

SPORTS FRONT

Combination Beats Habs

By CHRIS ANNETT

An impartial Yugoslavian sports writer noted yesterday that Czechoslovakian and Poland beat the Canadians in yesterday's game and how right he was. The Czechs took a 2-1 victory off of the obviously superior Canadians and the Polish referee Andrei Chojnacki took two goals away from the Habs.

The Czechs literally stumbled to their win for almost every time they fell down the Habs either had a penalty called on them or a goal taken away. The classic example came on Ray Cadieux's goal (it didn't count of course). The puck went into the net but whether by accident or quick thinking Czech defenseman Dzurilla fell against the posts and knocked the cage off its base. Results? The goal was called back and a faceoff held.

Cheap penalties also hurt the Habs and the Czechs, sensing that referee Chojnacki was a hockey players dream for the "swan dive" call took full advantage, going down like ten pins at every opportunity. Such a play cost the Habs their second goal. Marshall Johnson, playing on a line with Billy MacMillan had his stick entangled in a Czech player's skates and completely let go of the stick but the player snarled to the ice just as Faulkner beat the goalie with a blistering drive. However this goal too was called back and Johnson sent to the penalty box even though it was obvious that he had not tripped the player and even had done his utmost to avoid the accident.

MARTIN FURIOUS

However the height of inefficiency came on an infraction called on Seth Martin. Canadian netminder who was sensational throughout the game. Martin came out of his nets and made a brilliant save off of Stanislav Pryl, snatching the puck from his stick. However the crafty forward fell and Martin was assessed with a tripping penalty.

Members of the Canadian contingent were furious to say the least following the game. A percentage of no less stature than Lionel Fleury, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, remarked that the combination of Chojnacki and Swiss linesman Gennaro Olivieri had set back the caliber of World hockey refereeing for years and this observer could not concur more with his opinion.

In recent seasons the Canadians have run into an incident every time that they attend this classic and one can not help but wonder if they are being discriminated against. Since the Russians have taken over the top spot in the world rankings and the Habs have had trouble being a good team the referees have always seemed to go out of their way to heap a bit of trouble on the Canadian representatives. For example yesterday the refs called 11 penalties on the Canadians and these kept the Habs shorthanded for almost all of one period of play.

When Father Bauer was asked for his opinions of the game he pointed out that it was better for him to make no statement after a game like that. He also said that it was impossible for him to choose an individual star because everyone was good.

HUNTER'S CORNER

Fish And Game Meeting Affected By Duck Problem

On Wednesday evening the annual meeting of the Queens County Branch of the P.E.I. Fish and Game Association was held at the Y.M.C.A. with over twenty sportsmen in attendance. I have never attended a Fish and Game meeting where business was conducted in such a quiet manner. The dismal local black duck picture appeared to be the main topic of the meeting and possibly the quietest that prevailed. All that was needed to complete the picture was a miniature cassette with a black duck therein.

It was the opinion of the meeting that the expansion of the duck season into the month of December was not expedient from a conservation viewpoint. October 1st was decided upon as the opening day for wildgeese instead of the fifteenth. Last year geese flocked to the stubble fields around October 1st and a number of the poaching fraternity promptly threw the season wide open. In short they appear all to themselves. When the season is thrown wide open on a specific date the geese are wised up in one quick lesson. A few poachers enjoyed a field day, or days, during the first two weeks of last October.

It was thought by a number that the black ducks should be placed on the protected list but decided later to cut the daily kill to two black ducks and a possession limit of three from the viewpoint that a "half loaf" was better than no bread. The suggested ten days open season on Hungarian partridge is a move in the right direction as the Huns are not a scarce game bird at the present time. This columnist knows of the whereabouts of 11 coveys running from 11 to 23 members in each covey. The present close season on Huns gave them a scant fifty per cent protection as we have an army of teenagers or the rounds that shoot at anything that moves or sits ... if they happen to spot their quarry. They don't look around first to see if anyone is watching but shoot first and look after.

