Wings Defeat Leafs, 2-1; Tie Series

Melnyk Fires Goal In Overtime Play With Stewart Off

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DETROIT, March 29—Gerry Melnyk's goal at 1:54 of sudden-death overtime gave Detroit Red Wings a 2-1 win over Toronto Maple Leafs in the fourth game of their Stanley Cup semi-final series here tonight.

Ron Stewart of Leafs was in the penalty box serving a hooking sentence when Melnyk rapped in Val Fonteyne's rebound while Leafs' goalkeeper Johnny Bower was lying on the ice.

As a result, the best-of-seven series is tied 2-2. The fifth game will be played in Toronto on Saturday and a sixth game back here Sunday.

This was the second successive overtime game for these teams. Leafs won Sunday on a goal by Frank Mahovlich at the three-minute mark of the third overtime period.

And a crowd of 13,050 seemed to suspect tonight's tussle was destined to be another lengthy affair. Both teams elected to play it cautiously, checking was extremely close and the most active players on either team were goalkeepers Terry Sawchuk, of Wings and Bower.

Gerry Melnyk
The payoff man.

Sawchuk and Bower came through with numerous fine saves. Mahovlich broke in alone on Sawchuk in the third period but the Detroit goalkeeper foiled him with a fine stop. And Bower made outstanding stops on Marcel Pronovost and Melnyk — also late in the third period.

The game wasn't as fast, or as rugged, as previous games in this series. The steamy, moist atmosphere of the Olympia seemed to tire the players and at times the pace slowed to a crawl.

Gary Aldcorn scored the first goal for the Wings in the first period and defenseman Carl Brewer tied it for Leafs halfway through the second period, and, although both teams had numerous scoring opportunities, that was it until Melnyk scored the winner in overtime.

Referee Vern Buffey imposed six penalties, five of them to Leafs. One of these was a misconduct to Mahovlich when he failed to proceed directly to the penalty box after he was given a minor for high-sticking in the first period.

While still in the penalty box Mahovlich threw a towel on the ice after Buffey sent Brewer off for boarding. Brewer picked up the towel and threw it directly at an usher, a gesture that caused the usher to take umbrage. It appeared for a few moments a brawl might break out as several Leafs and Olympia attendants exchanged opinions but the belligerence dissipated quietly.

Stewart's penalty in overtime wasn't a particularly glaring offense. He was accused of hooking Jack McIntyre and he was probably guilty. But many similar offenses had been committed earlier and overlooked.

Stewart's penalty had almost expired when Wings scored the winner. And it was Gordie Howe, Wings' great right-winger, who started the play.

Howe carried the puck over the Toronto blue line and passed it to Fonteyne. Fonteyne's hard shot was blocked by Bower but the Toronto goalkeeper fell to the ice in making the save. Melnyk, who skated in behind Fonteyne, took the rebound and fired the puck high into the Toronto net.

Aldcorn scored his goal at 13:15 of the first period. Norm Ullman threw him a pass and Aldcorn, from 20 feet out on left wing, drove a hard shot into the far side of the net.

Brewer darted between the Detroit defense of Pronovost and Warren Godfrey to tie the score in the second period. Larry Regan sent him on his way with a quick pass and Brewer zigged and zagged through the Detroit defense and went in close before throwing a backhander past Sawchuk.

Notes: Stewart, who played a thorough game for Leafs, broke in alone on Sawchuk in the first period but the Detroit goalie stopped his shot . . . Sawchuk foiled Stewart again in the second period and made another great save on Mahovlich in the third period . . . Bower made one of his best stops on Pronovost in the final minute of regulation time. Pronovost broke through the Toronto defense but Bower threw himself directly at the Detroit player . . . Howe, who set up the winning goal for Wings, logged approximately 30 minutes in ice time according to a press-box statistician.

Detroit — Goal, Sawchuk; defense, Pronovost, Godfrey, Morrison, Goegan, Hubbard; forwards, Oliver, Howe, Delvecchio, Lunde, Aldcorn, Ullman, Melnyk, Haley, Fonteyne, McIntyre, Smith.

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

Referee — Vern Buffey; linesmen, Neil Armstrong, Bill Morrison.

First Period

1—Detroit, Aldcorn (Ullman, Morrison) 13:15

Penalties — Mahovlich (high-sticking plus 10-minute misconduct), 8:32; Brewer (boarding), 12:34.

