

# MONTREAL ROYALS DOWN TORONTO SIX

## EAST NIGHT'S 3-1 VICTORY THROWS ALLAN CUP SERIES IN DEADLOCK

Third Game Scheduled For Thursday Night With Both Teams Hoping For Win

TORONTO, April 5.—In a surprising form reversal, Montreal Royals swept past the tight defence of Toronto and beat the Ontario champions 3-1 last night to even their Allan Cup semi-final at a game each.

Beaten 6 to 2 at Montreal Sunday and 2-1 underdogs in the pre-game betting, Royals fought back gallantly to check Toronto to a standstill and score two goals after Toronto had tied the score on a lucky second period counter.

The third game of the best of five series will be played in Montreal Thursday night and the fourth here Saturday. Tonight's was the first defeat for Toronto in 32 league and playoff games. When they finally fell, Toronto went down before a club that put up a brilliant defensive barrier in front of their steady goal-keeper, Patsy Seguin. Young Buddy O'Connor fired them into the lead after 13 minutes of the first period on a pretty passing play with Pete Morin.

### Montreal Defence Solid

When Carl Gamble swept the puck into his own net—a goal credited to

Hank Goldup—while trying to clear, it appeared as if Toronto would wear down the lighter Royals. But the defence, headed by Bert Janke, never cracked and Herman Murray scored what proved to be the winning goal late in the second period.

Murray, who didn't score a goal during the regular 22-game schedule, fired a short backhand into the net on a picture play with Morin, who got the third Royal goal with O'Connor and Murray assisting at 18:50 of the third period.

## DRILLON LIKELY TO BEST RECORD FOR PLAYOFFS

Has Already First Old Record of Eleven Points Scored

TORONTO, Apr. 5. — Gordon Drillon, the toast of Toronto after he shot the Maple Leafs in the Stanley Cup finals in fair way to breaking the record for scoring points during a National Hockey League playoff.

Way back in 1921-22, Clarence (Babe) Dye, playing for Toronto, fired nine goals and gave two assists for a total of 11 points. That record has never been equalled since. Drillon's two goals and two assists in Saturday's game boost his playoff total to seven goals and four assists. Which adds up to 11.

It will be strange reversal of form if the Moncton youth fails to score in the final series—a best-in-seven affair—and so shoot his total to a new record.

Drillon himself led the playoff scorers last season with seven goals and one assist. In 1935-36, Buzz Boll, of the Maple Leafs, put together seven goals and three assists for 10 points. Other 10-point men in recent years were Larry Aurie, of Detroit, 1933-34 and Cecil Dillon, New York Rangers, 1932-33.

## BRANDON ELKS EVEN SERIES

WINNIPEG, April 5. — Brandon Elks swept back from the brink of elimination last night to defeat Edmonton Roamers 5-0 and sent the best of five Western junior hockey final into a fourth game to be played here Thursday.

Soundly whipped in the first two games of the series at Edmonton last week by identical scores of 6-0, Elks made a great comeback last night to down the powerful Edmonton club, farm team of New York's National Hockey League Rangers.

A capacity crowd of 5,000 saw Brandon retain its chance of giving Manitoba a third straight Dominion championship.

Winnipeg Monarchs won the national title in 1937 and St. Boniface Seals repeated last year.

## RAMBLERS EVEN INTAM SERIES

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—Philadelphia Ramblers last night evened their best of five game series with Cleveland Barons for the International-American Hockey League championship, defeating the Barons 5-4 with a goal in the third overtime period.

Cleveland defeated the Ramblers here Saturday night 2-1 in the first game of the series. The Ramblers scored three goals in the first period tonight and Barons notched three goals in the second. Both teams scored once in the third period.

With the match deadlocked at 4-4, Joe Krol of Winnipeg took a pass from Ludo Wareing and slapped the puck past Moe Roberts, Cleveland goalie, for the winning marker. This goal, Krol's second of the game, came at 4:48 of a second "sudden death" period of 20 minutes.

## Grimes Enthusiatic Over his Montreal Nine

Figures Don Ross Will Be Best in League On Hot Corner

LAKE WALES, Fla., April 4. Don Ross of the Royals will be the International League's best fielding third baseman, this year, Burleigh Grimes forecasts.

