Habs Romp Past Leafs to 5th Cup Win in Row

Sweep Final With 4-0 Victory; Beliveau, Pocket, Harvey Tally

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Montreal Canadiens, who have not acquired the bad habit of losing playoff games, won their fifth successive Stanley Cup in the Gardens last night by blanking the outclassed Maple Leafs, 4-0.

Canadiens, in orbit as far as the other earthling National Hockey League teams are concerned, required just the minimum of eight games to prove their shinny supremacy again.

They defeated Chicago Black Hawks in four games in the semi-final and they disposed of the frustrated Leafs in the same number of games. It was only the second time in NHL history that a team has won the Stanley Cup in eight games. Detroit Red Wings did it back in 1952.

Jean Beliveau, who played in this series with a painful groin injury, gave no indication that he was suffering from aches and pains. He scored two goals, the first and last, and missed at least a couple more by inches. Defenseman Doug Harvey and ectoplasmic centre Henri Richard scored the other Montreal goals.

Jacques Plante, Canadiens' masked goalkeeper, gave an acrobatic performance to collect his first shutout of this particular series. But he blanked the Hawks twice in Chicago in the semi-final. Plante stopped 30 Toronto shots while Johnny Bower, Leafs' goalkeeper, turned back 28.

Canadiens stuck to their customary modus operandi in this one. They raced into the lead with two goals in 28 seconds in the first period and then concentrated on fouling up Leafs' futile offensive thrusts for the remainder of the game. In the four games of the series Leafs never led once.

A crowd of 13,327 saw Leafs launch their most determined assault in the second period. Canadiens not only blunted it, they scored the only goal, and Leafs, despite a few flurries, never did recover from that disillusioning experience.

And Leafs, who have been complaining bitterly about the fortunes of shinny in this series, again seemed to be victimized by some outrageous breaks. But, as Canadiens' victorious coach, Toe Blake, observed sympathetically: "C'est la guerre."

Leafs had three outstanding scoring opportunities in the second period. Plante foiled one with a magnificent sprawling stop and the plumbing that holds the net together stopped the other two.

Frank Mahovlich broke through alone on Plante early in the second period and hammered a savage shot at the Montreal net. But Plante dived into the shot, stopping the puck with his right arm. He had to retire to the dressing room for treatment after that stop.

Later, on a power play, Dick Duff, who was tip-toeing by the net, stabbed the puck past Plante. But the puck hit the right goal post and trickled to one side.

And still later, Leafs' defenseman Carl Brewer darted in from left wing and drove another shot past Plante. But this time the puck hit the crossbar and bounced away and Leafs' hopes bounced away with it. They were never quite as ambitious again.

Canadiens' line of Beliveau, Bernie Geoffrion and Marcel Bonin was the dominant attacking unit in this game but Hales had a whole bench full of players who played with a superb poise and calm, despite Leafs' occasional fits of sabre rattling.

Henri Richard went on several of his patented, floating rushes; Don Marshall and Claude Provost excelled with their defensive tactics and

Punch Imlach

What was he thinking?

Montreal's defense, especially Tom Johnson and Harvey, protected Plante as if he were the Mogul Diamond. And he probably is—to Canadiens.

Canadiens, toiled early in the period when Bower made great stops on Beliveau and Geoffrion, broke in front at 8:17 of the first period. Beliveau fired from the blue line and the puck zipped through a tangle of players in front of Bower and into the net.

Just 28 seconds later, Canadiens scored again and it was another screened shot from the right point—fired by Harvey. The puck seemed to sail through Bower's pads.

Henri Richard scored the only goal of the second period, an artistic effort with brother Maurice and Dickie Moore. Moore threw the puck ahead from Canadiens' zone, Henri gathered it in and relayed to Maurice near Leafs' blue line on the right point. Then Henri set course for Leafs' net and Maurice, who skated parallel to Leafs' blue line for several feet, threw the puck ahead. Henri, although being checked by Leafs' defenseman Bobby Baun, trapped the pass near the left goal post and flipped the puck in the far side.

Beliveau wrapped up the scoring, shortly after the third period started on a bewildering passing play with linemates Bonin and Geoffrion. They traded passes back and forth in ping pong fashion before Beliveau, from about 12 feet out to Bower's left, ended the cat-and-mouse game by cuffing the puck into the distant side of the net.

Notes. . . . Maurice Richard played with a painfully bruised toe and the old warrior thought before the game that he might have to watch from the bench. . . . Ralph Backstrom and Bill Hicke, two of the most talented bench warmers in hockey, again saw little action. . . . Leafs ran into a flurry of penalties near the halfway mark of the first period. They had three players in the box simultaneously and they were two short for about two minutes but they held off Canadiens. . . . Plante skated halfway to the blue line in the first period to claim a stray puck and Leafs' Bobby Pulford flattened him. Pulford was sentenced to a minor—for elbowing. . . . Canadiens' defenseman Junior Langlois objected to a hooking penalty in the second period and when he threw his stick on the ice he had a misconduct added to his original sentence. . . . George Armstrong, of Leafs, was hurt in a collision with Harvey in the second period but he returned after treatment at the bench. . . . Maybe there was no connection, but earlier in the game Armstrong had felled Harvey with a hard check behind Canadiens' net.

