

Canadiens Near Crown, Defeating Leafs, 5-2

Punch Praises Plante But Blames Mistakes For Leafs' Downfall

By JIM VIPOND

Jacques Plante, a slim figure in his street clothes, strolled through the darkened Gardens, the stillness of the building broken by the clacking of a dozen typewriters in the press box high above his head. "Those Leafs, they played very hard tonight. They were up and never stopped coming in."

Leafs have played very hard in every game of this final round of the 1959-60 Stanley Cup set, but their best is not good enough against a Montreal team that such a long term observer as Baz O'Meara calls as the second greatest. The Montreal Star columnist reserved his best accolade for last year's team that won without Rocket Richard and Jean Beliveau.

In that situation Canadiens needed five games to defeat Leafs. With the Rocket cavorting like a rookie and Beliveau a dominating factor every time he skates to work nothing short of an ice miracle will prevent this truly great Montreal hockey team from winning in four here Thursday night.

Undoubtedly this feeling of respect for a great team has had a lot to do with the play of the Leafs. Gerry James admitted as much. "We could beat those guys," he suggested. "If we could only hypnotize ourselves into believing we were playing some ordinary team like Chicago or New York instead of Montreal."

"We were so nervous we couldn't do anything right out there tonight. I know we could beat those guys if we could forget who we were playing," he repeated.

Johnny Wilson, who scored Toronto's first goal, said he got his stick on a rebound. Many thought the puck went in off his leg. "No sir, I got a piece of the rebound. I don't know what I would have done if they had called this one back."

Johnny, and many hockey observers, firmly believe he has scored three goals in the spring playoffs. Yet the red light has only flashed for one.

Toronto coach Punch Imlach had praise for Plante. "He played very well and kept us at bay until we fell apart. Or, rather, I should say, until we made mistakes we should never have made."

Imlach insisted Leafs gave away four of the goals by glaring mistakes.

shots on goal and scored on his eighth. "I missed a lot," he kept telling well-wishers.

"You looked good enough to play for another five years," someone suggested. "Oh, no, not that," moaned the Rocket who, some parties insist, will announce his retirement at the end of this season.

"It took a long time to score that one," the Rocket added. It was his first goal in seven playoff games.

