

Canadiens Rip Hawks Again, 4-1

CHICAGO — The Montreal Canadiens are booming along in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

After knocking out Boston in four straight in the first round, the Canadiens have started in high against Chicago in the second round by downing the Hawks in the first two encounters of the best-of-seven series.

In Saturday night's game at Montreal won the opener, 9-4, Chicago took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Stan Mikita.

But Jean Beliveau evened the count before the first period was over. Then in the second period Beliveau scored twice more and passed to Jacques Lemire for another tally as Montreal boomed out to a 4-1 triumph.

The series was to resume Tuesday in Chicago and the fourth game will be in Chicago on Thursday with Channel 9's Detroit area station for the telecast to begin at 9 p.m. Meantime, St. Louis jumped in front in the Western Division finals by taking the series opener from Minnesota, 5-3.

Honors For 6 Tigers

Six Detroit Tiger players will be saluted for a variety of achievements at another awards night ceremony preceding the Tigers' night game with the California Angels at Tiger Stadium Friday, May 3.

A distinguished group including American League President Joseph E. Cronin and former Tiger stars Vic Wertz, Billy Bruton and Steve Gromek will participate with George Kell, Tiger television broadcaster and former star, acting as emcee.

The players to be honored are Al Kaline, Bill Freehan, Earl Wilson, Willie Horton, Joe Sparrma and Tom Matchick.

KALINE WILL receive a special gift from the American League marking his 2,000th game in Tiger uniform, with Cronin due to make the presentation; his 10th Gold Glove trophy (out of a possible 11) for fielding excellence; and a plaque marking his fifth selection for the league's post-season all-star team selected by the players.

Freehan will get the Detroit Baseball Writers "Tiger of the Year" plaque, with Watson Spoolstra, of the Detroit News making the presentation; his third straight Gold Glove trophy; and an all-star selection plaque.

Wilson also will receive an all-star plaque. Horton will be presented a portrait by Robert Tyrell, a Detroit artist.

SPARRMA, a Livonia resident, will be honored as the American Amateur Baseball Congress' 1967 "Graduate of the Year" with the presentation by Lincoln Hacklin, of Akron, president of the AABC.

Matchick is to receive a silver bowl emblematic of his selection for the Class AAA, minor league all-star team for a season in 1967 at Toledo. The Gold Glove trophies are bestowed by the Rawlings Sporting Goods Co., the all-star plaques by The Sporting News; Matchick's all-star trophy by the Topp's Chewing Gum Co.; and Horton's portrait by Michigan Sportsense.

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Former Tiger Great Tommy Bridges Dies

Despite the happy moments the Detroit Tigers have been creating on the field, there was sadness among them and their older fans this past weekend. Tommy Bridges, 61, was dead.

Bridges, one of the most distinguished of all Tiger hurlers, had been ill for several weeks until he passed away in Nashville, Tenn.

Few pitchers boasted a better curve ball than "Little T." He spent 16 seasons with the Tigers and compiled a record of 194 victories to rate fourth on the club's all-time list.

He was born in 1888 in Detroit. Bridges began his career with Detroit in 1930 and hit his best campaigns in 1934-35-36 when he chalked up respective records of 22-11, 21-10 and 23-11 and posted a 4.21 record for the Tigers in the 1934 and 1935 World Series.

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But Harris rapped a single and that was that.

An equally memorable moment came in the sixth and final game of the 1935 World Series.

The score was tied, 3-3, in the ninth inning as the Tigers led the Chicago Cubs, three

games to two. Stan Hack greeted Bridges with a triple to start the ninth.

But Bridges fanned Bill Jurges, got Larry French on a roll out and Augie Galen to fly out. Then Goose Goslin singled home Mickey Cochrane with the winning runs.

Bridges starred at the University of Tennessee before coming to the Tigers. He ended his playing days with the team in 1946.

Survivors include his widow, a daughter and his mother.

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