

Toronto Argonaut Oarsmen Set Sights On '60 Games

Hunter's Corner

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tion and reports I gather that we have, at a minimum, twice as many Huns as we had last season. Some of the boys scoffed at this scribe when I stated flatly that our Hun crop last season was well over 1956. Don't get any ideas fellow hunters that all you have to do is wander afield and shoot your daily limit of 5 in a few hours. They are still hard to find and also have learned a few more wrinkles in the art of out-witting hunters.

GEESSE PLENTIFUL
Wildgeese are here in good numbers but I am very doubtful whether we have as many geese rific pounding on the opening day last year. On the evening of September thirtieth, 1957, I counted an approximate twelve hundred geese in a field at Village Green. They took a terrific pounding on the opening morning and this fall geese are conspicuous by their absence in the district they were so attached to last October.

I'd rather a pair of black ducks over a goose on the opening morning any time. I wouldn't go as far as to state that I'd refrain from shooting if a flock swung within range but one seldom bags a good table goose before October 15th. I do not yearn for a goose when its skin is bluish and stretched drum tight over its breast bone. A covering of sparse black down does not add to its appearance. There is no point in shooting geese and then throwing them away as happened with geese shot on the opening morning last year.

I begin to get goose hungry in earnest when November ushers in. I've shot geese in December whose necks creaked when I lifted them from the stubble. They felt as if they were filled with lead and when I plucked them little blobs of fat were attached to the feather quills. There are sometimes exceptions.

Last fall on Thanksgiving morning four of us dropped 5 geese out of a flock that had been grain fed for a month previous. They rested in the middle of Keefe's Lake between feeds. We were in competition with three other "rigs" that morning and the goose lasted better than ever after I learned that the owner of an adjoining rig of decoys done an Indian War Dance after we stole the show on him. In the hunting game one has to take the bitter with the sweet.

INCREASE SHOW
Pheasants show an increase in

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Not all is football, hockey and baseball these autumn days. Consider the case of 16 dedicated Toronto Argonaut oarsmen who have set their sights on a gold medal effort for Canada in the 1960 Olympic Games at Rome.

The youngsters, many of whom are in their teens, work out every Sunday on ice-cold Lake Ontario. When the ice comes they'll sweat it out on the indoor rowing machines.

"Our long-range plan is to send an eight crew to Rome and these kids now are fighting for places in the boat," says Club Captain Jack Russell, a member of the Argonaut eight that represented Canada in the 1952 Games at Helsinki.

STEADY GRIND
"They'll work out once a week, 52 weeks a year until the trials for the 1960 Olympics," Russell says. "There are two crews and it should be a tremendous fight for positions on the eight to be chosen."

The Argonaut drive started early in the summer after the University of British Columbia eight won the British Empire Games trials. "We lost to a better crew, fellows who were in better condition, but it will be a different story when trials are held for the 1960 Olympics," Russell says.

Leafs Claim Dave Creighton

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Maple Leafs Thursday claimed centre Dave Creighton, placed on waivers by Montreal Canadiens. He was the second National Hockey League player acquired by Montreal from New York Rangers this summer to be offered to other clubs.

some districts but are scarce or practically non-existent in others. Some observers place the pheasant on a par with last season which was nothing to brag about. The Ruffed Grouse (Native partridge) are more numerous than last season and it was the best for quite a few years. Our grouse had a very favourable hatching season this spring which accounts for the continued upswing in numbers.

to be in better condition than our crew, and that's going to be real tough.
"Our boys are a bunch of non-entities now but we promise that people in Canada will know them after the next Olympics."

TEAM TO BEAT
With the opening of the National Hockey League schedule only a few weeks away, every expert in Canada and the United States says that the Stanley Cup Champion Montreal Canadiens are the team to beat.

There has been talk of breaking up the Canadiens the last two years so that other clubs might be on more of a level with the Montreal club, but Phil Watson, New York Ranger coach, doesn't go along with this idea.

"It's the same way with the New York Yankees in baseball," says Watson. "We won't beat them this year. We're gaining ground on them but it will take time. The only way is to try to get up to their level."

Meanwhile, the talent-rich Canadiens aren't worrying coach

Toe Blake who has set a target of 250 goals for his club over the 70-game season.

