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N.H.L. Governors Forfeit Franchise Of New York American Hockey Club

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NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (CP)—Drastic action, long expected in connection with the affairs of the New York American Hockey Club, incorporated, was taken today when the National Hockey League declared forfeit the club's franchise.

The Americans had been operating since 1934-35 by William "Big Bill" Dwyer.

An official statement of the Governors, issued tonight following a day-long meeting, said failure of American officials to comply with a formal demand for payment of the club's indebtedness to the League was the motive for declaring forfeit the franchise.

Officials said the Americans would operate as usual during the 1936-37 season at Madison Square Garden with Manager Mervin "Red" Dutton at the helm and President Frank Calder of the N.H.L. supervising business affairs.

It was the expectation of League officials that new owners would take over the franchise in the near future. No one but a New Yorker would be permitted, however, to secure the operating rights and the team would have to be operated in New York.

The franchise and club, lock, stock and barrel, was brought here from Hamilton, Ont., more than a decade ago.

The statement issued by the N.H.L. Governors follows:

"Following failure of the New York American Hockey Club, incorporated, to comply with a formal demand of the National Hockey League for payment of its indebtedness to the League the Governors of the League today declared forfeit the franchise of the Americans. Arrangements have been made to operate the team during the 1936-37 season with Mervin Dutton retained as manager."

Future welfare of the problem child of the Major League occupied attention of the Governors during

the major part of the session. Possibility of legal repercussions was foreseen in the statement of Marty Shenker, business manager of the Americans, who declared "we will go down fighting, nobody is going to take our club away from us without a tussle. I am communicating with Dwyer (who is in Miami) immediately and it is possible we may get an injunction taken out against the League restraining them from taking over the club."

Decision of the NHL directors in declaring forfeit the Amerk franchise follows two years in which the Americans have frequently flown financial distress signals. Last spring the League was understood to have expended some \$18,000 to reimburse the players.

Numerous other debts of the club are estimated to total roughly \$200,000. The NHL has requested Dwyer on several occasions during the last 18 months to straighten out his hockey affairs and give the League a reassuring statement. Dwyer, it was claimed, was unable to do this.

It was late in the afternoon before the officials found an opportunity to discuss other than the Amerk situation. Rule changes were suggested but few important changes were adopted. The rule by which a player suffers a penalty for lingering in the opposing team's defence zone after the play has been transferred from that zone was eliminated. In an effort to speed up the game it was decided henceforth intentional offside would call for a faceoff 10-feet from the side of the net at the offending team's goal-line. This is expected to eliminate the numerous stops caused by hockeyists deliberately passing the puck over a blue line so lines can be changed.

Owing to criticism levelled at scorers in some quarters for their generosity in issuing assists a rule was adopted limiting to two the assists on any goal scored.

In an effort to arouse more interest in the penalty shot the shooting distance was shortened to 36-feet instead of 38.

Maroons Hold First Workout On Wheels

MONTREAL, Oct. 19 (CP)—Fresh on the heels of Montreal's six-day bicycle race that ended Saturday, candidates for Montreal Maroons National Hockey League club climbed onto wheels at the Forum today and whirled through their first workout of the season.

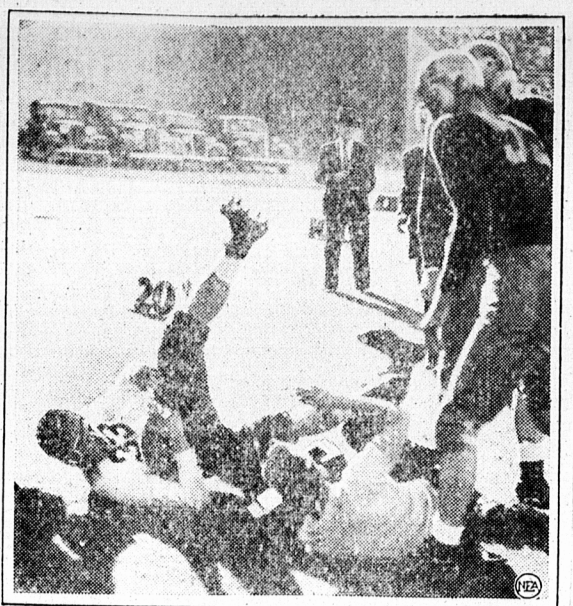
Twelve hockeyists reported to Manager Tommy Gorman, including Baldy Northcott, Dave Trotter, Jimmy Ward, Russ Blinco, Earl Robinson, Gus Marker, Herbie Cain, Bob Gracie, Jerry Carson, Bill McKenzie and Lloyd Ferras, former Kenora, Ont., goaler here for a try-out with the red team.

Alex Connell, Ottawa's fireman net minder, who led Maroons to a Stanley Cup championship two years ago and then went into retirement for a season, is expected to report tomorrow.

Prospects of getting on ice Wednesday pleased the Maroon candidates who leave Sunday for a series of exhibition games with Boston Bruins.

