

"Flying Frenchmen" Meet Detroit Red Wings in Final Battle Tonight

Canadiens Coach is Confident Team Will Reach N.H.L. Play-offs

Detroiters Minus the Services of Norm Smith

MONTREAL, March 31—Montreal's courageous Canadiens, speeding along hockey's rockstrewn comeback trail, found just one more hill ahead tonight in their path to the Stanley Cup finals, and the N.H.L. title.

As the semi-final series with Detroit Red Wings stood deadlocked at two games apiece, only a single match lay between Canadiens and a new bit of hockey history. For if they win tomorrow night, they will become the first team ever to reach the final after dropping two straight in the last round but one.

Cecil Hart's squad took those two strikes at Detroit, then came back to get two in a row at home. And now, again on home ice, they are accorded the betting edge on the eve of the crucial encounter.

The champion Red Wings were definitely underdogs tonight. Besides the psychological hazard of two lost games, they were still without their all-star goalie, Norm Smith, out with an injured arm. Rookie Earl Robertson, who dropped a 3-1 verdict to Habituants last night, was certain to be in the netting tomorrow.

Hart Not Worried

Hart had no worries as to his men's fitness. Burly "Babe" Siebert was hobbling around today with a cane; but the Canadian mastermind explained he was just resting a sore foot and would be handing out the bumps as usual around the blueline tomorrow night.

Only other injury was goalie Wilf Cude's bruised foot, which caused nothing more than discomfort. Manager Jack Adams—called "Jolly Jack" when the Wings are winning—had nothing to say. Jim Norris, Jr., son of the Detroiters' owner, was more talkative.

"If we get that first goal tomorrow night and play the right kind of hockey," he ventured, "I think we'll win."

Wembley Lions Down Manchester Rapids

MANCHESTER, Eng., April 1—Wembley Lions made almost sure of the National Hockey League championship last night when they defeated Manchester Rapids 6-4. The worst that can happen to them now is that Harringay Racers tie them and to do that Racers must win both their remaining games while Lions lost their last battle.

Streatham defeated Earl's Court Rangers, 7-6, and Earl's Court Royals won, 7-6, from Southampton Vikings in other National League games last night.

The Tariff Board recommends tariff reductions with respect to automobile parts, tariff increases for furniture, tariff reduction on hats. Seems impartial at least.

Government Minister Asked to Interfere in Hockey Dispute

OTTAWA, March 31—The storm over the Allan Cup hockey game in Quebec, Saturday night, blew up on Parliament Hill yesterday and caused some discomfort to Hon. C. G. Power, Minister of Pensions and National Health, who represents Quebec South in the House.

The Minister said he had received a sheaf of telegrams from prominent men in his home city protesting because Cecil Duncan had ordered a replay of the game, in which Quebec Aces defeated Hull Volants 3-2, and asking if he "could do something about it."

"Because Mr. Duncan is a Civil Servant who represents the finance department in my department they apparently think he is under me," Mr. Power said.

"He is not under my control, however, so even if I wanted to mix hockey with departmental administration I couldn't do it."

HOCKEY SCORES

Allan Cup (Eastern Semi-Finals)

Hull 3, Quebec 2. (Hull wins best of three series, two games to one and take round.)

Memorial Cup (Eastern Finals)

Copper Cliff 13, Rideaus 3. (First game of best of three series.)

Int-Am. League Playoffs

Pittsburgh 2, Syracuse 1. (Fourth game of Western Section title. Pittsburgh now on even terms with Stars at two games each.)

SCHEDULED TONIGHT

Stanley Cup Playoffs

Detroit at Canadiens. (Fifth and deciding game for the National Hockey League title and the right to advance to the Stanley Cup finals. Each club has won two games.)

Maroons at Rangers. (First game of best of three series in Stanley Cup semi-finals for right to advance to the playoff for the cup.)

Memorial Cup (Western Finals)

Saskatoon at Winnipeg. (First game of best of three series. Winner meets victor of Copper Cliff-Ottawa Rideaus series for the cup and junior hockey supremacy in Canada.)

Pittsburgh Hornets Even Five-Game Series With Stars

PITTSBURGH, April 1—Pittsburgh Hornets evened their International-American Hockey League Western Division playoff series with Syracuse last night with a 2-1 victory over the Stars.

The Hornet victory tied the series at two games each and forced the best-three-of-five joust to a final saw-off match in Syracuse Friday night for the right to meet the Eastern Division winners, either the champion Philadelphia Ramblers or Springfield Indians.

MARITIME CAGE FINALS TONIGHT AT WOLFVILLE

Saint John Seniors Battle Acadia Five in First of Series

WOLFVILLE, April 1—Fresh from victory over University Grads at Halifax in the Nova Scotia senior basketball playoffs, Acadia University was ready tonight for Saint John Seniors.

The New Brunswick champions will play a two-game, total-goal series here for the Maritime title. The first game is scheduled for tomorrow night and the second for Friday.

Acadia's squad was primed for action by a pep rally at which every student at the university was present. Preparations were being made to house the largest crowd in the Acadia gym since 1930 when the college team reached the Canadian finals.

