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The Dirty Thirties ---the good old days

With the Canadian dollar at its lowest and unemployment at its highest since the Dirty Thirties, it's an appropriate time for a flashback on the 'good old days' of the Depression.

We thank an old curling friend Russ Scollon for bringing back memories, some good, some not so good.

Russ was sitting back of the plate glass at the Navy club with friends Reg Mullins and Haig Staniforth. The subject was old cars, now called antiques. Russ drew a 1933 Senior City Hockey League program from an inside pocket of his jacket. One of the advertisers, an auto dealer, had a big sale of used car that month and he quoted from the price list.

But what caught our eyes were the rosters of the five City League clubs, Rideaus, Burghs, LaSalle-Hull, Shamrocks and Montagnards. The teams were to play four periods with Ottawa's entry in the NHL, the Senators, in an afternoon charity game at the Auditorium.

To obtain tickets for the benefit, one had to bring items of clothing to the nearest firehall. So, armed with a pair of ducats, we sat in the 'reds' for the first time in our life... a far cry from hanging on to the railings in the rush-end.

The 8,500 fans were treated to an interesting game with the City Leaguers anxious to make a good showing against the pros. However, the final score was 7-1 for the Senators.

The pros faced Montagnards in the first segment and shut them out with Syd Howe providing an unassisted goal. LaSalle-Hull didn't fare as well, giving up goals by Hec Kilrea, Allap Shields and Cooney Weiland in the second.

Another for Howe

In the third, Howe scored again, unassisted, to give Senators a 1-0 decision over New Edinburgh with goalies Alex Connell and Billy Beveridge keeping the amateurs off the score sheet.

Senators played Shams in the last period and outscored the Celts 2-1. Kilrea, and Desse Roche, on a pass from Bill Touhey, scored for the Barber Poles. The apple of Shams' coach Tom Lowrey, Dan Cowley, broke the shutout on an assist from bantamweight Phil Reinhardt.

What an afternoon it was. The Governor General's Foot Guards band played the overture to all Senator games, "Let me call you sweetheart" and the players took it from there.

Such Senator favorites as Harold Starr, Harvey Rockburn, Frank Finnigan, Gus Forslund, Danny Cox, Earle Roche, Bert McInenly and Leo Bourgeault, although kept off the scoresheet, thrilled the fans.

Burghs, for instance, had such promising players as Jack Draper, Jack Wilkinson, Edgar Murphy, Bobby Walton and Normie Olson.

The Shams had two outstanding goalies, Garnie Marshall and Rick Perley. Lou Batres, who later became a legend in English hockey prior to WW II, had Tom McInenly as his defence mate. Up front was a smoothie by the name of Bill Cowley, flanked by brother Dan and Eddie Cadieux. Among others in the cast were two 'Irishmen' Gene Sauvageau and Phil Reinhardt.

Two of our favorite ball players, southpaw Dean Ingram and great glove man Ken Draper also wore the Green.

The composite LaSalle-Hull club had Clem Aubin in nets with undestructible Yvon Renaud and Aurel Myre in front of him. Myre rushed like a runaway freight car with the expected results.

Talk of the Institut

Up front were such Flying Frenchmen as Aurel Legris, Ernie Pilon, Hec Jodouin, Ted Rooney and Art Tabor, still the talk of the Institut Canadienne-Francais.

Montagnards, with a history dating back to the turn of the century, also had outstanding talent. Along with Russ Scollon were goalie Louis St. Denis, Bob Guertin, Edgar Grommoll, Henri Matte, Ralph St. Germain, Eddie Barnabe and Amby Kiefl.

Rideaus, a name he reckoned with in all amateur sports in those days, had many skilled players in their lineup. Among them were Arnie Morrison, Frank Quinn, Arnie Peterkin, Eddie Finnigan, George Reaume, Frank Jansen and Petie Howe, reputed to be a better playmaker than his younger brother, Syd.

