

# Canada's Davis Cup Team Stands Very Poor Chance

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Don Fontana, who should know, says Canada's 1959 Davis Cup tennis team hasn't much chance of advancing beyond the second round. He won't get much argument there.

Canada's team, which hasn't been chosen yet, meets the winner of the Australia-Mexico round at Montreal July 24-26.

"We'll likely have to face Australia in the second round," Fontana told Harry (London Free Press) Eisen. "If we do, well, the Aussies are tough, to say the least.

"Our chances aren't very bright."

Fontana, from Toronto and a

four-time member of Canada's Davis Cup teams, said he "hoped" to be named to this year's team.

"I think Bob Bedard of Sherbrooke, Que., will also be named," he told Eisen. "But I can't even make a guess about the others."

As possibilities, he mentioned Paul Willey of Vancouver and Jack Swan of Vancouver who now lives in Toronto.

Signing of quarterback Randy Duncan by British Columbia Lions of the Western Interprovincial-Football Union apparently is helping to sell a lot of season tickets. The Lions got the Iowa State quarterback in a deal with Ottawa Rough Riders of the Big Four Union.

"Despite the miseries of the past few years in the field plus ominous signs of decline at the box office, all is now glittering and light and prosperity in the new Lions' office," says Eric Whitehead (Vancouver Province) Whitehead.

Whitehead quotes general manager Herb Capozzi as saying about the Duncan deal:

"Patrons who cancelled their tickets last season now are fighting to get back in. They have been unhappy because we couldn't land the 'big name,' but now that we've done it, they've apparently decided to forget and forgive."

"Already, we are half way to 20,000 ticket sales. That's nearly 20 per cent up on last year's

pace, when we went over the 15,000 mark in season sales."

Everything was bright in Toronto and Hamilton, too, over another off-season signing that sent Cookie Gilchrist of Saskatchewan Roughriders to Toronto Argonauts. Cookie, a colorful figure both on and off the field, went to the Roughriders from Hamilton Tiger-Cats last season and general manager Lew Hayman of Argos snared him in a trade announced last week.

CNE DRAWING CARD

Bob (Hamilton Spectator) Hanley, commenting on the deal, said that Hayman needs Cookie to "help fill the big new Canadian National Exhibition Stadium" in Toronto. It has a capacity of nearly 34,000.

"For that matter," adds Hanley, "Tiger-Cats need him as a visitor to help fill their own stadium."

"The real winners in the re-introduction of Cookie to the Big Four will be the Argonaut and Tiger-Cat clubs."

Red Storey who went to Europe with Boston Bruins and New York Rangers, is amazed at the attitude of the fans.

"Can't understand the fans over here," Storey said in a postcard to Milt (Toronto Star) Dunnell. "They even appreciate the officials."

This is a new tack for Storey who quit his National Hockey League refereeing job during the Stanley Cup playoffs. He's been taking verbal abuse from fans, players and club officials for years.

## Hunter's Corner

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one point on the eastern shore of Kings where 52 lobster boats fished from last season 78 put to sea on the opening morning this year. As one veteran fisherman remarked: "It was hard to distinguish where one line of markers began or left off." Dissatisfaction is also voiced by fishermen regarding the number of under-sized lobsters retained and the number of traps allowed per fisherman.

NO LIMIT

I was informed that there is no limit to the number of traps any one fisherman may set out at the present time. Several expressed the opinion that the limit should be set at 500 and the law respecting under sized and spawn lobsters should be rigidly and impartially enforced. According to one informant, who is in a position to know for he fishes lobsters for a living, 9 out of 10 fishermen never return anything. He went on to explain that the growth rate of lobsters was phenomenal and in his opinion if all under sized lobsters were returned to the water it would mean a minimum of a quarter of a million pounds of marketable lobsters the following season. At 30 or 35 cents per pound this would mean a revenue to the fishermen of close to one hundred thousand dollars.