For example: A few days ago a farmer from the general well area stopped open season on Huns and gave me the following account of an incident last fall to which he was an eyewitness. He told me he has a covey of 11 Huns on his property. He also fed a covey all winter and figures that the present covey ... or the parents of this covey ... were among the birds he fed last winter. He was doing a spot of fencing along the highway when this covey of 11 birds walked past him and entered the road-side ditch and commenced picking up grit. At this moment he saw a car approaching with a truck following not far behind.

When the driver of the car saw the covey of Huns in the ditch he jammed on the brakes and stopped so short the truck following behind nearly crashed into the car. In a matter of seconds three teenagers hopped out, each with a double barreled shot gun in their hands. He said they must have had the guns loaded while in the car for he saw no loading activity. Before the farmer could even blink his eyes they pumped six shots at the covey and never touched a feather. The farmer told me that the covey flattened like pancakes on the gravel the

minute the car stopped and the first shot hit over them and the next three under them when they zoomed skyward. Nothing daunted the three nimrods allowed after the covey to another field they aligned in and pumped another six shots in their start at 7:30 p.m. as today.

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EVEN NET topples during hectic bit of action between Canada and Czechoslovakia in the World Ice Hockey Championships at Ljubljana, Yugoslavia today. Czech goalie Wlad Dzurilla falls on top of puck as net goes over. Canada's Roger Bourbonnas, 14, raises arms to celebrate goal by Ray Cadieux, not shown. Goal judge refused to allow shot as a score and Canadian lost 2-1. Team voted to quit tournament over what it called "unfair" officiating. After a long discussion with Canadian officials and the team adviser, team decided to finish out the series. (AP Wirephoto cable from Ljubljana).

Ontario Has Brier Lead; Island Drops 2, Wins 1

HALIFAX (CP) — Ontario returned to the top of the Canadian curling championship standing Thursday night with a 10-8 ninth-round victory over Newfoundland while Manitoba knocked Alberta out of top spot with a tight 9-3 decision.

Joe Gurovka's Cooksville, Ontario, grind heads into the final two rounds of the round-robin tournament today with seven wins and two losses. Race for the title became a four-way scramble after Thursday's three draws with Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan jammed into second spot.

Ron Northcott of Calgary, Hersh Lerner of Winnipeg and Bob Pickering of Avonlea, Sask., all had 8-2 win-loss records and increased the possibility of at least one playoff game.

A playoff, if necessary, would start at 7:30 p.m. as today. Saskatchewan defeated shorthanded Prince Edward Island in round nine 17-5, while in other games Lynn Mason of Burnaby, B.C., edged Bill Grozelle of Northern Ontario foursome from Halleybury 12-11 and Quebec's Bill Tracy of Bagoville eked out a 10-9 decision over Charlie Sullivan of Saint John, N.B. Vic Snarr's Halifax club drew the bye.

The goal-tending duties are handled by big Brian DeWare. The husky, six-footer, maintained a goals against average of 2.57 over the regular season. He's backed up by Larry Nelson.

Of the team personnel eight players were on the city's juvenile or midget all-star squads. On the juvenile team was Pincus, Kennedy, Mosher, Whitmore and DeWare while Rose, Turner and Nelson were on the midget squad.

Coached by Charlottetown native Howie Trainor, assistant sports editor and news editor of the Moncton Times and Transcript, the squad is currently prepping for the tourney.

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Habs Lose 2-1 To Czechs; Swedes Deadlock Soviets

By CARL MOLLINS

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia (CP)—The world hockey tournament took on an entirely new complexion Thursday when Czechoslovakia defeated Canada 2-1 on a last-minute goal and moved into first place while Russia was held to a starting, 3-3 tie by Sweden.

It was a heart-breaking loss for the Canadian national team, seeking revenge for last year's humiliating 8-0 defeat by the Czechs at the world tournament in Tampere, Finland.

A goal by forward Stanislav Pryl with 28 seconds left gave the Czechs victory and left them the only team in the eight-country championship round-robin group with a perfect record.

The Czechs have won their five starts and lead the tournament with 10 points. Russia dropped to second place with four wins and a tie for nine points. Canada's 4-1 win-loss record gave it eight points and third place. The Swedes, beaten by East Germany 4-1 last Saturday, are fourth with three wins, one loss and a tie for seven points.