There were other benefit games in those days. We recall Senators taking on Ottawa pros with other teams in the NHL, AHL, USHL, IHL and the PCHL (36 in all). Seems to us the price of admission was canned goods.

The cans were loaded on a freight car and sent to our less fortunate Western brethren, victims of the drought, sands storms and patiently awaiting the First Coming of the Subsidies.

Time to reciprocate

Wouldn't it be nice in this, the Great Recession, if our Western brethren reciprocated by filling a few tank cars with fuel oil marked for Ottawa in appreciation of charitable deeds of the Dirty Thirties.

But let's slip back to the 30s for a moment. Assuming you were taking your best girl to the charity game, first, you would stop at Delahays on Sparks street, a class haberdasher, pick up the most expensive suit in the house, \$38.75, order the fanciest shirt, \$2.95 with, naturally, tie to match, \$2.00. And, of course, you had to have braces. Why not Currie's, the leaders in suspenders, for \$1.50.

Next stop, to your favorite used car dealer to pick up your wheels. You had your choice of a 1927 Essex for \$100 (if you were a sports reporter) or, if you were a CS, a 1932 Chevrolet Coach for \$550.

Before the game, you could drop in to Chez Henri and have a lunch for 60 cents. After the game, over to the Standish Hall for dinner, \$1.00, and stay to dance to the music of Ted Gray. On the way home, you dropped in to Hull mayor Moussette's Avalon, advertised as a gay spot... not to be confused with today's interpretation of the term. Beer was 35 cents a quart and liquor floated and flowed at 65 cents a shot.

"Those were the days my friends..." as the cabaret song goes.



67s Bobby Smith and Petes' goaltender Ken Ellacott get tied up in the crease here while Tim Higgins and Peterborough's Dave Fenyves struggle in the corner. Keith Acton is the other Pete sizing up the situation.

At home tonight

67s take control

Clem Kealey
Journal Sports Staff

PETERBOROUGH — Ottawa 67s are back off the mat and back in centre ring as the bell goes tonight at the Civic Centre for the seventh, and likely final round, in their punch-up with the Peterborough Petes.

67s squared the eight-point Ontario Major Junior Hockey League semi-final at six points apiece, or three wins each, here Thursday night with a deserved 6-4 victory before a 4,554-largest crowd of the season in the Peterborough Memorial Centre.

A winner tonight advances against either Hamilton Fincups or London Knights. London, trailing 7-5 in points, needs a win on home ice this evening to force a deciding eighth game in Hamilton Sunday.

Should Petes and Ottawa tie tonight, a distinct possibility, since all six games have been contested so keenly, then they'll play an eighth game to a finish back here Sunday.

This win marked the third time in two series that 67s have averted elimination. The defending OMJHL champions were down 3-1 in games at one point but have clawed back onto even terms.

Last night refreshing winger Yvan Joly and dependable Bobby Smith contributed two goals apiece for 67s. Steve Payne and Sean Simpson hit for the others. Chris Halyk, Dave Fenyves, and Steve Larmer scored against Ottawa's starting goalie Paul Minaker. Minaker was shook up in a collision early in the third and Jay O'Connor who came on to replace him yielded only one goal — to Petes' muscular Jeff Brubaker on a power-play.

Like all others this was a close hockey game, one which could have gone either way according to Peterborough coach Gary Green but breaks turned out to be the difference in his view.

Still consensus was that Ottawa coach Brian Kilrea analyzed the transaction best of all when he said:

"I thought from the first face-off to the very end that we just played better hockey."

Green wouldn't dispute that entirely.

"You can't take anything away from them (67s) they won it but tomorrow's (tonight) another game."

Green did suggest that Ken Ellacott can and will provide him with better goaltending in this evening's crucial shoot-out.

He did not like two of the Ottawa goals in particular and Ellacott was beaten on four shots which never left the ice. Two of which went between his legs.

"Please don't mention that" Bobby Smith pleaded, believing 67s have

found a vulnerability in Ellacott's style. "Well I don't think he has a weakness along the ice" Green said "it was just one of those nights."

