

SEATTLE AGAIN TRIM CANADIENS

Mets Have Little Difficulty in Taking Measure of Frenchmen 9 to 7 in Exhibition Game

Noble and Berlinquette Play for the Easterners—Cully Wilson Stars

Seattle, Washn., March 23. — Not satisfied with winning the Stanley cup and the world's championship on Monday night, the Seattle Metropolitans administered a 9 to 7 beating to the Canadiens here tonight in an exhibition game in which the Canadiens were at their full strength. Noble, the player who was not eligible for the series and Berlinquette, who was hurt in Ottawa in the play-off, appeared on Seattle ice for the first time, but even with their help the Frenchmen were powerless before the speedy Mets.

The game was fast throughout the early stages but Seattle was so superior during the first two periods that they did not try so hard during the last frame. The Canadiens surprised the world's champions by scoring the first goal, but the Stanley cup holders evened the count eighteen seconds later. Cully Wilson put the Mets in the lead two minutes later and from then on they were never headed. The scrappy little Seattle man played the star game for the winners, while Tommy Smith was the best for the losers. Foyston and Morris were up to their mark and Rickey, on the Seattle defence, put up a great game. Corbeau was the defence star for the Canadiens and played hard throughout.

The two teams left Seattle at midnight for San Francisco, where they will play three exhibition games next week. They will introduce professional hockey in the Golden Gate city for the first time and according to advance accounts big crowds are expected to see the champs and runners-up perform.

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MONTREAL HOCKEYISTS WIN.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 31. — Montreal's professional hockey team defeated the Seattle players here last night in a brilliant game, 5 to 4.

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CANADIAN HOCKEY TEAM WINS.
The Seattle hockey aspirants to world championship honors were given a bumping at San Francisco last night when the Canadian team from Montreal hooked them to the score of 5 to 4. It was the deciding game of the series for the world title and the Seattle players never had a chance.

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GOLDEN GATE FANS FALL FOR HOCKEY

Sunny California Talking of Four Team League, Says George Kennedy

"Do I think that the introduction of professional hockey in California would pay? Well, that's a pretty big question. There is no doubt that the people of San Francisco were highly enthusiastic over the games there between the Canadiens and Seattle and I see no reason why other California towns shouldn't relish the fastest sport on earth also. But—and here's where the rub comes—it would take an outlay of several hundred thousand dollars to build four rinks and get the game started. The question is—who is going to take the gamble? It might be a highly paying one at last."

This was the statement of George Kennedy, manager of the Canadiens, when asked at the Hotel Castle yesterday what he thought of the prospects for the extension of professional hockey to the southern Pacific state. Kennedy and the players of the Canadiens reached Vancouver from San Francisco on Saturday night, after playing a three game series there with the Seattle title holders. All the other members of the club, with the exception of Manager Kennedy, Neway Lalonde and Corbeau, continued the trip to Montreal on Saturday, the latter three leaving for the east on the 8:30 C.P.R. express last night.

"If some shrewd and enterprising promoters like the Patricks would be willing to take a chance in the new field, the southern league might be successfully developed, and I'd certainly like to see the game established there," continued Kennedy. "I feel sure the people would take to it all right. The big consideration is the enormous outlay. There's not a chance of a league there next winter, however. That's a safe bet."

'Frisco Likes Game

Kennedy said that the players and himself were delighted with the reception they had been accorded on the coast. He said that the boys were going home in a highly satisfied state of mind after winning the 'Frisco series.

"We finished in a blaze of glory," he said. "From the results of the exhibition games in the California city, I feel that we have the better team—the finest aggregation playing hockey today. The players were thoroughly acclimatized for the San Francisco games and showed their calibre. Both teams played lightning hockey and the embryo 'Frisco fans were swept off their feet by the exhibitions. The rink there is an excellent one the matter of ice space. But it only holds 1,800 people. It is essentially a skating rink.

Kennedy said the ideal league in California would be a four club league consisting of teams from San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and possibly Los Angeles, although the latter town would mean a fairly long jump. There is a rink in Los Angeles, but none in Oakland or Sacramento, Vancouver Sun.

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