

Where Will This Year's Grey Cup Final Be Played

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The 50th annual Grey Cup final will be played on Saturday, Nov. 21, but the question before the fans at this late date is: "Where?"

It all boils down to a dollar-a-cent proposition. Reports from Toronto Wednesday said the game may be played out of Vancouver's Empire Stadium and played in the East, at Toronto or Montreal, because of the high cost asked by Vancouver officials.

Before the day was out, people from Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver had something to say. A meeting is scheduled for Vancouver Thursday, at which time the air may be cleared.

Play it at Varsity Stadium where rental is a flat \$20,000, Toronto supporters said.

WHY TORONTO?

"Why Varsity Stadium?" president Ted Workman of Montreal thought asked. He said that officials at McGill Stadium in Montreal "have agreed to a tentative

rental figure which would be a great deal less than the amount Vancouver is talking about for this year and less, to some extent, than Varsity Stadium charged last year."

A statement issued by Orval Cook, vice-president of the Pacific National Exhibition, which operates Empire Stadium, said a contract has not yet been signed but "top executives from the Grey Cup committee, the PNE and the Canadian Football League will meet in Vancouver this week to iron out the misunderstandings which are obstructing final signed agreements."

At Winnipeg, football commissioner G. Sydney Halter said he would attend the Vancouver meeting and hoped "a satisfactory agreement will be reached."

One Toronto report, denied by Vancouver officials, said that operators of the city-owned Empire Stadium had demanded a rental of \$40,000.

Cook said in a statement that terms worked out at a meeting in Toronto last May were unanim-

ously approved.

He said that after the Toronto meeting the PNE sent a contract to Harry McEwen, secretary of the CRU, who met Vancouver officials Sept. 3 and appeared to find the contract satisfactory "after minor changes."

NO OFFICIAL WORD

The PNE then sent the amended contract to Halter but has had no official word from him since, the statement said.

"However, it has since been learned that Mr. Halter disagreed with the terms of the contract and circularized a letter to member clubs of the league, pointing out the items to which he took exception. He has not yet contacted the PNE officially to outline these points of exception."

In Winnipeg, Halter denied Toronto reports that he had written to the nine professional clubs asking for permission to change the site of the classic to Toronto's Varsity Stadium if a rental agreement could not be reached with Vancouver officials.

Lasorda Named MVP For 1958

MONTREAL (CP)—The International League announced Wednesday that Tom Lasorda, Montreal Royals' ace southpaw, has been named the triple A circuit's most valuable pitcher for 1958.

The announcement was made through league headquarters.

Lasorda was the league's leading pitcher with 18 victories. In the voting he nosed out Bobby Tiefenauer, Toronto relief hurler whose earned-run average of 1.89 was the league's best in more than a decade.

Lasorda had 248 points to Tiefenauer's 240.

"There were eight pitchers in the poll, one from each club selected in an earlier primary. Points for the remaining six:

Bennie Daniels, Columbus, 136; Dick Ricketts, Rochester, 133; Freddie Rodriguez, Buffalo, 119; Bob Wiesler, Richmond, 110; Mike Cuellar, Havana, 88; and Mickey McDermott, Miami, 78.

Lasorda, 31, is a native of Norristown, Pa.

Last year's winner was Don Johnston, Toronto righthander who now with San Francisco Giants.

Britisher Says Crew Of Sceptre Eager For Action

NEWPORT, R.I. (CP)—One of the backers of Britain's America's Cup challenger dropped a hint Thursday that the crew of the U.S. defender, Columbia, may be "over-raced and a little stale."

Meanwhile, the weather-beaten professional skipper of the challenger, Sceptre, proclaimed the English crew "fresh, sharp and eager for action."

"Racing crews must be built up to a fine edge like football teams," said Capt. Stanley Bishop. "Our boys are in a perfect frame of mind. They are not tense. They are ready."

Bishop, a 52-year-old sailing veteran from Southampton, will be in charge of the Sceptre when the first of the best-of-seven series begins Saturday. This is Britain's first challenge for the world's most honored yachting trophy in 21 years. It has never left the U.S. since the schooner America first captured it in 1851.

Bishop's father and grandfather took part in unsuccessful cup challenges in the past.

PRESS CONFERENCE

The suggestion of possible stales in regard to Columbia's crew came up at a 35-minute press conference attended by Sir Peter Hoare, a member of the British syndicate that built Sceptre; Cmdr. T. A. D. Beddington, the official spokesman, and Lt. Cmdr. Graham Mann, the helmsman.

Mann was asked if he thought there might be a disadvantage in the fact that Sceptre has not had a single race whereas Columbia has logged 692 nautical miles in 29 elimination races.

