

# Detroit Red Wings Will Make Bid to Even Series With Rangers

## Crippled Detroiters Determined to Halt Rush of Patrickmen

New Yorkers Confident of Winning N. H. L. Championship

DETROIT, April 7—The injury-ridden Red Wings of Detroit, one game down to New York's Rangers in the five-game Stanley Cup series, came home today with a feeling that "we will pull out of the hole."

To retain the cup and the world hockey championship they won last year, the Wings must stop the inspired rush of the "hot" Ranger team and win three games here before Lester Patrick's young and old men get two more victories.

The Wings think they can do it. They have pulled out of tight places before, most recently at Montreal in the N.H.L. championship playoffs when, after dropping two decisions to the Canadiens following goalie Norm Smith's injury, they came back to win the deciding game in overtime.

"The tension is gone," big Marty Barry, Detroit centre, told Manager Jack Adams, tonight, after the Red Wings left their train and gathered on the home ice. "All the other fellows feel the same way."

Adams agreed. "We'll show them a trick or two yet," he said. "The team that beat the Canadiens is good enough to beat the Rangers."

Rangers Head For Detroit

NEW YORK, April 7—As confident a band of athletes as ever went to the hockey wars followed Lester Patrick onto a Detroit-bound train here tonight, intent on winding up the Stanley Cup series in three games.

New York Rangers had every reason to be sure of themselves as they set out for the nest of the Red Wings, for a team never looked hotter than the Blueshirts did in swamping the Motor City crew 5-1 in the cup-final opener here last night. It was the fifth straight triumph for the Patrick puckmen in the title play-downs and their rallying cry was "seven straight or bust."

There were not serious player-injuries to wrinkle the Patrick brow. Off Heller wore a square inch of adhesive tape on the centre of his cranium, covering a cut opened when he was clipped by the stick of his team-mate Lynn Patrick during a scrimmage last night. Big Joe Cooper had a long bruise on his side, memento of a jarring check into the boards. Otherwise, there wasn't a scratch in the carload of happy hockey-men.

By way of explaining the transformation of a Ranger team that was hot and cold during the regular season into one that has torn through

## FINALS FOR ALLAN CUP COMMENCE AT CALGARY TONIGHT

CALGARY, April 7—North Battleford Beavers, Western Canada senior hockey champions, will see a squad with an attack among the most potent ever produced in the West when they meet Sudbury Tigers, Eastern representatives, here tomorrow night in the first game of the best-of-five Allan Cup finals.

In comparison with Sudbury's all-star cast plucked from widely separated parts of the Dominion, the North Battleford outfit is composed of players who learned their hockey in Saskatchewan. Five of the players hail from Moose Jaw. Almost every man is a standout in his position.

The finely-tempered first-string line of Burke-Duchak-Shillington who finished one-two-three in the Northern Saskatchewan League scoring lists continued their fine work in the play-offs.

The heavy defence features Vic Myles, a fast rusher, playmaker and puck clearer, and Walter McIntyre, a great blocker and bruising body-checker.

Description of goalie Ken Davis' play as "sensational" is not an exaggeration.

Coach "Reg" Stuart, who brought Halifax Wolverines to the top of amateur hockey with an Allan Cup championship in 1934-35, has moulded another team of championship calibre in Sudbury Tigers.

Known as Frood Mines in the Northern Ontario Hockey Association, the team went through the season with only one defeat, and in subsequent playdowns they have won all but one game. Most of the wins have been by substantial margins.

Don Grosso, powerful forward, is the sharpshooter of the squad, but there is strength in every department. Goalie Teno is one of the best in the country.

Stuart has two former Wolverines

the playoffs like a juggernaut. Frankie Boucher said that in all his years under the big top it was the first time he had ever seen a team clicking at top form from the goal mouth out.

"Often two or three men are 'hot' and that is usually enough to make a team a winning one," the veteran centre-ice star said. "Right now every man on our club is red hot and I do not see how anything can stop us."

## EDMONTON GRADS, WORLD CHAMPIONS, OUT OF TITLE HUNT

Hope of encountering the world famous Edmonton Grads in the Canadian women's basketball finals waned today for the Notre Dame de Grace quintette.

If the series is to be played this season, Winnipeg and the Montreal team may have to battle it out. Grads are not interested!

Notre Dame de Grace, champions of Montreal and the Province of Quebec, who became the Eastern Canada representatives when the Ontario senior entry Windsor defaulted a few weeks ago, have been training faithfully in anticipation of a meeting with the world champions.

The Grads recently defeated Vancouver Spencers in a Western play-down, winning the series in straight games. Under ordinary circumstances the next step for the Edmonton prides would be to receive the Eastern Canada representatives in the Dominion final. The western coach claims these are no ordinary circumstances!

Queried as to whether they were prepared to receive the Montreal team, Percy Paige, pilot of the world champions said today "Grads just returned from coast this morning. Winnipeg and Montreal are only teams interested in playdowns and in view of our one-sided scores against these teams, Grads cannot see their way to bring either team west."

