

SPORTS FRONT



CFL Squads Fight To Wire

By CHRIS ANNETT

With all eyes glued to the torrid World Series over the weekend not much attention was given to the tight races in both the Eastern and Western conferences of the Canadian Football League.

The game brought into focus, what I consider to be the most important facets of football, kicking and defense. Sutherland garnered three field goals and two conversions for a total of nine points as did Ottawa's hooper Moe Racine.

However it was not the point kicking that played the vital role in the game but the punting. In the Canadian brand of football where there are only three downs a punting situation occurs much more frequently and one would think that a championship calibre team such as Ottawa would sacrifice one import lineman in order to acquire a first rate punter.

This does not seem to be the reasoning of Frank Clair as he has Rick Black, a graduate of the Mount Allison varsity handling the kicking chores and this is costing the club dearly.

Montreal Als backed into the third and final playoff spot over the weekend, losing to the powerful Calgary Stampede 36-21. Jim Trimble by making several sound early season trades has brought the Als a long way although the offensive unit still sputters the odd time.

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WILD SCRAMBLE IN WEST

In the west Calgary Stampede, sporting the top two scorers in the conference in the person of Larry Robinson and Lovell Coleman, are at the top of the heap with a four point margin but from here down there is a wild scramble for the last two playoff positions.

The real dogfight should come between British Columbia and Saskatchewan Roughriders who are now vacating third and fourth spots respectively. As noted before the Lions lost to the weekend to the Eskimos and are playing inconsistent ball. However, they received a break when the Winnipeg Bombers shaved out the Roughriders 21-20 and so the two aggregations remained in a deadlock for third spot, one point behind the Blue Bombers.

RAMBLINGS . . .

It was a great weekend for ball on the Island as two clubs copied Maritime titles and another two split games in their best of three series. RCAF behind the golden arm of Pete Devana, who by the way excels at most sports, TD runs in the third and deciding contest in the Maritime Senior A softball championship.

New York Rangers are now proudly sporting the winning exhibition record of the NHL clubs after whipping the Toronto Maple Leafs over the weekend.

This being my first column I feel I should let the public know that I am a staunch Dodger fan (and have been all season), that I am a staunch Montreal Canadian supporter and feel the Leafs have the smallest chance of taking the Stanley Cup, that the Green Bay Packers will meet the St. Louis club in the National Football league final and finally that if any reader has any beefs let me know at the Guardian office. I love to argue. As for the World Series I have not mentioned anything about it because it is going to go just as the experts predicted it would, with the Dodgers winning four straight. I'll brag about it tomorrow morning.

Clair, Smith Feud Is Only Rumor

OTTAWA (CP)—A published report of ill feeling between head coach Frank Clair and assistant coach Bill Smyth drew angry denials Tuesday from Clair and Eddie Emerson, president of the Ottawa Rough Riders.



FRANK CLAIR

Smyth was not immediately available for comment. Red Quinn, general manager of the Eastern Football Conference club, confined to bed with a heavy cold, said he wouldn't like to say anything until he's seen the report. Jack Kinsella of the Ottawa Citizen said in his Tuesday sport column that is an open secret in Canadian pro football that the two Ottawa coaches haven't been getting along since midway through last season.

"Rather than improve with time, the strained relations have deteriorated to a point where they have become detrimental to the club," wrote Kinsella. Clair hadn't been able to put together a winning combination despite "an obviously superior complement of players." Now that Riders had lost four of their last five games an appeared to be heading for a second-place finish behind Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the East, it was time to report a major reason for the club's "less than impressive" season.

Clair accused Kinsella of a "personal vendetta against me" and added that the writer wanted him fired.

"The relationship between Bill and me has never changed," said Clair. "It is as good as it ever was."

Clair and Smyth both joined Riders nine years ago and have led Riders to a berth in the eastern playoffs every year since, but never to a first-place finish. They had a Grey Cup winner in 1960.

