

FIRST ROUND FINISH

Youthful Mauro Vazquez of Mexico, winner of all his 20 fights, smashes Canada's Armando Savoie down against the ropes in the first round of their scheduled 10-rounder at Los Angeles. The referee stopped the fight in a moment later with the former Canadian-lightweight and welterweight champion again slumped to the canvas. The time was 2 minutes, 29 seconds of the first. Vazquez weighed 133½ and the loser 135.

As a result of the last-minute decision, two-man teams representing 32 countries will stick together through the four-day event. Fred Corcoran, tournament director of the International Golf Association, already had announced the change to the press when the committee reversed itself on the grounds that the proposed system would be "too confusing." Corcoran said the local committee had approved the new system.

New System For Canada Cup Golf Matches Is Rejected

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The international championship and Canada Cup golf matches Monday night rejected a new system of pairings after first saying that would be used on two days of the 72-hole competition starting Thursday.

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

NEW YORK RANGERS, who just a few weeks ago couldn't buy a win in the National Hockey League are burning up the loop these days.

The New Yorkers went into Montreal on Saturday November 8 with an unimpressive record of only two wins in thirteen starts. They had tied five contests and lost six. Chances of breaking their slump didn't appear bright as they took the ice against the Canadiens. Twice they had three-goal bulges on the Stanley Cup leaders and blew them. But they hung on long enough to grab a 6-5 verdict and right then and there the victory march was on.

THE NEXT NIGHT they went into Boston Gardens and crushed the faltering Bruins 5-1. Saturday they played hosts to the Bostonians and again beat them 4-2. Sunday they took on the league leading Canadiens and edged the Montrealers 2-1. That made it four victories in four starts and right now the men of Phil Watson are in third place one point back of the Bruins. However, the Rangers have a game in hand on Milt Schmidt's gang.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS forgot entirely about their Saturday supremacy when Detroit Red Wings visited there this past weekend. In the two previous meetings between these clubs, the Wings had not been able to even make the red light glow. On October 25 in Toronto the Leafs had blanked the Red Wings 3-0. A week ago last Sunday Billy Reay's outfit hung a 2-0 blanking on the Detroit club right in their own backyard. On those performances, it didn't seem likely that the Red Wings would be able to spoil the Saturday night shows at Maple Leaf Gardens.

WELL THE WINGS did turn spotters and whipped the Leafs 4-1 before a stunned Garden crowd. Detroit played good hockey and Toronto turned in a horrible performance to lose a great chance to close up ground on the Balck Hawks and Red Wings. The next night the Leafs left the comforts of home and invaded Boston Gardens where they were good enough to hold the Beantowners to a 4-4 tie.

This week the Leafs have two games and both are against the rampaging New York Rangers. Wednesday the clubs tangle in New York and Saturday they renew the feud in Toronto.

The Leafs could be in for a really tough time with Chagate and company going the way they are. Watson sees a chance to go higher in the standings and the fiery Phil wouldn't want an outfit like the Maple Leafs to be stumbling blocks. But then hockey games don't always go the way they are predicted. Every club knows how true that is and Rangers could find the Maple Leafs the toughest customers they've encountered for quite some time.

We'll know better about 11:15 Saturday night how tough those Leafs were.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING of Charlottetown's new curling rink is set for Wednesday night, November 26.

The new five-lane rink came about because of the tremendous player interest in this great game, an interest that far outtaxed the facilities available heretofore at the Charlottetown Curling Club.

The man who was the driving force behind this project was Dr. Wen MacDonald, one of the province's outstanding curlers and several times skip of British Consols winners in this province.

Dr. Wen started the new-ink agitation last May and after several meetings, the decision to build was arrived at. Dr. MacDonald had associated with him on the building committee Dr. Lem Prowse and Andy Bagnall and all three worked their hearts out to make sure that things would be in readiness for a November opening. And they have accomplished just that.

THE OVERALL LENGTH of the new rink is 156½ feet. The width is 80 feet. The ice surface will be flooded by 22,000 watts from 64 hanging tube reflectors. The banquet hall wall has been taken out and replaced with a glass wall through which spectators may watch the games in progress on the five ice lanes. Additional spectator space is provided on the east and north ends of the rink.