"Quite possibly," he replied.

Beddington quickly interjected the comment that there might be disadvantages in Columbia's series of trials, which lasted several weeks, and that the crew might be stale from too much racing.

"Is this wishful thinking or something you got from observation?" Beddington was asked.

"From observation," Beddington replied.

Mann, 34, was subjected to considerable grilling.

Mann said he felt "we have a very good chance of winning."

EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE

Queried on whether he was more or less confident after seeing Columbia in action, he said: "More confident. Something seen is much less awe-inspiring than the unknown."

Mann discussed some technical phases of the Sceptre but clammed up on others, including how many sails she has ready for use. "We wouldn't want to reveal that."

He is pleased with Sceptre's sunken cockpit, a contrast to the American boat's flush deck, and believes it an advantage. Mann said the Sceptre has not shipped water in all her sailing—and, he added, she won't unless heeled to a 50-degree angle, a most unlikely occurrence.

His other observations were that the weather was about what he expected; Sceptre had stolen an idea of jibbing from watching the U.S. crews who cut seconds off the procedure; he is mainly concerned about the fog that hangs in the air.

SCEPTRE IDLE

While Columbia tested herself again against Weatherly, one of the yachts she eliminated in the trials, Sceptre continued to have her sails tidied and hull rubbed down by her crew at the Newport shipyard.

Mann said Sceptre would return to the water late Friday or early Saturday, just before the first race.

Sailing enthusiasts by the hun-

dreds poured into this seaside resort, many of them coming by private boats. The weather, miserably wet Thursday, is scheduled to clear today with winds between 15 and 25 knots.

The opinion still persists among seasoned yachtsmen that Sceptre is a heavy weather boat. She is a foot shorter than Columbia at the water line, some five tons heavier, and carries only 15 square feet more sail.

STARTS IMPORTANT

Much depends on the start and in this respect Columbia has had the opportunity of sharpening up against one of the best crews in the U.S.—that of the 19-year-old Vim which severely tested Columbia in the elimination trials.

Sceptre's crew has been practicing starts against the American yacht Gleam, which has been using her engines at times to give added speed.

There will be two alternate courses—one triangular, the other windward-leeward. The windward-leeward, to be used for the first, third, fifth and seventh races, will be six miles on a leg, twice around the course. The triangular course will be eight miles on a leg, once around.

Probable Pitchers Halifax Woman 100 On Tuesday

NEW YORK (AP)—Probable pitchers for today's major league games (won-lost records in brackets).

National League
Los Angeles at Chicago—Mauriello (0-1) vs Briggs (5-4) or Hillman (4-8)
San Francisco at St. Louis—Gomez (9-12) or McCormick (11-8) vs Mizell (10-13)
Milwaukee at Cincinnati (N)—Jay (7-5) or Willey (9-5) vs Newcombe (6-13)
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (N)—Witt (9-2) vs Cardwell (2-5)

American League
New York at Baltimore (N)—Maas (10-8) vs Portocarrero (14-11)
Washington at Boston (N)—Pascual (8-10) or Valentineti (5-4) vs Brewer (11-12)
Chicago at Kansas City (N)—Wynn (14-14) vs Terry (10-13)
Cleveland at Detroit—McLish (15-17) vs Foytack (13-12)

CZECHS JAIL RIVALS

VIENNA (AP)—A Czechoslovak Communist court at Pardubice has sentenced six workers to prison terms up to 12 years on charges of high treason and anti-Communist activity. Radio Prague reported Wednesday.

HUNTER'S CORNER

Objection Has Taken On Real Practical Form

I note where objection to the extension of the trout season to September 30th has taken a practical form. A notice in the Guardian announces that Reg MacDonald, has prohibited trout fishing in the Big Brook and Grove Pine area of Kings County as of September 16th. Mr. MacDonald is the owner of an extensive trout area in this section that ranks with the best that the province has to offer. I also wish to add that Mr. MacDonald has a practical knowledge of trout fishing to none in the province. Several mill pond owners are thinking along the same line but for the moment are pursuing a wait and see policy.

For approximately 30 years I was actively engaged in the production of our fish and game and during this period I have checked and examined thousands of trout creels and catches caught between April 15th and September 15th. I didn't require thirty years to reach my own conclusions regarding trout. It is my firm belief gleaned from personal contact with trout that they are in the best condition from May 1st to August 31st. Mill Pond trout, according to my findings are at their best during May and June. Unless the mill pond is deep and supplied with a good number of bottom springs combined with natural food in abundance the trout begin to get thin and lose a lot of the flavour peculiar to trout during the mid summer heat. In some ponds they hold up remarkably well.

