh said Marshall was going pretty good and I brought him back. He's been great for us ever since."

"As a matter of fact I think he's the best rookie defenceman to hit the National League in several years. Despite missing the first nine games of the season, Marshall placed second to Brit Selby of Toronto in the half-way voting for the NHL's Rookie of the Year. He stands a good chance of winning on the final vote, though his play sagged slightly in the closing half until he started to hit."

GETS FIRST GOAL The current playoffs saw Marshall score his first NHL goal, the seventh in Detroit's 7-0 triumph over the Black Hawks in the fourth game of the semi-final.

Following are the committees. Membership: Harry Galloway, Chairman; Montague; Keny Batchelder, Georgetown; Joe Osborne, Murray River; Charles MacKinnon, Uigg; Joe Gallant, Souris; Rev. P. Hamill, Cardigan.

Greens Committee: George Nicholson, Dave Clarkson, E.G. Duke MacDonald, all of Montague and Allan MacPhee, Georgetown.

Property Committee: Ernest Poole, Henry Somers, Leonard Munroe, Ruth MacDonald, all of Montague.

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SID ABEL

It didn't count much for our club at that stage but I was happy. I don't score too many goals and anyway I can always say I knocked out Glenn Hall."

Hall, Chicago's ace netminder, was replaced after the goal. Marshall, the first defenceman to graduate from Detroit's farm system since Marcel Pronovost joined the club 15 years ago, also is the only rookie on either finalist who takes a regular turn playing.

"It's a lot different in the playoffs," he admitted. "Every-one checks so much closer and hits much harder in the playoffs. But it really doesn't bother me much except in the early games. Then I feel uneasy and begin to shake when I start to think about where I am and what I'm doing."

The 200-pound rearguard probably has the most experienced array of blue-line talent available to give him constant reminders of what to expect.

PRASES MATES "Bill Gadsby and Leo Boivin have been around for a long time and I guess there isn't much they don't know about the game. It helps, but you have to develop your own style to take advantage of their experience."

Marshall didn't think much about a hockey career until he turned pro with Memphis of the Central League, a Detroit farm club.

"I went there as the seventh defenceman, but I learned quickly and finished well."

He also learned from opponents too. "In one of his first games with Detroit he went into the corner with John McKenzie, a young winger then with New York. "I turned quickly and my stick hit him under the lip. When he fell to the ice I dropped my gloves and stick. I had

never hit anyone so hard with a stick before and I was almost sick.

"As I bent over McKenzie to see if he was OK, he fired a pretty good punch that knocked me over."

TV TAKES OVER Neither Detroit nor Montreal worked out Friday as the Olympia Stadium ice was being prepared for the color television broadcast on NBC Sunday.

However, Montreal was expected to work out today. Unnoticed in Thursday's 4-2 victory by Canadiens was Jean Beliveau's two points, which moved him into a third-place tie with Bernie Geoffrion in the all-time Stanley Cup scoring statistics. The onetime linemates now each have 115 points.

Geoffrion scored 56 goals and 59 assists in 127 games. Beliveau has 53 goals and 62 assists in 105 games. The leader is Gordie Howe of Detroit, who had 153 points through Thursday's games including 65 goals.

Maurice Richard, another retired Montrealer, is second with 126, including a record 82 goals.

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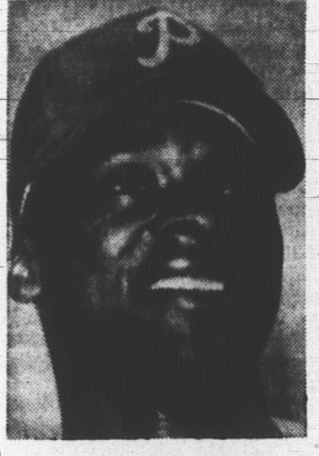
NEW YORK (AP) - A state Supreme Court judge Friday gave the New York Boxing Commission five days to explain why Emile Griffith could not hold the world middleweight and the world welterweight championship titles.

The three-man commission ruled Griffith automatically relinquished his welterweight crown when he won the middleweight title from Dick Tiger in a 15-round decision Monday. A Griffith asked Justice Joseph A. Sarafite to void the commission's rule against holding two titles at the same time.

The 28-year-old champion contended the rule was "arbitrary, capricious and illegally deprived" him of a valuable right without due process of law and in violation of his constitutional rights.

Justice Sarafite ordered the boxing commission to explain its action Tuesday. Griffith told the court he would defend both titles.

The manager, Gilbert T. Clancy, said in an affidavit that the boxer was "known in his trade as a fighting champion."



RICHIE ALLEN

Philadelphia Checks Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) - Richie Allen drove in one run and scored another before being injured while ace right-hander Jim Bunning held Chicago in check Friday as Philadelphia defeated Cubs 5-1.

Allen left the game with an injured right arm after scoring on Bill White's single for the Phillies second run in the fourth inning. He was hurt stealing second.

Allen singled home Johnny Callison, who had doubled, with the Phils' first run in the first inning.

Bunning extended his scoreless inning streak to 20 before being tagged for a home run by Adolfo Phillips in the seventh. It was the second victory against one defeat for the 34-year-old veteran.

2 Young Canadians Take Opening Tilts

HELSINKI (CP-AP) - Two aggressive young Canadians, Mike Belkin and Harry Faulquier, won the opening singles matches Friday in the Canada-Finland Davis Cup tennis round. Belkin, 20, from Montreal and Miami Beach Fla., downed Rauno Suminen 6-1, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, after Faulquier, 23, from Toronto, had beaten the Finnish champion, Pekka Saetia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

It was not immediately known who will represent Canada in the doubles, normally played the next day, but Faulquier and Belkin were a possibility.

Faulquier, five-foot-seven and 145 pounds, is playing in his fourth Davis Cup tournament. This was his first match victory. In 1963 and 1965 Canada faced the United States in the first round, and in 1964 Mexico was the first-round foe. The Canadians were overpowered each time.

Belkin, five-foot-10 and 165 pounds, left Montreal for Miami at the age of 12 and matured rapidly in the tennis atmosphere of Florida. In 1964 he was 17th in the U.S. national rankings and last year he moved up to no. 7.

The Finnish hosts performed miracles to get the courts here ready for this opening Davis Cup round. Firemen moved on to the courts which had been frozen deeply as recently as last weekend, and applied hot water Monday. Since then it has dried out gradually, becoming playable each day at noon.

Faulquier and Belkin praised the courts after a practice session Thursday.

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