SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

The Facts Of The Case

WHEN the Russian team toured Canada, the Maritimes were slated to get a game at Halifax on November 28.

This game never came about because the Halifax Forum Commission decided against the $4,000 guarantee asked by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

Now, we have no 'beef' with the Halifax folks because they saw fit to refuse the game. That was their business and we let it go at it. Earlier, as an MAHA representative, we asked Halifax if they were interested in the game at a $4,000 guarantee. They said they were and when the contracts came to us we went to Halifax to have them signed. It was then that the Forum Commission decided against taking the team in, unless it could be done on a percentage basis.

WINNIPEG had been asking for a game with the Russians but they were out in the cold if Halifax went through with the with the game. The management of the Winnipeg Ice Palace was willing to pay a $7,000 guarantee. However, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association weren't budging and they were still honoring their commitment to Halifax.

But once Halifax indicated no interest in the game, the CAHA went to Winnipeg and the boys there jumped at the chance. They packed 10,400 in and everybody was happy.

WE mention this because a program issued recently at a Halifax Forum game had an article condemning the CAHA for by-passing Halifax. As we said, we never intended to get into an argument with the Halifax Forum because they changed their mind on the Russian deal. If they felt the deal risky, then they were perfectly right in turning it down.

However, what annoyed us was the inference created that Halifax had been treated poorly by the CAHA. This is the greatest kind of untruth.

Halifax didn't get the Russian game because Halifax didn't want it

It's as simple as all that.

Great Bowling

OUR good friend, Harold (Dewar) Ballem is in the bowling news again around Toronto.

Recently Harold, who bowls for People's Clothing, took City Major League individual honors. This, of course, is nothing new for Ballem who has copped plenty of bowling trophies around the Queen City.

Harold had had some fantastic scores. His ten games totalled 2856. They were made up of 340, 303, 257, 245, 344, 250, 255, 276, 230, 356.

Thats' surely some nifty bowling.

On The NHL Scene

IT'S another busy weekend for all six National Hockey League teams.

Local fans will be all eyes tonight when the game of week features Boston Bruins at Toronto. The people down east, even the Maple Leafs' supporters, will be roaring for Forbie Kennedy to get in on the scoring. Forbie was the Bruins' big gun Thursday night as they scored the lone Boston tally as the Habs and Beantowners fought to a 1-1 tie. Tonight everybody down this way will be hoping that Forbie shows to good advantage on Gardens' ice.

This afternoon the Red Wings are entertaining the front-flying Hawks from Chicago and this should be quite a battle. Detroit can move into a tie with the league leaders and still have two games in hand.

The other Saturday action is tonight at Montreal where the floundering Rangers visit the Canadiens. We'll be a 'homer' and call Leafs, Wings and Habs in these three.

Sunday night Toronto visits Chicago and we look for a deadlock in this one. The Canadiens journey to Boston and we figure it's time the Bruins hung another defeat on the Blakemen. The Red Wings go into Madison Square Gardens and We're sticking with the Abelmen in this contest.

It should be a great weekend of action and perhaps Bruins and Rangers will start moving upwards in the league standings.

I CAN'T LOOK

Eyes tightly shut as if unwilling to watch the damage he's inflicting, Alec Demmery hangs a solid right on Ricky Lunsted during 50-pound Bronze Gloves bout in Vancouver. Ricky opened his eyes and came back to win decision and go into final, where he lost another decision.

(CP Photo)

Eagles Nip Combines 4-3 For First Win Of Season

SUMMERSIDE — The RCAF Eagles gained their first victory since they joined the ISHL at Civic Stadium last night, downing the Prince County Combines 4-3 in a thriller which ended in a wild controversy.

With about 4 or 5 seconds left in the game, the puck went over into the crowd and referee Gord Kelly blew his whistle, but the official timer did not hear the whistle and the clock continued until the siren sounded to signal the end of the game.

After some discussion the referees decided to play out the remaining seconds, and the Combines, during that brief period, taking their goalie out of the net, tied the score. After further discussion the referees ruled that the final Combine goal did not count, and the score reverted to 4-3 for the Eagles.

Braisbois, RCAF defenceman, starred for the winners, scoring a goal and getting two well-engineered assists. Alan Andrews scored two for the Combines.

The first period was rather tame, both sides setting a sluggish pace. Eagles opened the scoring when Braisbois took a pass from Sleigh and fired one past Mann from about fifteen feet out. With 2½ minutes left in the period, Combines evened it up, Dennis Clow streaking in from left wing to snare Garth Harris's rebound and drive it past Walsh.

