



WESTWICK

They'll be honoring one of the greatest

Members of L'institut Canadien-Francais in a gesture typical of the interest it has shown in the sports life of the Capital area, tonight will be honoring one of the greatest of all hockey players. The recipient of this honorary life membership will be Ottawa's Aurel Joliat, whose experience it has been to never wear the red, white and black colors of Ottawa in National League play but to achieve greatness in the livery of Montreal Canadiens during a glittering career with Montreal for 16 years, beginning in 1923.

The National League never has produced a hockey player to refute more effectively the claim that size is an indispensable asset to a player achieving stardom in the game's highest level than Aurel Joliat. He was a compact 136 pounds, and five feet six inches when Canadiens first signed him after his amateur hockey fortunes had led him from Ottawa City League, to Iroquois Falls and then to Western Canada.

Actually Joliat was in the West playing football when he turned out with Saskatoon Sheiks. There are several stories about how Joliat might have missed winding up with the powerful Ottawa Senators of that era.

JUST ONE STORY

One man whose knowledge of the situation is unquestioned once told me that Aurel Joliat's father, who was later to become Ottawa's police chief, made a move on his own — and perhaps unknown to his son — that might have resulted in Aurel joining Ottawa. He claimed that Aurel's dad, then a detective, had an appointment with an Ottawa club official which he kept on time. "But," our informant said, "Detective Joliat was kept waiting so long in an office before being called in for a talk, that he left. He told me that day that his son would never play with the Senators."

This of course was not the real reason for Joliat not playing in Ottawa but this was the story which made the rounds at the time.



AUREL JOLIAT

In the meantime, however, Senators were packed with talent in 1923 with one of the greatest teams of all time. And when Leo Dandurand decided to acquire Aurel for Canadiens, even the shrewd Leo underwent great criticism in Montreal for the deal he negotiated. He traded the veteran Newsy Lalonde to Saskatoon for Joliat. As it turned out he never made a greater deal, because Newsy was about through though still an idol in Montreal.

With Canadiens, Joliat is always associated as a star linemate of the immortal Howie Morenz who was his centre for almost a dozen seasons. Yet when Joliat first started skating to fame with Canadiens, the late Billy Boucher of the famous Ottawa hockey family, played right wing with him. Still later another Ottawa product, Art Gagne played that position for a time while Joliat continued his career with Morenz.

MISSED SOMETHING

Few fortunate enough to have seen Joliat in action will forget him. The black baseball cap he wore was to become synonymous with his appearance with Les Canadiens. He was an uncanny stickhandler, a good shot, and always a fiery little performer who avoided the heavy checkers with brilliant moves. But he took nothing from any opponent.

You can still remember Joliat coming back to haunt Ottawa with his brilliant displays. He'd leave the Canadian dressing room, often giving the appearance of being dour when fans or friends yelled a greeting. And on the ice was something to remember.

Aurel had grown up in New Edinburgh, the spawning grounds of so many of the greatest in Ottawa in those days, and one of those stars was the great Buck Boucher who made his name as a defenceman with Ottawa. There were few men in hockey that didn't feel the numbing effects of a check by Buck Boucher in those days. Yet in later years, Buck was to sit one night after his career was over and say: "I tried my best for 15 years to catch Joliat with everything I had in one check, but I never did once ever get him squarely."

If you knew the colorful and unforgettable Buck Boucher, that was something in the way of a compliment. So was the fact that in their years together the great Morenz scored just four more goals than the 269 netted by Joliat who, at one time or another on that line had as his wing mates, such stars as Johnny Gagnon or Nick Wasnie.

SADDEST OCCASION

Back in 1937 Howie Morenz, who had been traded to Chicago a few years before, was re-united on a Montreal line with Joliat and Gagnon. There are parts of that story that Aurel still will not talk about. But Morenz had seen his best days by then, and one of the saddest occasions of Aurel's life was that night when Morenz broke his leg and later died in hospital.

There'll be no greater memory of the veteran Joliat for this corner than one night in a playoff at Montreal. It was the unforgettable picture of Joliat working his way towards the Detroit net, and Detroit defenceman Bucko McDonald taking as hard a run at a player as ever Bucko did in his career.

Joliat got a peek at the onrushing Bucko, and dodged as Bucko missed him and wound up in the corner against the boards. Big Ebbie Goodfellow took dead aim right afterwards but only succeeded in knocking Joliat's black cap off. All the while Joliat was feinting and still had the puck. By then more were closing in and finally he had to fire. He didn't get the goal but there was nothing more typical of Joliat in action. Come to think of it, few ever managed to knock his cap off, something that irritated this wonderful little performer.

