

Canada's Medal Drought Likely Ended On Nov. 30

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PERTH, Australia (CP)—Canada's five male swimmers have been plunging into the British Empire Games pool for the last 28 years in a frustrating search of individual gold medals.

But the drought is likely to end Nov. 30, by pin-sized medals in Vancouver, where Mary Stewart will be 17 until December.

Miss Stewart has the credentials to back up the predictions of the experts. She holds the

women's 110-yard butterfly record of 1:07.3. There is not a girl swimmer in the Commonwealth who has come within four to five seconds of that.

Swimming coach Ed Healy of Montreal will not make any prediction himself, but there is no concealing his confidence in his young charge when speaking of her.

"Mary's in a class by herself," Healy said Monday. "To me she's looking better than ever, but before anybody starts talking gold medals he must

remember that a bad start, a slip on the turns could ruin things.

TURN UPWARD
Miss Stewart's chances took a big upward turn following the Australian pre-games trial Sunday. The Aussie top 110-yard butterfly swimmer was nearly six seconds behind the Canadian.

Healy has looked at the other teams training here and has not seen anyone comparable to the Vancouver girl.

"The only swimmers close to

her are the Americans and they are not here," he said.

The last individual gold medal won by a Canadian female swimmer was in 1954 when Phyllis Howar of Vancouver captured the 100-yard and 500-yard freestyle events.

The women's 110-yard butterfly heats will be held Nov. 28, with the final two days later.

HEALY PLEASSED
Canada's swimming team tried out the spanking new 600-seat pool here Monday and Healy was pleased with the altitude of all the team members.

"All of them want to win. We encourage them along, try to keep morale high and keep them in condition. I can't even attempt to teach them anything new. The swimmers are holding out each other on turns."

Healy is tapering off the workouts as the opening of the games approaches. He has been calling two workouts a day, but after Monday was cutting down to one.

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Cup Series Is In Doubt


TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)—The Mexico versus India Davis Cup tennis series was in doubt Monday after Air France told Mexican captain Pancho Contreras that all internal air services in India are cancelled for civilian traffic.

The Mexicans were due to leave Israel for New Delhi this evening and were scheduled to catch an Air India connection for Madras from there.

Contreras told the Associated

Press Monday night that he would travel by train from New Delhi since because of the "extremely long and tiring journey," the Mexicans were not willing to go to Madras even if this were possible.

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'DO MY BEST' SAYS SCHMIDT

Milt Schmidt Replaces Watson As Bruin Coach

BOSTON (AP)—The shocked Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League, winner of the Stanley Cup last Monday replaced Phil Watson as coach with the man he succeeded—Milt Schmidt.

Although the club's position—sixth in the six-team league—indicated a change might be forthcoming, the action came a jolt to the principals.

"I can't comment very exten-

sively at this time," said General Manager Lynn Patrick. "I just hope that the coaching change will help us play better hockey."

Watson, formerly of Montreal, has the remainder of this season and next to go on his three-year contract.

Schmidt said Watson's status in the organization will be decided within a few days.

"I haven't given the matter

too much consideration because the news came to me completely out of the blue," Schmidt said. "I'll definitely give my best in the job as I always have done to the limit of my ability."

WILL DO BEST
"I'm going to do my best to get top efforts from the players. A few of them may need a change in attitude. I plan to have a meeting with the squad in the near future. I want them to get a few things off their chests and I'm certainly going to get some off mine."

Watson, former New York Rangers star and teammate of Patrick and his brother, Murr Patrick, was not available for comment.

His resignation in effigy by fans at Boston Garden Sunday night when the club dropped a 2-1 decision to Detroit Red Wings. Watson took over the Bruins before last season when Boston failed to qualify for the Stanley Cup playoffs for the third straight year.

He was charged formerly from Kitchener, Ont., was an all-time NHL great on the famed Boston line with Porky Dunbar and Bobby Bauer.

He became coach in January 1955 and remained in that position through 1960-61. After he was relieved of his coaching job was talent scouting for Bruins.

Patrick said Schmidt's re-appointment were not made public. He is still operating under the coaching contract, which runs out at the end of this campaign.

BGG Plans No Change In Regulations

OTTAWA (CP)—The Board of Broadcast Governors said Monday night it does not intend to change its regulation which requires the CBC to carry the CTV television network's Grey Cup telecast complete with commercials.

The board issued a statement following an executive meeting that "having no knowledge of any agreement" between the CBC, the CTV network and sponsors who hold the TV rights to the Dec. 1 football game "it intends that its regulation stand."

"The purpose of the board was, and still is, to enable as many Canadians as possible to see the Grey Cup game," the statement said.

Dr. Andrew Stewart, BGG chairman, said in an interview no further board meetings are planned to discuss the question.

He said the board has not heard of any indication of agreement and said that if the CBC should broadcast the game without commercials, as the publicly-owned corporation has announced, the board would consider the action a deliberate violation of its ruling.

However, he declined to specify what action the BGG might take against the CBC.

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Alouettes Concerned About Injured Stars

MONTREAL (CP)—The condition of Ted Elsbey, Bobby Jack Oliver, and Don Clark was a concern today at the camp of Montreal Alouettes.

All three were hurt in Saturday's game here with Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Coach Perry Moss of the Alouettes said immediately after the game, won 28-17 by Hamilton, that it appeared Elsbey would be unable to play next Saturday in the second game of the home-and-home series for the Eastern Football Conference championship.

Today a club spokesman put Oliver and Clark in the same category.

"We're not counting on any of them," he said.

This raised the possibility that Joe Francis and Jack Eveshine might dress.

Elsbey suffered a shoulder injury in the second quarter Saturday and left the game.

Clark twisted his right knee in the same quarter went back in for a play or two, and then spent the remainder of the afternoon running up and down the sidelines trying to limber up.

INJURED RIB
Oliver complained of a rib injury but played the entire game. He missed one game during the schedule, quarterback Sandy Stephens filled in as kicker.

Eveshine missed most of the

season with elbow and forearm injuries. He is a corner linebacker.

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