BEST IN JULY

Salt water trout on the other hand I consider at their best in July and August. I have examined creels of sea trout taken in fresh water streams during the August run that had set with almost a wooden firmness an hour after being creeled. I have balanced pound trout across one of

my fingers that were stiff as poker. After the first week of September I noticed a distinct change in the texture of even salt water trout. It's perhaps hard to describe but they had a flabby feel if not actually soft. By September 15th one was liable to find anything. Here is a specific instance: I once checked the limit of sea trout taken from the pool below the Ross Mill at Sturgeon on September 14th. They were lovely looking specimens in the three quarters to pound bracket. But they were so soft one could poke one's fingers through them. I felt at the time the angler might as well throw them away and save the trouble, and smell, of lugging them home. I later learned they went to mush in the frying pan and smelled like anything else but a rose. The ash can was their final resting place.

JUST CAT FOOD

When a lad on the farm I caught the odd trout in November as bait for my mink traps. They were slab sided, slimy creatures fit for nothing else but mink or cat food. When I hear and read of biologists stating that a year round season on trout would do no harm it leaves me cold. What good will it do or what useful purpose it will achieve except legalize mass trout extermination. Why destroy wildlife that is unfit for human consumption? A farmer wouldn't think of butchering a sow that was about to farrow a litter or cutting up a cow for beef that was due to calve in a couple of months. It would not only be a waste of valuable meat but contrary to the laws of Nature in the bargain.

I feel very strongly that the publicity given the recommendation that a year round season on trout will do the species no harm is a body blow to our sport of angling for trout. Salmon and

smelts spawn in the same manner as trout but there is not much danger of anyone sticking their necks out and advocating a year open season on salmon, smelts and herring lobsters. There are commercial interests involved and the back-lash would be something to hear. Why Dr. Smith added the riders to the year long season on trout to wit: enforce the regulations governing the daily bag limit of 20 trout per day and no fishing through the ice—has me completely baffled.

ARE INDEBTED

We are indebted to our trout biologists for the information that a mature female trout will deposit several thousand eggs during the spawning season and that only an approximately ten percent of the hatched fry survive the early stages of their lives. At that a mature female would produce an approximate 300 of her kind to furnish sport for anglers. I wonder if any biologist will answer this question: "How many daily bag limits of trout would an angler utilize, if, in a single day he caught 20 female trout in the spawning stage."

It has been my experience that too many trout are killed on the spawning beds by poachers as is without legalizing the crime. I have visited spawning springs that had been decimated and the long poles with gaffs attached, hooked over the limbs of trees in readiness for the next poacher. If there were any left to poach. About 15 years ago in late November I visited a spring the head of Wright's Dam. Now Andrew's at East Royal. There were 28 or 30 large trout on the spawning bed. Some were in the five pound bracket and when they scooped into the shallows their backs were above the water. I went back between Christmas and New Years and what a mess! I found that both the entrance and in readiness for the next poached off wire. There was one small trout left and it was hiding under a log. A Jeep had backed down to the spring edge. I suppose to have the take loaded aboard, and got bogged down. It must have taken the poachers an hour to get it jacked out and then

Rangers Sign 2 More Regulars

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP)—The signing of two more of last season's regulars plus the stamp of approval put on this year's training camp by the visiting Gen. John Reed Kilpatrick highlighted the sixth day of pre-season drills by New York Rangers here.

The latest additions to the fold signed by general manager Muzz Patrick were captain and centre player George (Red) Sullivan and all-star defenceman Bill Gadsby.

Among the New York brass who attended were Eddie Shore, owner-manager of Springfield Indians; Frank Boucher, manager of Saskatoon Quakers; Art Chapman of Vancouver Canucks scout Johnny Gagnon and Jack Toppin of Trois-Rivieres, and owner

brushed up the bank. I learned the offense took place on Boxing Day. I also was satisfied in my own mind who were responsible for this outrage but not enough evidence for a Court case.

AWAIT OUTCOME

Many are waiting to see what the outcome of this season extension will be. It was sponsored by the Provincial Fish and Game Association and I would like an opportunity to read the minutes of the different Branch Associations and find out how many were at the important decision was taken. Information received alleged there were only 9 members present at one Branch. For those who enjoy their fish and eggs combined its everyone to their own taste. As for this columnist I take my trout straight.

Hartack Rides 2000th Winner

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Jockey Willie Hartack rode the 2,000th winner of his career Wednesday scoring on Herald Wind in the fifth race at the Atlantic City track.

Hartack, the United States' leading rider in each of the last three years, won his 106th of the year on Herald Wind. He missed on four mounts earlier after pushing his total to 1,999 Tuesday on Miss Royal in the fourth race.

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