

Only One U. S. Player Left In Fight For Singles Title

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KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—Only one American player remained in the field for the men's singles crown Wednesday night as this country's top-ranked stars turned aside the first foreign threat at the Canadian badminton championships.

The title hunt was opened to entries from outside Canada for the first time this year and five responded for the men's title. Four went into the discards in the opening round with only Martin Mendez of San Diego, Calif., reaching today's quarter-final play.

The seven other quarter-finalists are listed high in the Canadian Badminton Association rankings.

Defending singles champion Dave MacTaggart of Vancouver, listed No. 1, swept aside Bill Fischer of Kitchener 15-13 in early play and then turned in a 15-6, 15-7 victory over Ed Hreljac of Creighton Mines, Ont.

DOWNS SUSSEX BOY

Others still in the running: Peter Ferguson of Woodstock, Ont., ranked No. 2; Bev Westcott, Toronto, No. 3; John Bouck, Vancouver, No. 4; Bert Ferguson, Vancouver, No. 5; Jim Carnwath of Toronto, No. 6; and Harold Moody of Montreal, No. 9.

Moody, Canadian junior singles champion, disposed of the only non-North American entrant, outgoing Hans Myhre of Norway—his country's open singles holder and now a student at the University of Iowa—in a hard-fought 15-3, 4-15, 15-5 match.

Carnwath disposed of Noel Fehm of New Haven, Conn., in another grueling contest, 15-10, 17-18 and 15-10, and Dick Ball of Baltimore, Md., went down under Ferguson's hard smashes 5-15, 15-11 and 15-3.

Ferguson, a University of Toronto student, downed John Mc-

Dougall of Sussex, N.B. on the threshold of the quarter-finals and Westcott advanced with a decision over young Larry Beemer of Niagara Falls, Ont.

FACE TOUGH TEST

Mendez, slim but wiry, had little difficulty with Bill Parkes of Woodstock, Ont., in their second-round match but he'll face a tougher test today against the ranking contestants.

Toughest match of the day was that between unranked Bill Bonney of Montreal who battled Bouck, the No. 4 man, well past the regulation time before the Vancouver veteran won 12-15, 17-14, 15-11.

Mrs. Jean Miller of Montreal, holder of the 1956 women's singles title and ranked No. 1, is not competing this year but a fellow Montrealer, Mrs. Kay Grant, headed a strong contingent into quarter-final play today.

Mrs. Grant, No. 2 in the division, breezed through an easy 11-1, 11-3 match against Jane Lee of Victoria. Marj Shedd of Toronto, Ontario singles champion and listed No. 3 in Canada, had an equally soft task with Marg Naylor of Toronto, winning 11-2, 11-1.

Williams Decides To Retire From Ring

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—Ike Williams, former world's lightweight champion, announced his retirement from the ring at his home here today.

Williams won the world 135-pound title by knocking out Bob Montgomery at Philadelphia Aug. 4, 1947. His reign lasted until May 25, 1951, when he was knocked out in the 14th round by Jimmy Carter at New York.

Russia Tramples Austria 22-1 In Hockey Ch'ships

MOSCOW (CP)—Unbeaten Russia tramped Austria 22-1 Wednesday night, ending the third round of the 1957 world amateur hockey tournament in a first-place tie with Sweden.

Sweden handed Czechoslovakia her first defeat, a 2-0 decision before 20,000 fans in Lenin Stadium, and Finland moved into a second-place tie with the Czechs with a -3 victory over last-place East Germany.

In Wednesday's other game, Poland battered a gallant but over-matched Japanese team 8-3.

Russia and Sweden each has three wins without a loss and Russia, conqueror of Canada in the 1956 Olympics, has scored a total of 49 goals while only allowing two.

Twelve games now have been played in the 28-game, seven-round tournament.

Russia and Sweden each has six points while Czechoslovakia and Finland have four, both having lost one game. Poland's defeat of Austria gives her two points, while Austria and Japan each collected one point in a tie game. East Germany is winless.

Organize In Alberta For Financing Amateur Athletics

By JIM PEACOCK
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EDMONTON (CP)—One of the biggest hurdles facing amateur athletes for years has been the task of obtaining money to defray expenses. A group of sportsmen here have done something to lower the hurdle.

They established the Sportsmen's Fund Incorporated, a body with these objectives:

"To raise maintain and administer funds for the benefit of athletes, athletic organizations and teams in Northern Alberta who have, by their own initiative, proven themselves worthy of financial assistance in order to proceed farther in their chosen field of athletic endeavor."

The idea arose from conversations concerning ways and means of raising funds for athletes from the area going to Olympic trials in various parts of Canada, and particularly on means of getting \$3,500 earmarked as the Canadian Olympic fund.

ARDENT SUPPORTERS

A suggestion to establish a special fund resulted in formation of the Sportsmen's Fund Inc. R. A. (Bob) Bradburn was named president. Dr. Rupert Clare was chosen vice-president, and Joseph H. Shoctor secretary, and R. H. LeMasurier treasurer. All are ardent sports followers and successful businessmen, who have been tapped often by individual athletes for financial support.

