

Leafs Surge Into Final on 4-2, 5-4 Victories

Oust Wings With Third-Period Rally at Detroit to Capture Semi-Final Series, 4 Games to 2

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Detroit, April 3—A three-goal surge in the third period, ignited by Bobby Pulford's second goal of the game, produced a 4-2 win for Toronto Maple Leafs over Detroit Red Wings here tonight and a berth in the Stanley Cup final for the second successive year.

Leafs, as a result of tonight's win and a narrow, 5-4, verdict in Toronto Saturday, eliminated the scrappy Wings in six games of the best-of-seven semi-final.

Leafs will now meet Montreal Canadiens in the final for the second year in a row. The first game will be played in Montreal Thursday and the second game there Saturday.

A crowd of 13,696 here tonight saw the determined Wings go ahead 1-0 in the first period and they were still ahead, 2-1, after two. But vigorous Leafs' skating and checking took its toll and Wings simply ran out of stamina in the final period. In contrast, Leafs appeared refreshed and relaxed throughout the final 20 minutes.

Frank Mahovlich, Leafs' powerful left-winger scored the winning goal, his third game-winning goal of the series after Pulford had twice brought Leafs from behind. Dick Duff scored the clincher with fewer than three minutes remaining on a perfect play with Larry Regan.

Murray Oliver and Norm Ullman were the Detroit scorers. It was the first goal of the series for Oliver and the second for Ullman.

Pulford's two goals brought his total for the series to four, tops on either team and it suggested that Sid Abel, Detroit coach, had the right intelligence on Leafs. Prior to the start of the series he said Wings feared Pulford more than any other player because he could play "any way you like it."

Tonight's game was played at a rugged, robust clip most of the way and in the second period the checking, at times, was brutal but referee Frank Udvari didn't seem alarmed. He imposed only three penalties to each team, none in the third period.

Gordie Howe, who didn't have a successful series from a scoring standpoint (one goal), tried mightily to arouse Wings in this one with his superb rushing and play-making. But Leafs, especially defenseman Allan Stanley, left-winger Bert Olmstead and Pulford checked Howe with a calm, infuriating thoroughness.

Howe and other Wings such as Alex Delvecchio, Gary Aldcorn and defenseman Warren Godfrey had numerous scoring opportunities. Leafs' goal-keeper Johnny Bower stopped their best shots and many other times they fired wide of the net.

It was a rough night for Bower. Twice he was flattened in the goal-mouth by Howe but Howe murmured consol-

ing words in Bower's ear each time.

Leafs were paced all the way by their line of Pulford, Olmstead and Ron Stewart, but the other lines skated and checked more energetically than in previous games. And Leafs' defense, especially Stanley, didn't tolerate any stragglers near Bower.

Leafs trailed, 1-2, going

into the third period but in 37 seconds Pulford had tied the score. Marcel Pronovost missed a chance to clear the puck. Stewart threw it in front and Pulford lifted it high into the net as Sawchuk dove to the ice.

About two minutes later Mahovlich scored the winner while lying on the ice to Sawchuk's right. He swung

his stick along the ice and angled the puck into the net. Wings' winger Len Haley, in a desperate attempt to halt the puck's progress, dove into the net after it.

Late in the period Regan, who usually does a capable job any time he gets an opportunity to play, trapped four Wings down the ice when he broke away with the puck.

Godfrey was the only defenseman back. Duff raced down the left wing and Regan, after luring Godfrey to one side, slid the puck directly to Duff in front of the Detroit goal and he poked it in the left side.

Oliver opened the scoring early in the first period, firing a shot from right wing the shoots left. Bower stopped

the puck with his stick but it spun away into the net. Both teams had a player in the penalty box when Pulford tied the score at 19:19. Olmstead threw the puck ahead, Pulford picked it up in full flight, took a short rebound off Godfrey's skate and stabbed a slider past Sawchuk.

Leafs were shorthanded in the second period when Ull-

man moved in swiftly from the left corner and drove a shot directly between Bower's pads. And that was it until Leafs' third-period spurt.

In Toronto, Saturday, where Leafs toppled Wings, 5-4, it was three old-timers, supposedly ailing from battle fatigue, who supervised Leafs' scoring.

Stanley scored his first two

goals of the series and assisted on two others. Olmstead and Red Kelly each had a goal and two assists. All are members of Leafs' venerable over 30 club and, in deference to their age, they were given a couple of days rest from practice last week.

Regan, a sprightly 29, was Leafs' other goal-scorer. Olmstead scored another goal that

wasn't counted and Kelly set up one late in the game for Johnny Wilson. Leafs said Wilson's shot ripped in and out of the net but the goal judge (from Montreal) said the shot hit the cross-bar.

Godfrey, Gerry Melnyk, Jack McIntyre and Delvecchio scored for the Wings in a game in which they fought fiercely to the end. Leafs, with a couple of power play goals in the first period, looked as if they might overpower Wings but, as in earlier games of this series, they relaxed too much and too soon.

Wings tied the score at 2-2 before the 12-minute mark of the second period and, although Leafs soon moved ahead again, they never quite succeeded in getting beyond the range of the persistent Wings.

Detroit removed goalie Sawchuk with 16 seconds left in the game and sent six forwards into Leafs' zone, but it merely added to the suspense of the finish.