Montreal — Goal, Plante; defense, Harvey, Langlois, Johnson, Talbot, Turner; forwards, Goyette, Provost, Pronovost, H. Richard, M. Richard, Moore, Beliveau, Geoffrion, Bonin, Backstrom, Hicke, Marshall.

Toronto—Goal, Bower; defense, Horton, Stanley, Brewer, Baun; forwards, Pulford, Stewart, Olmstead, Kelly, James, Mahovlich, Regan, Armstrong, Duff, Wilson, Edmundson, Ehman, Harris.

Referee, Eddie Powers; linesmen, George Hayes and Lorne Doolittle.

First Period

1—Montreal, Beliveau (Geoffrion, Langlois) 8:17
2—Montreal, Harvey (Geoffrion, Langlois) 8:45
Penalties — Moore (holding), 3:28; Baun (elbowing), 9:13; Kelly (holding), 9:53; Pulford (elbowing), 10:47; Beliveau (charging), 17:09.

Second Period

3—Montreal, H. Richard (M. Richard, Moore) 16:40
Penalties — Talbot (hooking) 3:57, Langlois (2, hooking plus 10-min. misconduct) 8:50, Pulford (hooking) 12:44.

Third Period

4—Montreal, Beliveau (Bonin, Geoffrion) 2:21
Penalties—None.

Shots On Goal

By Toronto	8	8	14—30
By Montreal	13	6	11—32

—Johnny Maiale.

Jubilant Montreal Canadiens jump over boards at the final buzzer of Stanley Cup triumph as dejected Leafs, heads down, skate off ice.

Habs Calm With Cup; C. Smythe Says Bower Earned Playoff VC

Montreal Canadiens clomped into their dressing room, shouted congratulations to each other on their Stanley Cup victory and then quickly went about the business of dressing in street clothes and heading for their train home. This was old hat to them.

It was a surprisingly quiet demonstration following their 4-0 victory over Toronto Maple Leafs. Veterans and youngsters alike, after the first exuberant outburst, took it all in stride, much as if it were a regular-season game.

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"Well, drawled Doug Harvey, ace defenseman, "when you win 4-0 and win in four games and after four cup titles you don't get too excited."

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Coach Toe Blake shook hands with each of his players, then went for a television appearance where he was congratulated by coach Punch Imlach of Toronto Maple Leafs.

Imlach then went into the Montreal room and personally congratulated each player. He chatted with the veteran Maurice (Rocket) Richard, who may have made his last appearance as a player.

The 38-year-old Rocket was still non-commital.

"We'll wait until summer and see," he told one of the milling crowd.

Conn Smythe made the rounds of the Toronto dressing room, shaking hands with each player. Some who were sitting rose to their feet as Smythe came by. But others didn't bother.

Smythe's only long pause was with goalie Johnny Bower, standing naked near the centre of the room. "You were great all the way, Johnny," he said, adding loudly: "This man deserves the Victoria Cross of the Stanley Cup playoffs."

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Smythe went into the trainer's room and stood sucking an orange, waiting for the arrival of coach Punch Imlach, who had been taken off to a television interview right after the game.

When Imlach strode in he walked over to Bower and asked: "You all right?"

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Bower, rubbing a bruised thigh, said it seemed okay. He grinned as Imlach slapped his shoulder and said something the bystanders couldn't hear.

"Canadiens played well in that one," Imlach began. "They made it real tough for us.

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"We had two sure goals in that second period and we goofed both times. How can you win on that kind of luck? The breaks just didn't come our way tonight. Didn't in the whole series for that matter."