AT BELVEDERE

The following are the winners of the City of Charlottetown Golfers and curlers tourney which was played at the Belvedere golf and country club over the weekend. Curling champion — Doug Cameron; ladies champion Adele Oady; ladies runner-up — Kay Mustard. Golf champion — Merlin McKenzie; 1st division, low net — Merrill Pineau; 2nd division, champion — Kent Irwin; 2nd division, low net — Dean Birt; 3rd division, champion — Dave Cox; 3rd division, low net Lloyd Grant; 4th division, champion — Blair Kelly; 4th division, low net — Gordon Wellner.



STILL THEIR HERO

Zoilo Versalles, Minnesota Twins shortstop, is enthusiastically greeted by a big crowd at the Minneapolis — St. Paul airport on the team's arrival from Los Angeles last night.

Despite late evening arrival, a temperature of 37 degrees, and the Twins three straight losses to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series, some 1,000 people turned out to give the home team a warm reception. The two teams go to it again today with the Dodgers leading the series, three games to two.

The weather bureau predicted a fair to partly cloudy skies with temperatures well into the 50s for the game, scheduled to start at 3 p.m. EDT. (4 p.m. ADT.)

Dejected Minnesota Team Elects To Pitch Grant

By JACK HAND

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The dejected Minnesota Twins, backed against the wall in a sudden death situation, called on Jim Grant to come back with two days rest in hopes of squaring the World Series with the runaway Los Angeles Dodgers in the sixth game today.

Claude Osteen, the American League referee who handles the Twins as though he owns them, was the Dodgers' choice to end it all in six games.

Osteen, 15-15 in regular season play, never has lost to the Twins. The talented lefty beat them five times when he wore a Washington uniform and shut them out 4-0 with five hits in the third game at Los Angeles Saturday.

The Twins were truly in a desperate position with an embarrassing .213 batting average and a bad case of the jitters after watching the Dodger bandits steal nine bases in five games.

Manager Sam Mele hoped a return to their home park, with its shorter home-run distances and softer infield, would bring the Twins back to life. After winning the first two at Metropolitan Stadium, they went into a swoon at Los Angeles while the Dodgers won three in a row.

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speed boys simply ran the Twins right out of the park. On top of that, Tony Oliva, the two-time American League batting champion, is hitting a sick .159, Earl Batley is hitting .118, Jimmie Hall .143, Bob Allison .111, Don Mincher .176 and Frank Quilici .200. Quilici, the rookie second baseman, also has been guilty of two errors.

LA's Lefty C. Osteen To Keep Same Strategy

By BOB MYERS

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lefty Claude Osteen, who blanked Minnesota here in game No. 3 of the World Series, plans no change in his pitching strategy when the Los Angeles Dodgers resume play today at Minneapolis.

Osteen and the Dodgers worked out Tuesday morning in Dodger Stadium before taking off in their private plane for Minneapolis.

"I don't plan to pitch any different," Osteen said. "Just keep the ball low. That's been my objective all season."

Osteen now holds six wins over the Twins, the first five in 1953-54 when he was with the Washington Senators.

He said he doesn't recall how many of the five were registered at Metropolitan Stadium — it might be two—but his first victory in the major leagues was recorded there.

Borden Nats Nip Glace Bay

Borden Nationals won the first game of the Maritime Intermediate 'C' softball championship Saturday afternoon downing Glace Bay, N.S., 7-4.

Dale MacWilliams started for Borden and only lasted one-third of an inning. He gave way to George Ramsay who set Glace Bay down on 3 hits for the remaining 2 2/3 innings. Ramsay struck out 11 batters and gave up only 1 walk. MacLinnis started for Glace Bay and gave way to MacDonald in the first inning.

Earl MacDonald, Lloyd Perry, Elliot Gallant and Allan MacCormack were the leading hitters on the Borden team.

The final games are to be played in Borden this weekend.

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HAS HURT ELBOW

Podres, who had pitched rarely for weeks because of an ailing elbow, has not seen service in the series.

Second baseman Jimmy Lefebvre, who shared batting honors with Ron Fairly in the first two games in the twin cities, was still favoring a badly bruised right heel.

