

SPORTS FRONT

Wants To Battle Gaseous Cassius

By KEN MACPHAIL

Don't know whether any of you fight fans knew or not, but Billy Walker, a British heavyweight, knocked out Ray Patterson, a younger brother of famous Floyd in the eighth round of their London encounter on Tuesday night.

Walker now says that he's got his eyes firmly fixed on Cassius Clay's world title. "I don't say that I can beat him first time," Walker said modestly. "But I can certainly give him a really hard fight." His second statement certainly remains to be seen, his first, of the "under" variety.

However, Walker seems to be the type of pugilist who thrives on the roars of a crowd. He was far behind on points, according to news releases regarding the bout, but then the assembled multitude lent its voice to the situation, and Walker came on with the ferocity of a caged lion and had the heavier Patterson so badly battered that the referee was forced to stop the slaughter at 1:45 of the eighth.

We saw Walker on some kind of a profile television show within the past few months, and he certainly impressed us. He's 27 years old and has had 26 professional fights, winning 19, losing 5 and fighting to a couple of stalemates. The result of this battle with Patterson will probably do little or nothing to boost him in the ratings, since as far as we know, Ray is not listed as a contender. But he bears watching. His next fight will no doubt be with Britain's champion, Henry Cooper, and the man who has become merry old England's biggest drawing card could find his name among the rated heavyweights should he dispose of Cooper in convincing fashion.

COACHES QUERIED

National Hockey League coaches were asked recently about the biggest disappointments in their respective careers. Here's a bit of how they replied. Canadiens' Toe Blake: "It came in my sixth year as coach of the Canadiens in the playoffs after the 60-61 season. We were tied 2-2 in games with Chicago in the semi-final series and the fifth game was in Montreal. I figured we had a very good chance but the players must have been complacent, because we were shut out, 2-0. Next game was in Chicago. We were shut out, 3-0 again." This meant elimination and ranked him on Blake's list of disappointments. Toronto's Punch Imlach: "Losing four straight to Canadiens in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs last Spring. I would have to say was my biggest disappointment. It was the worst playoff record we have had since I've been here as coach. It was terrifically disappointing the way our stars didn't come through. Tomorrow we'll give you what the others considered to be their greatest setbacks.

THIS AND THAT

fers Handruss has evened his record up in the Puerto Rican winter baseball league. Vern has struck out 41 batters in the 15 innings he's worked. . . . Marcel Prosser had a younger brother named Jess who is probably not becoming over with brotherly love at this time. Jess plays for Oklahoma City Blazers, a Boston affiliate, and everybody knows what Marcel did to Bobby Orr. . . . Mac Draboway, Baltimore Oriole star who used to pitch for Truro in the old H and D league in Nova Scotia, will receive the Headline Award of the Chicago baseball writers at their annual banquet in January. . . . Parents of players in the Charlottetown and District Junior Hockey League will be extremely pleased with the action taken by the executive and business leaders to prepare for their seasonal examinations in their respective hallowed halls of learning. The motto "education comes first," is certainly important, and league officials are to be highly commended for their devotion to it. . . . The announcement concerning the boys' hockey period will be greeted with much enthusiasm by the youngsters and parents alike. The first of his kind ever staged in the Maritimes, the school will stress the fundamentals of the game with heavy emphasis on skating. Dates for the school are Dec. 23, 24, 25, 27, 28 and 29th. The best of coaching and business leaders will be available, and all boys from the ages of 7-15 inclusive, are eligible to attend. Registration forms will be distributed to minor hockey groups and anyone wishing more information can call either Ed Hillier or Jack Kane at St. Dunstan's University. Santa Claus highly recommends that all youngsters break in their new hockey gear by attending this school, which promises to be superlative, indeed. But remember, register early to be sure of getting in on it.

Keough To Take Royal's Steam?

