

CANADIENS AND AMERKS TAKE OPENERS

FLYING FRENCHMEN DOWN CHI HAWKS AT MONTREAL BY 6-4 TALLY TO GRAB A COMFORTABLE LEAD IN EARLY SERIES

Siebert, Goupille and Blake Shine As the Canucks Cop First of Three Heat Series; Second Game To Be Played On Thursday

MONTREAL, March 23—Big Babe Siebert and Cliff Goupille filled a

Batiste at the Bonspiel

De noder day a frien' of mine,
He say "Batesse" to me,
"W'y don' you go upon de rink
For see bonspiel?" say he;
"Dere's plenty char for sit upon.
De place she's nice and warm"
And so at las' I tink I go,
She can't do me no harm.

Wall, dat is de mos' foolish game
I never yet did see,
For all dey men was yell so loud
I tink I go craze.
Dey have de stone like bit spetoon
An' shove it wit' der han'
But w'y dey get so much excite
I can not understand.

De man down at de noder on'
Ees put hees broown down—so.
An' den he yell, "Now take dat ice"
Dat's foolish t'ing you know;
He can not take de ice away
She's frozen down so hard,
But still he yell, "Yes, tak her out,
I do not want de gard."

An' see dem teller sweep de broom
For w'y I can not tell
Dere is no dirt upon de ice;
An' den some feller yell
"Yes! Hold her up"—say, w'at he mean?
Madam's not here at all,
An' mamselle in de gallerie,
I do not see her fall.

All sort of feller play dat game
Der's some dat's t'in and long
An' some dat's maybe short an' stout,
An' some dat's pretty strong;
But ween dey yell de stout man's
"wide"
An' man dat's long an' tall
"He' narro sure," I do not tink
I stan' for dat at all.

I wonder w'at dat name she mean;
Well, 'hon' in French she's 'good'.
An' 'spiel' is Scotch for mak beeg
talk
Das w'at I understood.
I s'pose she's sort of half-breed name
I spik de way I feel—
I watch dat game for two-t'ree night—
I tink she's mostly 'spiel'.

Unable To Agree On Horse's Chances

TINY THOMPSON TAKES VEZINA PUCK TROPHY

Boston Star Leads Dave Kerr With Seven Goal Edge; Drillon Cops Scoring Crown

Tiny Thompson won the Vezina trophy. The Boston star with 89 goals against him led Dave Kerr home by seven tallies. Earl Robertson was third in the hunt with 111 goals against.

Kerr had eight shutouts to seven by Thompson. Robertson and Broda had six each, rather good for sophomore goal tends. This is the fourth year Thompson has won the trophy. He won in 1929-30, 1931-32 and in 1934-35.

Former Vezina Trophy winners: 1936-37, Norm Smith, Detroit; 1935-36, Tiny Thompson, Boston; 1934-35, Lorne Chabot, Chicago; 1933-34, Chuck Gardiner, Chicago; 1932-33, Tiny Thompson, Boston; 1931-32, Chuck Gardiner, Chicago; 1930-31, Roy Worters, Americans; 1929-30, Tiny Thompson, Boston; 1928-29, George Hainesworth, Canadiens.

Gordon Drillon in his second year out in top line company secured 52 points to win the N.H.L. scoring title. He leads his team mate Sylvanus Apps by 2 points.

He had 26 goals. This is a splendid showing for the Monctonian, known as one of the handsomest men in hockey. Drillon has been going ahead steadily ever since he came into the league. George Mantham had a splendid total and came second in goals with 23. Dillon of Rangers with 21 was fifth on the list. Apps also had 21 goals. Apps had 29 assists.

While assists help in establishing the rating of these super stars, and have the same value as points they often give a false valuation because of the well known partiality of certain scorers towards their home team and friends on the club.

Do Not Concede Canadian Entry Favorable Chance To Take The Classic

AINTREE, England, March 23—The trainer of H. R. Bain's, Rock Lad, is doubtful of the Canadian horse's ability to go the difficult Aintree course in next Friday's Grand National steeplechase.

The trainer, Furlong, today said "Rock Lad" is a Canadian horse without experience at Aintree and we can only hope for the best", when asked what he thought of his chance. He was more confident of Lough Cottage, owned by Mrs. S. Creach, and also trained by him. "If he escapes interference, he will be there at the finish and has an excellent chance".

Most confident of the trainers was Herbert Smyth, who has prepared Blue Shirt, one of the favorites. He said that the horse, owned by Arthur Sainsbury, "will win, in my opinion, barring accidents".

Mrs. C. Evans, who recently acquired last year's winner, Royal Mail, from the estate of H. Lloyd Thomas who was killed in a riding accident, expressed the hope that "we will give those who have backed him a good run for their money".

Likes The Big Fences

The French bred Takvor Pacha, owned by the Marquis de Sanmiquel, "is young, but likes the big fences, and the English climate", his trainer, A. Manby, said. "He will run fresher than most, and we have every faith in his French jockey, 'Kalle'".