Frankly, the most tainted goal of the hockey game was credited to Petes' Steve Larmer when Ottawa defenceman Steve Marengere, accidentally, tapped the puck into his own net.

This was more typical playoff hockey than any previous meeting. The teams were in a scoreless knot after the first period and knotted in a 2-2 embrace after a tight-checking second. They exchanged four goals evenly in a reckless first six minutes of the final period. Then Joly sped down the wing with Ed Hospodar's feed and slid

in the winner at 10:35. Smith hit the empty net in the final minute.

The most glittering goal of the game, and of the series for that matter, was executed by 67s' centre Sean Simpson. It was one of those end-to-end masterpieces where he fooled both defenders and his shot was the only one which hit a top corner against Ellacott.

Kilrea says Jay O'Connor will start in nets tonight. Face-off is 8 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

Ottawa will go with the same understaffed lineup which has managed the previous two victories. That means Jimmy Fox and Dave McQueen, both rightwingers, and defenceman Larry Elson will be missing.

Hospodar catalyst

By Clem Kealey

PETERBOROUGH — If Ottawa 67s ever manage to hurdle Peterborough Petes tonight in the seventh game of their scintillating Ontario Major Junior Hockey League semi-final series then all and sundry deserve a piece of the spotlight.

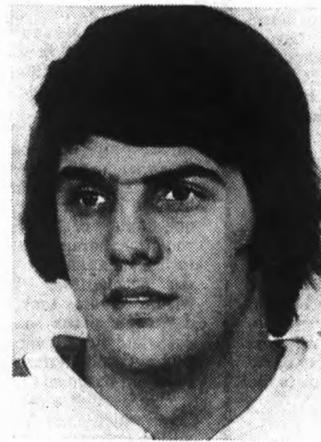
But if there's one player who has served as a catalyst in this physical confrontation it would have to be versatile Ed Hospodar, who puts every ounce of his ample frame into each bodycheck.

Hospodar was ejected from the fifth game of the series in Ottawa Tuesday night before the second minute. He came out hitting and was so gung-ho that he was justifiably ordered to leave the premises for being the aggressor in an altercation with Petes' centre Keith Acton.

But 67s had been a trifle intimidated prior to that game and when they weren't getting the job done in any corner of the rink, Hospodar had been wisely shifted to a forward line late in the third game of the series. That move gave Ottawa some operating room at the lip of the Peterborough crease and Hospodar himself has deposited three goals.

More than that his robust style has had a contagious effect on most of his mates. Thursday he was used exclusively along the blueline. He again delivered some rib-rattling bodychecks and now the Petes are not taking the liberties they were while compiling three consecutive victories.

"I thought he was our best defenceman tonight" coach Brian Kilrea said after Ottawa's 6-4 victory here Tuesday night. "In fact I thought he



ED HOSPODAR

... showing the way

was the best hockey player on the ice."

In addition Hospodar also assisted on three goals although the official summary only credits him with two. Doug Crossman was another stabilizing influence on the 67s' defence which performed erratically early in the series.

Despite his robust style of play, Hospodar would not be rated in the top 10 of the first-fight rankings in the OMJHL. But he won't back off an inch from anyone.

He's proved that in this series. More important others on the 67s have taken his lead and are going about their individual chores with more vigor.

Four 67s on all-star team

The Ontario Major Junior Hockey League announced its three all-star teams today and as expected, Ottawa 67s Bob Smith was named the first team centre.

Joining the OMJHL scoring champion on the squad are defencemen Rob Ramage and Brad Marsh of London Knights and goaltender Al Jensen of Hamilton Fincups.

Gerry Leroux of Windsor Spitfires was chosen leftwinger and Mike Gartner of Niagara Falls Flyers right-

winger Bill White of Oshawa Generals was named coach.

Goaltender Pat Riggen and rightwinger Dino Ciccarelli, both of London, were picked for the second team which has Hamilton players Willie Huber and Joel Quenneville paired on defence.