With these splendid new facilities, the Charlottetown Curling Club should surpass all previous seasons in the way of providing curlers with the maximum of enjoyment. Nothing has been spared to make the new rink the very finest. It will serve more curlers, something that just had to be done when you consider the increased membership each year. New applications for the 1955-56 season have now passed the 80 mark.

Everybody connected with this energetic project deserves the plaudits of every curling fan. It's a terrific accomplishment and one that stamps the Charlottetown Curling Club as one of the most progressive in the Maritimes.

Here's wishing the curlers a tremendous season.

THE OTHER DAY we reported in this column that Solly Hemus had lost personal property (about \$150 worth) while his St. Louis Cardinals were beating Japan's All-Stars.

Well it's happened again and this time nearer home. While St. Francis Xavier University were edging Lakeshore Alouette Flyers on Saturday in Montreal in the Eastern Canada intermediate final, thieves rifled their locker room and made a fairly substantial haul. Seven players lost wrist watches, wallets and other personal items. In addition an undisclosed amount of cash was taken.

Well, if you can't lose one way, there's always some guys who can come up with another way.

It's Tough At The Top For Ballymoss

LONDON (AP)—It's tough at the top—even for a race horse like Ballymoss.

The four-year-old American-owned colt has been variously described as "great," "fabulous," and the "horse of the century."

Now the British flat season has ended and some mild debunking is going on aimed at cutting Ballymoss down to size.

"I cannot rate him (Ballymoss) as highly as Ribot (the Italian thoroughbred) or certain other giants of the past," commented Tim Nickalls in The Sporting Life—the bible of British horseracing fans.

Hotspr, the London Daily Telegraph's horse racing writer, said he rated Ballymoss an outstandingly good four-year-old over 1½ miles "but not in the Ribot class."

Ballymoss won £85,124 (\$238,347) this season for his Philadelphia owner, John McShain—a record for a European-trained racehorse in one season. Six days ago Ballymoss finished third in the Washington, D.C., International at Laurel, Md.

Many experts argued that Ballymoss' defeat at Laurel made no difference to his value because that race was decided on a track with sharp bends—entirely different to tracks on which Ballymoss has been brought up.

Ballymoss won eight races out of 17. He blossomed into a champion Europe's two richest events this season—England's King George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth Stakes and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

AHL Secretary-Treasurer Parleys Hobby Into Job

By BEN OLAN

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP)—The sign on the lamp post in front of the two-story house in West Hempstead, N.Y., read "J. Ellery, American Hockey League."

Once inside the seven-room structure, it's only a few steps down to the basement.

"Come into my office," said Jim Ellery.

The basement floor is carpeted. Pictures of hockey players adorn the walls and there are enough typewriters, filing cabinets, desks and mimeograph machines around to keep more than a few people busy.

This is where Ellery works. He lives upstairs with his wife, Estelle, and their seven-year-old daughter, Nancy.

Ellery is secretary-treasurer and publicity director of the AHL, a six-club professional circuit with teams in Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y., Cleveland, Hershey, Pa., Springfield, Mass., and Providence, R.I.

LAWYER HEADS LEAGUE

The president of the league is Richard Canning, a Providence lawyer. Canning makes decisions on player suspensions and other matters of a legal nature.

Ellery does everything else including sweeping the office. He makes up the schedules, handles the finances and bookkeeping, maintains the player statistics, writes and edits the annual AHL press and radio guide and signs cheques for payment to referees and linemen.

Ellery also doubles as a minor official in the National Hockey League. He has worked as a goal judge, penalty timekeeper and official scorer for New York rangers' home games in Madison Square Garden.

Ellery, 44, and a native of New York City, parlayed a 25-cent piece and a hobby into his job. "I saw my first hockey game in the Garden in 1926 and paid 25 cents," he recalled. "That was a special rate for high school boys."

"I began keeping my own statistics on the Rangers just as a hobby. But some years later I met Davey Kerr (former Ranger goalie) and he suggested that I show my figures to Lester Patrick (coach). Patrick immediately hired me as the Ranger statistician.

He was with the Rangers for five years and after he got out of the army was hired as AHL statistician.