J. B. Snow's Delachance, most liked of the American-owned entries, "has an excellent chance and is a better horse at Aintree than anywhere else", trainer G. Beeby said. He thought also that V. Smith's Rockquilla has possibilities. "He is a fine jumper though not experienced at Aintree". The only mare entered, Cooleen, owned by J. Rank, and Mr. Rank's Bachelor Prince, "Both know the country; they will make a good bid", according to Trainer Evans.

Latest Odds
LONDON, March 23—Mrs. Camille, Evans' Royal Mail, the 1937 winner, and Arthur Sainsbury's Blue Shirt, today remained joint favorites for the Grand National to be run at Aintree on Friday.

Odds on both shortened to 100 to 9. J. B. Snow's Delachance was quoted at 15 to 1 and James V. Rank's Cooleen at 100 to 6.
The only other jumpers quoted in today's Victoria Club callover were Sir Warden Chilcott's Dunhill Castle and H. C. McNally's Royal Danelli at 22 to 1; Sir Francis Towle's Airedale Sios and Sir Alex Macgure's Workman 25 to 1; and Mrs. J. de Selincourt's Provocative, 33 to 1.

The Marquis de San-Miguel's Takvor Pacha was quoted in the callover at 18 to 1 while, in outside betting, H. R. Bain's Rock Lad, Canadian candidate, was backed at 40 to 1.
Unofficial odds on the remainder of the field follow: Dominick's Cross 20 to 1; Rockquilla and Stalbridge Park 25 to 1; Red Freeman and Red Knight II 28 to 1; Pontet, Davey Jones, Inversible, Lough Cottage, Bachelor Prince, and Didoric 33 to 1; Battleship, Cabin Fire, and under Bid 40 to 1; Santa Luz and Brighter Cottage 59 to 1; Froisher, Blue Prince, Tapinois and Pencraik, 66 to 1; Dawmar, What Have You, Hopeful Hero, Prominent Lady, Hurdy Gurdy Man, K. H. D., and Emancipator 100 to 1; and Lazy Boots and Drim 200 to 1.

Strange Pilgrimage
AINTREE, Eng., March 23—The strangest sporting pilgrimage in the world started Saturday night when

QUEBEC ACES TAKE OPENER FROM RAIDERS

SHERBROOKE, Que., March 23—The powerful Quebec Aces, led by veteran Jack O'Connell, moved toward their second successive provincial senior hockey title last night by trouncing Sherbrooke Raiders 4-2 in the first of their two game total goal series. The teams meet again at Quebec on Thursday.

Aces, Quebec Senior Hockey League pennant winners, were held to a scoreless first period by Provincial Hockey League champions, but the second period spurt netted two goals and they added two more in third period, when Raiders caged their brace. A crowd of 4,200 saw the game.
The winners of this series meets Moncton Maroons at Hub in the first round of Allan Cup play.

AMERKS NOSED RANGERS IN INTRA-CITY "SUBWAY" SERIES OPENER 2-1 AFTER A HARD FOUGHT OVERTIME BATTLE

Johnny Sorrell, Detroit Trade, Stole Show With Winning Goal and Assist; Molyneaux, Rookie Defenceman's Penalty Costly

NEW YORK, March 23—The Americans won the opening game of New York's 'subway' hockey series, downing the Rangers 2-1 here last night. Johnny Sorrell scored the winning goal after 21 minutes and 25 seconds of overtime.

Second place winners of the National League's Canadian Division, Amerks had to come from behind to down their intra-city rivals in the first game of the best of three series to decide which team carried New York's chances further into the Stanley Cup playoffs.

A crowd of 15,000 sent up a deafening cheer as Sorrell obtained late in the season from the Detroit Red Wings, speared Eddie Wiseman's long forward pass and beat Goalie Dave Kerr from close in. The veteran winger almost followed the puck into the net himself.

It fell to the lot of Larry Molyneaux, rookie defenceman up from Philadelphia Ramblers, to be the goal of the important tussle. He was serving a penalty for tripping handed out late in the first overtime period when the winning goal was scored. The teams meet again Thursday and again Sunday if necessary.

Cecil Dillon, sent the Rangers into the lead early in the first period when he snared a pass from Ott Heller near the American net. The Blue Shirts protected their advantage carefully until midway through the second session when Red Beattie picked up a loose puck after a three-man attack and fired the equalizer.

The game started out to be a bruising contest but ended with both teams playing clean, fast hockey. Thirteen penalties were handed out and Molyneaux was the unlucky 13th man to troop to the sidelines. Eight banishments were served in the first period when both teams carried the sticks high and tempers were often frayed.

Ken Carroll, pudgy centre, out with an injured ankle for some time, and "Dud" White, six-foot defenceman player out for the greater portion of the season through injuries, are back in shape and may possibly see action in the first Allan Cup playdown round.

Local followers of the Maroons feel that the Jamesmen have more than an even chance of knocking off the Quebec winners this year.

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