SUMMERSIDE — Borden's hopes and assisted on two, while Bobby Perry hit pay-dirt twice and assisted on four others. The penalty stats are most interesting. They show that general Gerald Smith has amassed a total of 43 minutes in the penalty box (including two 10-minute misconducts, and three majors). Next on the Aces are Wendell Grady, Wayne Trainor, and Rich Gallant, with 8. What intrigues Borden so early in the season is that they can take over undisputed possession of second place with any kind of win over Charlottetown tonight. They also would even their season record at 2-2. The usual large Friday night crowd is expected to be on hand for the contest that may decide many things in future weeks, including whether or not the league needs to be balanced from the top down. Charlottetown look impenetrable but it's been done before with determination and the will to win.

Canadiens Lose Game Twenty

HALIFAX (CP) — St. Catharines Black Hawks of the OHA Junior A series snapped Halifax Canadiens' winning streak at 19 games here Thursday night, trouncing the Halifax Juniors 3-3 in an exhibition game before 6,000 fans. Although outshot and outplayed through much of the game, the Black Hawks made no mistakes on their scoring opportunities, taking a 2-0 lead in the first period and leading 4-2 going into the third. They held a wide edge in the final 20 minutes. Jerry Korab and Vic Teal led the Hawks with two goals apiece. The others were scored by Maurice L'Abbe, Steve Latinovich, Ron Anderson and Bob Sienicki. Halifax goals were scored by Archie MacDonald, Bob Shannon and Rod Bossy. Canadiens, trailing 2-0, caught fire briefly at the 14-minute mark of the second period. MacDonald and Shannon scored with 33 seconds of each other and the fans showered the ice with debris following Shannon's goal. Korab's first goal at 15:29 of the second period was the winner.

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Rangers Come Uphill To Defeat The Institute 6-5

At 18:07 of the third period, Wilbur Birt scored his only goal of the game to break a 5-5 tie between the Provincial Vocational Institute and Rogers Rangers to give the Rangers a hard-won victory. The goal came on a play set up by defenceman Bob Stewart who shot the puck into the goal-mouth giving Birt the opportunity to deflect it. The battle was an uphill won for the undermanned Rangers. They were missing goalie Francis McNally, defenceman Doug Munnahan, and forward Rex McCarville; all three are preparing for term exams at Saint Dunstan's University. Sub-goalie Eddy Gallant kept the Rangers alive for the two opening periods as PVI marksmen did everything but get the puck past him. Typical of this Junior League, this game was another third period revival. Though the first two periods, play was listless, the two clubs only coming alive in short-lived bursts. At the end of the second, it was 3-2 for the Institute. Scoring in these opening periods were Paul Gallant in the first, and Alden Cameron in the second with two. Ranger goals were by David Munnahan, scoring the game opener; and Ron Carmichael with one in the second. In the third period, Herman McQuaid opened the scoring to give PVI a 4-2 edge. The Rangers came to life with three goals between the eight and the thirteen minute marks to take over the lead with a slim 5-3 score. PVI kept the Ranger defence, led by Stewart and Bob Younker, working desperately to break up what looked like a sure PVI takeover bid and it was almost successful. David Mitchell scored at 15:33 to tie the game for the second time on a hotly contested goal. Play was held up while the Rangers protested unreasonably that the goal was offside. Two minutes later Birt got his single to win the game. Seven penalties were called in the game including a ten minute misconduct to the Institute's Paul Stanley.

Yankees Trade Maris For Smith

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Yankees traded outfielder Roger Maris, the former home run king and twice Most Valuable Player in the American League, to St. Louis Cardinals Thursday for infielder Charlie Smith, a former New York Met. It was no secret that the Yanks, who finished last in 1966, were trying to unload the 35-year-old right fielder who broke Babe Ruth's record of 60 home runs in a season by hitting 61 in 1961. Maris that year drove in 143 runs and hit .269 in capturing the MVP award for the second straight season. He won it first in 1956, his first year with the Yankees after being traded by Kansas City Athletics, when he closed 39 homers, drove in 112 runs and batted .283. In the last couple of years he Smith, 28, is a third baseman who will try and fill the hole left by the Yanks' trade of slick-fielding Cleo Boyer to Atlanta Braves for outfielder Bill Robinson. Smith hit 10 homers, drove in 43 runs and batted .266 in 116 games for the Cards in 1966. A pro since 1957, he played briefly for Los Angeles Dodgers, Philadelphia Phillies and Chicago White Sox before going to the Mets in 1964.