This is tantamount to notice of default on the part of the Edmonton Grads. So sure are they that they can pile up a heavy score on the invading teams, that the series will go flat, spectators few and the series a financial headache. A headache they do not wish to risk.

Grads have played to big gates in their home town when meeting crack American teams. Also drew well when Toronto teams have made their infrequent visits. A Montreal team, unknown in the west, is a different matter and the Grads' coach refuses to take any chances.

The Canadian final series was to have opened April 23 with a best three-out-of-five games method of deciding the title.

This leaves Montreal and Winnipeg solely interested in battling for the Canadian senior crown.

As the 1937 schedule calls for the Western representatives to receive the East, Winnipeg may also balk at laying it on the line for transportation and board and lodgings. It is not unlikely that the Montreal team will eventually find themselves holders of the Dominion title by default.

Since their nomination as Eastern representatives the N.D.G. team has done all it possibly could to keep in shape for the final and announced its readiness to move west whether it be against the Edmonton Grads or another western entry.

In his reference to "one-sided scores" Paige is remembering an exhibition game his Grads played here in Montreal a few seasons ago.

The Canadian champions met an all-star team here, a team that had little training as a unit and as a result was easy prey for the visitors. The score mounted in discouraging fashion against the Montrealers at that time. N.D.G. officials rightly claim that their club, holders of the city title for several years, are much stronger than the all-star line that Montreal sent against the Grads on the former meeting.

News that Edmonton is not interested in progressing further into the Canadian playdowns will cause disappointment in the N.D.G. camp. The Quebec Men's Basketball Association with whom the ladies league is affiliated will now have to look elsewhere for an opponent for the Eastern representatives. Judging from Paige's statement it looks very much like Winnipeg as host.

This is the second year the Grads have defaulted in the Canadian playdowns. Last year they did not defend their title because of their trip to the Olympic Games and other European courts.

Meanwhile N.D.G. will continue practicing in the hope that the Dominion series will eventually materialize. Captain Jean Snyder will keep them in perfect shape hoping for the best.

## DODGERS WILL BE FIGHTING CLUB THIS YEAR, GRIMES SAYS

CLEARWATER, Fla., April 7—This is the same pine-board ball park where the late Uncle Wilbert Robinson was wont to put his Brooklyn Dodgers through their dizzy dildoes of spring training.

There's the same rocking chair in which Robbie sat reading his mail, telling stories to the scribes while his lachrymoseal Flatbush Fusiliers went about their legendary diamond foolishness.

There's the same creaking bench where he parked his round, ample avoidimpolis and waved signals to Ol' Dazzy Vance, Babe Herman, Lefty O'Doul and other Dodgers of an earlier. The scene is the same, but—

The act is changed. The chair in which Robbie reclined is occupied now by Battling Burleigh (Squire Stubble-Beard) Grimes, no-shaving, stern, forbidding, umpire-baiting fighter, full of a spirit of serious effort.

Grimes smokes a huge pipe with a stem two feet long. The pipe, for all of its comic opera effect, somehow strangely fits the bristling personality of the Lord of Burleigh. One of the writing fellows about the camp says Boss Burleigh is so dignified he can strut while sitting down, a remark less original than accurate.

When asked his thought on the matter of improving the Brooklyn ball club, Squire Grimes is very definite.

"Think I'll have a better team? I know I'll have a better. This is a 100 per cent, better team right now than last year's, and the reason is the club is fighting. They're fighting for positions out there, and they're going to fight the team we play—plenty!"

Grimes sustains his reputation for having been a tough manager to please in the Three Eye and American Association. Already he has engaged in verbal warfare with Grapefruit league umpires and rival managers. The other day, in a practice game he went ten fast verbal rounds with Charley Drensen, manager of the Reds, after one of Burleigh's boys had been spiked.

"This team is going to fight," says Burleigh, "and I'm fighting right with 'em!"

There will be several changes.

on his roster, Frankie Lavigne and Frank Graham, but it is hardly likely Lavigne will see action. An injury he suffered in the series with Toronto has kept him on the sidelines.

Squire Grimes is definite about those too. He definitely doesn't know about many positions.

"I come down here and look at these fellows for a week and you want my opening day line-up, huh?"

"Well, I haven't quite decided. Buddy Hassett, at first base, is a good ball player with the right spirit and I'm going to build my club round young fellows like him. Jack Winsett, batting champion and home run leader in the association, ought to bring us some more power. We got Lavagetto from the Pirates in a trade, and he has been going good at second, but hurt his ankle the other day in a game.

"We have five or six good looking young pitchers and outfielders, and I've been holding two sessions every day trying to sort 'em out. It'll take a little time. I can't make over this team in three weeks."