Canadiens continued their gymnasium drills today, with Aurel Joliat, "mighty atom" of 15 years Canadian standing, reporting for his practice. Ho'dout Babe Siebert has not yet come to terms, said Manager Cecil Hart and a Siebert-Marty Burke trade with Chicago was rumored.

Crashing Into The Picture



A newspaper photographer's life is filled with hazards, including such times as when he sticks the schnozzle of his apparatus into a football game. G. Felix, the shutter snapper on the ground at right, was thrown for a 10-yard loss and a wrecked camera when Hal Hirshon, U. C. L. A. back, crashed into him upon being run out of bounds as Washington whipped the Bruins, 14-0, at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Saints Lose To Mt. Allison Ruggers 13-8

SACKVILLE, N.B., Oct. 19 (CP)—The Mount Allison University rugby squad ran over a much heavier but less experienced St. Dunstan's University football team here today in the second half to come through with a 13-8 victory.

Coach Ralph W. "Bul" Lister sent the Mount Allison Intermediate team on the field for the first half and although many of them were inexperienced in senior rugby they proved to be almost a match for the visiting ruggers. The first half was fast with the ball being carried from one end of the field to the other in remarkably fast time.

With the Mounties regulars coming on the field in the second half with the score 8-5 against them the ball was continually kept in the Charlottetown team's territory. Mount Allison's backfield stars, Gascoigne and Neilson did some sensational running, each of them going over the line for a try.

Neilson went over the line on another occasion but after the marks of his feet were examined it was found that he had gone outside by less than an inch on the corner. The continual booting of the ball back up the field by the St. Dunstan's team kept the score from being run up high by the Mounties' regulars. Mount Allison actually carried the ball over the line four times only to have the play called back for knockons.

The boys from the Island were several times forced to touch for safety and hardly ever were able to get the ball past centre.

Revolt Against Present Set-up Of A. A. U. Of C. Spreads Among Branches

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TORONTO, Oct. 19 (CP)—Rampant discontent, organized at last and apparently equal to the task of at least jolting the existing set-up, flared across the amateur sanctuaries of the country today, gathering force for the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada in Regina next month.

No longer was there any doubt that real fireworks will mark the Regina convention. It was a huge joke a few years ago when the affiliated federations and associations prepared their pre-convention TNT packages. Everybody knew they would sputter at the first session and die at the second.

Such was the authority and power of the A.A.U. in those days. The established amateur code was dynamite-proof. When it finally was altered so that a professional could get back his amateur card after three years of inactivity, the A.A.U. of C. looked after the alteration without any help.

But revolt is in the air now and the Regina meeting will provide the most serious test of A.A.U. stability and authority yet conducted. A month before the delegates assemble, it seems unlikely such widely-separated viewpoints as those of the A.A.U. and the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association can be brought together.

President W. A. Fry's "call to arms" last week, admonishing the faithful to carry plenty of amateur ammunition and votes to Regina, has also had the effect of bestirring the opposition.

The powerful C.A.H.A., strongest of the A.A.U.'s allied sport-controlling organizations, will lead a determined opposition to the old style of things. If the Hockey Association fails to convince the convention, then the C.A.H.A. in all probability will sever its relations and operate independently.

It demands that hockey players have the right to (1) use their ability as athletes to get employment; (2) accept payment for time lost from work while competing; (3) play as teams against professionals. A fourth demand is that professionals in one sport be regarded as amateurs in all others.

Two branches of the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association, British Columbia and Ontario, have passed resolutions in which they claim that basketball players need not obtain amateur cards during provincial schedules, but only when they engage in inter-provincial play.

The Central Ontario branch will request a reorganization of the Olympic Committee.

There will be a degree of support at Regina for this proposal. There is just a chance the A.A.U. will start 1937 with greatly reduced control over amateur affairs, but there is small chance the amateur code will be broadened.

Shields Gets Assist But Team Loses

SUDBURY, ONT., Oct. 19 (CP)—Three former Halifax Wolverines stars couldn't provide the Creighton mine team with the winning punch tonight, and the Miners dropped a 5-2 decision to Ontario hockey games for the Donat MacCaskill Charity cup.

The game, marking the earliest opening of hockey in the nickel belt, saw Mickey McGlashen, Reg Shields and Ernie Mosher lined up with the Miners. Shields, playing on a wing with McGlashen, pivoting the line, got an assist on the Miners' second score, but the other Halifaxians went pointless.

Shields also was the only one of the trio to take a trip to the penalty bench.

Sheepish Golfer



Gophers Lead Football Poll

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (AP)—By a landslide vote, Minnesota's Gophers who now enjoy the longest string of victories in United States major college football circles, were elected to hold the No. one spot in the consensus national ranking list compiled today by the Associated Press.

All except three among 35 Newspaper sports experts representing key points from coast to coast put Minnesota at the head of the class pending further returns in a campaign that is just beginning to get warmed up.

Duke and Army were rated second and third.