Vancouver Man In Charge Of Minor Takes Managership

VANCOUVER (CP)— Dennis Veitch, 24, who spent five years working on minor league football for the British Columbia Lions, was named Thursday as general manager of the Western Football Conference club. He will replace Herb Capozzi, general manager since 1967 and now a politician. "He was highly recommended by a number of prominent football people and has also demonstrated that he can get along with our coaching staff and players," said Alan Eyre, Lions president. No salary was mentioned. Capozzi, elected Social Credit MLA for Vancouver Centre in the Sept. 12 provincial election, announced in August he would retire from the Lions effective Jan. 1. Veitch has made a career of football at a minor level. The loss of an arm at an early age hampered him in advancing beyond junior and intermediate football as a player. He had a background as a coach and demonstrator in minor football before joining the Lions in 1963 as minor football co-ordinator.

MARITIME RACING

SACKVILLE DOWNS, N.S. (CP) — Sackville Downs Thursday announced a major expansion program for the suburban Halifax Harness Racing Track. The track announced plans to build a \$200,000 clubhouse and restaurant facility, scheduled for completion in time for the 1967 season. The clubhouse, to be located opposite the finish line, will seat 200.

Chicago And New York Win For First Place Tie

BOSTON (CP) — Doug Mohs scored three goals Thursday night as Chicago Black Hawks trounced Boston Bruins 10-3 in a National Hockey League game. Officials twice reversed a decision on Mohs' last-second goal, first giving it to him, then taking it away, and finally returning it to the original decision. The victory propelled the Hawks into first place, tied with New York Rangers, who beat Detroit Red Wings 4-2 Thursday. Toronto Maple Leafs fell to third. Mohs scored his last goal just as the buzzer sounded to end the game. It first was reported that the goal would count, then it was said it would not. Finally it was allowed to stand. Referee Vern Bueley ruled that Mohs' third goal of the night had gone into the net after the final buzzer but after the game, Brian O'Neill, an administrative assistant to NHL president Clarence Campbell, conferred with game officials and players and ruled the puck had entered the net before the final buzzer. NOW HAS 36 Stan Mikita, gunning for team-mate Bobby Hull's scoring record of 97 points set a year ago, connected for his 12th goal and picked up three assists. The slick little centre increased his total to 36 points in just 30 games. Thirteen players were involved in the Chicago scoring parade. Rookie defenceman Ed Van Impe scored his fifth and sixth goals of the season, Ken Wharram scored his 12th, and the Hull brothers, Bobby and Dennis had one each. Phil Esposito also had a goal. Ron Stewart and Ed Westfall scored for Boston, winless in the last seven games. Mohs, a former Bruin, scored the first goal after 3:23 of play and then finished the biggest scoring outburst of the season with two in the final minute. The fifth-place Bruins averted a shutout on Stewart's sixth goal in the second period. Westfall added the second Boston goal in the third. The Hawks peppered Boston goaltenders "Ed Johnston and Gerry Cheevers with 43 shots. Hawk goaltender Glenn Hall had 29 saves. First period — 1. Chicago, Mohs 2 (Stapleton) 3:23; 2. Chicago, Van Impe 5 (Maki, Esposito) 6:40; 3. Chicago, Esposito 2 (Nesterenko, Jarrett) 17:06; 4. Chicago, Wharram 12 (Mohs, B. Hull) 19:45. Penalties — Bucyk 8:54, Stapleton 11:22, Marotte 18:52. Second period — 5. Chicago, Van Impe 6 (Mikita) 2:32; 6. Boston, Stewart 6 (Martin, Westfall) 14:06; 7. Chicago, Mikita 12 16:01. Penalty—Woytowich 17:39. Third period — 8. Chicago, B. Hull (Boyer, Stapleton) 4:38; 9. Chicago, D. Hull (Pilote) 11:51; 10. Boston, Westfall 3 (Stewart, Martini) 12:43; 11. Chicago, Mohs 3 (Mikita) 19:16; 12. Chicago, Mohs 4 (Mikita, Wharram) 19:59. Penalty — Green 7:19. Shots on goal by Chicago 15 10 18-43 Boston 10 11 10-31 DETROIT (CP) — The high flying New York Rangers, who have lost but one of their last eight games, moved into a first place tie with Chicago Thursday night by beating the hapless Detroit Red Wings 4-3 in a National Hockey League game. The Rangers, who have lost only two games—both to defending champion Montreal Canadiens—since mid-November, got goals from Harry Howell, Don Marshall, Earl Ingarfield and Rod Gilbert in whipping the Wings. Ted Hampson and Gordie Howe replied for the Wings, who are in last place after having won only one of their last nine starts. Marshall's goal was his 12th while Gilbert counted his 11th for New York. SETS UP FIRST Ingarfield assisted on the first goal by Howell in the first period, then followed Marshall's goal with his own in the second period. It proved to be the winner. Howe tied the game in the first period with his fifth goal of the season. Hampson put a bit of life into the wings in the third with a goal that made it 3-2 for New York, but Gilbert scored the clincher slightly more than one minute later. Howe assisted on Hampson's goal. The Wings, who were badly out of position on the goals by Gilbert and Marshall, lost a fight as well. DECKS MARSHALL Orlando Kurtenbach dropped Bert Marshall with a couple of clean punches when they mixed it up in the second period. Detroit, despite its lead in the second, fought back in the final period, outshooting New York 12-4. However, New York goaltender Ed Giacomin was not while Roger Crozier faced 10 fewer shots at the Red Wing nets but failed to stop four. Jean Ratelle, playing in only his second game of the season, assisted on Gilbert's goal. Ratelle, third highest scorer for the Rangers last season, had a back operation earlier this year. He rejoined the club for Tuesday's game in New York. SUMMARY First period — 1. New York, Howell 5 (Ingarfield, Brown) 4:26; 2. Detroit, Howe 5 Hampson, Delvecchio) 5:30. Penalties — Boivin 7:03, Brown 11:43. Second period — 3. New York, D. Marshall 12 (Nevin) 1:38; 4. New York, Ingarfield 6 (Fleming, Hillman) 11:02. Penalties — Cullen 16:03, B. Marshall, Kurtenbach majors 18:38.

