

BRUINS'-LEAFS READY FOR THIRD TILT

ARRIVED AT TORONTO IN HEAVY SNOW STORM LAST NIGHT

Bruins Expected To Continue With "Kraut" Line Again Tonight; Leafs Confident

TORONTO, April 11.—A midwinter blizzard brought the Bruins and Leafs to Toronto last night where they will resume their battle for the Stanley Cup in the Mape Leaf Gardens tonight.

The heavy snow storm kept all but a handful of fans from greeting the finalists at the station. Assured of a crowd of approximately 15,000 for the third game of the best of seven series, the teams were interviewed at the station.

The Toronto men, confident of victory after stopping the Bruins with a 3-2 overtime victory at Boston, predicted they would capture the games tonight and Thursday and finish the series at Boston Sunday night.

Manager Conny Smythe stated, "We've each got a win now, but our boys were only getting into their strides when we left Boston."

Toronto supporters believe Bruins' Manager Art Ross will continue with his "Kraut" line of Milt Schmidt, Bobby Bauer and Porky Dumart. The K'shener trio accounted for both goals in Bruins' 2-1 win in the first game of the series, and Schmidt was an outstanding performer in Sunday's contest.

HOW THEY STAND

Allan Cup Playdowns

Montreal Royals 2, Toronto 1. (Royals win deciding game and Eastern Canada title and will now meet Port Arthur Bearcats for the Allan Cup and Canadian senior hockey supremacy.)

Memorial Cup Finals

Oshawa 9, Edmonton 4. (First of best three in five series for the Memorial Cup and Canadian junior hockey championship.)

Dominion Ladies' Final

Preston 7, Charlottetown 1. (Second and deciding game of two games, total goal series for the Canadian ladies' hockey title. Preston won the round 11-3.)

SCHEDULED TONIGHT

Stanley Cup Finals

Boston at Toronto. (Third game of best four in seven series for Stanley Cup and world hockey supremacy. Both teams deadlocked with game each.)

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Canada Justly Proud Of Trail Smoke Eaters' Team

Canada, and British Columbia in particular, can justly feel proud of the Trail Smoke Eaters' hockey team. The Allan Cup champions of last season went off on a European jaunt last December and in completing their little excursion recently, that carried them practically all over Europe, they wound up winners of 54 of the 55 games played.

In between all this they found time to successfully defend Canada's grip on the world's amateur hockey championship at Basle and Zurich by beating the United States team 4-0 in the final round of play of the 14-nation tourney, which was conducted on the pool system. They made it Canada's third successive conquest of the world's championship.

Starting their tour they indulged in a 6,000-mile trans-Canada trip before reaching Halifax, from where they hopped across the pond to Scotland to open their exhibition engagements on that side. Of the 15 games they played during their trip across Canada they won eight, lost six and tied one. The majority of their losses were inflicted upon them by western teams, four to be exact, while their tie game also came just a short way from home.

To begin their Canadian tour they defeated a Calgary team and then tied with Edmonton. Letabridge split a two-game series with the Smoke Eaters, and then Saskatoon beat them 2-1. Flin Flou took both games of their two-game series with Trail by 5-4 and 4-1 scores and Kirkland Lake beat them as well, 2-1. Quebec Aces handed them their sixth defeat on that trip by a 3-2 score, and then the Smokies went on to beat teams in Oshawa, Ottawa, Cornwall, Saint John and Halifax before leaving for Europe.

Officially opening their European tour at The Hague on Dec. 21, the Trail Smoke Eaters defeated the European Canadians in two games by 4-1 scores each time. Prior to these two games they indulged in an exhibition game with a team of Scottish selects at Glasgow, whom they beat 4-2. During Christmas the Smokies bested a picked German team 9-1 and 5-1 at Berlin, then jumped to Hamburg to swamp another picked German team 8-0 for their sixth straight victory in Europe.

From there they journeyed to Cologne, defeating another German team 9-1, and on Jan. 4 they registered a 4-2 victory over a German team representing the Reisser See association. They climaxed their activity in those parts with an 8-0 victory over another Reisser See association team the following day for their ninth straight victory.

Moving into Vienna the Smokies defeated a picked Viennese team 6-0 followed by a 2-1 victory over the Czechoslovak squad at Prague five days later. In a two-game series with Polish teams at Katowice they chalked up 10-1 and 5-2 victories, and then took a little time off to see a few sights.

In completing the first leg of their European tour before entering the world's amateur championships they had participated in 22 games, being undefeated and un-tied. The Smokies scored a total of 147 goals and had but 17 counted against them. But even that didn't satisfy the Trail Smoke Eaters, who, incidentally, didn't eat anybody's smoke on that tour.

In the first round of play in the world's amateur tourney they handed the Netherlands team an 8-0 defeat and then went on to beat Poland 4-0. Great Britain was their next victim, also by a 4-0 score, and Germany followed them on the short end of a 9-0 count. Switzerland was next, biting the dust with a 7-0 reversal which qualified Trail Smoke Eaters for the final game against United States, who finished best in their section of the pool system prevalent throughout the series.

The Smokies beat the United States team by a 4-0 score, to capture the world's title and preserve Canada's grip on the championship for the third straight year. Sudbury Wolves did the trick last year, and it was Kimberley Dynamiters the year before that. The Smokies weren't scored upon during their activity in the tournament.

Still not satisfied with their conquests, the Smokies continued looking for new opponents to add to their impressive list. They doubled back over part of their initial course and

took everything in sight up until they hit England, where the Wembley All-Stars measured them off with 4-1 score for their only defeat of their European tour. From there they took in Scotland, defeating three selected Scottish teams before sailing home.