LEADS RANGERS TO WIN

Vic Hadfield ends scoring drought

By IAN MacLAINE
CHICAGO (CP) — Captain Vic Hadfield ended a playoff drought to break a 1-1 tie early in the third period Thursday night and start New York Rangers off to a 4-1 victory over Chicago Black Hawks in the first game of their National Hockey League semi-final.

"I knew it was in as soon as I shot it," the 32-year-old left winger said of the goal that came from just inside the Chicago blueline. "I could hear Jean Ratelle yelling that he was in the clear and Tony Esposito had come out to cover him."

It was Hadfield's first point in six playoff games, including a 4-1 quarter-final series win over the defending Stanley Cup champion Boston Bruins.

"We got a big goal tonight," Ratelle said later in the Ranger dressing room. The big centre for New York's high-scoring gag (goal-a-game) line said: "We've been getting our chances, but just been missing."

"The opportunities have been there, now maybe we'll start connecting."

"Fortunately the other lines have been scoring. And that's all that counts, as long as we keep winning."

DISTRACTED GOALIE
Of Hadfield's blast, that seemed to have Esposito handcuffed, Ratelle said he broke away from his check af-

ter passing to the winger at the Chicago blueline and was calling for the puck.

"I guess I upset Esposito because he came out to cover me and Vic had a good shot."

Walt Tkaczuk wrapped it up for the Rangers with two late goals, his second into an empty Chicago net in the final minute with Esposito benched in favor of a sixth attacker.

Pit Martin opened the scoring with Chicago's only goal at 12:37 of the first period, blasting a shot from near the New York blueline. The rising shot, from behind Ranger defenceman Jim Neilson, startled goaltender Eddie Giacomin.

"I managed to get the glove of my stick hand on it but it bounced off the goalpost and in," Giacomin said. The Chicago forwards used most of their firepower to Giacomin's stick side and the New York goalie explained that this was a natural tendency for a club with so many right-handed centres.

STICK GETS HEAVY
"That stick gets to be pretty heavy out there and it's natural for the centres like Chicago has to concentrate on that side of the goal."

Chicago coach Billy Reay was upset after the game, saying that his players, coming off an easy series with St. Louis Blues, "didn't skate as well as they might have."

"The first game of a series

is awfully important," he said. "You go into another team's building looking for a spilt and they already have that."

He said Hadfield's goal "was the type you can't stop," but the Hawks "gave away" Rousseau's tying goal when the shifty Ranger forward blocked a clearing pass by Chicago defenceman Keith Magnuson and skated unmo-mented on Esposito.

Hadfield hasn't played regu-

larly since being felled by a Tkaczuk shot on Feb. 28. He suffered a slight concussion and has been bothered by dizziness and headaches since. He was used sparingly in the Boston series and started playing regularly only in Thursday's game.

MARTIN NOT READY

Martin and team-mate Cliff Koroll played despite groin injuries. Reay said Koroll, who picked his up in the series finale with St. Louis, was ready

to play but Martin "wasn't ready."

"I couldn't really take off," Martin said. "What I mean is, that I wasn't skating good enough for the playoffs."

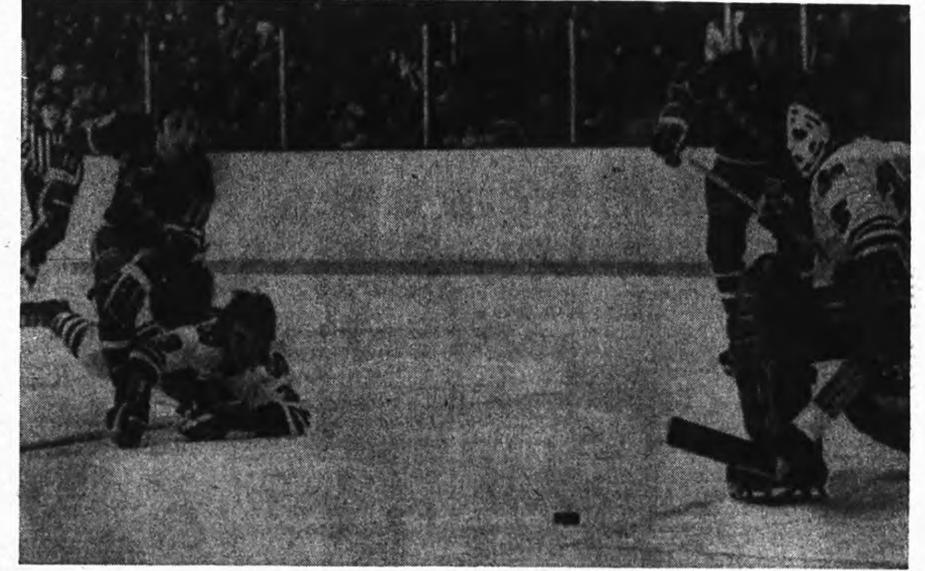
The speedy little centre showed the effects of the injury through most of the game and had trouble pivoting and returning with his checks.