"But the swelling has gone down. At least I can put my own shoe on," he said. He wears a size seven but wore teammate Jeff Torborg's size nine while in uniform but inactive Sunday.

WILLS LEADS DODGERS

The Dodgers, who worked out at Dodger Stadium Tuesday before flying to Minnesota, are led by Mearry Wills, whose 19 hits in 22 at bats added up to .65. He also has three stolen bases and scored three runs and knocked in three.

Wes Parker at .333, Ron Fairly at .381, Lou Johnson a .316 and Willie Davis at .300 were all having big series.

Jim Lefebvre, who sat out the last two games due to an injured right heel, has a .400 series average. He might return to the lineup today although Dick Tracewski, his replacement, has been doing a great job in the field.

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Two P.E.I. Players Remain Halifax Junior Canadians

By NICK FILLMORE

TRURO (CP)—A hockey team that officials expect to be the strongest junior club the Maritimes has ever produced is being moulded here this week.

Halifax Canadians, a 20-year dream of hockey promoter Fred MacGillivray, took the ice at Colchester County Stadium last Saturday, with hopes of slicing a Memorial Cup contender from 63 prospects from Montreal and the Maritime provinces.

Canadians, outfitted by Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League, will play 24 exhibition games with teams from the Montreal Metropolitan Junior A league this season. Most will be weekend contests in Halifax.

Coach Leo Bossy, pilot of Notre Dame de Grace in Montreal's Metro League last season, trimmed the contingent of hopefuls to 35 last Monday and another 10 are scheduled to be cut Saturday. The 10-day camp ends Monday.

"In 1966 we expect to play in the Montreal League on a full-time basis," MacGillivray said in an interview. "In 1967, we want to enter the Ontario Junior A series. But for this year, the club will be as good as any in the Montreal League. Some of the players we have found are definitely NHL material."

ESTIMATES COST He estimates the year's operations will cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000—an amount he said is more than is spent on junior hockey in all three Maritime provinces during most seasons.

His objective is to give the Maritimes the best junior hockey since the days of Halifax St. Mary's—a club which in the late 1940s produced NHL prospects Bert Hirschfeld, Douglas (Digger) McNeil, Hughie Campbell, Lloyd (Bingo) Ernst and Elmer MacGillivray.

St. Mary's, often attracting crowds of 6,000 to Halifax Forum in 1947, defeated such top junior teams as Montreal Junior Canadiens and Ottawa St. Patrick's College before bowing out in the Eastern Memorial Cup semi-finals.

The 1934 Charlottetown Abegweits were another great junior team, MacGillivray said, but since, but never to a first-place finish. They had a Grey Cup winner in 1960.

hockey in most areas of the Maritimes is at its lowest peak in many years.

"We think we can rebuild hockey from the junior level," he said. "Players in the midget and juvenile brackets will play harder because they know they'll have a chance to play with a top-notch junior club, and players graduating from our team will be good enough to get people interested in intermediate and senior hockey once again."

Players attending the camp are paying their own lodging bills in Halifax. They travel here by bus for twice-daily practices. Any youth who makes the team will be reimbursed and his education will be looked after or he will be found a job in Halifax. His room and board will be paid for the year.

Of the original 63 prospects, month area. Six came from Saint John, N.B., five from Montreal and four from Charlottetown. There were two each from Glace Bay, Kentville, Truro, Campbellton, Fredericton and Chatham, N.B. Others were from 50 m.m.e. side. P.E.I., nearby Brookfield and Enfield, Windsor and Yarmouth, N.S.

Two of the outstanding Maritime players are from Prince Edward Island. They are Jack MacEachern of Charlottetown, here following a tryout with Niagara Falls Flyers of the OHA Junior A and Paul MacWilliams, a standout the last two seasons with Summerside Junior Legionaires.

At least three New Brunswickers are given a strong chance of making the team. They are Ricky Cochrane, who spent last season with Fredericton Capitals of the southern New Brunswick League; George Berube, with Campbellton Tigers in 1964-65, and Fred Harvey of Fredericton.