The Czechs are in the driver's seat as the tournament approaches its windup Sunday. Each of the top four teams has two games to play, but all are tough.

Canada now must defeat Russia Friday and Sweden Sunday to keep alive its slim chances. The Czechs meet Sweden Friday and Russia Sunday and they need only a win and a tie from the two games to clinch the title.

The Czechs had figured that by beating the Canadians they would at least take a solid grip on second place. But that was before the Swedes tied the Russians. Now the Czechs have a golden opportunity to win their first gold medal since 1948.

The Canadians bitterly blamed the officiating for their defeat. Two Canadian goals were not allowed and the team played shorthanded for one-third of the game. Canadian players spent a total of 22 minutes in the penalty box while the Czechs had only eight minutes.

Goalie Seth Martin of Trail, B.C., who played brilliantly for Canada, never had a chance on the two Czech goals. The first

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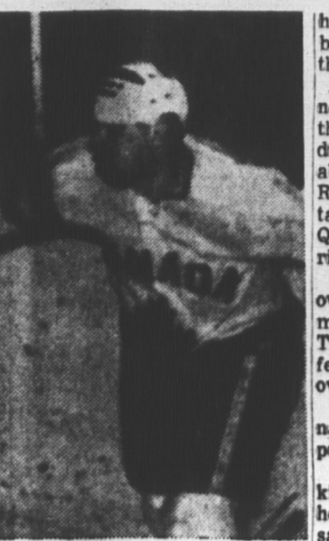
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RAY CADIEUX

by Jiri Holik at 15:58 of the first period was scored while the Canadian side had two men in the penalty box.

Pryl's unassisted goal at 19:32 of the third period came when he picked up a rebound lost among Canadian legs and drove it past Martin.

HAD BRIEF TIE
A brilliant goal by Roger Bourbonnas, a native of Edmonton who lives in Riviere Qui Barre, Alta., had tied it up at 8:57 of the third period.

Winger George Faulkner of Harbour Grace, Nfld., the team's leading scorer with six goals, sent Bourbonnas streaking through on the left with a beautiful pass and he skated in at high speed to shoot past Czech goalie Vlado Dzurilla from 12 feet.

The pro-Canadian crowd of 10,000, including many Canadian servicemen, shouted their heads off. But the powerful Czech forwards kept firing away and in the end Pryl's goal paid off.

The Czechs did most of the attacking in the game and Martin had a total of 27 saves to Dzurilla's 17.

"I just hope the people at home don't think the Czechs beat us," Faulkner said. "It was the officiating."

A cheap penalty ruined Faulkner's shot that went in late in the third period. But the Canadians were especially bitter about the disallowed goal by Ray Cadieux, a native of Ottawa who lives in Ste. Adelaide, Que., early in the second period.

The puck was about a foot over the goal line, said defence-man Lorne Davis of Regina. Then Dzurilla and a Czech defenceman fell back and knocked over the net.

Polish referee Andrei Chojnacki called many of the disputed penalties.

"We wouldn't tolerate that kind of refereeing in midjet, hockey in Saskatchewan," Davis said.

Lionel Fleury of Quebec City, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, said Chojnacki and Gennaro Olivieri of Switzerland, the second referee in the game, "set back the calibre of world hockey officiating for years."

Father David Bauer, team adviser and associate coach, was pale and upset after the game and clearly had to restrain his comments.

"It's better to make no statement after a game like that," Czech coach Vladimir Kostka, who had predicted his team would finish second behind Russia if they beat the Canadians, said he was satisfied with the refereeing.

"If the Canadians had won they would have been satisfied. We won, so we are satisfied."

The Swedes set up an electric atmosphere from the start of their game against Russia, all watched by a crowd of 10,000. They leaped in like terriers whenever a Russian play started to develop.

The Swedes had two spells of sheer glory as they led the Russians 2-0 for a while in the second period and 3-2 early in the third.

For the first time in the tournament, the Russians couldn't click with their precision passing plays as the Swedes forechecked them ferociously.