FAST, FURIOUS

The final two periods were fast and furious, and the Eagles played aggressive and effective hockey in the enemy zone, forcing Mann to brilliant heights at times. Al Andrews took a short lead pass from Benny Grady and banged it past Walsh in the same motion. Bob Sleigh deflected Len Ellis's shot into the draperies to even the score at 2-all 16 seconds before the end of the second period.

At 1.20 of the final period Andrews took a pass from Ulric Gallant and poked the puck through a very narrow opening between Walsh and the left goal post to give the home team a 3-2 lead. Thirteen minutes later Hugh Spicer climaxed a nice solo by Braisbois by taking his relay in the clear and scoring from left wing.

Three minutes before the end of the game, Kenny MacDonald flipped a shot over Mann's stick high into the meshes, which proved after many verbal exchanges to be the winning counter.

Referees Leroy Burnett and Gord Kelly handed out ten minor penalties split evenly between the two teams. Charlie Sark got a 10-minute misconduct in the first period, but did not return to the game.

FIRST PERIOD: 1. RCAF — Braisbois (Sleigh) 2.50; 2. Combines — D. Clow (G. Harris, G. Deighan) 17.35. Penalties —C. Sark (minor and 10 min. misconduct) Boone, Hughes, Spicer.

SECOND PERIOD: 3. Combines — A. Andrews (B. Grady, U. Gallant) 15.12; 4. RCAF —B. Sleigh (L. Ellis) 19.44. Penalties— Dwyer, V. Harris, D. Clow.

THIRD PERIOD: 5. Combines— A. Andrews (U. Gallant) 1.20; 6. RCAF — H. Spicer (Braisbois) 14.32; 7. Eagles — K. MacDonald (Braisbois) 17.21. Penalties— A. Walsh, A. Walsh, Reynolds.

STOPS: Mann 8 - 10 - 6 -24; Walsh 6- 6-5- 17.

Ramblers Play Final Game Fri.

AMHERST (CP) — Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League defending champion Amherst Ramblers played their last game here Friday night.

Team manager Ernie Adams said there was no money to pay salaries and the team was forced to withdraw from the league. Poor crowds were blamed for the move.

Although the team has suffered chronic financial problems, it has always managed to hang on. The end came close last weekend when the executive withdrew its support of the team.

Playing coach Lou Kiley and Adams said Friday night they were under the opinion that a few of the executive had decided to carry on after last week's meeting. However, even these hangers— on withdrew their support.

The end came after Ramblers bowed 3-2 to New Glasgow Rangers. The paid attendance was a meagre 426, a normal crowd for an Amherst home game.

Windsor Tops Tartans 8-5

WINDSOR, N.S. (CP) — Cellar dwelling Windsor Maple Leafs moved to within one point of fourth place Halifax Tartans Friday night when they defeated the Halifax team 8-5 in Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League action here.

The game was tied 2-2 at the end of the first, but Windsor forged ahead in the second frame with five goals.

Hugh McGonigal and Brian Graver scored for Tartans in the first with Jim Beckman and Simon Nolet counting for Windsor.

Leaf's second period scoring spree came from B. MacDonald, Chook Smith, Rod Goudreau, and Beckman who scored twice. The two Tartan goals in the second frame were from Kenny Flynn and Bob Bowness.

Windsor's Goudreau and Halifax's Ed Swartzach scored in the third.

WOMEN INVESTORS

Women constitute 45 per cent of the nearly 3,750,000 small investors in Britain's free enterprise industries.

Rangers Edge Ramblers 3-2

AMHERST (CP) — Amherst Ramblers pulled their goalie Jean Guy Morissette with more than two minutes left to play here Friday night in a futile attempt to score the tying goal in their game with New Glasgow Rangers in a Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League game.

However, Rangers managed to ward of the Rambler offensive and run out the clock. The game ended 3-2 in favor of the visitors.

Moe Lamirande scored early in the first period for Ramblers. The next goal came midway through the second period when Jules Gagne evened the count for Rangers.

With the game tied going into the third, New Glasgow opened up for two early goals scored by Nels Wilson and Nels Trembley.

Lamirande came up with his second of the night at the midway mark of the period, but the league leaders were unable to count again.

A meagre 426 fans paid to see the game.

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Strategy Rarely Works When Coach Draws Goalie

By RON ANDREWS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

A National Hockey League coach is gambling against the odds when he substitutes a forward for his goaltender in the final seconds of a game. The strategy has worked about once out of every 10 times it's been tried this season.

Of the 23 times the opportunity has arisen to bench the goaltender, the move has paid off twice. Both times, surprisingly enough, it was the last-place Boston Bruins who benefited. On the other hand, the strategy has backfired seven times.