To get a bank account, the fund sponsored a car bingo that raised \$15,000. It immediately put up the \$3,500 for the Edmonton district contribution to the Olympic fund. Since then, eight other awards nearly \$5,000 have been made to bring the total output so far to deserving individual athletes from Northern Alberta.

The fund intended to maintain its bank balance through sale of

voluntary memberships at \$2 each to individuals. This plan, however, has not drawn wide support and new means are being considered.

Bradburn says the idea is working out well except that it has had a number of bumps in forming terms of reference under which to operate. "We are the first to attempt this type of thing and we've had to set our own rules as we've gone along," he said.

VOLUNTARY EFFORT

The fund plans to raise more money through a sports "extravaganza" here in the spring, he says. It has also taken over sponsorship of an annual dinner at which Edmonton's athletic champions are presented with rings by the city.

"We have to get a record of achievement before we can work out a new plan to maintain the fund," Bradburn says. "Whatever plan we work out, we want support on a voluntary basis from those who want to support athletes."

Bradburn says many businessmen donate as much as \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year to various individuals for athletic advancement. Often one athlete receives more assistance than necessary, while others don't get enough.

"We are really just getting started," says Bradburn, "and we need more knowledge. But we believe we can be of great service to the athletes of this area and to those who want to support athletics, but who also like to know their support is not misused."

Ring Ratings Were Changed By Saxon's Drop To Third

NEW YORK (AP)—Carmen Basilio's quick knockout of Johnny Saxton earned the welterweight champion the "fighter of the month" laurels in Ring ratings, announced today, and resulted in a shuffle of rankings in the 147-pound division.

Saxton, knocked out in the second round of the title scrap, dropped from top contender to third. Boston's Tony DeMarco, another ex-champion, advanced to the No. 1 berth on the strength of his victory over Gaspar Ortega of Mexico, who retained his position as second contender.

Wallace (Bud) Smith of Cincinnati was another ex-champion who dropped a few notches. Stopped by champion Joe Brown, Smith was demoted in the lightweight rankings from fifth to seventh. Cuba's Orlando Zuleta rose to fifth.

Big Nino Valdes, who has scored moved back into the heavyweight six straight victories in Europe, ratings. He earned the No. 10 spot following his quick kayo of Joe Erskine, the British titleholder. Valdes replaced Wayne Bethea of New York.

NO CANADIANS LISTED

There were no Canadians in the top 10 of any division.

Tommy Jackson, followed by Eddie Machen, were the top contenders for Floyd Patterson's heavyweight title. In the light heavyweight division Chuck Speiser and Yolande Pompey ran

one-two behind champion Archie Moore.

Top challenger for Gene Fullmer's middleweight crown was former champ Sugar Ray Robinson followed by Charley Humez of France. Italy's Dullio Loi was ranked behind champion Brown in the lightweight division. Kenny Lane was second.

In the featherweight section, where the title is vacant, Cherif Hamia of France, Hogan (Kid) Bassey of Nigeria and Miguel Berrios of Puerto Rico are ranked in that order.

Raul (Raton) Macias of Mexico is listed first behind champion Mario d'Agata of Italy in the bantamweight division, followed by Alphonse Halimi of France.

Flyweight champion Pascual Perez's chief threat is Memo Diaz of Mexico. Ring says, with Young Martin of Spain ranked second.

Russians Expect Czechs To Give Best Opposition

OTTAWA (CP)—The Russians, who expect Czechoslovakia to be their main competition in the world ice hockey championships now under way in Moscow, have a tailored version for Canada's non-participation in the series.

Canada last year lost the championship to the Russians at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, site of the winner Olympic games. The Canadian Amateur Hockey Association last November cancelled arrangements to challenge the Russians at Moscow.

The reason given was "the great change which has taken place in world affairs during recent days," a reference to the Hungarian uprising and Russian intervention in its suppression. Other Hungarians said more bluntly that Hungary was the reason for their dropping out.

State ice hockey coach A. Novokreshchenov of the U.S.S.R. is quoted Wednesday in the Soviet Embassy's daily news bulletin as saying:

"Since the Canadian representative announced that the team of that country would be unable to participate in the 1957 world championships because of engagements in the Alan Cup tournament, one of our chief rivals will be the Czechoslovakian team, which has displayed high standards of play recently."

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Sarni Suffers Heart Attack

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Bill Sarni, first-string catcher of New York Giants, suffered a heart attack in Monday's opening workout of the 1957 training season, doctors told club president Horace Stoneham Wednesday.

Sarni, 29, was taken to hospital after Monday's workout with what doctors then described as a muscle spasm. Tests and x-ray pictures since then have convinced them that the young athlete suffered a moderate coronary attack. He never will be able to play baseball again, they said.

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Rickie Ashburn Signs '57 Contract

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP)—Centerfielder Rickie Ashburn has come to terms with Philadelphia Phillies for the 1957 baseball season. General Manager Roy Hamey said Wednesday.

Hamey said Ashburn accepted a "slight increase" over his 1956 salary. His 1957 salary is believed to be about \$27,500.

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