The Russians kept their top forward line Konstantin Loktev, Aleksander Almetov and Vladimir Aleksandrov off the ice for most of the scoreless first period.

Nils Nilsson sent Sweden into the lead on an assist by Nils Johansson at 7:06 of the second period. Three minutes and 40 seconds later Sweden made it 2-0 with one of the finest goals of the whole tournament.

Lars-Erik Nilsson and Hans Lindberg passed and re-passed from one length of the rink to the other.

NILSSON GOT THE GOAL
Lindberg made the final relay and Nilsson, skating at full speed down the centre, drilled the puck into the roof of the net.

The Russian first line eventually swung into action and Aleksandrov scored on a pass from Loktev. It was Aleksandrov's eighth goal in the tournament. He is the scoring leader with eight goals and seven assists for 15 points.

A little more than 1 1/2 minutes later, Vyacheslav Starshinov levelled the count on an assist by Victor Yakushev.

Those two goals came in a typical Russian burst of brilliance and many thought Sweden's bid for glory was over.

But after only two minutes of the final period Ulf Sterner knocked a rebound past Russia's Victor Kononovlenko, and Sweden led 3-2.

At 12:53 Anatoly Firsov scored to tie the game.

Southport Beats West Royalty
In Central Queens playoff section recently Southport dropped West Royalty 3-1. F. Cote and F. Smallwood tallied for the winners while Petrie had the losers only marker. Each of the six teams meet one another in a round robin and the leading team will be declared the champion.

Hockey Practice
There will be a hockey practice for all members of the Rotary Old Timers Club that have been asked to attend at 11:00 this morning at the Charlottetown Forum.

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Purple Knights To Visit Ch'town

MONCTON (Special) — Moncton High School's high-flying Purple Knights hockey club will be in Charlottetown Saturday for an exhibition game against St. Dunstan's High School at the S.D.U. Arena at 2:00 p.m.

The Moncton team, unbeaten this season, swept through the WAKE Conference League on seven wins and a tie and have a brace of exhibition victories.

They are rated as the team to contend with in the New Brunswick Interscholastic Athletic Association Western Zone Hockey Tournament at Newcastles March 16-19.

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SPORT ECHOES

Borden Nats To Continue
By NORMAN MacDONALD

So they can do a little cross-checking themselves and we're not sure the spectators would enjoy such duels. Rejected to go so would have been almost a knockout blow to the P.C.H.L. which has been flourishing for three years now.

Borden had a big edge on the other teams in the league for most of the season, but the Aces, reinforced by a strong quartet from Charlottetown, kept improving and finally got up to even terms with the Nats. They won four straight games in the finals, but each contest was a terrific struggle, three of them decided by a single goal. It is our opinion that with lady luck throwing a few more smiles at the Borden team. The count of the first four games might easily have been deadlocked at two games each.

The minor penalty which started the furor was one which, as it was on side of the rink, we didn't see very clearly. Not that it would have made any difference if we had. Referees are closer to the play, and have a better chance to see rule infractions.

They make mistakes, like all the rest of us, but they have to be protected against assault and battery. If we're going to let players cross-check referees, we'll have to give the referees sticks

Donnie MacWilliams is still collecting "hat tricks". He got another Saturday afternoon. Dave MacLeod continued to top everyone in the art of attack. He sweeps down the ice like a broken-field runner in football. He also got three goals on Saturday. Gerard Roberts played a particularly fine game on defence for Borden, belting the Aces hither and yon. Gabe Keough and Ev White teamed up for two picturesque goals. Record breaking crowds are expected to make their way to Civic Stadium on Friday and Saturday.

By the way, suspensions in time can be very deceiving. For example, at this time of year a six month suspension can mean as little as six games, unless the player under suspension is to be barred from field hockey next summer. A year's suspension could mean about 20 or 25 days.

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Ice 2 — L. Munro, R. Leard, D. Sorrie, C. Nicholson vs P. DesRoches, L. Furness, E. Duvall, G. Nicholson.
8 p.m.
Ice 1 — H. Robbins, C. MacKinnon, K. Sullivan, E. Shaw vs H. Matheson, A. MacLeod, H. Moar, John MacDonald.
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