Arriving home the boys were pretty well fed up naturally and decided to hang up their skates until next season. Playing Coach Ab Cronie was one of the mainstays of the team during their tour, while "Bonny" Dame was a potent scorer. James Morris, defenceman, was also quite prominent throughout the trip, along with Joe Benoit, sharpshooting forward. Dave Buchanan and "Dude" Scodellero alternated in goal and made a job of it for the Smokies. Johnston, also on defence, Mickey Brennan and Dick Kowcinak, a pair of heady wingers, were equally as prominent as their mates, while Johnny McCreeedy certainly showed the fans something in the way of goal-scoring. Manager O. H. Nelson had nothing but praise for his Trail Smoke Eaters, as did their coach, Ab Cronie, who played centre. And rightly so.

MONTREAL ROYALS WINNERS EASTERN CANADA SENIORS

MONTREAL, April 11.—A crippled but inspired Montreal Royals' team climaxed an uphill fight by defeating Toronto Senior O.H.A. champions 2-1 in the deciding game of a best of five series for the Eastern Canada senior amateur hockey crown.

Minus two of their star players—centreman Eddy O'Connor and Carl Gamble—the Royals surged through with two goals in the third period while defenceman Bobby Laurent of Toronto was in the penalty box to win the round.

They now open a best of five series for the Allan Cup here next Friday night against Port Arthur Bearcats, winners of the Western Canada championship.

Laurent, although the "goat" of the series for a penalty taken because he held the puck with his hand, almost became the hero through a goal he scored in the first period while team-mate Don Metz was serving a major penalty for clipping Pete Morin in the mouth.

Crowd Goes Wild

After that goal Toronto held out staunchly against every Royals' attack until Laurent was banished in the eighth minute of the third period. Then Pete Jotkus sent a crowd of nearly 12,000 fans wild by slipping in the tying goal.

The bedlam had hardly subdued before Johnny Acheson took a pass from Ken Murray for the winning score.

Royals entered the game definite underdogs because of the loss in the fourth game Saturday night at Toronto when they were defeated 2-0 and injuries to O'Connor and Gamble, Gamble is through for the season, having suffered a broken left leg and a dislocated shoulder but O'Connor's shoulder injury will be healed in time for the first game against the Bearcats.

Coach Frank Carlin had to shuffle his lineup for the game, sending Gordon Crutchfield into centre between Pete Morin and Gerry Heffernan in place of O'Connor, Ken Murray centred the second line in place of Gamble, while defenceman Bill Davies was dropped from the line in favor of Jotkus.

The last time a Montreal team was in the Allan Cup finals was in 1930 when Montreal Wheelers whipped Port Arthur in two straight games on Toronto ice to take the trophy won last year by Trail Smoke-Eaters.

MATHIEU'S SYRUP
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STOPS COUGHS

Pitching Laurels Given To Young Bob Feller

Who is the best pitcher in the American league? There will be arguments enough on that score long before this season is half over. That problem was solved conclusively when we bumped into Hank Greenberg at Lakeland, Fla., one rain-splashed day.

It isn't Ruffing or Gomez, who have teamed up to pitch the New York Yankees to three successive world's championships. It isn't the one and only Lefty Grove, who has performed prodigious mound feats in his day. Neither is it the wiry Mr. Tom Bridges of Detroit, nor the ebullient but capable Buck Newsom of St. Louis Browns.

The best pitcher in the A.L., bar none, and in a class by himself, is the young and widely publicized Bob Feller, 20 year old righthander with Cleveland Indians. For so says Greenberg, mightiest long-distance swatter in the game today. And who should know more about those things than the same Hank, who last year missed tying Babe Ruth's seasonal home run mark by just two.

"That kid makes them all look sick," Hank asserted with a decisiveness that brooked no argument. "Feller has more speed and more stuff than any pitcher I have ever faced. Possibly Grove was a little faster at his peak. Perhaps Walter Johnston could smoke them in harder at times. But this guy is fast all the time. Every ball he throws is at top speed and it really whistles. That fast ball of his is just plain invisible. And I've never seen any hurler throw a curve with as much speed as he does."

We had been asking the mighty swatter about young Freddie Hutchinson, baseball's latest pitching prodigy, who is very busy at the present time trying to prove to officials of the Detroit Tigers that they were justified in springing with \$50,000 and four players for sole rights to his right arm.

Greenberg was high in praise for the youngster's coolness on the mound and the amount of stuff he had shown in exhibition games. "But," added Hank, "he will never be the pitcher this Feller is."

Then we wanted to know did anything special happen that stopped him from at least tying Ruth's record last year.

"Yes," he says, "something really special happened. The season ended. Another couple of months and I'd have been a cinch to break Ruth's record. But if you want to know the facts of the case, I just couldn't get hold of one."

"Home-run hitting is like that," he went on. "You may slap a couple over the fence in two trips to the plate and then not hit another for a month. There's nothing strange about it. You either do or you don't."

Like most great athletic personalities, Greenberg is unassuming, gentlemanly and very friendly. After only a few minutes he makes you feel as if you'd known him for years. We met him by accident as he was walking along the main drag here after Detroit's exhibition game with Cincinnati was washed out by rain. He immediately asked after Dan Howley, Jack Burns, Flea Clifton and Frankie Reiber.

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To the question how was his range this year he answered, "Right now I am awful. I'm always awful in spring training. But I'll get hold of a few before this season is over. Will I break Ruth's mark? That's something else entirely. As far as I know there was only one Ruth."

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