

Rangers Hope To Replace Canucks On Top Of League

By MEL SUFRIN
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NEW YORK (CP)—New York Rangers brass candidly conceded Tuesday that Montreal has probably the best team in hockey, but then had the temerity to suggest they may oust the Canadiens from first place in the National Hockey League in the next couple of days.

The Rangers, in second place three points behind Montreal after one of their most successful road trips in years, meet Montreal at Madison Square Garden tonight and then go to Boston to play the Bruins Thursday while the Canadiens are idle.

A pair of victories would put them alone in first place, an intoxicating thought for a team that hasn't finished higher than fourth in 13 seasons.

"If we get hot we might be in first place Thursday night," coach

Phil Watson said at the Rangers' hockey luncheon. He made the comment after manager Muz Patrick had described the Canadiens as "the best team of super-stars in many years, the most colorful and best club in hockey today," adding as an afterthought: "We think we can beat them."

Ranger officials were all smiles as they considered the possibility that they may have a team in the playoffs for the first time in six years.

TIED MONTREAL

Tied with Montreal in goal output, the Rangers are the only team with a better than .500 average on the road. Their mark is four wins, three losses and a tie, including two victories and a draw on their most recent trip. The Canadiens are exactly 500 away from home.

Watson went back 16 years to the 1939-40 Ranger team to find some comparison with the clubs performance this season. That Ranger team, for which Watson played, won the Stanley Cup after finishing second and at one stage went 19 games without a loss.

Like that team, Watson said, the current Rangers have "spirit, fight and guts."

They respect Rocket Richard, Jean Beliveau and other Montreal aces of course, he added, "but they're not discouraged, they're not downhearted, they're not afraid."

The coach said Lorne (Gump) Worsley has been the backbone of

the team since a game here Oct. 23 when, although the Rangers defeated Chicago 5-4, he admitted: "I stunk up the joint." In five games since then he has allowed only six goals, including last Saturday's 3-0 shutout over Toronto, while his mates have scored 14.

Watson said another reason for the team's success is that he has plenty of good centres, including Dave Creighton, third in the NHL scoring race, Larry Popein, Bronco Horvath and Don Raleigh.

He said his forwards have been checking and even the usually placid Danny Lewicki stood up to Toronto's tough Ron Stewart Saturday.

Patrick summed up in general terms. He said the Rangers have spent a lot of money for talent and a number of players brought up too soon from the farm system have finally matured into pro talent.



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Doug MacPhee Nets Three To Pace Caps' Victory

FREDERICTON (CP)—Fredericton Capitals strengthened their third place in the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League Tuesday night by downing the trailing Moncton Hawks 5-1 as Doug MacPhee fired three goals.

His first two were assisted by playing coach Hughie Campbell, who also helped a tally by Buck Whitlock. Bill McDonagh counted the other Fredericton goal.

Bob Bowness shot the lone Moncton marker in the first after two by MacPhee.

John Leclerc, former Amherst centre, made his first appearance with Hawks.

First period: 1. Fredericton, MacPhee (Campbell, Whitlock) 6-10; 2. Fredericton, MacPhee (Campbell) 6-43; 3. Moncton, Bowness (Dorrington, Hennessey) 12-10.

Second period: 4. Fredericton, MacPhee (Leclerc, Macdonald) 5-36.

Third period: 5. Fredericton, Whitlock (Campbell, Miles) 10-59; 6. Fredericton, McDonagh (Leger)

Maritime Senior Ch'ship At Stake

Nomads-Acadia Play Here Saturday For Rugby Title

The Charlottetown Nomads will play the Acadia Hatchmen here on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock in a sudden-death game for the Maritime Senior Rugby Championship, it was disclosed last night by officials of the Charlottetown Club.

In response to public demand the Charlottetown club has gone all out to bring the Maritime Senior finals here.

Second period: 4. Fredericton, MacPhee (Leclerc, Macdonald) 5-36.

Third period: 5. Fredericton, Whitlock (Campbell, Miles) 10-59; 6. Fredericton, McDonagh (Leger)

The winner of Saturday's game is scheduled to meet the Acadia Axemen in a game on Saturday, November 19 for the McCurdy Cup. The Acadia Axemen are the Maritime Intercollegiate champions.