Second Period

2—Toronto, Brewer (Regan, Duff) 14:29

Penalty—Pronovost (tripping) [illegible].

Third Period

Scoring—None.

Penalty—Horton (hooking) [illegible].

Overtime Period

3—Detroit, Melnyk (Howe, Fonteyne) 1:54

Penalty—Stewart (hooking) [illegible].

Shots On Goal

By Toronto . . . . 13 4 6 [illegible]
By Detroit . . . . 9 11 10 [illegible]

OBTAIN GOALKEEPER

Seattle, March 29 (AP)—Jim McLeod, 21-year-old goalkeeper, has been acquired from Vernon of the Okanagan Senior Hockey League and will report next fall, Seattle of the Western Hockey League announced today.

Stanley Cup Scoring

	G	A	Pts	Pen. M
Geoffrion, Montreal	2	4	6	4
Kelly, Toronto	2	3	5	6
Delvecchio, Detroit	1	4	5	2
Moore, Montreal	3	1	4	4
Brewer, Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]
Duff, Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]
Beliveau, Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	[illegible]
Bonin, Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	[illegible]
Marshall, Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Haley, Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Howe, Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hay, Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Backstrom, Montreal	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
H. Richard, Montreal	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fonteyne, Detroit	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Melnyk, Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mahovlich, Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pulford, Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hicke, Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lunde, Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ullman, Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Regan, Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lindsay, Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wharram, Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morrison, Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harris, Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harvey, Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