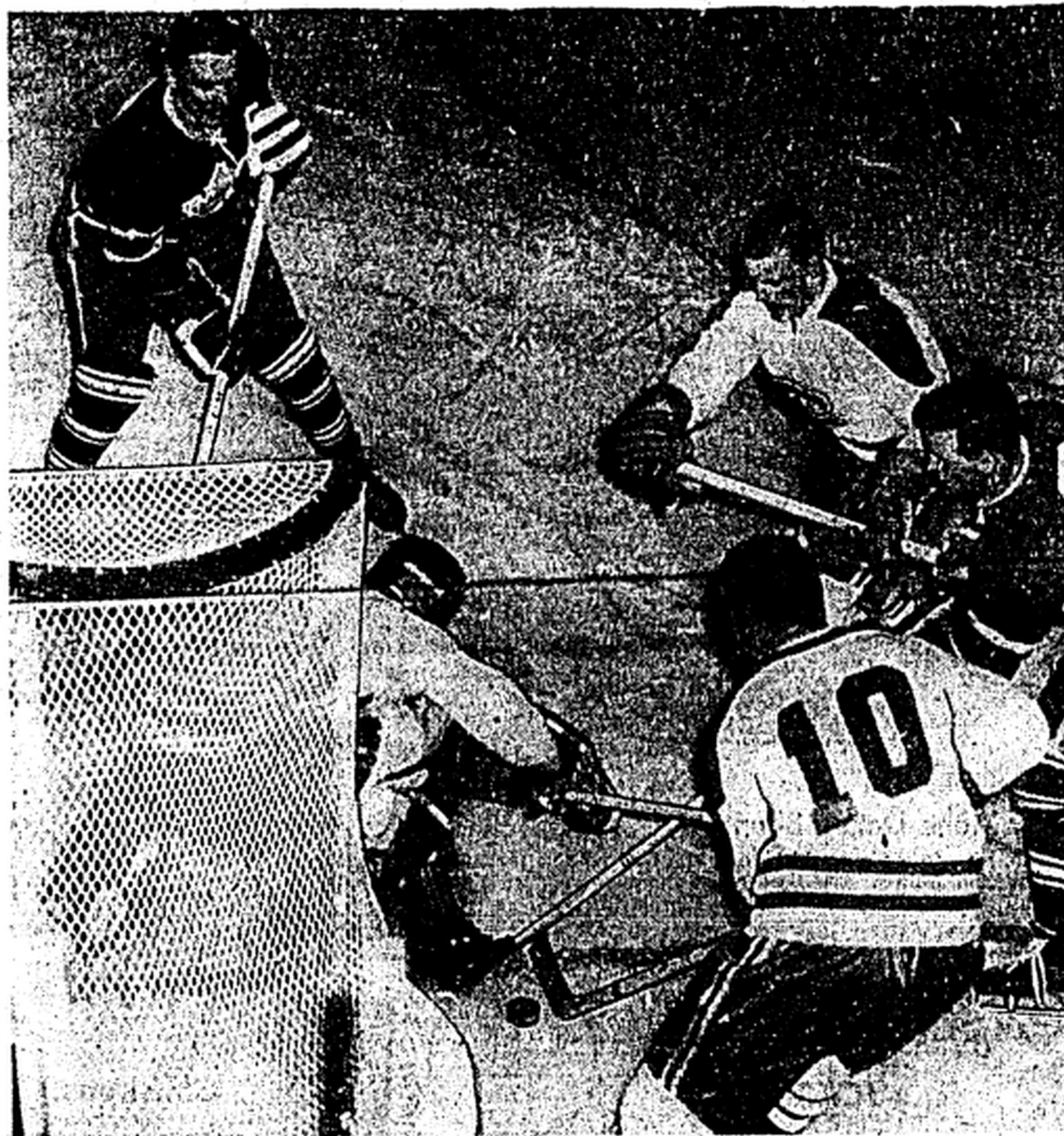
Rocket grabbed the puck with which he scored the goal. They saw in this further evidence that he is thinking about retiring and wants to keep a souvenir of his final playoff goal. He may grab one or two more Thursday.

He bruised his foot on the play and Bill Hicke replaced him for the final turn of duty. Dickie Moore also picked up a minor injury, a cut nose. Leafs' George Armstrong also was cut about the face.

