

Victory Was No Fluke

Russians End Canada's 8-Year Reign With 2-0 Win

By KEN METHERAL Canadian Press Staff Writer... Russia ended Canada's eight-year reign as Olympic hockey champions Saturday night with a convincing 2-0 victory over Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen.

It was no fluke. The Russians, establishing themselves as a power in international hockey by capturing the Olympic, world and European titles, defeated the 1955 Allan Cup champions—the best amateur team Canada could send to Cortina. And the losers played magnificent hockey.

But it wasn't enough. Russia, having defeated Toronto East York, a senior B club, for the world title in 1954 only to lose it to Penitents last year, were the better team in the rubber match.

THE WINNERS GOT THEIR SHARE OF THE BREAKS. Three shots banged into the Russian goalposts and bounced away. Two others nicked the outside edge of the pipes. But coach Bobby Bauer of the Dutchmen and Canadian observers agreed after the game that the new champions could give any Canadian club a battle.

The defeat, coupled with a 4-1 upset at the hands of the United States, dropped the Dutchmen to third place in the Olympic standing, with three victories against two defeats. The undefeated winners and the Americans, who lost only to Russia, finished ahead of the Canadians.

It was the first time in the history of the Olympic or world championships that a Canadian team has finished lower than second or suffered more than one defeat. And it was Canada's first loss of the Olympic hockey crown since Port Arthur Beavers were edged 2-1 by Britain in the 1936 final.

RUSSIANS IMPROVED Throughout the two-week tournament it was evident that the calibre of Canada's opponents has improved immeasurably during the last few years, in which Canadian entries rolled over weak European clubs by scores that usually reached into double figures.

Apart from a 23-0 romp over Austria in the preliminary round and a 10-0 decision over wireless Germany in the final competition, there were no Canadian runaways. Most of their other victory margins were matched or topped by the Russians and Americans.

The Russians had profited from the 5-0 shelling they took from Penitents in last year's world tournament. Shy of body contact in the 1955 final, they traded bumps vigorously with the Dutchmen Saturday and they passed patterns, while stereotyped, functioned well enough to give them their margin.

BEAUTIFUL OFFENCE But their biggest improvement was in defensive play. Although they were not as good as the Russians and Americans, they were not as good as the Russians and Americans.

SAYS CAHA SHOULD BRING RUSSIANS TO CANADA FOR TOUR WINNIPEG (CP) — Maurice Smith, sports editor of The Free Press, says the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association should bring the Russian Olympic hockey team to Canada for a national tour as a revenue-making venture.

the Canadians attacked almost constantly, they were able to get away only 23 shots on goalkeeper Nikolai Puchkov, who racked up his second straight shutout and his third of the final tournament.

Content to limit their own attack to nine shots on Canadian goalie Keith Woodall, the Russians played their positions beautifully. Led by 21-year-old defenceman Nikolai Sologubov, tagged by Canadian experts as good enough to play on any National Hockey League club, they anticipated the Dutchmen's offensive moves, breaking up their attacks before they materialized.

And when the losers got through to Puchkov, they found him unshakable, just as he was in his 4-0 shutout over the Americans the previous night. Puchkov's record of five goals allowed in five final games was the best of the tournament.

NEITHER CAPITALIZE Left-winger Yuri Krylov shot the Russians into the lead at 6:20 of the second period, driving home a screened shot from 12 feet out. Valentin Kuzin scored their second goal early in the third period, cutting sharply to take a pass from Alexander Uvarov and beating Woodall with a 22-footer.

The Dutchmen started stepping into the Russians from the start, but all it got them was penalties—seven to the winners' three. Although the Canadians were two men short early in the opening period, neither side was able to capitalize on a manpower advantage.

As the game progressed, the Russian penalty-killing became so effective that the Canadians managed only one weak shot on goal while defenceman Genrikh Sidorenko served a minor for tripping late in the second period.

HOPELESS TASK Defenceman Art Hirst fired two of the shots that bounced off Russian goalposts. He and captain (Gardner) 13:40; 6. New York, Heberton (Lewicki, Gadsby) 15:41; 7. Boston, Chevrefils (McKenney, Labine) 18:22. Penalties: Stasiuk 7:54, Horvath 11:59, Flaman 14:12, Evans and Labine two minors each 19:02.