Packers Have Found Their 'Moscow Legs'

MOSCOW (AP)—Canadian hockey coach Jack O'Reilly says his Kelowna Packers have found their "Moscow legs" after a hard practice session and would give a good account of themselves in tonight's match with the Soviet Wings club.

O'Reilly said Monday night his men had suffered from the strangeness of the city, the Russian players and the food before their first match but after the practice session appeared to be in top form.

George S. Dudley, secretary-manager of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, said he had no regrets over the Canadians' 4-3 loss to the Central Sports Club of the Soviet ministry of defence in the opening match of the five-game series Sunday.

"Ten men in the Soviet lineup were members of their national team that toured Canada last year."

Riders Will Seek Change In Playoff Arrangements

By BERNARD DUFRESNE

OTTAWA (CP)—The Big Fox football league's playoff arrangements will be changed next season if Ottawa Rough Riders can bring the other clubs to a way of thinking.

The Ottawa club, which feels it is at a disadvantage under the present playoff schedule, plans to ask that the three-game playoffs be spread over three Saturdays, instead of 10 days as now.

J. P. (Jim) McCaffrey, Rough Riders' general manager, said Monday that under the present arrangement the team getting the bye into the final—the first-place club—"automatically gets the championship."

The present playoff arrangement provides for a semi-final between the second- and third-place clubs on the home grounds of the club finishing second.

The game is played in mid-week, immediately after the end of the regular schedule under the present weekend, with the winner starting the two-game, total-points final series the following Saturday.

HEAVY SCHEDULE

This means the winner of the semi-final plays three games in eight days, with only four days' rest between the end of the 14-game schedule and the semi-final.

"It's too much to expect any team to play three games in eight days and be physically and mentally rested for the third," says line coach Bill Smith.

Riders finished the regular season with a game at Hamilton a week ago Saturday, travelled to Montreal for the sudden-death semi-final last Wednesday and after only three days' rest opened the two-game final at home against Hamilton Tiger-Cats Saturday.

It was a breeze for Tcats, who won 35-7 and now carry a comfortable 28-point bulge into the first game of the final series, in Hamilton next Saturday.

"EARED WORST

Rider coach Frank Clair warned before Saturday's game that it would be asking a lot of a team to come up with a winning performance with only three days' rest after the semi-final.

He gave his players Monday off, but went ahead with planning for the second game of the final in Hamilton.

He reviewed the films of Saturday's game, then called a meeting to go over their mistakes.

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Injuries May Hamper Bombers In Game Wed.

WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg Blue Bombers worked out on a snow-packed practice field Monday, priming for the second and possibly deciding game of the Western Interprovincial Football Union final series against Edmonton Eskimos.

Bombers scored a 30-7 victory at Edmonton Saturday in the first game of the best-of-three final. The second game is Wednesday night at 8 p.m. CST (10 p.m. AST), and the third, if necessary, 2 p.m. Saturday.

Coach Bud Grant's elation at the comparatively easy win was tempered by the doubtful condition of two top backfielders—speedy Leo Lewis and crash full-back Charlie Shepard.

READY TO PUNT

Lewis, one of the individual stars of the Winnipeg victory, severely sprained his big toe of his left foot when he fell on a Winnipeg fumble late in the third quarter. Shepard tore a muscle on the hip the first time he carried the ball Saturday.

Manager-trainer Jim Ausley

while he was at quarterback. Grant refused to take the Edmonton squad lightly although Bombers have beaten them in each of their five encounters this year.

Eskimos were expected to arrive here today.

A tarpaulin covers the playing field at Winnipeg Stadium where some 18,500 fans are expected to attend Wednesday night's game.

Bombers devoted part of Monday's practice session to defensive formations to combat the Eskimos with Canadian quarterback Don Getty at the Edmonton helm and elusive Jackie Parker in a halfback slot. The Eskis switched to a rock-ribbed Winnipeg defence contained Parker

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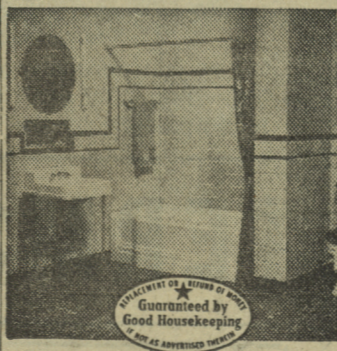
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