On Monday night under the direction of coach Dr. Frank Jelks the boys held a "skull practice" at Prince of Wales College. Last night they held a stiff workout on the Queen Charlotte High School field, and Thursday night they are holding another strenuous practice session.

With at least two games left to play the Nomads would welcome any financial support which might come their way. Anyone wishing to forward a contribution should get in touch with coach Dr. Frank Jelks or any of the following club members: J. Elmer Blanchard, J. E. (Ebbie) Devine, Earl Nicholson, Bill Ledwell, George Scantlebury and Des Burge.

Prince Co. Sport Echoes

Town Council Decision Good News To S'ide Fans

Hockey fans will be delighted at the meeting of the Summerside Town Council, that artificial ice is now a certainty at Raceway Stadium, and is expected to be ready at Christmas. We think the new Island Hockey League should go over big with both Charlottetown and Summerside having artificial ice, insuring that games will not be postponed unless blizzard conditions prevent travelling, and if the past few winters are any criterion, this will not happen too often.

We want to congratulate the Summerside Town Council for taking this action and cannot see how any of Summerside citizens could object to such a step. Of course, we, being connected with sports, may be prejudiced, but we say that the idea of having an artificial ice rink in Summerside was a good idea from the start, and the town's participation in such a project is right and natural. But even if we take the other side of the argument, and maintain that the idea was a mistake, the mistake, if any, was made when the town got involved during the building of the rink, not now. If there were any who objected to the idea, that was the time to make their objections heard.

The position of the Town Council before their recent decision was much like a base runner who decided to steal second. It might be the wrong time to steal, but once he has committed himself, and left the first sack on his way to second, it is too late to hesitate then. The only wise thing he can do is to keep on full speed ahead. Surely there is no one who will argue that the council should have left the Raceway Stadium in its present condition, with natural ice in a cycle of mild winters. It would be nothing but a "white elephant" under these conditions. So we think the council was wise in its decision, and that all fair-minded citizens will feel the same way.

Maritime - Maine Bowling Scores

NED GLASGOW, (CP)—Scores in Tuesday's play of the Maritime-Maine bowling tournament (points in brackets):

Fifth Round
Fredericton 1,501 (4)
Minto 1,438 (0)
New Glasgow V-8's 1,439 (1)
Halifax Conn-Martel 1,479 (3)
Moncton 1,433 (3)
Houlton 1,375 (1)
Halifax Imperials 1,490 (0)
Sydney Post-Record 1,554 (4)

Sixth Round
New Glasgow V-8's 1,457 (0)
Houlton 1,477 (4)
Moncton 1,500 (2)
Halifax Conn-Martel 1,510 (2)
New Glasgow All Stars 1,461 (1)
Halifax Imperials 1,470 (3)
Minto 1,429 (1)
Dartmouth 1,471 (3)

George Buckman Is Speaker At Fish-Game Meet

Mr. George Buckman, Deputy Commissioner of Fish and Game for the State of Maine, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the P. E. I. Fish and Game Association held last evening with President T. M. Gillies presiding.

In his address Mr. Buckman outlined the principles of conservation and propagation of wildlife in his state.

Mr. Buckman, an ardent sportsman, is making his fifth hunting trip to P. E. I. He is a former high school principal and was the owner and trainer of the hunting dog "High Jacket", who for many years was the champion setter of the eastern states.

Stewart Jones introduced the guest speaker to the meeting, attended by 50 members.

Harry "The Hat" To Manage Texas League Team

HOUSTON, Tex., (AP)—Harry "The Hat" Walker, who managed St. Louis Cardinals the latter part of last season, Monday announced as the new manager of Houston Buffaloes of the Texas League.

Walker started the 1955 season as manager of Rochester and then moved to the Cardinals to replace Eddie Stanky.

Walker had discussed taking over the managerial job at Toronto next year before deciding on Houston.

He succeeds Mike Ryba who has been signed as a scout for the Cardinals next year. Walker's older brother, Dixie, managed the Buffs in 1954.

Bosox Pennant Bound

Senators Get 5 Players In Deal With Boston Sox

By HERR ALTSCHULL
WASHINGTON (AP)—Moving swiftly to rebuild the Washington Senators, the club's new president, Calvin Griffith, Tuesday acquired five young players from the Boston Red Sox but had to surrender two of Washington's old pros, Micky Vernon and Bob Porterfield.