I told several that it was up to the law abiding fishermen themselves to remedy the situation as the future of the lobster industry was in the hands of the fishermen themselves. One fisherman who always measures his catch complained to me that one morning a short time ago it was pouring rain when the boats returned with their catch. The Fisheries Inspector was waiting for the first time this season. He told me the Inspector never

moved... just sat in his truck. He ended with the comment: "He was afraid of the rain". This remark sort of nettled me. I replied: "You now better then that. He wasn't afraid of the rain. He sized the situation up and was afraid of what he was going to find and of the howl that would reach up to the skies and repercussions that would follow." I've been through the mill myself and I can't say that I blame the guy.

The major dawn raid by Fisheries Officers and R. C. M. Police at Alberton recently came as a surprise to everyone and the result is awaited with interest. By result I mean the extent of penalties meted out. Poaching with regard to Fish and Game or Commercial interests can be stopped pronto if the full weight of the penalty sections are employed. Under the Migratory Birds Convention Act for instance the penalty covers both

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fine and imprisonment with a minimum of thirty days. For a major offense an offender may be jailed for 6 months without the option of a fine. The Act provides a minimum penalty of \$10.00 or 30 days or both fine and imprisonment for each and every offense.

Some years ago in the States an offender was found in possession of 110 ducks in close season. The Federal officer who made the seizure laid one hundred and ten informations and he was fined \$10.00 and costs on each count. Over twelve hundred dollars. By the same yard stick the spring shooter who bragged recently of killing 9 geese and 3 brant in three shots was apprehended the minimum fine could have been \$120.00 and costs and 12 months in jail. Think this angle over boys.

# Robinson May Have Won Legal Battle For Crown

NEW YORK (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson may have scored a legal victory in his battle to keep the New York State Athletic Commission from vacating his world middleweight boxing title.

Lawyers representing Robinson and the commission reached a "voluntary agreement" Thursday behind closed doors in the chambers of Justice Charles D. Breitel in the appellate division. Terms of the agreement, still to be approved by Robinson and the commission, were not disclosed.

Assistant Attorney-General Irving Gault said acceptance by the 35-year-old boxer and the three-man commission would bring an end to litigation.

WITHDREW APPEAL

Martin J. Machat, Robinson's lawyer, went before Justice Breitel Thursday to appeal for a stay of the State Supreme Court order requiring the fighter to sign by

today for a defence against Carmen Basilio. Gault said the application had been withdrawn and the interim agreement had been reached.

If the agreement delays action by the commission, scheduled to meet this morning, it will be considered a victory by Robinson.

Robinson has been stripped of his crown by the National Boxing Association. The New York deadline for Robinson to "enter" into articles of agreement to defend against Basilio is today.

Although Robinson signed Tuesday to fight Basilio in Philadelphia Sept. 21, one most important ingredient was missing. That was Basilio. Robinson is reported to be ready to assuage the ex-champ from Chittenango, N.Y., on the \$200,000 and \$250,000 to meet him in Philadelphia, but Basilio is waiting for New York action.

TOURIST MAGNET

The Eiffel Tower in Paris, reaching 984 feet, has averaged 1,000,000 visitors every year since the Second World War.

# Campbell Breaks Own Speed Mark

CONISTON, England (AP)—Speed king Donald Campbell Thursday zoomed to a world water speed record of 260.35 miles an hour in his jet-powered Bluebird. He announced he plans to try for 300 in Canada next year.

Campbell's new mark — his sixth in just over three years — easily beat his old record of 248.62 mph set on Lake Coniston last November.

The 37-year-old ace, son of former British speed king Sir Malcolm Campbell, has his eye on the land speed record too.

He will try to shatter the record of 394.2 mph on Sept. 3 next year at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. The late Sir John Cobb established the record there in 1947.

PERFECT CONDITIONS

Coniston, in the heart of Britain's scenic lake district, was in perfect condition Thursday. The water was like a mirror, the day bright, the sky blue.

Campbell's first run over the measured kilometre (five-eighths of a mile) was 275.15 mph. He roared back in 265.55 mph. The record is the average of the two runs.

Campbell did not intend to go for a record until later this month. He made a rapid change of mind Wednesday night after a trial run in which he nudged 265 mph.

Campbell said he had no idea as yet where in Canada he would

make his attempt next year. He disclosed that he had discussed the project with Prime Minister John Diefenbaker in private talks last month.

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