Notes: Ironic note of this series to the Wings was the spirited play of Kelly, the player they traded to Leafs late in the season. . . . Kelly was the leading point-getter of the series with three goals and six assists. . . . In Saturday's game he set up the first two goals and both times he victimized his old buddy Pronovost, the Detroit defenseman. . . . For the first goal he shouldered past Pronovost and threw a pass in front which Stanley cashed. . . . The next time, again confronted by Pronovost, he dropped a pass. Olmstead picked up the puck and lashed it past Sawchuk. . . . Mahovlich, who executed several stirring rushes in both games, was harassed so closely by Detroit players that they drew three of their first four penalties for offenses against him. . . . Attendance at the Toronto game was 14,003.



This Shot by Maple Leaf Leftwinger Johnny Wilson (19) in Third Period Saturday Produced Vehement Protests by Leaf Players; Referee Ed Powers Ruled Puck Didn't Enter Net. However, photographer John Maiola's camera caught puck bulging webbing on top of Detroit goal (arrow). It bounced back under Terry Sawchuk and red light didn't flash.

Leafs-Wings Summaries

Sunday		Saturday	
Toronto — Goal, Gump; defense, Horton, Stanley, Brewer, Bain; forwards, Pulford, Stewart, Olmstead, Kelly, Regan, Mahovlich, Harris, Armstrong, Duff, Edmundson, James, Wilson, Ehlman.		First Period 1-Toronto, Stanley 5:11 2-Toronto, Olmstead 9:03 Penalties—Godfrey (charging) 7:59, Duff (tripping, major) 7:51, Haley (tripping, major) 7:54, Godfrey (charging) 8:19, (tripping) 10:28, Howe (kneeling) 10:50, Lundr, Smith.	
Detroit — Goal, Sawchuk; defense, Pronovost, Godfrey, Morrison, Goegan, Braune, Howard, Ullman, Aldcorn, McKenzie, Oliver, Howe, Delvecchio, Melnyk, Fonteyne, Haley, McIntyre, Lundr, Smith.		Second Period 3-Detroit, Godfrey 10:32 4-Detroit, Melnyk 11:56 5-Toronto, Stanley 12:43 Penalties—Stanley (tripping) 17:57, Haley (tripping) 17:57.	
Referee — Frank Udvari; linesmen — George Hayes and Loring Deolittle.		Third Period 6-Toronto, Kelly 4:32 7-Detroit, Melnyk 8:08 8-Toronto, Delvecchio 12:10 9-Detroit, Delvecchio 12:19 Penalty—Goegan (tripping) 17:18.	
First Period 1-Detroit, Oliver (Howe) 3:26 2-Toronto, Pulford 19:19 Penalties — Armstrong (tripping), 10:52; Goegan (tripping), 17:31; Harris (tripping), 19:50.		Shots on Goal By Toronto 6 13 15-31 By Detroit 11 11 9-31	
Second Period 3-Detroit, Ullman 13:37 Penalties—Brewer (tripping), 3:30; Haley (tripping), 10:52; Godfrey (tripping), 16:28.		Shots on Goal By Toronto 6 13 15-31 By Detroit 11 11 9-31	
Third Period 4-Toronto, Pulford 37 5-Toronto, Mahovlich 2:10 6-Toronto, Duff 17:04 Penalties—None.		Shots on Goal By Toronto 6 13 15-31 By Detroit 11 11 9-31	

Two Rids Make a Right for Red

Detroit, April 3—As the leading point collector in Stanley Cup play to date, with three goals and six assists, Leonard (Red) Kelly had earned the right to say a few words.

He said them. "They said," he spoke up, obviously referring to his former Detroit Red Wing teammates, "they wouldn't have made the playoffs if they hadn't got rid of me when they did. Well, I'm glad they made the move in time."

There is a slight suspicion that Punch Imlach would concur heartily with Kelly's little speech. Red was a big factor in getting rid of the Wings.

"We played some pretty good hockey against Detroit," Kelly added. "The Wings made it tough for us and we expect Canadiens will, too."

Frank Mahovlich, whose three goals in six games, provided the winning margin in the three games he scored, was restrainedly jubilant.

"I'd sure like to do the same thing against Montreal," he said.

Imlach would concur in that sentiment too.

With the semi-final series locked up safely, Imlach was somewhat quieter than he had been Saturday night.

Despite Leafs' 5-4 victory at Maple Leaf Gardens, the Leafs' manager-coach voiced some bitter protests.

"That was more than a squeaker. It shouldn't even have been close," he protested.

"We scored two that didn't count and still won." But he wasn't happy.

Kelly, whose pass set up Johnny Wilson for the second disputed goal, chimed in with:

"Johnny's goal was right in the net when it bounced out. The puck was rising and hit the top netting just behind the crossbar. It was pretty obvious to everybody but the referee and that goal judge."

Detroit goalie Terry Sawchuk disagreed with the Toronto version.

"Sure the puck hit the crossbar. The goal judge saw it and so did I. I don't know what they had to cry about," he said.

But a picture of the disputed play proves that if Sawchuk saw the puck hit the crossbar, it must have been on the goal at the other end of the rink. He was staring straight ahead before and after Wilson fired.

The other goal in dispute was scored, by Bert Olmstead.