

Aces' Manager Not Perturbed By First Loss

CALGARY (CP)—Punch Imlach is not perturbed. He says his Quebec Aces still have a trick or two up their sleeves and may yet turn up trumps in their series against Calgary Stampede for the Duke of Edinburgh Trophy.

The Quebec League champions were a weary lot when they ragged the Western League squad in the first game of the series here Tuesday. They had arrived but a few hours before.

Imlach thought his troupe did not measure up to the standard they set during the regular season.

"The players were tired from the long journey," he said, "but the boys thought they were tired and therefore weren't giving a 100 per cent effort."

The Aces' general manager had nothing but the best to say about his hosts.

"Calgary impressed me no end. They are a highly polished hockey club and we have our work cut out for us if we intend to take the Edinburgh Trophy back with us."

Imlach added the series is not going to be a "joy ride" for either club despite Tuesday's top-heavy score.

FEW TRICKS READY
Stampede are a pretty hockey club but we have a few more tricks up our sleeve as well," he said.

Imlach is highly pleased with the strong recuperative powers of his squad. He's willing to bet Quebec's city hall that if the series goes the full nine games, Aces will be a shoe-in for the trophy.

"How does he think the series will go?" "If we should cop the next pair of contests Stampede will have to work like demons to stop us. However, the shoe could be on the other foot, too."

Though they got through Tuesday's clash unscathed, Quebec rearguard Bill Burega is considered a likely starter for tonight's game. Forward Lorne Nadeau, ex-Vancouver stalwart, also sat out the first contest.

There was no indication Wednesday whether Calgary would be able to use ace centres Pat Lundy and Ray Barry, both sidelined with injuries. Lundy may be back in harness Saturday but Barry may be through for the season.

With these two out, coach Frank Currie is expected to turn out the same line-up as in the first game.

Horse Shows Evidence Of Drug, Loses Purse

BOWIE, Md. (AP)—Track stewards Wednesday took away the first-place purse won by Will See in the \$10,000 added Kindergarten Stakes at Bowie last Saturday and said the horse showed evidence of a drug after setting a track record.

Rumors Fights Being Probed

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Post, in a story written by Jimmy Cannon, said Wednesday district-attorney Frank Hogan is investigating three recent New York fights supposedly fixed by a syndicate of gamblers.

(Commenting on the report, Hogan's office said it is not investigating "so-called fixed fights" and has not done so in the recent past.)

The New York State Athletic Commission is helping Hogan in the investigation, The Post said. It also said that a search to trap the leaders has been conducted secretly for some time.

The Post said at least one principal in one of the fixed fights has had his license to box in New York, state revoked.

Trainer James Watts was suspended and his case referred to the Maryland racing commission. No action was taken against Will See's owner, Carl M. Graham.

The two-year-old ran the five furlongs of the Kindergarten in 58 3-5 seconds, beating Auburn farm's Powder Flak by four lengths and clipped four-fifths of a second off a record set by Equipose 22 years ago.

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Penticton V's Plan Shot At World Title

VANCOUVER (CP)—Penticton V's, now playing in the Allan Cup finals, are planning a bid to take a shot at the world hockey championship.

A request to represent Canada next year in the world hockey championships will be entered at the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association starting here Monday.

Penticton radio station CKOK and the Penticton Herald have guaranteed \$10,000 to cover players' loss of wages during the two months the team would be away from home.

The proposed tour scheduled would include six weeks of exhibition games and two weeks for the championship tournament.

Maurice Fennerty, the radio station owner, Tuesday opened the drive to get Penticton the nod for the trip.

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LIVING COSTS UP IN MARCH FOR FIRST TIME IN SIX MONTHS, OTTAWA REPORTS

OTTAWA (CP)—Higher charges for keeping clean and healthy—along with the government's jump in postage rates—boosted living costs in March for the first time in six months.

Food prices continued to drop. But the cost of medical, dental and hospital care rose, along with such toilet items as soap and shaving cream, pushing the consumer price index up by one-tenth of a point to 115.6, the bureau of statistics reported Wednesday.

It was the first rise in the cost of living yardstick since the half-point climb last September. Since then it has been generally slipping, dropping by a fifth of a point in February. The index, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, reached a peak of 118.2 in December, 1951.

The March survey showed that the cost of food—which takes up a big portion of the average household budget—is continuing to decline. The food sub-group dropped by three-tenths of a point to 110.4, following a point drop in February. The all-time high was 122.5 in November, 1951.

BUTTER, BEEF DOWN
Egg prices declined substantially in March, and there were other decreases for butter, beef, fresh

pork, veal, fresh tomatoes, celery and potatoes. These countered higher tags for coffee, tea, oranges cured pork and shortening.

Rents edged up slightly, but this increase was balanced by a decline in home-ownership costs and the shelter column remained unchanged at the peak of 125.6.

A few scattered increases added a tenth of a point to the clothing column which rose to 109.0, still well below the high of 115.2 in November, 1951.

Higher costs for cleaning supplies, countering lower prices for electric irons and lawnmowers, pinned another half point on the household operations column which rose to a record 118.1.

The miscellaneous column, "other commodities and services," rose by three-fifths of a point to a high of 117.2, influenced by higher service charges, including the government's one-cent boost on city and out-of-town mail.

NEW BRUNSWICK TAX DROP
Also causing some shifts was New Brunswick's drop in the sales tax to three per cent from four and British Columbia's increase to five per cent from three.

On the wholesale side, prices for industrial commodities showed

strength in April, but those for farm products eased.

The industrial materials index, based on 1935-39 prices equalling 100, rose to 224.6 on April 23 from 222.5 on March 26. The farm products yardstick, also based on 1935-39 prices, dipped to 203.6 from 206.2.

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