The Montreal manager came out with this unequivocal opinion yesterday as he watched admiringly while Ross performed in the infield workout.

Threatening weather postponed Royals' exhibition game against Buffalo Bisons, but did not prevent a practice and Grimes was enthusiastic in his approval of Ross.

He likes the way the former Toronto third sacker, who was with Detroit Tigers last year and comes to Montreal on option from Brooklyn, handles himself, and moves around the hot corner. He likes Ross' great throw to first, and thinks that it will be hard to keep the tall slender infielder from crashing his way back into the big league next season.

All in all, Grimes believes he will have one of the league's top-notch infielders when he gets Bert Haas from the Dodgers.

He feels it will all depend on Ben Sankey and Sammy Bell, for he is sure that Ross and Haas will be just what the Doctor ordered.

Bell looks as good as ever defensively, and while Sankey has slowed up slightly, Grimes is not worried about that.

"Of course, he is bound to slow up somewhat. But he's the kind of experienced player who can make up for lack of speed by his intelligence. By making his head work for his feet," Grimes said.

### PORTER DEAL

Two other players particularly impressed Grimes in yesterday's drill. They were Bobby Porter, right-handed twirler, and Lindsay Deal, the new outfielder.

Porter, just getting over a sore arm, pitched in batting practice and Grimes was delighted with his sweeping delivery and the excellent curve ball that resulted. He commented on it to Porter after the pitcher had completed his turn on the mound.

As for Deal, Grimes is sold on his speed and the graceful way he patrols left field. Deal doesn't make sensational catches, mainly because he makes them look so easy.

His judgment of fly balls is perfect and he moves about so smoothly that his plays appear effortless. Grimes remarked that the other day in Haines City was the first time he had ever seen a left fielder cross right into the heart of centre field to pull down a fly ball.

If rain does not intervene again today, Royals will get back into citrus circuit action after a three-day lay-off, which has been devoted to practices.

Their opponents this afternoon are the Newark Bears, the one club Montreal has been able to defeat in its four exhibition starts to date.

Marvin Duke, left-hander, and the righthanded Jim Winford, purchased from Brooklyn who were scheduled to share the mound duties yesterday, will go to the hill today instead.

Winford will be making his first competitive appearance in a Montreal uniform.

## HOW THEY STAND

### Allan Cup Playdowns

Montreal Royals 3, Toronto 1. (Second of best three in five series for the Eastern championship and the right to advance to the Allan Cup finals. Both teams have won game each).

### International-American Finals

Philadelphia 5, Cleveland 4. (Over-time, Second of best three in five series for the International-American League championship. Both teams tied at game each).

### Memorial Cup Playdowns

Brandon 5, Edmonton 0. (Third of best three in five for the Western championship and the right to meet Eastern winner in Memorial Cup finals. Edmonton leads two games to one).

### Women's Canadian Semi-Final

Preston 0, Winnipeg 0. (Deciding game of two game, total goal series for right to advance against Charlottetown in the Dominion finals. Preston wins round 3-2).

### SCHEDULED TONIGHT

#### Memorial Cup Playdowns

Verdun vs. Oshawa at Toronto. (Second game of best two of three series for the Eastern championship and the right to compete in the Memorial Cup finals. Verdun won the first game).

## SMYTHE, ROSS START PLAYOFF BICKERING

BOSTON, April 5.—The mild bickering that makes a Boston-Toronto Stanley Cup hockey playoff series official, at least as far as managers Art Ross and Con Smythe are concerned, started when both demanded equipment changes.

As a result of Smythe's demand that all Bruins carry sticks within the 53-inch limit in Thursday's opening Stanley Cup clash at the Boston Garden, Ross had every weapon in his players' armory measured before he sent them out for an hour's workout.

A few of the sticks, found to be longer than the hockey rule permits, were sawed to legal length.

The Boston manager refused to allow the equipment argument to drop and countered with a demand that Smythe respect the regulations limiting the width of goalie's leg-pads and stick-blades to 10 and 3½ inches respectively.

## CANADIENS AND ALL-STARS WILL PLAY AT MONCTON

MONCTON, April 5.—E. A. Day, manager of the Moncton Stadium announced late last night that the Montreal Canadiens and an All-Star National Hockey League team would play an exhibition game here Friday night of this week.