Third period: 8. Boston, Bonin (Gadsby) 2:52; Boivin 10:07; Creighton major 12:25; Heinrich 15:30.

MONTREAL (CP) — Jean Bellevue scored both goals Saturday night after Montreal Canadiens spotted Detroit Red Wings to a goal by Red Lindsay and the National Hockey League leaders turned back the Red Wings 2-1 in a bitterly-fought game before 12,821 fans.

Jack McKenzie were outstanding among the Dutchmen, who never stopped trying until the game ended.

But their task grew increasingly hopeless. They needed a three-goal victory over the Russians to overhaul the leaders on points and gain the necessary advantage in goal spread that would have given them the title in the event of a first-place tie.

The Americans had eliminated themselves from contention before the Canada-Russia game began. Their 9-4 victory over Czechoslovakia was two goals short of the minimum goal spread they needed for a chance at the title if the Russians lost.

UNDER NEW RULE The goal - spread formula for breaking ties was announced for the first time by Olympic officials on the day of the final games of the tournament. Previous regulations had called for ties to be broken on the basis of goal average.

Under the amended rules, goal averages were to be used only if two clubs were tied and had identical goal spreads.

Goal spread is the difference between a team's for-and - against scoring totals. Goal average is determined by dividing a team's total goals scored by the total score of its opponents.

As matters turned out, no tie-breaking formulas were required. Sweden, tying Germany 1-1 Saturday, finished fourth behind the Canadians with a victory, three losses and a tie. The Czechs were fifth with a 1-4 record while the Germans managed only the one tie in their five games.

AVERTS SITUATION The outcome of Saturday's games also averted a situation that might have produced two different holders of the Olympic and world titles.

The International Ice Hockey Federation, which runs the world competition, requires a playoff in the event of a two-team tie for first place and had arranged for the extra game to be played Sunday if needed.

That possibility vanished with the U. S. victory over the Czechs, which would have created a three-way tie if the Canadians had beaten Russia. Because of insufficient time for a three-team playoff series, the IIHF would have recognized the Olympic champion.

Canada was the only team to come within two goals of the Russians in their march to the title. The Russians defeated Sweden 5-1 and Switzerland 10-3 in their preliminary - round matches. Sweden reduced the margin to 4-1 in their final-round rematch. The Russians then blanked Germany 8-0, outscored the Czechs 7-4 and finished with their 4-0, 2-0 shutout string against the U.S. and Canada.

SLUGGISH START The Americans got off to a shaky start in the preliminaries, losing 4-3 to Czechoslovakia, but qualified for the finals with ease by blanking Poland 4-0.

A 7-2 victory over Germany was followed by the Canadian 4-1 upset and a 6-1 margin over Sweden before the youthful U.S. team, all but one of them college players, finally bowed to Russia.

The Canadians started their preliminary round with a sluggish 4-0 victory over Germany, piled up their 23-0 margin over the helpless Austrians and edged Italy 3-1 in a game in which the refereeing gave them more trouble than their opponents, despite five Canadian-trained players in the Italian lineup.

They subdued the troublesome Czechs 6-3, dropped their shocker to the Americans and recouped with 10-0 and 6-2 victories over Germany and Sweden on their way to the final setback against Russia.

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Second period: 4. Saint John, Nicolle (Hinchberger) 13:48; 5. Fredericton, Whitlock (Miles, McPhee) 19:14. Penalties: Miles 6:33, Hinchberger 8:07, Palladino and Desy, double minor penalty 10:52, Campbell 14:45.

Third period: 6. Saint John, Kuzma (Hinchberger, Jones) 1:43; 7. Fredericton, Sewell (Campbell) 2:24; 8. Saint John, Palladino (Rubie, Barrett) 13:11; 9. Saint John, Jones (Palladino, Smith) 18:58. Penalties: Smith 8:23; Blackburn 10:20.

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Locality is of utmost importance in considering weather proverbs. For instance, the weather bureau advises that on the Pacific coast the moisture-bearing winds blow from the west and the south-west.

On the other hand, in the east they come from the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic.

Therefore, "a western wind carries water in his hand" and "when the east wind toucheth it shall wither" would apply only to the west coast.

But, east of the Rockies, the weather is always best."

