SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Schmidt In — Watson Out

MILT Schmidt is back again as pilot of the Boston Bruins. It was Milt who was removed from the post at the end of the 1960-61 season because the Bruins were going nowhere but down. Phil Watson, previously employed as manager of New York Rangers and consequently fired by the same organization, was given the job and the Bruins responded by going exactly nowhere.

After Bruins lost to Detroit Red Wings Sunday night at home, Watson came tumbling down and in came quiet-spoken Schmidt. Boston fans were hollering for Phil's scalp and the change should satisfy the cash customers for a spell.

BOSTON'S failure to do anything worthwhile at the draft was a strang thing. Dollard St. Laurent, a most capable rearguard, was up for grabs but Boston, in dire need of such a performer, passed him up. The Bruins' youth movement was surely overdone and as a result things went from bad to worse.

This present season the Bostonians commenced things with a 5-0 blanking of Montreal Canadiens and folks wondered if a change was about to take place. However, since that opener, the Bruins have failed to register a triumph and the loyal Boston fans demanded a change of faces, Last Sunday the chant went up to get rid of Watson and some fans took dummies, marked them Phil Watson and hung them right in Boston Gardens.

Nowhere But Up

WATSON was certainly never one to endear himself to the paying public. He popped off at a great rate and without much justification. If you're winning hockey games, you can afford to do a little spouting at the mouth. However, if you're mired deep in the standings, the best thing to do is act plenty and talk little. Watson apparently never practiced such a procedure.

Schmidt has no place to go but up. Anything will be an improvement and the ardent backers of teh Bruins are surely deserving of such improvement. Milt may be able to get the Bruins moving better and just about everybody hopes he can. It would be a much better National Hockey League if Boston started moving upward.

We hope Schmidt makes a comeback with the Beantowners.

Western Final

TONIGHT Calgary Stampeders hope to capture the Western crown.

They lead the WIFU finals 1-0 and a conquest tonight could send them against the Eastern champions in the Grey Cup classic. Hamilton Tiger-Cats are strong favorites to be that Eastern team but the story cannot be fully written until next Saturday afternoon at Hamilton. The Tiger-Cats hold an 11-point lead in the two-game total point final.

However, the West decides their champions by a two of-three final and the Stampeders won that all-important tussle in the Alberta city last Saturday. The defending champion Blue Bombers need two straight wins over the Stamps in order to emerge victorious and that should take a lot of hard work. It's true that the Bombers have the advantage of home field in the rest of the series but Stampeders shouldn't be too much annoyed by this.

It would be terrific if we could see this action tonight but we can't and we need not start growling about it. It would be nice to see a new face come out of the West this season and it's only for this reason that we'd hope for a Calgary triumph. In the East, we'd like to see Montreal Alouettes overcome the 11-point edge Saturday at Hamilton.

However, realizing the calibre of players that Bud Grant has in Winnipeg, we are not going to be a bit surprised if the Bombers bounce back and win the rest of the series. We do think that Stampeders have a great chance this time to force Bombers to the sidelines for the Grey Cup classic.

If Stampeders win tonight, the WIFU finals are over. If Blue Bombers conquer, the final takes place Saturday afternoon at Winnipeg.

Old Rivals

THE Sports Arena will be the scene tomorrow (Thursday) night of the first battle of the season between Sandy's Royals and Old Spain Penguins.

Folks are wondering just how the Baby Birds will measure up to the powerful Royals and The Sports Arena should see its biggest crowd for this clash.

We'll have more to say about it tomorrow.

N.Y.'s Mickey Mantle Wins NUP Award

BOSTON (AP)—Mickey Mantle, New York Yankees' gimpy-legged slugging master, Tuesday was named the American League's Most Valuable Player for the third time in his career.

The 31-year-old centrefielder beat out Bobby Richardson, 234 votes to 152, in polling by a committee of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Harmon Killebrew of Minnesota Twins placed third with 99 votes, Leon Wagner of Los Angeles fourth with 85 and Cleveland pitcher Dick Donovan fifth with 64.

Mantle, feared at the end of his playing career last spring when he injured his left leg and knee, also won the league's highest honor in 1956 and 1957.

MARIS FORGOTTEN

He had been nosed out by Roger Maris of the Yankees in 1960 and 1961. Maris, whose performance dropped off last season from his record home run year of 1961, though he still hit 33 homers and compiled 100 runs batted in, did not poll a single vote this year.

Mantle belted 30 home runs, had 89 RBI and, with a .321 average, was runner-up in the American League batting race to Boston's Pete Runnels.

Hobbled much of the time from his legs and then by a rib injury, Mickey missed 39 games but was still in action enough, offensively and defensively, to pace the Yankees to their 13th pennant in the last 16 years.

Other three - time AL recipients of the award were Jimmy Foxx, Joe DiMaggio and Yogi Berra.

SPORT N Y MICKEY

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Wednesday night at the Charlotttetown Club. (Spares needed).