Players on the all-star team were not named in a communication to Mr. Day by "Babe" Siebert, manager of the Montreal team, but they are expected to include several members of the Detroit Red Wings and New York Americans as well as one or two members of the New York Rangers.

Canadiens will have Claude Bourque, former Moncton junior, in goal and will bring their full team to the Maritimes, while it is expected that either Wilf Cude, another Canadian goalie, or "Tiny" Thompson will wear the pads for the stars.

## HENRY'S BROTHER IN FOOTSTEPS OF BIG BROTHER

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 5.—John Henry Lewis' youngest brother, Paul, is hitting the big-time trail of fight-dom, hoping to pick up the family name and keep it in the headlines after John Henry retires from the ring and turns to the ministry.

Paul, just 18 and a miniature in appearance of his brother, is fighting as a welterweight in the same local fight club from which John Henry emerged.

"This fall I'm going east to join John Henry and fight in the larger clubs," Paul said. "John Henry doesn't want me to be a fighter, but I aim to, anyway."

Paul Lewis has had six professional fights and won five. He lost his last against a tough veteran recently, but took his beating without an abate. He merely said, "I'd like to have him in a couple of months."

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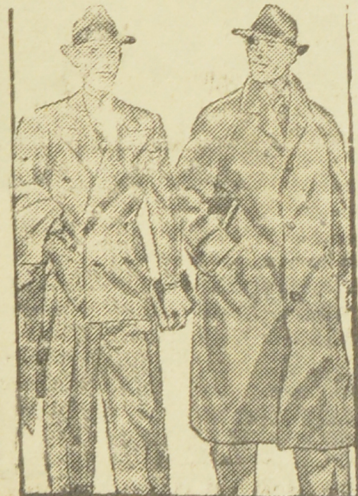
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## Melvin Hills Rise in Hockey Wars Meteoric

Melvin Hill, 25-year-old right-winger with Boston Bruins, who performed so sensationally against Rangers in the current battles for the trophy donated by Lord Stanley, is in on the big doings for the first time in his career.

His rise to an outstanding Bruin player has been meteoric. Back in November there was question as to whether he would be seasoned for another year in the International-American league, with either Hershey or Providence or whether he would start the season with the Bruins.

Manager Art Ross, a shrewd judge of hockey material, decided that the youngster was ready and since the season opened he's been a fixture on one of the team's right-wing patrols, hailed as one of the best newcomers of the year. Hill, however, was not eligible for the Calder award to the outstanding rookie of the year, as he had played a few games with the Bruins the year previous.

At the start of the year Art Ross had his third forward line, Roy Conacher, fresh up from the amateur ranks, on left-wing; Mel Hill on right, and either of two veterans, Gordon Pettinger or Cooney Weiland at centre. With the breakup of the Gettiffe-Cowley-Sands trio, Centre Bill Cowley, rated by many critics the best playmaker in the league, moved in between Conacher and Hill and both youngsters have benefited.

Cowley fed both wings scoring passes in profusion, something amply proven by Conacher's record, which shows that he led the league in goals scored with 26. Hill finished the season without the imposing mark set up by the third of the N. H. L.'s Conachers, but the combine in the right side of the boards more than made up with its sensational overtime goals in successive games in the Ranger series.

Hill was born on Feb. 15, 1914, in Glenrose, Manitoba. He played throughout the various amateur leagues of the section, and in the 1933-34 season became associated with the Saskatoon Wesleys. In 1934-35 he played with the Sudbury Wolves, going from that team in the fall of 1935 to the Froid Tigers of Ontario. He played there for two years when picked up by Art Ross and signed to a Bruin contract at the start of the 1937 season, and placed with Providence. There under Bunny Cooke's tutelage, he developed rapidly. On two occasions in 1937-38 sea-

son he was brought up to the Bruins for observation, and Ross was certain that he had a prospective major league promise. His back-checking has been noticeable in every game. He keeps his wing in check very well, has the necessary speed to recover from a rush and cover his man. Defensively he is coming to be appreciated in Boston as one of the best wings to patrol the Boston right boards in years.

A quiet, likeable young man, Hill is thorough in execution, does not play a flashy type of game but consistently maintains a high level of play.

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