WET WEATHER One of the more popular sayings is "The south wind warms the aged." Actually, says the weather bureau, the south wind "is about the wettest, stormiest and generally least pleasant of winds" in states bordering the Gulf of Mexico.

The bureau concedes that some proverbs based on wind direction and humidity — while not sure signs, mind you — "may have some foundation."

Why have so many laymen always tried to forecast the weather? An explanation offered by the weather bureau is that people "love the prestige that comes with prophecy."

In the multitude of proverbs, rain is foretold by the behavior of cats and dogs, cattle, red hair, ropes, spiders, smoke, crickets, frogs, birds, mice, flies and rheumatism.

The groundhog? Oh yes. According to the myth, he comes out of his hole Thursday. If he sees his shadow, he runs back and six more weeks of winter is indicated. If he doesn't see his shadow, he stays out in the world because winter is ended.

Record Breaking Budget For Quebec Is Forecast QUEBEC (CP)—A record provincial budget forecasting revenues of about \$400,000,000 for the 1956-57 fiscal year is to be brought down Friday by Finance Minister Onesime Gagnon of Quebec.

With estimates of \$374,101,427 to be spent in ordinary and capital expenditures during the year starting April 1, Mr. Gagnon will be in a position to announce a fat surplus.

The budget may be Mr. Gagnon's last. A provincial election is expected to be called this summer. Although the five-year term of Premier Duplessis' Union Nationale administration does not end until 1957 he has made it clear he plans to follow the tradition of calling a provincial election every four years.

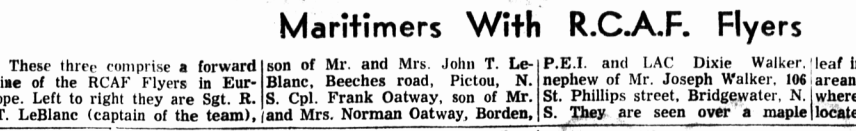
So far, in the current fiscal year ending March 31, the provincial government has exceeded by some \$15,000,000 estimates of \$331,121,660 adopted by the legislature last year.

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Stops: 7 9 12—28; 8 8 5—19.



Maritimers With R.C.A.F. Flyers These three comprise a forward line of the RCAF Flyers in Europe. Left to right they are Sgt. R. T. LeBlanc (captain of the team), and Mrs. Norman Oatway, Borden, P.E.I. and LAC Dixie Walker, nephew of Mr. Joseph Walker, 106 arcan in Zweibrucken, Germany. St. Phillips street, Bridgewater, N. S. They are seen over a maple leaf in the ice of the RCAF's new arcan in Zweibrucken, Germany where a Canadian Fighter Wing is located. (National Defence Photo)

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Entering his team's dressing room Saturday night after Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen suffered the 2-0 defeat that cost them the Olympic and world hockey titles, coach Bobby Bauer was misty-eyed as the defeated players cheered him.

"We played a tremendous game but we still couldn't beat them," Bauer said.

"We just couldn't get the break that might have given us a spark," Bauer had no fault to find with his team's shooting.

"I really think if we could have got the first goal we would have beaten them."

The former Boston Bruin right winger praised the play of the winners.

"They skated, passed, covered up and went both ways well," he said. "Give them credit - they played a great game."

All-Star Baseball Game Between I.L. And Major Club

NEW YORK (AP) — International Baseball League officials voted Saturday to send their all-star team against a major league club in a midseason baseball classic during the coming summer.

The league tried an all-star game about a decade ago, with the north's best playing the south's great. The idea was dropped after a single try.

Frank Shaughnessy, president of the league, said that league fans would pick the all-star players and that he would select the site and also the major league opponent. The date may be July 2, when the majors have an open date except for New York Giants and Detroit Tigers, who are scheduled for an exhibition game on that date at Cooperstown, N. Y.

"For this first year, the game probably will be played in a northern city," Shaughnessy added. Rochester, Buffalo, Montreal and Toronto are the northern cities with Havana, Miami, Richmond and Columbus the southern clubs.

Jackie Parker Signs Contract

EDMONTON (CP) Quarter-back Jackie Parker, lanky Mississipi State backfielder who has been a major factor in Edmonton Eskimos two straight Grey Cup football victories, has signed his 1956 contract, Eskimos president M. I. (Moe) Lieberman announced Saturday.