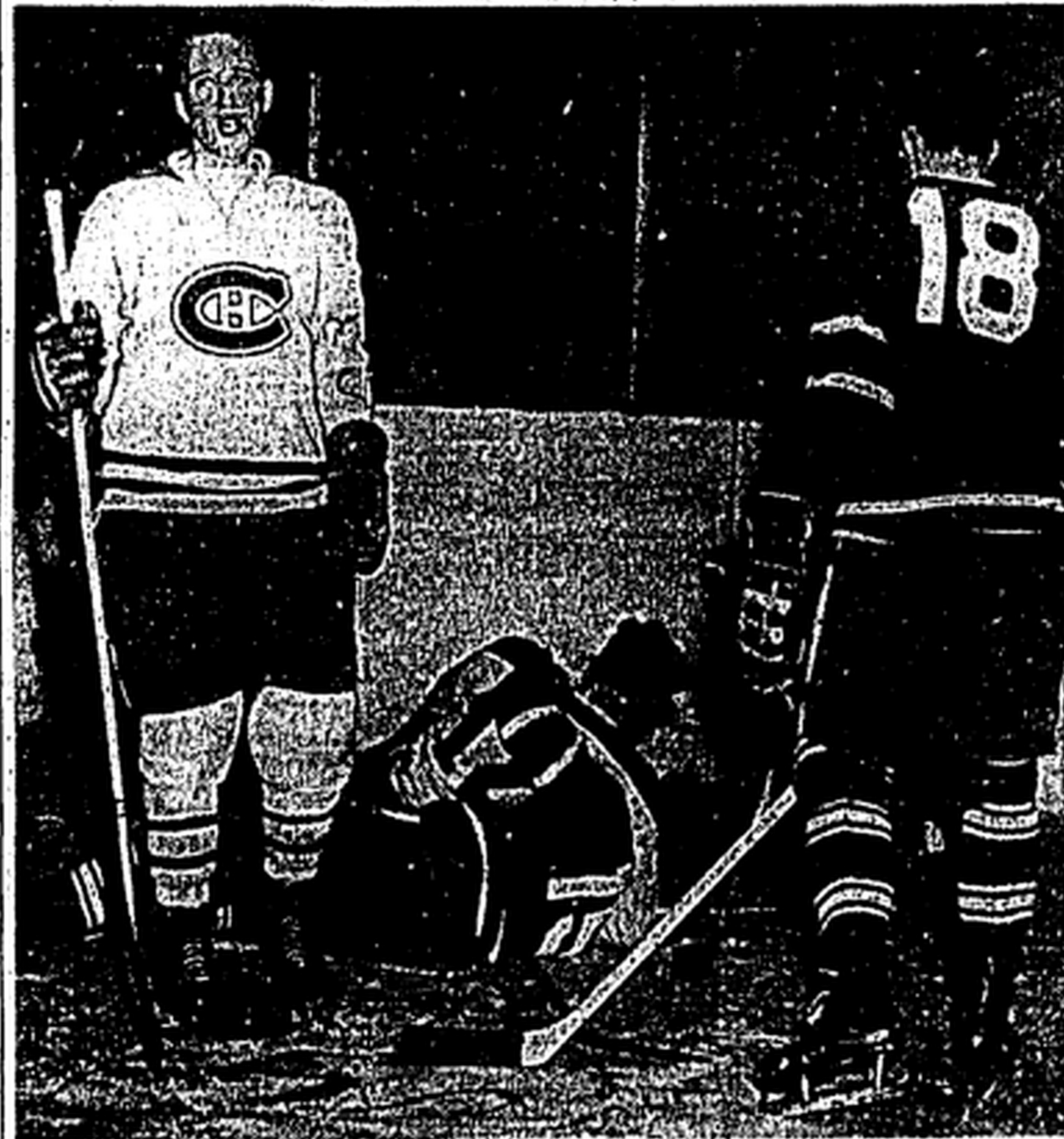
Blake took a minute or two to consider a question about the turning point of the game. "I suppose it was the first goal. But no, what was the score when Plante blocked Stewart?" "It was 2-0 for you," someone volunteered. "That was the big play. Toronto lost a chance to cut the lead to 2-1 and get right back into the game."

Canadiens will practice at 9 this morning and Blake is not very happy about that situation. "This always happens to us in Toronto. Either we have to practice very early at the Gardens or go out to Ted Reeve Arena. I don't understand it at all. In Montreal we let the Leafs have the ice at noon."

And noon is the hour Leafs will report today for skating drill and movies.



Leafs' Dickie Duff Battles Three Canadiens in Effort to Slip Puck to George Armstrong (Left) Jacques Plante. Tom Johnson (10) and Jean Guy Talbot collaborate on goalmouth defensive play.



Habs' Junior Langlois Defiantly Stands Guard Over Sprawling Combatants Carl Brewer (18) watches Dickie Moore clamp headlock on Billy Harris.

Register Third Win in Series; Phil Goyette Raps Two Goals

By REX MacLEOD

Montreal Canadiens, moving inexorably toward their fifth successive Stanley Cup, stopped the energetic Maple Leafs, 5-2, in the Gardens last night to move into a 3-0 lead in this best-of-seven final.

Fourth game will be played here tomorrow and only the most optimistic observers are predicting that Leafs can prolong the series beyond four games.

Leafs played their best hockey of the series in last night's game. They battled Canadiens ferociously for the first two periods but the Montreal team never at any time gave the impression that it was worried.