Ted Ellsworth and Roy Lockhart will start as guards on the Nova Scotia team with Burpee Balcolm, Dave Haley and Gregg Cann on the front line. George DeWitt, Ben Wilson, Bob MacIntosh, Keith Roddam and Les Bayne were slated for relief duty.

RANGERS WORRIED OVER SEMI-FINALS

NEW YORK, March 31—Montreal Maroons' feat in ousting Boston Bruins from the Stanley Cup playoffs has given the brain trust three-some of New York Rangers plenty to worry about.

When the Blueshirts qualified to meet Toronto Maple Leafs in the opening round Manager Lester Patrick, Captain Bill Cook and pivot Frankie Boucher spent little time mapping their campaign.

"If we can stop Harvey Jackson, Gordon Drillon and Syl Apps we have a good chance of beating them," Patrick said before the Rangers defeated Leafs in two straight games.

Complicated Problem

He admitted tonight, however, the Maroons provided a much more complicated problem.

"They have one of the best defenses in the league," said Lester, as Boucher and Cook nodded assent. "Every Maroon line has a world of speed as well as backchecking and scoring ability. We can't plan our campaign in a day with so many angles to be studied."

The first game of the semi-final series between the Rangers and Maroons will be played here Thursday. An ice carnival has the Garden booked until that day. If Rangers succeed in reaching the final they will probably have to play all their games away, as a circus takes over the Garden April 8.

Since the Leafs series ended last Thursday Rangers have worked out everyday, including Sunday. The happiest warrior speeding around the rink is Babe Pratt, the Winnipeg youngster who scored the deciding goal in the second game against the Maple Leafs.

"I waited four years for that one," explained the 21-year-old star. "When I was playing junior with Kenora Thistles I scored three goals in one game against Turk Broda (Leaf net-minder.) After the game he told me that was the last goal I would ever score against him. And it was until Thursday night."

Pratt Breaks Jinx

"I thought about it when the trapper (Art Coulter) slid that pass over to me. I said to myself, 'Now Wally old boy, here goes that jinx.' I pushed the puck at him, then pulled it back fast. He made a dive for it and I had the whole, empty net."

"Turk and I have always been friends back home and I got more of a kick out of making him eat what he said four years ago than I did when the crowd went wild over the goal."

Alex. Shibicky, of Winnipeg, and Neil Colville, brainy centre from Edmonton, are the only Ranger puck-men on the ailing list. A protective device has been made to cover Colville's fractured jaw and he will swing into action against Maroons. Shibicky has a charley-horse, but it is responding to treatment and the sharp-shooter of the kid line will hold down his regular wing berth.

Actually medicated with throat-soothing ingredients of Vicks VapoRub.
VICKS COUGH DROP

"AROUND THE SPORT CLOCK"

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"Dinny" Dinsmore

A rare hockey dish will be served to the fans at Madison Square Gardens tonight when the cagy troops of the Lester Patrick meet the rugged Montreal Maroons. This will be the opening game of the semi-finals for the Stanley Cup, and Tommy Gorman's club is given the call to defeat the Rangers.

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The Montreal Canadiens will furnish one of the greatest upsets in modern N.H.L. hockey history if they come through tonight in the final game for the title with Detroit Red Wings. The Detroit team will be a stubborn one to down, but the mixture of veterans and youth on the Canuck lineup are clicking in grand style, and fans look for them to pull the hat trick.

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Ken Kallenburg, who toiled on the mound for the Maritime champions, St. Stephen St. Croix last year, has been farmed out to Moultrie, Georgia, for a tryout. Kallenburg was impressive at the Red Sox training camp at Little Rock, Ark.

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Segadelli rated as the second best catcher in the Cape Breton Circuit last year, will be wearing an Ottawa uniform this summer according to reports from Sydney. The big Italian is rated as a clever backstop.

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The game of softball seems to be destined to flourish in this district again this summer. Several clubs have already been formed. Baseball heads would do well to follow the example of those in charge of the "waist-line" game. Efforts should be made to create interest amongst the youngsters toward baseball and there are sufficient organizations hereabouts to sponsor the movement.

BRADDOCK AND GOULD HEADING FOR MORE GRIEF

WOODCLIFFE, N. J., March 31—Even champion James J. Braddock was lost today in the confusion of the heavyweight situation.

Facing court action for his avowed intention of running out on a bout against Max Schmeling, the champion clings to the apparently outmoded idea that a fighter should fight.

"I don't know anything about this law business," he said today, "but I'd sorta like to fight again."

In the present muddle, he lives a fantastic existence. He gets up early and jobs around the park in his little cliff town overlooking the Hudson River. Each afternoon he goes to New York and works out at a gymnasium. After this he visits his manager, Joe Gould.

This is all he does from one day to the next, and yet he is credited with doing all sorts of fabulous things. "Braddock dodges Schmeling" reads on headline. . . . "Braddock threatens to quit Chicago bout," screams another. . . . "Braddock going to Berlin," announces a third.

Yet Braddock himself does none of these things. Gould does them all. Part of the time Jimmy doesn't even know about them till he reads the papers.