Top Nova Scotia hopefuls are Mike Hornby of Dartmouth, formerly with St. Francis Xavier University X-Men of Antigonish; and John Cruickshank of Halifax, last season with Dalhousie University Tigers.

Beside their games with Montreal teams, the Canadians will play exhibition contests against all comers—in the Maritimes. Their first game is slated for Charlottetown Nov. 8 against an All-Star junior team. They play Lachine, Que. Maroons in two games at Halifax Nov. 27-28.

All-Star Coach Billy Reay Adds Eleven More Players

MONTREAL (CP) — Eleven players have been added to the all-star team for its game here against Montreal Canadiens next Wednesday. It was announced Tuesday.

The 11, chosen from five National Hockey League teams by all-star coach Billy Reay, will join nine of the stars picked after last season's play. The other three all-stars are Montreal Canadiens and will play with their own club.

The additional players are: Chicago Black Hawks—Goal-tender Glenn Hall and right-winger Eric Nesterenko; Detroit Red Wings — Centre Alex Delvecchio; Toronto Maple Leafs — Defenceman Bob Baun and right-winger Ron Ellis; New York Rangers—Defenceman Harry Howell, left-winger Vic Hadfield and right-winger Rod Gilbert; Boston Bruins — Defenceman Ted Green, left-winger John Bucyk and centre Murray Oliver.

The all-stars selected last spring are: First Team — Goal: Roger Crozier, Detroit; defence: Pierre Plante, Chicago, Jacques Laperriere, Montreal; centre: Norm Ullman, Detroit; right wing: Claude Provost, Montreal; left wing: Bobby Hull, Chicago. Second Team — Goal: Charlie Hodge, Montreal; defence: Bill Gadsby, Detroit; Carl Brewer, Toronto; centre: Stan Mikita, Chicago; right wing: Gord Howe, Detroit; left wing: Frank M-shovich, Toronto.

Reay, Chicago coach, earned the right to coach the allstars because the Hawks gained a berth in the Stanley Cup final last spring. The Canadiens beat Chicago four games to three in the best-of-seven series. It will be his first time as an all-star coach.

Tignish Aces Win Int. B

The Tignish Aces won the Prince Edward Island Intermediate "B" Baseball Championship by downing the Morell Beavers 10-1 at Tignish on Sunday afternoon in the third game of the final playoff series.

Morell took the first game of the double header 1-3 on the four-hit pitching of Louis Murphy. Murphy struck out sixteen hitters, and walked only one.

Joe McGuire was the big man at the plate for Morell as he hit two homers while Brian MacQuire and Lawrence McIntyre each had two hits. Losing pitcher Alvin Hackett gave up fifteen hits, struck out twelve, and walked four. Nine of Morell's runs were scored in the final inning.

Tignish came bouncing back in the second game of the double header and the third game of the series to down the Morell contingent 10-1. The Aces knocked out Louie Murphy, pitching again, in one and one-third innings. He gave up six hits, walked two, hit one batter, and struck out two, giving up six runs. Relief pitcher Lawrence McIntyre gave up two hits, struck out nine, hit two, and was charged with four runs. Winning pitcher Clifton Gavin gave up only three hits, walked one, and struck out thirteen hitters.

Joe Cheverie, Billy Keough, and Clifton Gavin each got two hits for the Aces while Gerald McCarthy and Gerald Keough had one each.

The first game of the finals was won by Tignish 3-1 at Morell.

Tony Oliva Mystified

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Slumps puzzle Tony Oliva more than the average baseball player, because he's never had a prolonged one since coming to the major leagues.

The Minnesota right fielder is in one now, and it's hurting the Twins because he isn't carrying his usual share of the hitting load in the best-of-seven World Series, which Los Angeles Dodgers are leading three games to two.

Oliva has collected only three hits in 19 times at bat in the series for a .158 batting average. He has driven in two runs with a double in the second game, which the Twins won 5-1, and with a home run in the fourth game, which Minnesota lost, 7-2.

SETS RECORD

Gil Boa of St. Catharines, Canada's top ranking marksman, registered an unofficial world record Monday in small bore rifle shooting. Boa posted a 599 score of a possible 600 points.

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