Reay did not say if Martin would play in the second game, scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m. CST.

"There was a minimum number of scoring chances in the game," New York coach Emile Francis said later, emphasizing the closeness of the game. "It was 1-1 until Hadfield's goal, so the score wasn't really indicative of the play."

Reay agreed that the game was closer than the score.

"They were only ahead 2-1 until less than three minutes to go in the game so we weren't really out of it at any time."



DEFLECT

Chicago Black Hawks goalie Tony Esposito (right) deflects shot off stick of Walter Tkaczuk (18) of New York Rangers during semi-final Stanley Cup

NHL playoff action at Chicago Thursday night. Keith Magnuson (3) of Chicago makes futile attempts to thwart Tkaczuk.

(AP-Journal Wirephoto)

Cup summaries

| HABS 4; SABRES 2 | | Third Period | |
|---|-------|---|-------------|
| 1—Montreal, Savard 2 | | 3—Rangers, Hadfield 1 | 4.04 |
| (F. Mahovlich, P. Mahovlich) 1.32 | | 4—Rangers, Tkaczuk 5 | 17.45 |
| 2—Montreal, Wilson 2 | 7.33 | (Rolle, Vickers) | 19.35 |
| (Houle) | | 5—Rangers, Tkaczuk 6 | |
| 3—Montreal, Lafleur 2 | 8.53 | (Vickers) — None. | |
| (Richards, Savard) | | Shots on goal by: | |
| 4—Montreal, Lapointe 3 | 16.03 | Rangers | 9 8—25 |
| (Roberts, Wilson) | | Chicago | 7 8—22 |
| Penalties — Wilson, Martin 4.45, | | Goal — Giacomin, Rangers; Esposito, Chicago. | 16,664. |
| Horton 16.35. | | | |
| Second Period | | FLYERS 4; STARS 1 | |
| No scoring. | | 1—Minnesota, Goldworthy 2 | 13.40 |
| Penalties — Roberts 4.11, Gratton 6.34. | | (Molina, Namee) | |
| Third Period | | Penalties — Dornhoefer 1.18, Borrell 7.28, Harris 10.17, Dupont 12.00, Lonsberry 14.28. | |
| 5—Buffalo, Robert 5 | 11.41 | 2—Philadelphia, Crisp 2 | 4.10 |
| 6—Buffalo, Martin 3 | 19.48 | (Blizson, Lonsberry) | |
| (Lorenz, Perreault) | | 3—Philadelphia, Lonsberry 2 | 16.42 |
| Penalties — Lapointe 15.04, Savard minor, Roberts misconduct 19.26. | | (Dornhoefer) | |
| Shots on goal by: | | 4—Philadelphia, Schultz 1 | 18.01 |
| Montreal 13 7—24 | | (Flett, Clark) | |
| Buffalo 16 8—20—44 | | Penalties — Horvey 1.07, Parise 2.34, Harris 7.39, Ashbee 10.30. | |
| Goal — Dryden, Montreal; Crozier, Buffalo. | | 5—Philadelphia, Lonsberry 3 | 19.48 |
| Attendance — 15,668. | | Penalties — MacLellan, Hextall 13.01, Ashbee 14.48. | |
| RANGERS 4; HAWKS 1 | | Shots on goal by: | |
| 1—Chicago, Martin 4 | 10.37 | Philadelphia | 4 11—23 |
| (Hull, Pappin) | | Minnesota | 13 12—33—38 |
| 2—Rangers, Rousseau 2 | 14.09 | Goal — Fovelli, Philadelphia; Molnago, Minnesota. | 15,664. |
| Penalties — None. | | | |
| Second Period | | Ontario posties beat NS | |
| No scoring. | | Results of the YWCA floor hockey semi-final play: | |
| Penalties — Vickers, Mikita 7.42, Tkaczuk 8.21, White 17.01, Parks 17.40. | | JUNIOR DIVISION | |
| | | Satellites, 12; Redhots, 7; Top scorer, Mark Usherwood, (S) 6. | |
| | | C.J.E.T.s, 8; Blazers, 4; Top scorers, Brad Spurgeon, (C) 3. | |
| | | SENIOR DIVISION | |
| | | Rebels, 7; Chiefs, 6; Top scorer, John DiGiuseppe, (R) 2. | |
| | | Canucks, 6; Capitals, 5; Top scorer, Ken Mancuso, (C) 2. | |