Leafs, who fell behind early in the first two games of this series in Montreal, managed to correct that situation only to run into several other problems. Canadiens led, 1-0, after the first period, 3-1 after two, but they rapped in two more in the third period before Leafs came back to score their second goal.

Phil Goyette, clever centre on Canadiens' third line, scored two of their goals. Don Marshall, who has a roving assignment on at least two lines, Maurice (Rocket) Richard and Henri Richard scored the other goals.

Johnny Wilson and Bert Olmstead were the scorers for Leafs.

Maurice Richard's goal, shortly after the halfway mark of the third period, brought loud cheering from the crowd of 13,307, a tribute to the fiery, forceful play of Canadiens' great right-winger.

This was the 82nd, playoff goal for the 38-year-old Richard and on several occasions in last night's game it looked as if he had rolled back the years. He was skating, shooting and fighting for the puck like the fiercely determined Richard of a few years back.

Jacques Plante, Canadiens' masked goalkeeper, threw back Leafs' big challenge in the first two periods with many brilliant stops. And he was just as alert in the final 20 minutes, although Leafs didn't have as many clean-cut scoring opportunities. Throughout the game Leafs out-shot Canadiens, 34-31.

Marshall, who plays offense or defense with equal dexterity, was another outstanding Montreal player. And the Montreal defense of Doug Harvey, Junior Langlois, Tom Johnson and Jean Guy Talbot was much more effective, much more alert at clearing pucks than its Toronto counterpart.

Even more discouraging to Leafs was the fact that Dick Duff, a left-winger whose play has been strangely subdued all season, chose this game for one of his more dynamic efforts of the season. But even with Duff's

great contribution Leafs still couldn't convince Canadiens. Marshall scored the game's first goal at 13:54 of the first period after both teams had kept the crowd aroused with the fastest, crispiest hockey of the series.

Marshall, after picking up a pass from Bill Hicke, carried over the right side of Leafs' blue line. Confronted by Leafs' defenseman Bobby Baun, Marshall faked a shot. Baun dropped and Marshall, using Baun as a screen, rifled the puck in the short side from about 25 feet out.

Goyette scored the first of his two goals early in the second period. Claude Provost, a persistent checker all the way, knocked the puck off Leafs' defenseman Tim Horton's stick to Goyette. Goyette cruised in close and when goalkeeper Johnny Bower dropped, the Montreal player lifted the puck high into the net.

Henri Richard made it 3-0 late in the period on a play that he engineered himself. He checked Horton near centre ice and although the Leafs' defenseman harassed him all the way in, Richard, from the face off circle to Bower's right, flung a backhand into Leafs' net.

Less than a minute later Wilson scored Leafs' first goal. Defenseman Carl Brewer darted into the Montreal zone and fired a hard shot at Plante. Wilson, racing in to pick up a possible rebound, was hit on the leg by the rebounding puck and it bounced back into the Montreal net.

Goyette scored again in the third period, directly from a face-off to Bower's right. Instead of trying for the draw Goyette poked the puck away from Baun, lunged after it and threw a hard shot across Bower into the far side of the net.

Then Maurice Richard, who had been felled on four or five earlier sorties, scored his first goal of this semester's playoffs to make it 5-1 for Canadiens.

He threw the puck in front

of the Toronto net where brother Henry and Dickie Moore slapped at it. Maurice ripped around the Toronto net with his old-time flair, picked up the puck on the other side, cut back in front and fired a backhand into the right side of the Toronto net.

Olmstead scored Leafs' second goal with 13 seconds left in the game and Canadiens' Henri Richard in the penalty box for hooking Red Kelly. Plante was lying on the ice after making an earlier save when Olmstead shovelled in a backhand.

Notes . . . Larry Regan, who played on a line with Duff and George Armstrong, gave it his customary spirited effort but, like a few other Leafs, he didn't get many breaks. . . Plante made one of his best stops in the second period on Ron Stewart when the Leaf right-winger broke in and fired from about 12 feet out. Plante threw himself at the puck to block it. Canadiens were leading, 2-0, at the time. . . Baun and Henri Richard became involved in a scrap after Wilson's goal in the second period and were sent off with majors.