7 P.M.

Ice 1 Dr. Hooper, C. Whitenect, N. Kelly, E. Ford, vs. A. MacDonald, Dr. Kelly, Rod MacKenzie, J. Vautour.

Ice 2 J. Burden, Dr. Cox, W. Carr, James Wilson vs. Dr. Giddings, F. Cox, Joe Zakem, Herb Gaudie.

Ice 3 Art. Love, R. Carr, Bud MacDonald, Doug Wood, vs. Had MacInnes, H. Dobson, J. S. Taylor, Jack Bond.

Ice 4 Don Wonnacott, E. MacDonald, V. Mitton, Jas. Goode, vs. D. Saunders, Dr. Beck, M. Waddell, J. Venlot.

Ice 5 L. Wellner, Dr. Drysdale, Ian MacLeod, B. Parke vs. D. Matheson, J. Cooke, C. Costello, B. MacLennan.

8.30 P.M.

Ice 1 R. Ewing, vs. T. Whitlock.

Ice 2 P. O'Rourke, E. Gillespie, C. Michael, Don Dolloff, vs. H. Peters, G. Kays, V. Robinson, W. Lister.

Ice 3 T. White, K. MacLean, A. Brace, C. MacDonald, vs. A. A. MacLeod, I. Horne, A. Garrett, J. McCarron.

Ice 4 E. Tanton, F. Miles, K. Kennedy, V. Newson vs. L. Turner, H. Thomson, G. Newman, R. Perry.

Ice 5 B. LeClair, L. Johnston, J. MacDonald, C. Downe, vs. M. Jenkins, C. Flemming, L. Bagnall, T. Burke.

DOUBLE HEADER HOCKEY TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY) CIVIC STADIUM

7:30 p.m.—Tyne Valley Clover Farmers vs. O'Leary Maroons

9:30 p.m.—Kensington Bombers vs. Albany St. Pats

Admission—Adults 50 cents; Students 25 cents

Royals Edge Combines 5-3 In Rugged Battle At Arena

Prince County Combines invaded the Charlottetown Sports Arena last night and although they suffered a 5-3 setback to the Royals, gave a real good account of themselves, especially in the second and third periods when they outplayed their powerful opponents.

In the first period it appeared as if the Royals would roll to a lopsided score, firing three unanswered goals in the first twenty minutes of play but the visitors made a great comeback in the sandwich session, blasting two unanswered tallies to come within one of the Royals with the score reading 3-2.

The third period saw the Ron MacArthur-coached team outskate and outplay their opponents only to see their opponents outscore them 3-1. The losers fired 16 shots at goalie Lyman MacInnis in this final frame compared to the 9 shots the Royals had on Thane 'Whitey' Mann at the opposite end of the freeze.

The first period was less than five minutes old when Kip Ready took a Gunner McCormack pass and drifted the puck behind Mann to give the Royals a 1-0 lead.

Vince Mulligan made it 2-0 at the 17.20 when he let a shot go from just inside the blue line with the Summerside rearguards partially screening Mann.

Exactly 40 seconds later Royal defenceman Stu McClure fired a hard shot from the point that caromed off a Summerside player into the cage to make it 3-0.

The Combines returned to the ice for the second period like wounded tigers and for the first few minutes had it all over the Royals. They did everything but put the puck into the net however, the closest effort coming when Garth Harris' slap shot hit the cross bar of the Royal net.

Alger Cuteliffe finally broke the goose egg for the visitors when he picked up the wafer at centre ice and broke in on left wing. As he was coming over the blue line he got away from Royal defenceman Ralph 'Farmer' Josey and let a shot go from the left hand corner that MacInnis fanned on.

Ev. White brought the Combines to within one goal of the City pucksters when he knocked in his own rebound at the 18.05 mark of the frame. Josey was serving a two-minute penalty at the time.

Veteran Allie Carver scored what proved to be the winning goal after 4 minutes and 38 seconds of the third period when he lifted a soft shot that caught the upper right hand corner of the S'side net. Mann had dropped too fast to block the shot and was unable to make the save.

Alan Andrews got this one back for the losers seven seconds later with a shot back of and to the right of the Royal cage that deflected one of a group of players that was buzzing around the net.

Playing coach, Buck Whitlock, put the game on ice at the 14.49 mark and although the Combines put up several rushing attacks they were unable to garner any more goals.

Referees Donnie Whalen and Joe Coyle handed out a total of 13 penalties, including one misconduct to Kip Ready, and majors to Vince Mulligan and Denny Clow for fighting and ten minors in a game that was real rough on occasion but a real thriller.

SUMMARY

First Period: — 1. Royals-K. Ready (D. McCormack) 4.45; 2. Royals-V. Mulligan (S. McLure) 17.20; 3. Royals-2. McLure (unassisted) 18.00. Penalties: — Sark 9.08; B. Whitlock 9.08. G. Nolnan 12.04.

Second Period: — 4. Combines - A. Cutcliffe (McArthur) 7.04; 5. Combines - E. White (A. Andrews, C. Grady) 18.05.