The infield probably will be composed of Hassett, Lavagetto, English and Stripp. English, at short, is from the Cubs. One of the young infielders Burleigh discovered himself is Tony Malinosky, shortstop with Louisville last year, and he'll probably be kept around.

There are a lot of outfield candidates. Heinie Manush, former American leaguer, has won Grimes with exhibition of power drives in the Grapefruit circuit. Eddie Wilson, who came up from Allentown last summer, is carrying on his clouting where he left off. Jobs are uncertain for some of the holdovers who slumped at the plate last year—Watkins, Cooney, Moore and Butcher. Eddie Morgan, young outfielder who escaped the Cardinal chain system, has shown merit both afield and at bat.

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## WANT CANUCKS TO MEET ALL-STARS AT HUB STADIUM

MONCTON, April 7—Plans were underway here tonight to have the Montreal Canadiens, eliminated from the Stanley Cup hunt last week by Detroit Red Wings, and who will play two games in Sydney this week, perform here early next week against a team of Maritime all-stars who have been performing with pro clubs during the past season.

The "Flying Frenchmen" with Cecil Hart in charge, passed through here this afternoon en route to Sydney, and the peppery manager of Canucks expressed a desire to have his team play on local ice. Ice in the Stadium is now in the process of being removed. It was stated the ice could be restored in time for a game here Monday or Tuesday night and definite word as to whether or not the game will be played will be known tomorrow.

The plan was to ice a team composed of such players as "Knucker" Irvine, Sammy McManus, Bill Gill, Jackie Keating, "Dud" James, "Dizzy" Desilets, and Bill Miller against the Canucks with the addition of one or two additional players to fill the gaps in the crew.

Possibly the most interesting member of the Canadiens' party here today was 11 year old Howie Morenz, son of the great Canuck centre who died a short time ago. Howie was having a wonderful time during the brief time the team remained here and was the object of much admiration of a large gathering of youngsters at the depot as he mingled and talked with such 'big time' stars as "Babe" Siebert, Johnny Gagnon, Walter Buswell, Armand Mondou, Bill Miller and other members of the great French club.

Force doesn't always triumph. It never defeats a weak little woman, who won't fight and won't give in.

## Senior Hoop Play-offs Open in Loyalist City

### JOHNSON SEEKS MAT TITLE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Tor Johnson, 365-pound Swede who meets George Harben of Australia in the headline wrestling match at Boston Garden Friday night, has more color than any matman Promoter Paul Bowser has paraded here in several seasons.

Johnson gave up acting in moving picture to give his entire time to wrestling. There are those among the movie critics who declare the big fellow had promise of going places.

"The movies are okay and the pay is good, but I have my heart set on winning the heavyweight championship," Tor explained yesterday.

"That's why I am doing nothing but wrestling, and that is why I came to Boston. I heard that Mr. Bowser had first call on Yvon Robert's services and I want to prove that I am entitled to first crack at him.

"I will prove it by wrestling and beating anybody Bowser secures for me. My old dad, who lives in Stockholm, was Swedish heavyweight wrestling champion and he is pulling for me to win the world's title."

The elder Johnson, whose name was Karl Johnson, measures six feet two inches tall and weighed 310 pounds as a wrestler. Tor is two inches taller and 55 pounds heavier.

In the tournament there will be eight first-round bouts, four quarter-final contests, two semi-final and one final, a total of 15 contests.

Following are first-round pairings: Tom Hanley vs. Bibber McCoy, Marvin Westensbergs vs. Tony Colesano, Joe Corbett vs. Max (Windmill) Gold-

### Saint John Seniors Meet McGill Grade in Opener Tonight

SAINT JOHN, April 8—Expecting to train their heavy siege guns, "Oke" Olsen and Johnny Ferraro, on the Saint John Seniors tonight at High School gym in the first of the Eastern Canada Senior basketball semi-finals, the McGill Grads of Montreal hit town today at noon.

Olsen and Ferraro, imports to Canadian rugby from United States, who were barred last season but expect to be eligible next fall are expected to carry the brunt of the McGill attack. Whether the smaller local floor than those they are used to in Upper Canada will hamper the efforts of the Grads' sharpshooters remains to be seen. Ferraro led all scorers in the Montreal City League during the season and was impressive against the University of Ottawa in the first round of the Eastern Canada play-downs.

It is doubtful if the game tonight and the second on Saturday afternoon will be routs for the Grads because it will be a fighting bunch of local cagers who will take the floor against them.

Tonight's set-to gets under way at 8 o'clock with J. Clark Ready and Louis Chandler handling the whistles.

Saint John's front line of George Andrews, Don Patterson and elongated Ray Lawlor will carry the battle to the Grads and it is hoped that Lawlor's six feet, six inches will be used to good advantage in controlling the tip-off.

berg, Rube Wright vs. Stanley Sitkowski, Richard Stahl vs. Tommy Rae, Wally Dusek vs. Pat Kelly, Jim Wallis vs. Cy Williams, Pat Reilly vs. Joe Koluj.

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