A. Pronovost, Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Aldcorn, Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armstrong, Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
M. Balfour, Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Murphy, Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hull, Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goyette, Montreal	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
T. Johnson, Montreal	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
McIntyre, Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olmstead, Toronto	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stewart, Toronto	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hicks, Chicago	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Laurent, Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litzenberger, Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mikita, Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pilote, Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Langlois, Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Callen, Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oliver, Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Godfrey, Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Edmundson, Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Horton, Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nesterenko, Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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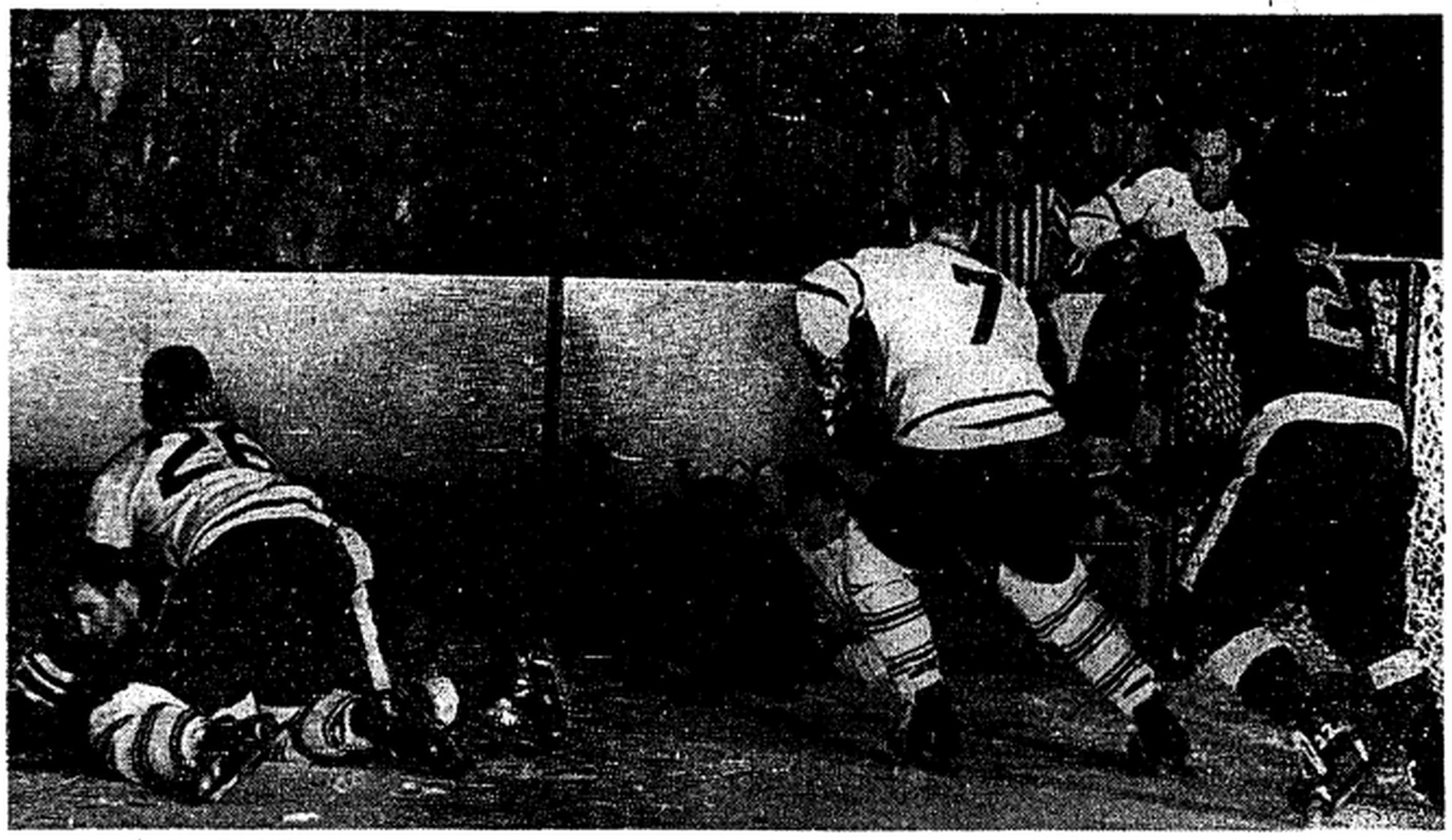
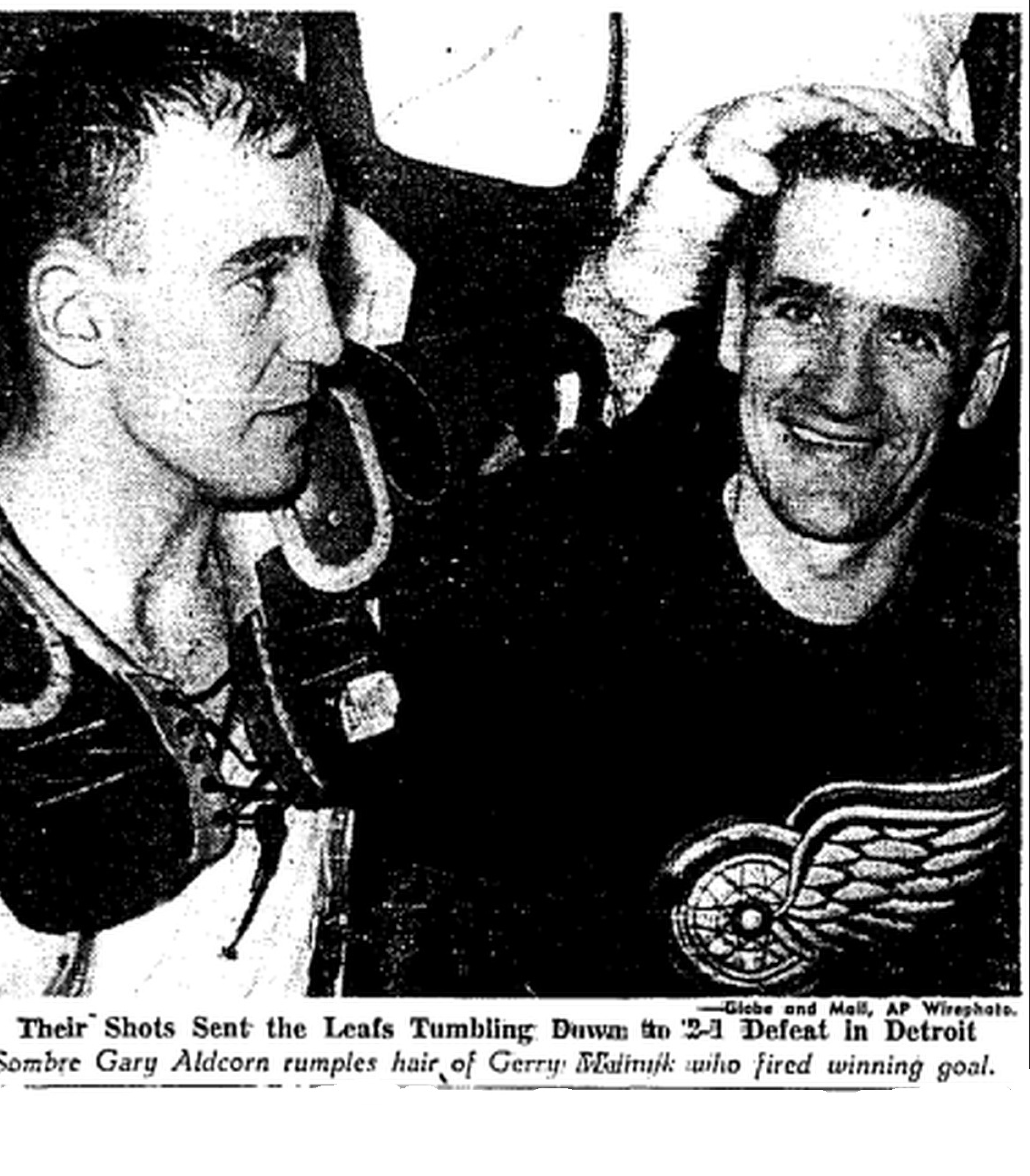
Evans, Chicago	0	0	0	4