Montreal — Goal: Plante; defense: Harvey, Langlois, Johnson, Talbot; forwards: Baun, Goyette, Provost, Marshall, Hicke, Richard, St. Laurent, Moore, Goyette, Provost, Pronovost, Backstrom, Hicke, Marshall.

Toronto — Goal: Bower; defense: Horton, Stanley, Brewer, Baun; forwards: Pulford, Stewart, Olmstead, Kelly, Edmundson, Mahovlich, Regan, Armstrong, Duff, Harris, James, Wilson. Referee — Frank Uevari; linesmen: George Hayes and Bill Morrison.

First Period
1—Montreal, Marshall (Hicke) 13:54
Penalties — Talbot (tripping) 7:27; Edmundson (high-sticking) 17:17.

Second Period
2—Montreal, Goyette (Provost) 11:07
3—Montreal, St. Laurent 13:27
4—Toronto, Wilson (Brewer) 14:10
Penalties — Backstrom (tripping) 10:55; Baun (major, fighting) 14:19; H. Richard (major, fighting) 16:13.

Third Period
5—Montreal, Goyette 18:57
6—Montreal, St. Laurent 19:07
7—Toronto, Olmstead 19:47
Penalties — Baun (holding) 7:48; Brewer (tripping) 6:53; H. Richard (hooking) 18:53.

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By Montreal . . . 9 12 30-31

Stanley Cup Statistics

	G	A	Pts	G	A	Pts	
Kelly, Toronto	1	1	2	Grogan, Detroit	1	0	1
H. Richard, Montreal	2	9	11	Hicks, Chicago	0	1	0
Moore, Montreal	2	1	2	St. Laurent, Chicago	0	1	0
Geniviere, Montreal	2	1	2	Mittin, Chicago	0	1	2
Stimac, Toronto	3	1	6	T. Johnson, Montreal	0	1	4
Hagan, Toronto	3	3	8	Lizenberger, Chicago	0	1	4
Duff, Toronto	3	1	8	Oliver, Detroit	0	1	4
Hogg, Detroit	1	5	0	Horton, Toronto	0	1	6
Pulford, Toronto	4	1	3	Langlois, Montreal	0	1	6
Beliveau, Montreal	3	2	5	Pelle, Montreal	0	1	8
Nashby, Toronto	2	3	5	Edmundson, Toronto	0	1	1
Brewer, Toronto	1	2	5	Cullen, Detroit	0	0	2
Armstrong, Toronto	1	4	8	Ehman, Toronto	0	0	2
Alshovich, Toronto	3	1	4	Nesterenko, Chicago	0	0	2
Ullman, Detroit	2	2	4	Skov, Chicago	0	0	2
Marshall, Montreal	2	2	4	Arthur, Chicago	0	0	4
Baun, Montreal	1	1	4	Evans, Chicago	0	0	0
Hickey, Detroit	1	3	4				
Fonteyne, Detroit	0	4	0				
Melynk, Detroit	3	0	3				
Goyette, Montreal	2	1	3				
Hay, Chicago	1	3	2				
St. Richard, Montreal	1	2	2				
Lunde, Detroit	0	3	0				
Wilson, Toronto	1	3	2				
A. Pronovost, Montreal	1	2	2				
St. Laurent, Montreal	1	2	2				
Backstrom, Montreal	0	3	2				
Harvey, Montreal	2	0	8				
Talbot, Montreal	2	0	2				
Langlois, Chicago	1	1	0				
McIntyre, Detroit	0	1	0				
Provost, Montreal	1	1	0				
Wharram, Chicago	1	1	0				
Alderton, Detroit	1	1	2				
Morrison, Detroit	0	2	4				
Harris, Toronto	0	2	2				
Murphy, Chicago	1	0	1				
St. Laurent, Chicago	1	0	1				
Hull, Chicago	1	0	1				
Baun, Toronto	0	0	13				
Godfrey, Detroit	1	0	1				