

Situation In WIFU Finals Is Same As Last Year

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WINNIPEG (CP)—The cast is the same as last year—Edmonton Eskimos and Winnipeg Blue Bombers. The setting is the same—third and deciding game of the Western Interprovincial Football Union final. Only change is in the site—Winnipeg Stadium instead of Edmonton's Clarke Stadium.

Even the pre-game dialogue runs along the same lines. Winnipeg coach Bud Grant is bemoaning his injuries, while Edmonton coach Sam Lyle, who has since replaced Frank (Pop) Ivy as one of the loads, hopes to keep his team "up" as in the second contest.

That's just about the situation as Bombers and Eskimos prepare for what now has turned out to be a sudden-death affair here

starting at 2 p.m. CST (4 p.m. AST) Saturday. At stake is a berth into the Grey Cup at Vancouver, Nov. 29, against the eastern representative—either Hamilton Tiger-Cats or Ottawa Rough Riders, also to be decided Saturday.

AMAZING REVERSAL
Bombers, who looked like a lock-up after winning the first game 30-7 in Edmonton last Saturday, were clobbered by the same score in their own park Wednesday night in the second game of the best-of-three series.

Both clubs held brief workouts at the stadium Thursday.

After viewing the films of the game, Grant said Bombers missed plenty of chances to win. Grant revealed that Charlie Shepard, hard-plunging import fullback, definitely would not be

in on defence in Saturday's game because of re-injuring his hip.

"Shep will handle the punting duties if he's well enough, but that's even doubtful."

OTHERS ON LIMP
Other Bombers on the limp are end Ernie Pitts, half Leo Lewis, safety Norm Rauhaus, defensive half Keith Pearce and tackle Roger Savoie.

Eskimos appeared to come out of the game in fairly healthy condition, with only the usual minor aches and pains. All-star Jackie Parker suffered a rib injury but it won't keep him out of the final game.

Lyle echoed the remarks of fullback Johnny Bright that the Eskis shouldn't get "all fat and happy." "We've still got to beat them again."

HUNTER'S CORNER

Hun Population On P. E. I. Is Hot Topic Of Gunners

The abundance or scarcity of the Hungarian partridge, in comparison with last season, is a hot topic among upland game bird hunters. It comes up every season with the regularity of day and night. This columnist still maintains that we have double the number of coveys we had last season. A considerable number agree we have more but doubt if the number is double over last year. Our Huns are a question mark at the moment. We had a good stand of breeding stock left over from last season and this was followed by a very favourable winter and a better than normal breeding season. With weather conditions in their favor Huns multiply very fast and, judging from past experience we should have had five times as many this season as last.

The disastrous winter of 1933-34 wiped out approximately 80 per cent of our Huns and yet we had an open season in 1937. In that year we had over five times as many Huns in Queen's County than we have today. The failure of the Hun to come back as swiftly from a set-back as they did in former years may, in this columnist's opinion, be due to several causes and not to any specific one. It is also my firm belief that gunning by a fast increasing hunting pressure is not a major cause. I am willing to admit that we have ten hunters for every one we had 10 years ago and 15 or 20 to one

to what we had in the late thirties.

WAS TERRIFIC
Up until the early forties the Hun kill was terrific. The bulk of the hunting was done in the early morning and late afternoon when the coveys were feeding. It took a few years to wise them up but at first the coveys would sit on top of the stubble like a flock of chickens. I have often got out of the car and saw not one but two coveys, one on either side of the road. A hunter told me one morning, he had just returned from the Malpeque area with 16 Huns stacked up in the trunk of the car, that he and his companion had four coveys in full view on their first stop. No one ever thought of chasing a covey after the first shot if they flew any distance on the rise. It was quicker and easier to drive a short distance and spot another covey from the car. In those days five hunters killed far more Huns in a season than twenty hunters will kill today. I hunt with top field dogs and I am willing to wager that I walked five miles for every Hun I bagged. I never got over two on a trip and half the time returned empty handed.

The Huns have wised up so much over the years that a hunter has to think like a Hun to have any success hunting them. Huns and pheasants have a greater enemy than the in season hunter—the hay mowers. In the

Tennis Star Turns Pro

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Former Australian Davis Cup tennis player Mervyn Rose turned professional Thursday night.

American promoter Jack Kramer said that Rose will not receive a big guarantee for making the jump. He will play on a percentage basis with Kramer's troupe.

Rose was under suspension by the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia for failing to give a proper account of the expenses he received on his overseas tours.

GRANTS RENEWED
MONTREAL (CP)—The Dupont Company of Canada Ltd. Wednesday announced renewal for 1939-40 of its university grants towards training secondary school science and mathematics teachers. The company is to provide 15 grants of \$1,800 each to 10 universities.

I saw their foot prints in snow bound swamps when the below zero temperature caused the trees to crack like pistol shots and in the sun baked dune sands in mid July. I have shot big toms in the woods in mid winter that were as heavy as a vixen fox. Big, rugged creatures furred out in a coat that defied the worst winter could throw at them. A mixture of wool and fur. Huns can take hunting in season in stride but apparently there are some things, or a combination of things, that have them baffled. I feel that changes in weather conditions is their worst enemy but there are others nearly as bad.

RESTS TWO-WAY PLAYERS

Clair Shuffles Lineup For 2-Platoon Strength

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OTTAWA (CP)—Coach Frank Clair Thursday shuffled his lineup into offensive and defensive platoons in an effort to keep his Ottawa Rough Riders as fresh as possible in the last game of the Big Four football final.

Clair said he hasn't enough strength in depth for a full two-platoon system, but has made a number of changes in an effort to rest as many of his two-way players as possible.

That was the latest development in the Ottawa camp as Riders held their final home workout before leaving by train Thursday night for Hamilton where they meet Tiger-Cats in the second game of the total-points final Saturday at 2 p.m. AST.

Clair said his team is going to Hamilton with the desire to at least win the game and cut down the lead.

Some of the changes include almost all-Canadian line on offense, with Jerry Selinger at cen-

tre, Sam Scoccia and Merv Colnebbitt at half, and Canadian rookie Ron Stewart at flying wing.

FREES IMPORTS
Use of Quillian and Stewart on offense will free imports Dave Thelen and George Brancato for defensive work.

Clair said the game "is a matter of pride more than anything else."

Clair was pessimistic about his club being able to overcome the 28-point deficit in the series.

"It's hard to make up that much of a margin. We want to show we're not as bad as we looked."

Ticats practically wrecked Riders' chances of representing the East in the Nov. 29 Grey Cup game at Vancouver by winning 35-7 in the first game of the final here last Saturday, thus taking a big 28-point lead in the series.

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