Leaf Teammates Come to Rescue of Beleaguered Goalie Johnny Bower in Stanley Cup Action
Al Stanley pins Val Fonteyne; Tim Horton darts in front of Len Haley as Bower grabs elusive puck.



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Their Shots Sent the Leafs Tumbling Down to 2-1 Defeat in Detroit
Sombre Gary Aldcorn rumples hair of Gerry Melnyk who fired winning goal.

'Had to Shoot High,' Says Jubilant Gerry

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Detroit, March 29 — Only about 110 seconds of overtime had gone by when the play began. Ron Stewart of Toronto was off for hooking and Gord Howe had the puck in a corner. Val Fonteyne was cutting in fast about 25 feet in front of Johnny Bower in the Toronto goal when Howe's pass came out. He took it on the fly and Bower was there in front of him.

"I tried to put it up in the left hand corner but he got his pads up," Fonteyne said. And that was his chance — gone.

Cruising about 10 feet behind him when he shot was Gerry Melnyk. "I was on left wing and cut in behind Val and was right there when he shot," Melnyk said. "I saw the save and saw Bower go down and the rebound come out. There it was. I moved in and threw it up. I knew I had to get it high. And that was it." That was his chance — made.

This was in the Detroit dressing room. His goal a few minutes before giving Detroit a 2-1 overtime win and an even split in the first four games of the Stanley Cup semi-final.

The atmosphere was the normal one of the victor—jubilation and this feeling was much stronger in Melnyk than in the others. He was in the National Hockey League only once before this year — 1956. Dutch Reibel was hurt and Melnyk was called from Edmonton to play with Detroit in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

In Toronto, on his first shift on the ice, he followed Marcel Pronovost in on a play and suddenly there he was, in the clear, in front of Harry Lumley.

"I froze," he said tonight. "I didn't know how to do it. I looked down to make sure that the puck was on my stick and when I looked up there was Lumley and I knew I'd blown it. He made an easy save."

He was 21 then. After that series he was sent back to the minors. "I could never forget muffing that one," he said. "I didn't sleep for two nights and I had four years in the minors to remember it well. That goal tonight will help make up for it."

His line, of course, is the one with Len (Comet) Haley and Val Fonteyne. They are going so well in this series that Sid Abel, the Detroit coach, is using them as a line on the power play. "They call us the nothing line in Toronto," Melnyk said quietly, heading for his clothes, toweling himself dry. "I hope we can fool 'em." To which one can only say—they've fooled 'em so far, all right.

Punch Imlach, the Toronto coach, didn't stay long enough in the Toronto room after the game to talk to enquiring reporters, leaving the field to King Clancy, assistant manager in charge of official and unofficial statements.

The penalty that really caused the game-winning goal was on Ron Stewart for hooking Jack McIntyre on the first play of the overtime.

Almost immediately, while helping to kill the penalty, Bob Pulford broke through centre ice and in trying to get past Gordie Howe and in on Sawchuk he appeared to be held and pulled down so that he could make no play.

Clancy was indignant at the referee, Vern Buffey, on this score. "He let a lot of stuff go all night and then he calls that one on Stewart," he said. "If he calls that one, he's got to call the one on Pulford—same blankety blank play."

But Buffey did not call it, and a minute later the red light was on at the other end and the crowd was up and there was nothing more to call.