Calls For Honest Athletic Policy In Colleges

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 19 (AP)—Dr. Parke Kolbe, President of Drexel Institute of Technology, in this week's Drexel Athletic News says the only possible way of achieving an honest athletic policy in United States colleges is by all colleges publishing just what their athletic policy is, with a full statement each season of all subsidies given to players.

By giving such information to the newspapers, Dr. Kolbe writes, "we might have, openly and honestly made, a division which is already becoming manifest, the division between colleges which over-emphasize athletics and colleges which play for sport alone."

Hubbell, Ace Giant Hurler, Is Rated Most Valuable Player In National League

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Oct. 19 (CP)—Word was received here tonight that Art Ross, manager of the Boston Bruins, is opposing appointment of National Hockey League referees to handle a Maritime exhibition series between Bruins and Montreal Maroons starting here next Monday night.

Tommy Gorman, Maroons manager, was represented as declaring he would not make the Maritime trip unless Frank Calder, N. H. L. President, appointed the referees for the series. Ross was said to be opposing the idea on grounds of unnecessary expense.

Maranville To Manage Royals

MONTREAL, Oct. 19 (CP)—Walter "Rabbit" Maranville, veteran major league shortstop and second baseman, became manager today of Montreal Royals of the International Baseball League.

A one-year contract was signed. The former Boston Braves player—started with them 26 years ago and ended his playing days with the same team a year ago—succeeds Harry Smythe, Royals pitcher who replaced Frank Shaughnessy after the latter resigned during the summer.

"I can't say at this time what kind of a team we will have," he said after signing the contract, "but you may be sure that every Royal will be hustling."

CLEVELAND, Oct. 19 (AP)—Carl Hubbell, sensational left-handed pitcher whose baffling "screw ball" won 26 campaign victories and the 1936 pennant for New York Giants, was unanimously chosen today as the year's most valuable National League player by a committee representing the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Hubbell, who won the same recognition in 1933, received 60 votes with six of the eight committeemen naming the lanky southpaw as their first choice, two members of the committee, composed of one writer from each city in the circuit, did not vote.

Jerome "Dizzy" Dean, ace of the St. Louis Cardinals' pitching staff, was given second place with 53 votes.

Billy Herman, Chicago Cubs second baseman who turned in a .335 batting average for the season's work, was third with 37 points.

Joe "Ducky" Medwick, Cardinal outfielder and his club's top flight slucker, was fourth.

Charles "Gabby" Hartnett, Chicago Cubs' catcher, who was named "most valuable player" in 1935, was 13th on the 1936 list with six votes.

Hubbell, a 33-year-old six footer almost frail in appearance, finished the 1936 season with a brilliant record of .313. Against his 26 triumphs are only six defeats.

The Oklahoma pitcher pitched 294 innings in 43 games. He allowed 265 runs, walked 59 men and struck out 125. He added three shut-outs to his already impressive record.

The second-place Dean, "most valuable player" in 1934, won 24 games for the Cardinals and lost 12. Dizzy allowed 304 hits but accounted for 185 strikeouts. He gave 53 bases on balls.

Baer Brothers Score K. O's

TORONTO, Oct. 19 (C.P.)—Max Baer, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, and his brother, Buddy, both knocked out their opponents in the second rounds of their bout; here tonight.

Maxie had a heavy advantage over Dutch Wymer weighing 212 1-2 against the St. Louis boxer's 186 1-4, and made short work of him. The knockout came at 1:30 of the second round.

Buddy fared even better, putting Salvatore Ruggirello to sleep at 1:05 of the second round. He weighed 226 1-2 against Ruggirello's 199 1-2.

Dizzy Dean Loses Control

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Oct. 19 (AP)—Jerome Herman "Dizzy" Dean, the St. Louis Cardinals' ace pitcher, charged himself with an error today through loss of control. But he laid the blame on a bee.

Enroute to Florida with his wife, Dean ran his automobile into a highway guard rail near here while battling a bee which flew in a window. Neither of the Deans was hurt but the car was laid up several hours for repairs to the fenders.

St. F. X. Score Easy Triumph

ANTIGONISH, N. S., Oct. 19 (CP)—Scoring six tries with dazzling backfield plays, St. Francis Xavier University swamped Kings University of Halifax, 26-6 here today in the first game of a home-and-home series in the initial round of the Nova Scotia inter-collegiate rugby playdowns.

Jock McAvoy Fined In Court

PRESTON, ENGLAND, Oct. 19 (AP)—Jock McAvoy, the British prizefighter who returned recently from America, was convicted today of dangerous driving, refused to give his name and carrying a pistol without a license. He was fined \$15 and will not be permitted to drive a car for six months.

Gains-London Bout Declared "No Contest"

LONDON, Oct. 19 (CP Cable)—A heavyweight boxing bout in Earls Court Stadium tonight between Larry Gains, former Toronto negro, and Jack London of England, was halted in the eighth round and declared "no contest". The referee had warned the contestants earlier for not mixing sufficiently.

Football Practice

There will be practice tonight for the Nomads at Victoria Park at five o'clock sharp. All players are requested to be on hand in order to get in a full team practice.

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