Shack Under Observation

MONTREAL (CP) — Eddie Shack, Toronto Maple Leafs' left winger, remains under observation in the neurological wing of the Montreal General Hospital today as the result of a head injury sustained Wednesday night. Shack collided with Ted Harris, Montreal Canadiens' defenceman, in a National Hockey League game which the Montrealers won 5-3. He was cut above the right eye for 15 stitches as a result of the collision and was carried unconscious from the ice. Harris said after the game he thought his shoulder had hit the Toronto player and that he too had been "knocked dizzy" by the impact. Imlach said "it was the worst cut I've ever seen but it was not as bad as you think, nothing else." He said he thought Shack was cut when his head struck the ice.

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Rural Minor Hockey

Following is the schedule for Rural Minor Hockey: Friday, Dec. 9: Bantam — 6:00 — 6:45 p.m. Beavers vs Tigers. Midget-Juvenile — 6:45-7:30 p.m. Comets vs Falcons; 7:30 — 8:15 p.m. Jets vs Racoons; 8:15 — 9:00 p.m. Bears. Saturday, Dec. 10: Paperweight — 7:00 — 8:00 a.m. Ice 1 — Flyers vs Seals; Ice 2 — Canucks vs Blades; 8:00-9:00 a.m. Ice 1 — Clippers vs Aces. Saturday night: Pee Wee — 6:00 — 7:00 p.m. — Bruins vs Wings; 7:00-8:00 p.m. — Hawks vs Rangers; Bantam 8:00-9:00 p.m. — Lions vs Cougars.

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