Parker's contract arrived at the Eskimo office Friday and Eskimos said the ace backfielder agreed to terms a week ago when team manager Al Anderson visited with him at his home in Knoxville, Tenn.

Parker, now 23, played with Mississippi State until joining Eskimos in 1954 as a halfback. That year he won all-Canadian honors, was voted most-valuable player in the Western Interprovincial Football Union and climaxed a brilliant season with an 85-yard touchdown run that won the Grey Cup for Eskimos.

Last season, Parker switched to quarterback and guided Eskies to 19 wins in 21 starts, including a decisive 34-19 victory over Montreal Alouettes in the Grey Cup final.

Dump N.Y., Wings, Leafs

BOSTON (CP) — The last-place Boston Bruins, hitting hard when they had a player advantage, scored three goals within 27 seconds as they defeated New York Rangers 7-1 in a National Hockey League game Saturday night.

Seven players driving the Boston goals as Bruins, sharing for a playoff berth, took the only goal of the first period, outscored second-place Rangers 5-1 in the second and scored the only goal of the final frame.

Ferny Flaman paced Boston with a goal and two assists. Fleming Mackell sent Boston into a 1-0 lead in the first period and Johnny Peterson added another before the three-goal onslaught came in the second while Bronco Horvath was serving a penalty.

Leon Labine began the surge at 13:19 and Flaman whipped home a goal from 40 feet out 14 seconds later. Vic Stasiuk scored at 13:40. New York's Andy Heberton batted in a rebound at 15:41 of the second period but Bruins' Real Chevrefils made it 6-1 three minutes later. Marcel Bonin won the scoring early in the final period.

The comparatively high score was unusual for Bruins who have averaged less than two goals a game in their last 49 starts.

Summary First period: 1. Boston, Mackell (Flaman, Laycoe) 6:18. Penalties: Armstrong 5:58; Labine 15:58; Gardner 18:33; Fontinato 18:33.

Bruins, Habs And Hawks Cop NHL Wins Saturday

TORONTO (CP)—The slumping Toronto Maple Leafs, fighting to retain fourth place in the National Hockey League standings, suffered another jolt Saturday night when they were upset 4-2 by the Chicago Black Hawks before 12,850 fans.

The Chicago victory lifted them to within one point of Toronto.

The loss was the Leafs' fourth in a row and they have turned in only one victory in their previous nine starts.

Rookie defenceman Pierre Pilote, up from Buffalo Bisons of the American Hockey League to replace injured Allan Stanley, started the Hawks off at the five-minute mark of the first period. Ed Litzemberger, Ed Sandford and Red Sullivan were the other Chicago marksmen.

Dick Duff, freshman left winger, counted both the Toronto goals.

Pilote's opening score came on a blazing 20-foot shot from directly in front of the Toronto net. Duff tied it 1-1 at 11:37 when he pounced on a loose puck during a pileup at the Chicago cage and flipped it in. Litzemberger put the Hawks ahead near the 17-minute mark when his shot from along the boards hit the pads of goalie Mervyn Dymally and dribbled into the net.

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Maritime Junior Football Leagues May Join C.R. Union

TORONTO (CP)—Possible entry of Maritimes junior football leagues into the Canadian Rugby Union is expected to be the major subject of discussion when the union's junior committee holds its annual meeting today.

Both the Maritimes intermediate and junior leagues have applied for CRU membership. Final decision will be made at the union's annual meeting here March 3.

There are 10 intermediate football clubs in the Maritimes—five each in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—and three junior teams, all in the Halifax area.

STEADY MOVEMENT

About 20,000 emigrants leave the Republic of Ireland each year, most going to Britain.

Summary First period: 1. Detroit, Lindsay (Howe) 3:20; 2. Montreal, Bellevue (Johnson, Geoffrin) 5:39. Penalties: Godfrey 4:5, M. Richard 3:29; Moore 7:16; Howe 7:7, 14:20; Lindsay 18:46; Bellevue 18:46.

Second period: Scoring: None. Penalties: Geoffrin 9:37; Provost 16:6.

Third period: 3. Montreal, Bellevue (Olmstead) 1:2. Penalties: None.

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