

SPORTS FRONT

Four Officials Mar First Game

By CHRIS ANNETT

November 27th, date set for the Canadian Football Conference championship match, is fast drawing near and after the weekend games in both the Eastern and Western conferences of the league the picture as to opponents in the annual Grey Cup match is not a lot more lucid. In the east Hamilton Tiger Cats with the aid of some questionable refereeing took a narrow 18-13 triumph out of the unfriendly confines of Lansdowne Park in Ottawa. Meanwhile in the west the Calgary Stampeders, showing the effects of their week long rest, broke loose in the fourth quarter and turned what had been an extremely close ball game (10-9 at the end of the third) into a 27-4 thumping of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Sunday afternoon's match in the east was a comedy of poor refereeing but one thing is for sure and that is that the Frank Clair coached Ottawa Roughriders are not laughing over the results. The Riders lost the match on two extremely bad calls which, thanks to the magic of instant replay TV, football fans throughout the land were able to see twice. Often when a person sees a bad call by the ref in any sport he boos a bit, shrugs his shoulders, and then convinces himself that perhaps he saw the play wrong because he was cheering for that team.

The play that set up the Tiger Cats second major and gave them a slender five point lead for the second match in the two game total point series was the one which aroused the bitter controversy. Russ Jackson faded back with hopes of finding Ted Watkins in the clear but promptly threw the ball into the waiting mitts of Gerney Henley, Cats' defensive safety. Henley ran the ball back to the Ottawa 40 when he was hit solidly by Jim Dillard and the ball popped loose near the sideline. Ottawa flanker Whit Tucker fumbled with the ball but finally got it under control and the judge indicated that Ottawa had possession. However umpire Bob Shepard indicated that he had blown the play dead and Head referee Seymour Wilson was forced to allow Hamilton to retain possession of the pigskin.

How in the name of all that's holy could such a bad call be made? And how could the ref have the gall to give two different reasons for his decision, one concerning the other? Shepard first explained that he had ruled the ball dead when Henley was tackled but this is nonsense for Henley was not completely stopped when Dillard caught him from behind. When his knees hit the ground the ball was not in his arms and this is the only basis for the ref having had stopped the play. Five minutes later word was received by the TV commentators that the explanation given for the decision was the ball had gone into touch and this is just as preposterous.

In the meantime Hamilton with the ball on the Ottawa 40 were making a determined effort to get back into the game (they had once trailed 13-0) and another quick whistle on a pass reception saved their lives again. MacDougall dropped a flat pass after having been tackled but the play was ruled complete and the 'Cats went to score their winning TD.

Three missed calls also help the Cats and hindered the Riders considerably. On three punting situations Hamilton had too many men on the field (twice 13 and once 14) and the officials made no note of it. This greatly influenced the Ti-Cat punt return unit for with two extra men it is rather easy to hold men at the line of scrimmage.

However the game is over and for that matter it looks as if the Riders chances are too. They have to go into the rough and tough Hamilton Stadium, where the Ti-Cats play their top games. Ottawa broached the Cat Stadium last season with a 17 point lead in the two game series but came out second best by a point.

In the west it would appear on the surface as if the Stamps will be advancing to the Grey Cup finals for they downed the Blue Bombers rather handily. However this club of Bud Grant has had success and just could come back to take the last two games of the best of three series. Should the Stamps and Riders manage to reach the finals, as I hope they will, then fans will get to see a wide open style of ball.

It's a long time since football followers have gotten to see anything but a defensive battle in the fall classic and a wide open contest would restore a lot of glitter to the tarnished old cup.

RAMBLINGS . . .

The Charlottetown Figure Skating Club gets its 1965-66 season underway at the Forum this afternoon as the young and old alike hit the ice for another year of graceful turns and pirouettes. Youngsters of 9 years old and less will practice this afternoon from 5:00 to 5:45 and any members over this age take to the ice from 5:45 to 6:30. Thursday afternoon the 9 and under set will have the ice from 4:00 to 5:15 and the other section will skate from 5:15 to 6:30. Mrs. Sally Storey, club professional will be in attendance this afternoon and all those wishing to register in the club will be able to do so today.