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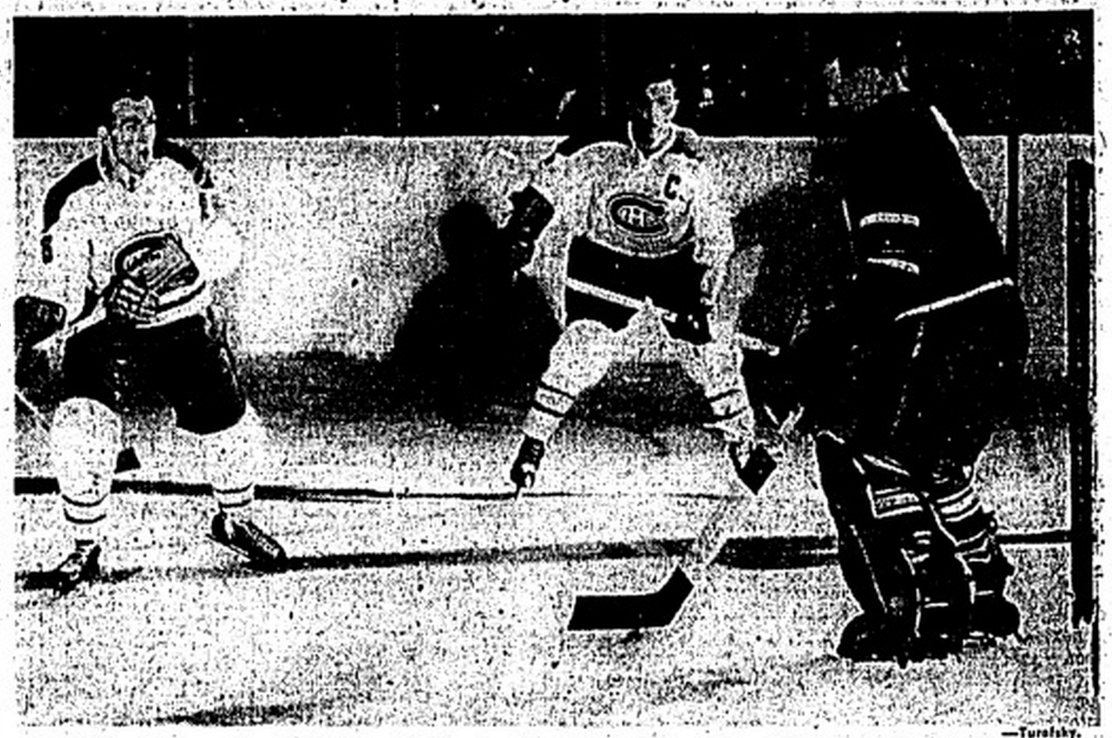
Imlach was referring to two Leaf shots which bounced off the post and crossbar after getting past Plante's sterling goaltending.

Bert Olmstead, usually the last to change, showered and dressed hurriedly, leaving the room before any of the others. Slowly the Leafs departed until only Imlach and his trainer, Bobby Haggart, were left.

Imlach sat in his shirt sleeves, his head down. "It's all over, Punch, forget it," someone suggested. "That's what I'm trying to do," he replied. "I'm thinking about next year. Guess I'll have to change my line."



—Turofsky.

The Richard Freres, Henri (Left) and Maurice, Practically Dare Johnny Bower to Fumble This Shot

Toronto goalcr was beaten four times, but this wasn't one of them. Habs won game, 4-0, to take Stanley Cup.

Stanley Cup Final Statistics

	G	A	Pts.	Pin
Kelly, Toronto	3	9	12	4
H. Richard, Montreal	3	9	12	0
Geoffrion, Montreal	2	10	12	4
Moore, Montreal	6	4	10	2
Beliveau, Montreal	5	2	7	8
Olmstead, Toronto	3	4	7	0
Regan, Toronto	3	3	6	0
Duff, Toronto	2	4	6	9
Howe, Detroit	1	5	6	4
Pulford, Toronto	4	1	5	8
Stanley, Toronto	2	3	5	2
Brewer, Toronto	2	3	5	16
Bonin, Montreal	1	4	5	12
Armstrong, Toronto	1	4	5	4
Mahovlich, Toronto	3	1	4	27
Ullman, Detroit	2	2	4	0
Marshall, Montreal	2	2	4	0
M. Richard, Montreal	1	3	4	2
Haley, Detroit	1	3	4	0
Funkyne, Detroit	0	4	4	0
Harvey, Montreal	1	0	3	6
Goyette, Montreal	2	1	3	4
Hay, Chicago	1	2	3	0
Lunde, Detroit	1	2	3	0
Wilson, Toronto	1	2	3	2
A. Pronovost, Montreal	1	2	3	0
M. Pronovost, Montreal	1	2	3	2
Hicke, Montreal	1	2	3	0
Backstrom, Montreal	0	3	3	2
Langlois, Montreal	0	3	3	18
Talbot, Montreal	2	0	2	8
Lindsay, Chicago	1	1	2	0
McIntyre, Detroit	1	1	2	0
Provost, Montreal	1	1	2	0
Wharram, Chicago	1	1	2	0
Aldcorn, Detroit	1	1	2	4
Morrison, Detroit	0	2	2	4
Harris, Toronto	0	2	2	1
Murphy, Chicago	1	0	1	0
M. Balfour, Chicago	1	0	1	2
Hull, Chicago	1	0	1	2
Baun, Toronto	1	0	1	15
Godfrey, Detroit	1	0	1	10
Geegan, Detroit	1	0	1	13
Hicke, Chicago	0	1	1	0
St. Laurent, Chicago	0	1	1	0
Mikita, Chicago	0	1	1	2
T. Johnson, Montreal	0	1	1	4
Litzenberger, Chicago	0	1	1	4
Oliver, Detroit	0	1	1	4
Horton, Toronto	0	1	1	8
Pilote, Montreal	0	1	1	8
Edmundson, Toronto	0	1	1	4
Cullen, Detroit	0	0	0	2
Ehman, Toronto	0	0	0	2
Nesterenko, Chicago	0	0	0	2
Skov, Chicago	0	0	0	2
Arbour, Chicago	0	0	0	4
Evans, Chicago	0	0	0	4