Ciccarelli was the league's top goalscorer with 72, but will miss the balance of the playoffs after suffering a broken leg in practice last week.

Centre Wayne Gretzky of Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds and Tony McKe-

ney of Kingston Canadians complete the forward line on the team, which will be coached by Gary Green of Peterborough Petes.

67s rookie rightwinger Jimmy Fox and leftwinger Steve Payne were named to the third all-star team along with coach Brian Kilrea. Three Peterborough players were also chosen: defenceman Paul McKinnon, centre Keith Acton and rookie goaltender Ken Ellacott.

Craig Hartsburg of the Greyhounds takes the other defence spot.

Toronto chances better - Neilson

By Canadian Press

On the surface, it makes little sense but coach Roger Neilson of Toronto Maple Leafs sounds more confident of victory with his team trailing the New York Islanders 2-0 in their National Hockey League quarter-final playoff series than he did before it began.

Following an optional skate at Maple Leaf Gardens on Thursday, Neilson said he was optimistic the Leafs would tie the series after games tonight and Sunday and take the momentum back to Uniondale, N.Y., for the fifth game.

The Islanders breezed to an easy 4-1 victory in the opening game but needed an overtime goal by Mike Bossy to take a 3-2 win Wednesday night.

Neilson is pinning his hopes on the Leafs tough physical performance.

"The best part of the game was our physical play," he said. "I felt we outthit them in the second game and it was verified when I checked the videotape. I'd say we had four bodychecks for every one of theirs."

Even if they outthit the Islanders, however, the Leafs have been outscored 7-3 and two players—centre Darryl Sittler and defenceman Borje Salming—spent as much as 45 minutes on the ice during the second game.

But that doesn't have Neilson too concerned.

"Anytime we conducted physical tests at the University of Waterloo, Salming and Sittler placed close to the top in endurance."

Leafs players were tested during training camp last fall and at the half-way point in the regular schedule.

Meanwhile in Detroit, Nick Libett and 16,500 adoring fans — all believers in Red Wing power — will be at the Olympia when the Montreal Canadiens come to town for the third game in the best-of-seven quarter-final series, knotted at one game apiece.

"This is just great you know," said Libett.

"I can see us conceivably winning two in Detroit with our fans on our side and going back to Montreal with a 3-1 lead," the 11-year veteran said.

"We shocked the hockey world. Everybody thought we'd be blown out four in a row. We had to win a game in Montreal, and we're all confident now."

And those Montreal Canadiens who do not wear helmets might be well advised to keep them handy tonight.

It's not a matter of stepped-up body contact or protection against flying sticks and pucks.

It's a simple matter of practicality, because fans in Detroit salute their heroes not with confetti, not with streamers... but with occasional showers of octopi.

"I don't think of them as anything other than an identification of the fact that the playoffs are near and that we're in them," said Ted Lindsay, the first Detroit general manager in eight years able to talk about the playoffs and the Red Wings in the same sentence.

"Marcel Pronovost said he used to take them home and cook them, but I, uh, well, I never believed him."

Pronovost has other things on his mind right now, since the former defenceman coaches Buffalo Sabres, who trail Philadelphia Flyers 2-0 in their quarter-final matchup. That series continues at Buffalo on Saturday night.

Also in action tonight are the Chicago Black Hawks and Boston Bruins in Chicago. The Bruins bring with them a 2-0 lead in the series.

But so far there's no talk of a four-game sweep.

Babych talking to Quebec

QUEBEC (CP) — Wayne Babych and his immediate family were in this provincial capital for contract talks with Quebec Nordiques of the World Hockey Association, general manager Maurice Filion said Thursday.

Filion said the 20-year-old Babych, who played for Canada's team during the Junior World Cup of Hockey tournament last January, has not yet signed with the club but negotiations are on.

Babych played for Portland Winter Hawks of the Western Canada Hockey League this past season.