"If we get that many, we'll win the championship," he told Elmer (Montreal Star) Ferguson.

"Just before the start of last season, I asked the team for 230 goals," he said. They came up with 250, despite long absences through injury of Maurice Richard and Boom Boom Geoffrion. "If those two hadn't been hurt and if Jean Beliveau hadn't missed 15 games, we likely would have had 275 goals," Blake added.

CLEAR ATTITUDE
Ronnie Knox, the much-ballyhooped quarterback Toronto Argonauts of the Big Four got on loan from Chicago Bears last week, is a candid young man.

On arrival in Toronto last week he told reporters he's still "more interested in acting than in pro football."
"I got the call to come up here so I decided to come up and have a little fun, play some games and help out if I can."



SAME AMBITION

There's a crowd when only one goal is at stake, but each of these goalies has high hopes of winning the net-minding job with the New York Rangers. Last year's

goalie, Gump Worsley, left, is shown with his rivals, Marv Edwards, Marcel Paille and Larry Knox. A fifth candidate not pictured is junior all-star Bruce Gamble.

Filchok Boasts Of Unique Record

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Speaking of professional football coaches—and who isn't these days?—there's one member of the Filchok worriers club who hasn't received a knock this year. Quarantucci Club members wouldn't risk second-guessing him and he is publicly toasted by his directors.

This unique fellow is Frankie Filchok, and he can boast of a unique record. His Sarnia Golden Eagles Union have played five games and won them all. He has become the only undefeated and untied senior team in the country.

Filchok is an old smoothie. He bounced around from New York to Regina and other such "sophisticated" football centres in Montreal, Hamilton and Edmonton in a colorful playing and coaching career, but he isn't accustomed to such affection as he is receiving now.

GOING HIGH
Along with other members of chosen profession, he's taken his share of hard raps. And he still conceivably get them at times if his Bear go sour on him later on in the season, but at now he's the "good guy" to cheer Bear fans.

It's a matter of record he coached Edmonton Eskimos to the 1952 Grey Cup, the first time the Eskimos reached such heights in 30 years. Before the team arrived in Toronto for the playoffs against the Argonauts he was that his services weren't wanted by the club for 1953. He caught on with Saskatchewan Roughriders, got the club to Western Conference playoffs in consecutive years and was named in 1957 when the Roughriders finished fourth and out of the season series.

The ORFU is minor league compared with the Big Four and Western Interprovincial Football Union, but Filchok conceivably could step up again in 1959. There'll be room if executives of so-called major league teams were to routine.

Over the last 25 years at least 10 coaches in the Big Four and ORFU have been fired each year. The way things are going, 1958 could not be an exception.

COMPLAINTS

Danny Lewicki, signed by Montreal Canadiens when New York Rangers failed to put him on their protective list earlier this year, says he wasn't bothered by Ranger coach Phil Wat-

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son's public castigation of some of his players. Left - winger Lewicki told Red. Montreal Star Fisher:

"The first year I joined Rangers we finished out of the playoffs, so I went home with nothing. As soon as Watson came along he got us into the playoffs three years in a row, so there was some extra money waiting for us at the end of the season. I have no complaints."

Still on hockey. Coach Toe Blake of the Stanley Cup champion Canadiens, told many times that there's nothing quite as easy as coaching a team of superstars such as the Habs, pulled a stunt in the team's dressing room the other day, says Fisher. Blake moved little metal pieces in various formations on a board designed in the shape of a hockey rink. A few players watched as Blake explained several attacking patterns.

Asked later by a visitor what it was all about, Blake replied with a grin:

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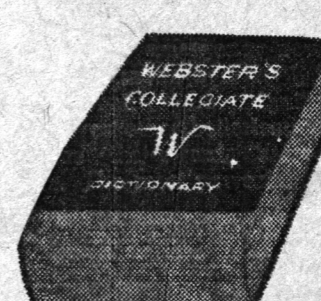
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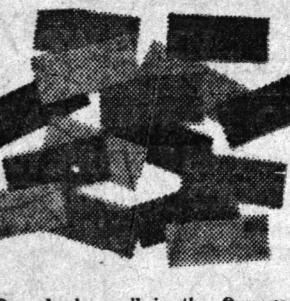
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