Another attempt will be made this evening to organize a men's city basketball league. An organizational meeting will be held at City Hall tonight and all those interested in playing this winter are requested to either be on hand or get in touch with some member that is attending the meeting. The meeting is slated to begin at 7:00.

Halifax Junior Canadiens belted the Charlottetown All-Stars 10-4 over the weekend but for a team that has been on skates for more than a month and has been playing together as a team they did not look any too impressive. Granted the ice was slow but a stronger team will not let this bother them while the conditions tore the legs off of the Charlottetown players who have been on skates for approximately two weeks. Then to the All-Stars had never before played as a team and this was quite evident by their sloppy play around the opposition net. Jamie Kennedy's cold hindered him a little although his line of Flood and Weatherble was the best of either teams on the ice, exhibiting excellent positional hockey in both ends of the rink. Give this local team another crack at Halifax in the middle or towards the end of the season and I feel that it would be a completely different story.

The Mexican Open golf championship belongs to Romero Blancas and winning it was the 27-year-old rookie's biggest thrill. There is no doubt about it. It is the biggest thrill of my life," Blancas said after posting a par 71 Sunday for a 72-hole total of 284 and his first tournament victory as a professional. The victory earned Blancas \$3,000 and the Seagram Cup. His total earnings since turning pro last April now are over \$30,000. Lee Trevino of Dallas, playing in his second pro tournament, was second with a 288. Will Homanuk of Winnipeg, who earned \$480 for his 296, was the only Canadian money winner.

Ismael Laguna of Panama leaves for home today, convinced he lost his world lightweight title to Carlos Ortiz because of overtraining. "I'm ready to fight Ortiz again, at any time or any place," Laguna said. "Ortiz outboxed me Saturday night, but his punches never hurt. I lost simply because I overtrained." Laguna, 22, counted on speed and endurance to win on points. This was the formula that won him the lightweight crown from Ortiz in Panama April 10. But Ortiz, 29, kept the pace. His left hook and right hand Laguna in trouble briefly in the eighth, 12th and 13th rounds. The two judges and referee Rocky Marciano ruled unanimously for Ortiz. Laguna was guaranteed \$30,000 for the 15-round fight. Ortiz earned 30 per cent of a gate which exceeded \$100,000. He now has a 45-1 record compared with Laguna's 39-3-1.

Branch Rickey, 84-year-old baseball great who collapsed at the speaker's rostrum Saturday night, remained in a coma today in the intensive care section of the Boone County Hospital. "He is holding his own but still is in critical condition," a hospital spokesman said. He was being administered oxygen. Rickey, a veteran of nearly half a century in the major leagues, was stricken with a heart attack while accepting membership in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in ceremonies in Columbia. Shortly after he started speaking, Rickey said he couldn't go on, sank to a chair and collapsed onto the floor. A resuscitator was rushed to the scene and Rickey was taken to the hospital. He had left a hospital bed in St. Louis Saturday to attend the ceremonies after being in hospital in St. Louis for 16 days for an ailment, not fully diagnosed, which had raised his temperature to 105.



RUN FOR RECORD

The jet-powered "Spirit of America-Sonic 1" with Craig Breedlove at the controls roars across the Bonneville Salt Flats yesterday to a land speed record. Breedlove and the car, shown here just before entering the measured mile on the first run, averaged 600.601 miles per hour to break the old mark of 576.353 m.p.h. held by Art Arfons.

JUNIOR LEAGUE JOTTINGS

Ch'town Junior League Set To Begin Tonight

Rogers Rangers and PWC Welshmen clash at 8:30 tonight at the Forum in what should be a thriller to open the door on the 1965-66 season of the thriving young Junior League.

