

Cup Controversy Develops Over Decision To Play Sat.

By JIM PEACOCK

TORONTO (CP)—Was it right or wrong to start the Grey Cup football final in the face of a late decision to play on Saturday? The decision to play on Saturday was made by the Canadian Football League's contract with an American television network which telecast the national final across the United States?

Arguments over these questions swirled with the fog here over the weekend—and they probably will continue indefinitely as a result of the unprecedented situation that developed.

The Grey Cup game, eventually won by Winnipeg Blue Bombers 29-7 over Hamilton Tiger-Cats, for the first time made a serial, starting Saturday and finishing Sunday.

Much of Saturday's play—nineteen minutes and 29 seconds were played Sunday with no change in the scoring—was obscured from the fans by fog which eventually became too dense on the field at the lakefront stadium to continue play. The field was clear Sunday but only 15,000 of the 22,555 who'd been in the stadium returned to the stadium.

ARGUMENTS CONTINUE

Football executives, reporters and fans debated the situation at length.

Some suggested the game should not have been started in the face of the fog threat, but they were in the minority.

The majority agreed with the decision to start the game but said it should have been called at halftime since fog by then had already made it difficult for fans to follow the field action.

Some said the whole weird situation made the 1962 Grey Cup one of the most unique and exciting sports events in years.

"I wouldn't have missed this for anything," said George Francis of the Boston, Mass. Herald, who came from the U.S. to see the game.

"It's a unique first in sports—the first time in history they've given out fog checks."

CLAIMS TV INFLUENCE

Jack Matheson, sports editor of the Winnipeg Tribune, stirred up a tempest among football executives when he said Saturday in a television interview that Canadian football had sold its soul to an American TV network, gambling public relations in the U.S. against the fans in the stadium.

His inference was that the decision to play despite the fog was made largely because of the U.S. television deal. Commissioner Sydney Halter and president Jake Gaudaur of the Canadian Football League, who made the decision to play, termed the suggestion ridiculous.

The ABC television arrangement had nothing to do with the decision, Halter said. "That

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SAT. NHL SUMMARY

CANADIENS 2 CHICAGO 1

Third period: No scoring. Penalties—Mikita, J. C. Tremblay 9:57; Bellevue 12:30; McDonald 15:35; Talbot 15:23; Pilote 17:27.

Saves: 10 14 10-24
Hull 9 5 13-27
Plante

TORONTO 2 BOSTON 2

First period: 1 Toronto, Armstrong 9 (Mahovlich, Keon) 6:22; 2 Toronto, Duff 5 (Armstrong, Keon) 11:42; 3 Toronto, Mahovlich 12 (Kelly) 15:47; 4 Toronto, Kelly 17:25; 5 Boston, Williams 5 (Oliver, Bucyki) 1:24; 6 Toronto, Pufford 5 (Harris) 4:33; 7 Toronto, Mahovlich 13 (Nevin, Kelly) 5:08; 8 Toronto, Nevin 5; 5:51; 9 Toronto, Shack 5 (Beau) 14:01; 10 Boston, Letier 1 (Mohns, Pennington) 18:12. Penalties—None.

Saves: 10 12 13-35
Bower 7 8 8-23

Acadia Crushes Saints 65-24

GREENWOOD, N.S. (CP)—Acadia University Axemen defeated St. Dunstan's University of Charlottetown 65-24 in a Maritime Inter-collegiate Basketball League game here Saturday.

Sassie and Franconer scored 12 points each for St. Dunstan's.

should have been obvious from my statements when I announced the game would go on. "I announced we were gambling strictly on the account that there were thousands of fans here from out of town who might not be able to stay another day to see the game. It was done because the weather man assured me there would be no improvement the next day in the fog situation."

When the decision was taken Saturday, he added, "there was no disagreement from any where."

Gaudaur, key figure in negotiating the contract with the American Broadcasting Company to carry the Grey Cup game on its U.S. network, said the deal "had absolutely nothing to do with our decision."

REVENUE NO FACTOR

He said the purpose of the U.S. telecast was to get exposure of Canadian football there. Revenue to the CFL—estimated at about \$36,000—was negligible.

"The ABC crew here had sat up all Friday night editing film of the Montreal-Hamilton eastern final for use in case the Grey Cup was postponed," Gaudaur said. "We'd have had the U.S. exposure anyway."

The ABC did telecast the Grey Cup game, as far as it went Saturday, on a delayed broadcast as its feature Wide

Bombers Dressing Room Scene Of Pandemonium

By GRAHAM COX

TORONTO (CP)—The dressing room of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers was a scene of pride and pandemonium after they successfully defended their Grey Cup Canadian football championship against Hamilton Tiger-Cats with a 29-7 victory Saturday.

The game, which started Saturday and was postponed because of fog with 9:29 remaining, was completed Sunday.

Coach Bud Grant gave all credit for the victory to his players.

He patrolled the dressing room, parrying questions from reporters, calmly shaking hands with his players and offering them his congratulations.

"We'll never forget our 1958 victory because it was the first Grey Cup for Winnipeg in 17 years," he said. "This isn't a better feeling, but a different feeling."

"Willing today was retribution for yesterday," MICHAEL DUNKED.

Line coach John Michels, on his way to an unscheduled shower at the hands of his linemen, shouted: "I don't have any comment, but they can take the words wallop and whomp out of the dictionary now."

Hamilton coach Jim Trimble, before the game, said his Tiger-Cats would "wallop and whomp the team from the west."

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