Stanley Cup statistics

| QUARTER-FINALS | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Series A | |
| G W L F A Pt. | |
| Montreal | 4 2 21 15 8 |
| Buffalo | 6 2 4 16 21 4 |
| RESULT THURSDAY | |
| Montreal 4, Buffalo 2. | |
| Series B | |
| G W L F A Pt. | |
| Rangers | 5 4 1 22 31 8 |
| Boston | 5 1 4 19 22 2 |
| Series C | |
| G W L F A Pt. | |
| Chicago | 5 4 1 22 9 8 |
| St. Louis | 6 1 4 9 22 2 |
| Series D | |
| G W L F A Pt. | |
| Philadelphia | 6 4 2 14 22 8 |
| Minnesota | 6 2 4 12 14 4 |
| RESULT THURSDAY | |
| Philadelphia 4, Minnesota 1. | |
| SEMI-FINALS | |
| Series E | |
| G W L F A Pt. | |
| Chicago | 1 1 0 4 10 0 |
| St. Louis | 1 1 0 4 11 2 |
| RESULT THURSDAY | |
| Rangers 4, Chicago 1. | |
| GAME SUNDAY | |
| Rangers at Chicago. | |
| Series F | |
| Game Saturday | |
| Philadelphia at Montreal. | |
| The Leaders: | |
| G A Pts. | |
| Perreault, Buf | 3 7 10 |
| Mikita, C | 1 8 9 |
| Vickers, R | 5 3 8 |
| Robert, Buf | 1 6 3 |
| Hull, C | 0 6 8 |
| Fairbrother, R | 0 6 8 |
| Tkaczuk, R | 0 6 7 |
| Cournoyer, M | 0 6 7 |
| Pappin, C | 0 6 7 |
| Savard, M | 2 5 7 |
| Stenkowski, R | 4 2 6 |
| Buckstrom, C | 4 2 6 |
| Worlin, C | 4 2 6 |

Mark Usherwood leads Satellites

Results of the YWCA floor hockey semi-final play:

Ontario posties beat NS

HALIFAX (CP) — Ron Cormier's Nova Scotia foursome went down to their first defeat 12-9 here Thursday as the Canadian national postal curling championship moved into its final day.

The loss at the hands of Peter Power's Ontario rink gives Cormier an 8-1 record so far in the tournament. Meanwhile, British Columbia won both of its games Thursday to establish a 7-1 record and a virtual tie with the leaders. Alberta, with a 7-2 record, also remains in contention for the championship.

Cormier dropped the game to Ontario after picking up an early 3-1 lead. In the third end Ontario picked up a four-ender to go ahead 5-3, and the Amhurst, N.S. crew never caught up after that.

Cormier had a chance to tie the score in the final end with a three-ender, but missed his last shot.

Other results Friday, were, in the eighth round: Saskatchewan 5, Prince Edward Island 5; Nova Scotia 9, New Brunswick 6; Alberta 13, Newfoundland 7; Manitoba 13, Quebec 5; and British Columbia 11, Northern Ontario 6. Ontario had the bye.

Ninth round results were: British Columbia 10, Alberta 3; Prince Edward Island 16, Quebec 7; Manitoba 13, New Brunswick 7; Saskatchewan 13, Newfoundland 4; Ontario 12, Nova Scotia 9. Northern Ontario had the bye.

Lanark edges Rockland 4-3

Lanark edged Rockland 4-3 Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven ODHA Intermediate "B" hockey final.

The third game of the series is scheduled for Friday at 8:30 p.m. in Lanark.

Mike Brazeau, S. Paterson, Mike Cyr and D. Kerfoot were the marksmen for the winners. Paul Payer scored two and Pierre Viau one for Rockland.

STAMPS SIGN TWO

CALAGRY (CP) — Half-back Frank Andruski and tackle Fred James have been signed for the 1973 Western Football Conference season, Calgary Stampede announced today.

CNE directors agree to renovate arena

TORONTO (CP) — John Bassett Jr. and a group of Toronto businessmen overcame the first hurdle Thursday in a plan to convert the coliseum at the Canadian National Exhibition into an ice arena, aimed at housing Ottawa Nationals of the World Hockey Association.

The CNE's board of directors approved the proposal, which now must be passed by Metropolitan Toronto council.

The group has agreed to accommodate the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, the

Sportsmen's Show and other attractions which normally take place in the Coliseum so hockey games do not conflict.

Bassett and his backers will pay for renovations at the Coliseum. They want to cover the cost by deductions from the rent during the next six years at a rate of 15 per cent of the first \$1.5-million revenue and 17 per cent of anything over that.

Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens also want the Nationals as a tenant for next season.

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