With two exhibition games against SDU Varsity under their belts the Welshmen should be up for this game, now that Coach Beady has had a chance to see his charges in action. Though Coach Larter has not had his team in battle as yet, three or four of his players saw action in Sunday's All-Star game and gave a food account of themselves. With boys like John Irwin, Brian Foley, Pat Walsh, Frank Robinson and the MacDougall cousins (Junior and Duke) in his line-up, to name but a few, the Hawk and his Rangers should be right in the thick of things all winter long.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the draw in the pre-Christmas bonspiel at the Charlottetown Curling Club, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 16. Tuesday-Friday section: 7:00 O'CLOCK

Ice 1 - Open. Ice 2 - Bob Parent, Bill Smith, Wes Carr, Harold Rector, vs. Lew Turner, Henry Douglas, Cyril MacDonald, Don Pickett. Ice 3 - Ernie Matheson, Freeman Miles, Vern Milton, Ned Dooley vs. Clary Flemming, Dr. Jelka, Art Garrett, Don Taylor. Ice 4 - Emmett MacDonald, Keith Myers, Bus Jones, Butch MacGee vs. Dr. Jim Higgins, Doug Douglas, J.S. Taylor, Dr. MacLeod. Ice 5 - Open. Tuesday-Thursday Section: 8:30 O'CLOCK

Ice 1 - Don Stanhope, Larry Blekley, Harry Love, Dr. Doug MacDonald vs. Bill Acorn, Bill Crockett, Steve Harper, Dr. J. MacLellan. Ice 2 - Dr. Hooper, Harold Howatt, Brent Partridge, Jim MacMillan vs. Art Ballem, Kip Reedy, Doug Reid, Tom Winter. Ice 3 - Bob Dillon, Dave Jardine, Ken Thompson, Don Ross vs. Dave Walker, Dr. B. Kelly, Norm Kelly, Sterling Giddings. Ice 4 - Dr. Giddings, Harry Thomson, Klark Cantwell, Albert MacNeill vs. Doug George, John MacDonald, Don Hutchinson, Fred Corcoran. Ice 5 - Bob LeClair, G.H. Henry, Dave Ward, Frank Coady vs. Harold Dobson, Ed MacCallum, Dr. Carl Willis, Bob Stevenson.

Spares will be needed for both draws.

MONTAGUE CURLING

Curling Draw for Montague, Nov. 16: 7 p.m.—Ice 1—D. McGowan, W. MacIntyre, J. Murphy, A. Coburn vs. A. Sullivan, A. Robertson, K. MacKenzie, L. Stewart. 9 p.m.—Ice 2—E. MacDonald, K. MacDonald, J. MacNeil, L. Munroe vs. H. Moar, D. Clarkson, A. MacLeod, H. Robins.

Angus Houston, left, Barry Ellis, center and Joey Brown are just three of an anxious band of PWC pucksters who are itching to get at the Rogers Rangers, defending League champions in the Charlottetown and District Junior Hockey League opener at the Forum. Rogers knocked the

Wilmington Jets out of the league playoff last season in the third game of the best of three semi-finals.

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S'ide Junior Pucksters Down Borden Nationals

SUMMERSIDE — The local Junior Legionnaires moved to the top of the heap in the young 1965-66 Prince County Hockey League season last night by defeating Borden Nationals 5-3 at Civic Stadium here.

The Legionnaires have now scored two victories without a defeat while the Nationals have a 1-1 record.

The junior victory was gained as a result of individual solo efforts with four of their five goals coming unassisted. Ivan Bagole, Al Foley, Eugene Bernard and Dave Campbell all scored unassisted goals.

The only marker in which there were assists given was the first of the game at the 45 mark

16:23; Smith 15:45; Cutcliffe 18:45.

Second Period: 4 Juniors — A. Foley (unassisted) 5:38; 5 Juniors — Eugene Bernard (unassisted) 7:45; 6 Juniors — Dave Campbell (unassisted) 16:22; 7 Borden — D. MacWilliams (J. MacLeod, A. Taylor) 19:27. Penalties — Dickie 10:25; Jonan 15:09; MacArthur 15:09; Bagiole 18:07; Sara (major) 18:20; Arsenault (major) 18:20.

Third Period: 8 Nationals — Keough (G. Cutcliffe) 13:42; penalties — MacWilliams 3:22; Smith 7:15; Smith 10:25; White 10:25; A. Gaudet 16:43; B. Dickie 12:18; D. Arsenault 18:59; A. Taylor (double minor) 18:58.