Penalties - Clow 3.38; J. Noonan 7.42; C. Grady 6.31; B. MacIntyre 14.40, Josey 17.27.

Third Period: — 6. Royals-A. Carver (A. Gillis) 4.38; 7. Combines - A. Andrews (unassisted) 4.45; 8. Royals - B. Whitlock (S. McLure, D. McCormack) 14.49. Penalties - K. Ready (minor, misconduct) 6.12; C. Sark 14.33; V. Mulligan (minor, major) 16.46; D. Clow (minor, major) 16.46; Reeves 19.58.

Ramblers Top Tartans 4-2

HALIFAX (CP) — Amherst Ramblers moved into a first-place tie with idle New Glasgow Rangers in the Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League Monday by defeating Halifax Tartans 4-2.

It was a relatively quiet game with the Tartans putting on a push in the second and third frames before a hometown crowd of about 1,300.

Their push, however, failed to cope with the Ramblers, winners in the five-team Nova Scotia Senior League for the last three years.

Hartley Estabrooks fired the opener for Amherst at 1:14 of the first period. Dick VanSnick made it 2-0 for the Ramblers by the end of the frame.

Kenny Flynn scored the Tartans' first goal almost half way through the second. It was the only marker in that frame.

RCMP officer Jack Gullen tallied for Amherst at 2:08 of the third. Brian Graver then scored the Tartans second, and Gilles Picard of the Ramblers rounded out the scoring midway through the third.

Gary Doggett stopped 33 shots in the Halifax cage, one more than Amherst's Jean-Guy Morissette.

BYC, Pirates Tangle Tonight

Only one basketball game is on tap at PWC gym this evening. At 7 o'clock BYC battles Pirates in a regular 'Golden Ball' Hoop tourney feature.

O'Leary Plays Tyne Valley

SUMMERSIDE—The old perennial rivals from the west, Tyne Valley and O'Leary will cross sticks in the first hockey game at Civic Stadium tonight. Both these teams figure to be hard to knock off in the scramble for the Prince County Intermediate "B" title, and this game should be a thriller all the way.

The surprising Albany St. Pats who refused to play the role of weaklings of the League which had been assigned to them, fought to a draw with O'Leary on Monday night and will be pitted against the Kensington Seaforth Bombers tonight. Kensington has dropped both games played so far, but they are not that bad, and will be going all out to grab their first win against the greenshirts.

All-in-all, a lot of exciting hockey should be in store for the cash customers at Civic Stadium tonight.

HOCKEY SCORES

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American League

Pittsburgh 2 Baltimore 3 . . .

Nova Scotia Senior

Windsor 5 Moncton 9

Ontario Senior

Galt 2 Woodstock 12

Ontario Junior A

Hamilton 2 Peterborough 4

SKATING TODAY

Pre School Skate 1:30 to 3

Children's Skate 4 to 5:30

Admission 15c

Adult Skate 8 to 10

Admission 50c

SPORTS ARENA

Big Four Official Charges Officiating Was Ridiculous

OTTAWA (CP) — George H. Fraser, long-time football star and Canadian Football League official, says officating this year in the eastern division of the CFL "has been disgustingly ridiculous, making a disgrace of a fine game."

In a letter to the Ottawa Journal, Mr. Fraser adds: "Regardless of the brand of football played this past season, the officiating has been a detriment to the sport."

He says he expects to be the first CFL official fired or suspended by football commissioner G. Sydney Halter for his blast.

A Big Four official for the last eight years, Mr. Fraser played with Ottawa Rough Riders from 1932 to 1945, coached the Riders in 1946 and was assistant coach in 1947.

WORKED 9 GAMES

He says the Ottawa and District Football Referees Association has "at least half a dozen men" who should have been given an officiating tryout before Don Shouldice, son of Hap Shouldice, the commissioner's eastern representative, who was appointed an official in 1960. This season Don Shouldice has worked in nine CFL games. Nine CFL officials with three to nine years' experience had worked in fewer than nine games.

Mr. Fraser says that when he asked Hap Shouldice for a try-out as a senior-umpire he had been told "fat, sloppy men" weren't wanted in the centre of the field. He adds that his playing weight was 206 and that his present weight is 205.

Mr. Fraser says he was told this season by Hap Shouldice that he would likely never be used as senior umpire because of his age (51). He says his condition, physical and mental, "is equal to any of the men at present officiating in the league."

In Winnipeg, Halter said the charge was "sheer nonsense."

He said, "It sounds like the lament of an official who hasn't received too many assignments this season.

"Assignments are given on the basis of an official's performance in previous games. If he hasn't been receiving too many assignments, the inference is obvious.

"The performance of officials are under constant review by myself . . . Their performances are rated after each game."

WARNS OF PROBLEM

VANCOUVER (CP) — Dr. G. University of Western Ontario warned Monday Canadian universities will face an almost unbelievable space problem in the next eight years. Dr. Hall estimated that close to 100,000 places are available in universities today but in the next eight years more than double that number will be required.

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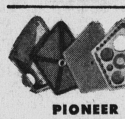

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