It was a 5-for-4 deal as the Senators also gave up left-handed pitcher Johnny Schmitz and reserve outfielder Tommy Umphlett. Quite obviously, the Red Sox are bidding for the pennant in 1956, since the Boston club can't expect too many years' service from its new players.

Vernon will be 38 in April, Schmitz will be 35 later this month. Porterfield has been having difficulty winning for the last two seasons after a 22-game year in 1953. Umphlett apparently was a throw-in. He came here from the Red Sox two years ago and never hit over .229.

In return for these players, the Senators acquired three pitchers and two outfielders, all 25 or younger, but none with much of a major league record. The biggest name among the five belongs to

outfielder Karl Olson, whom Griffith already has labeled Washington's centre fielder.

The other outfielder is Neil Chrissy, a lefthander who batted .320 with Nashville of the Southern Association last year. The three pitchers, all righthanders, are Dick Brodowski, Al Curtis and Truman Cleveland.

Chrissy, the youngest, is 22. Cleveland and Brodowski are 23 and Olson and Curtis 25.

Griffith asserted that the deal was being arranged before the death last month of Clark Griffith, from whom Calvin assumed the club's mantle last week.

BIGGEST NAME

The Senators' manager, Chuck Dressen, said he hated to let Vernon go. "He's one of the nicer fellows and a good team player... in this trade we either had to give up Vernon or no trade."

Vernon is obviously the biggest name in the trade. One of the American League's all-time stars at first base, Vernon twice won the American League batting championship and wound up last year at .301.

It has been no secret that Porterfield was anxious to leave Washington. He and manager Chuck

Ramblers Edge Beavers 3-2 To Stay Atop League

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP)—Amherst Ramblers notched farther ahead of the pack in the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League here Tuesday night with a 3-2 win over Saint John Beavers.

It was the sixth Amherst win in the local rink, where they have been playing home games while their own arena was used by the Maritime Winter Fair. The fair moved out during the week-end but ice is not yet ready.

Tuesday's game was the fastest between the two teams this season. The score was 1-1 after two periods and 2-2 midway in the third when Bernaquez got the

winner on a pass from Kennedy and Brilliant.

Beavers pulled out goalie Shirley in the final minutes but returned him after Brklacich got a penalty.

First period: 1. Saint John, Kullman (Kuzma, Puddicombe) 10-45.
Second period: 2. Amherst, Brilliant (Schmidt, Leyte) 57-13:05, Reid 16:09.
Third period: 3. Saint John, Kuzma (Puddicombe, Kullman) 7:54; 4. Amherst, Gray (White) 12:43; 5. Amherst, Bernaquez, (Kennedy, Brilliant) 14:50.
Penalties: Power 2:18, Reid, Kullman 17:09, Brklacich 18:57.
Stops: Shirley 26; Leclerc 18.

CARS OF OUR LINE

By Earle G. MacLeod

In the past we've talked a bit about safety, speed laws and the testing of cars. But, as the old saying goes, the most important part of a car is the nut behind the wheel. Bad driving, I've always felt, comes more from not knowing the rules than from outright cussedness.

For driving on the open highway the three things that worry us most, I think, are how closely should you follow? How much room should you allow to pass? How can you defend yourself from bright lights?

When the driving is good, the weather clear and the highway fairly straight, the best rule is to allow one car length between you and the fellow up ahead, for every 10 miles an hour of speed. At 50 miles an hour, therefore, you should be at least five car lengths behind.

At 60 miles an hour it takes at least 10 seconds to pass another car and you should have at least 600 feet of clear, straight road ahead. Keep in mind that for safe passing you need the length of two football fields, a long, long way. (I'd sooner be driving it than running it.)

The rule on headlight glare is better known: keep your eyes on the right hand side of the road. That keeps you on the road and helps to keep the light out of your eyes.

And, of course, every nut in the car—except the one behind the wheel—should be thoroughly tight. A sound, reliable car is not only a big step towards safety in itself, it gives you, as the owner, a peace of mind that brings happier, safer driving. That's why the cars on our used car lot are tested, tightened and tried, before they're ever shown to you.

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