First Period: 1 Juniors — D. Arsenault (A. Gaudet, A. Foley) 4:5; 2 Juniors — Ivan Bagiole (unassisted) 7:00; 3 Nationals — Gerald Roberts (J. MacLeod) 16:33; penalties — Smith 4:29; D. Arsenault 14:40; G. Cutcliffe

Van Brocklin Leaves Vikings

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Norm Van Brocklin, considered by nearly everyone except himself as one of professional football's finest young coaches, stunned Minnesota Vikings Monday by quitting as head coach.

The high-strung Dutchman, who can strike an erring player dumb with searing words and moments later charm the crushed athlete, said there would be no reconsideration of his decision to resign after a 4½ years with the National Football League team.

The Viking management, shocked by Van Brocklin's announcement to his office Monday morning, did not accept the resignation at face value.

President Max Winter and general manager Jim Finks said they hoped to arrange a meeting with Van Brocklin to try to dissuade him. There was no indication when this might be.

Van Brocklin would see no one following his announcement and talked only briefly with Finks on the telephone. His wife met a reporter and photographer at the door of his suburban Medicine Lake home and said Van Brocklin went into seclusion. The 39-year-old coach quit less than 18 hours after the Vikings suffered a 41-21 loss to Baltimore Colts which virtually eliminated them as contenders for the NFL's Western Conference championship.

Van Brocklin said his personal preference for a successor would be offensive line coach Walt Yowarky.

Van Brocklin's decision appeared to stem primarily from his frustration over the Vikings' inability to produce up to the Dutchman's pre-season expectations.

NOTE: All membership dues must be paid to president no later than Friday Nov. 19.

DART SCHEDULE

The Inter Club Dart League is back in action this year and the results of the first night of play on Thursday, Nov. 11, were as follows:

Brace "A" at Brace "B" — 3-3 Canadian Lebanese Association at Legion "A" — 2-3 Sportsman at Legion "B" — 3-2 Sgas, Garrison Mess at Fire Department — 3-2

Next night of play will be Thursday, Nov. 18 with Legion "B" at CLA. Legion "A" at Sportsman. Brace "A" at Sgts. Mess. Brace "A" at Fire Department

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Every hour-day and night-two Canadians find Instant Gift Coupons in their packs of Belvedere cigarettes*

Winnipeg (CP) — There's one thing certain about the second game of the Western Football Conference final here Wednesday night—there won't be a tie.

Al Vickery, WFC public relations director, reports the teams will play overtime if Calgary Stampeders and Winnipeg Blue Bombers are tied after the regulation 60 minutes of action.

Overtime will continue in 20-minute periods—each split into 10-minute halves — until one team is ahead after a period.

There will be a 10-minute dressing-room rest before the first 20-minute overtime session and rests of five minutes on the field between each additional 20-minute period.

REGULAR AND KING SIZE

Belvedere Instant Gift

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Mrs. James Friars, Saint John, N.B., won a G-E Portable T.V.

Mr. J. I. C. Inness, Halifax, N.S., won a Kodak Zoom Camera

*Based on the number of Belvedere Instant Gift Coupons issued since February 1, 1965. Gifts like Ford Mustangs, Beer Mugs, Portable TV's, Kroehler Furniture, Kodak Zoom Cameras...

Branch Rickey Still Serious

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)—Branch Rickey, a dominant force in baseball for half a century, remained in a critical condition Monday.

"Still critical and still in a coma," was the report from Boone County Hospital, where the 83-year-old patient is under intensive care after suffering a heart attack.

Rickey, who made champions out of St. Louis Cardinals and led Brooklyn Dodgers to fame, was stricken last Saturday while accepting membership in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Rickey has had two heart attacks in the last few years. He came to Columbia from St. Louis, where he had spent nearly two weeks in a hospital. He was slated to return to the St. Louis hospital Saturday night.

HAS LARGE PARISH

GREENWOOD, N.S. (CP) — The parish of Roman Catholic chaplain Leo A. Perusse is one of the largest in the world — RCAF Maritime Command, Sqdn. Ldr. Perusse is in charge of air bases at Summerside, P.E.I., Halifax, Sydney, N.S., Barrington, N.S., and Gander, Nfld.

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