Hailed in Court

Yesterday, however, the champion found one job his manager could not do. Madison Square Garden was hailing Jimmy into Federal Court to show why he should not be forced to meet Schmeling in New York, June 3, before meeting Joe Louis in Chicago, June 22. The champion went to Newark and calmly accepted the papers. He didn't create the situation which led to the court order, and he won't even be in court Monday when his case is pleaded.

Jimmy is not complaining about the situation. He's a patient plodder and complains about nothing. He has nothing but the highest praise for his manager.

"At least everybody knows I'm the champion now," he says simply. "Joe got me plenty of publicity."

All observers are not agreed, however, that it's good publicity. Some fear that "the Cinderella Man" may, like his nicknamesake, end up in the ashes.

At the moment, it appears that Madison Square Garden has the whip-hand in the situation. If the New Jersey Federal Court does restrain Braddock from meeting Louis until he has fought Schmeling. The champion's chances are not good. And even if the court refuses to grant an injunction against the Louis fight, the champion's problems are still unsolved.

VOLANTS DEFEAT QUEBEC ACES IN CUP GAME

Ottawa and District Champions Down Aces in Final 3-2

MONTREAL, April 1—The Reinhardt brothers, Phil and Gene, led the surprising Hull Volants into the Eastern Canada Allan Cup finals last night by scoring all three goals as the Ottawa and district champions defeated Quebec Aces 3-2 in the third and deciding game of their strife-torn playoff.

Victory scored on a late third-period goal by Gene, brought an end to the best of three series that actually went four games. Volants, rated too light to cope with the heavier Quebec champions, won the first 2-1 and dropped the second 1-0. A third game, won 3-2 by Quebec was thrown out because of a disputed goal.

Skating tirelessly and striking swiftly for their goals, Volants never were behind. They twice held a goal lead in the first two periods, and got the deciding point when their first ganging attack during Pete Martin's penalty pierced the veteran goalie, Alex. Bolduc.

Phil Reinhardt gave Hull a 1-0 lead in the first period, but Pete Martin evened the score soon after the start of the second. Hull went ahead again on Gene Reinhardt's first goal only to have Jack O'Connell put Aces on even terms once more.

The third period was scoreless until Gene batted home Bordeaux's rebound at 15:31 to win the game.

Some elephants produce soft ivory; others produce hard.

Red Ruffing Lowers Hold-out Demand

Col. "Jake" Ruppert is Not Worried--Gomez in Top Form

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida, March 31—The Yankees are standing pat, and why shouldn't they? They won the American League pennant by 19½ games in 1936. No one gave Red Ruffing, a 20 game winner last season, a tumble during his holdout siege.

The Chicago redhead reduced a \$30,000 demand to \$15,000 with an extra \$1,000 for his pinch-hitting. Col. Jacob Ruppert told him he could take \$15,000 or remain on his Chicago bowling alleys.

The reason for this is the apparent complete return to form of Vernon Gomez. The Castilian, whose pay was whacked from \$20,000 to \$14,000 this spring as a penalty for two poor seasons, seems to have the fast ball that was his in 1934. With the hard one has returned the curve that explodes on a hitter.

Right now, Gomez looks like a 20-game winner and he decidedly weakened Ruffing's holdout position.

The Yankees will start the season with the same 23 men who finished the world series last fall. Myril Hoag is none the worse off for the collision with Joe Di Maggio which put him in the hospital last August, and will be the second extra outfielder. The other will be the redoubtable Roy Johnson.

Ernie Koy is a large outfielder who hits the ball a mile and a half when he hits it and runs like chain lightning. He drove in 105 runs for Newark, although hitting only .298 in a Double A league. His weakness is a curve ball, and you can't play with

the Yankees if you have any kind of a weakness.

Babe Dahlgren may be carried as a utility infielder. The San Francisco lad has played second and third base. Dahlgren's road to the majors as a first baseman has been a rocky one. After a year in Boston, the Red Sox purchased Jimmy Foxx. Then Dahlgren came to the Yankees, with whom Lou Gehrig hasn't missed a game since June, 1925.

Frank Makosky, a 25 year old right hander up from Newark, has the inside track among the new pitchers because he excelled as a relief worker with the Bears. He has a fork ball and control and in him Joe McCarthy sees another Wickey Moore.

With Gomez, Ruffing—he'll be in—Johnny Broack, Bump Hadley, Makosky, Pat Malone, Johnny Murphy and Monte Pearson to pitch, McCarthy scarcely is lying awake nights.

And with a murderers' row that compares quite favorably with any in the history of baseball, there again should be many a spot along the road where the pitching staff can bog down a bit and doctor up their wounds without being hurt to any great extent.



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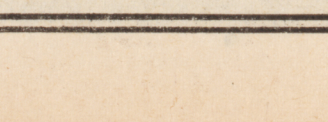
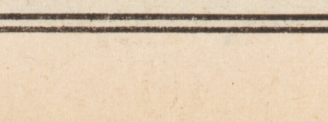
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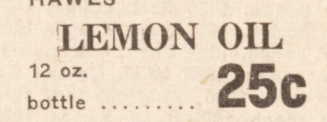

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