Boston has also been the victim of its own strategy more than any other club. The opposition has scored three goals into an empty Bruins net. Chicago, Detroit, Toronto and New York each has been scored against once with their own goalkeeper on the bench.

Although Montreal Canadiens have neither gained nor lost by the last-minute strategy, they have scored a goal with their netminder off the ice this season.

WAS STRANGE PLAY

It was in the first period of a game at Chicago, Oct. 23. The final score was 4-4 but Montreal's first goal—in the first period by Claude Provost—was scored with Canadiens goalie Cesare Maniago watching from the bench.

Provost's goal was scored on a delayed Chicago penalty. As soon as the referee indicated a Hawks player was about to be penalized, Maniago raced for the bench and an extra Montreal forward hopped over the boards. Before the Hawks could gain possession of the puck, thereby stopping play, Provost had scored.

This manoeuvre is relatively new but Chicago made it pay off once last season. Whether any of the clubs will be able to try it during the weekend is anyone's guess but all six teams see action both Saturday and Sunday so the opportunity might crop up.

Saturday the Rangers visit Montreal, Chicago is at Detroit and Boston plays at Toronto. The Canadiens might be without centre Henri Richard for their game. Richard has a fractured big toe on his right foot. Club officials, however, hope the toe can be strapped so that Richard can play. He suffered the injury Thursday night in Montreal during a 1-1 tie against Boston.

Sunday's schedule has Canadiens at Boston, Toronto at Chicago and Detroit at Rangers.

Olson, Rinaldi Fight Draw

ROME (AP) — Carl (Bobo) Olson of San Francisco and Giulio Rinaldi of Italy fought to a 10-round draw Friday night in a light-heavyweight match.

Olson, 34, former world middleweight champ, weighed 178½. Rinaldi, 28, holder of the European light-heavyweight crown, weighed 179½.

A crowd of 10,000 whistled and booed the decision by the judges after Olson and Rinaldi had battled continuously from start to finish.

There were no knockdowns. Rinaldi's right eye was puffed and badly swollen, the only obvious sign of punishment during the bout.

The judges scored it 5-5 in rounds. The Associated Press scorecard gave Olson four rounds and Rinaldi one, calling five rounds even.

Cleroux Gets Split Win

BOSTON (AP) — Canadian heavyweight champion Bob Cleroux outbrawled Tom Meeley Friday night, gaining a 10-round split decision over the former world title challenger at Boston Garden.

Referee Joe Zapustas and judge Joe Santoro voted for the Montrealer, while judge John Norton gave the award to Meeley. The Associated Press scored it 99-94 for Cleroux.

Cleroux weighed 205, Meeley, of Boston, was 201.

Fighting with the style of a lumberjack, Cleroux knocked, or wrestled, McNeeley to the canvas three times, in the second, fourth and eighth rounds.

It was Cleroux's 35th victory in 40 bouts. He has lost only four times and drawn once. Meeley, knocked out by then-champion Floyd Patterson in Toronto just one year ago, is 26-5.

Green Bay Expects To Wrap Up Crown

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK (CP) — Green Bay Packers expect to wrap up the Western Conference title Sunday by beating Los Angeles and then move on to another National Football League championship game with New York Giants Dec. 30 at Yankee Stadium.

Only a combination of a Packers upset by the last place Rams and a victory for Detroit Lions over Chicago Bears at Chicago could upset the Packers' timetable. If the Packers lose and the Lions win they would finish the regular season in a tie and would play it off Dec. 23 at Detroit.

A glance at the respective records would indicate just how unlikely that is. Green Bay has 12 wins and a loss while Los Angeles has managed but one win and a tie in 13 games. The Lions have a solid 11-2 won-loss record in their favor against Chicago, whose record is 8-5. The Packers easily defeated the Rams 41-10 at Milwaukee Dec. 2.

GIANTS MEET DALLAS

New York (11-2), already crowned eastern champs, winds up at home Sunday against Dallas (5-7-1). Pittsburgh (8-5), assured of a place in the Playoff Bowl at Miami Jan. 6, plays at Washington (5-6-2) and Minnesota (2-10-1) will be at Baltimore (6-7). Philadelphia (39-1) and St. Louis (39-1), tied for the last in the East, will fight for the cellar at St. Louis.

Cleveland (6-6-1) is at San Francisco (6-7) today.

The American League's Eastern Division title an be clinched by Houston (10-3) today if the Oilers beat New York Titans (5-8). If the Titans upset the Oilers, Boston (9-3-1) could wrap up the crown Sunday by winning at Oakland (0-13). Dallas (10-3), already in as western champs, finish against San Diego (4-9) at Dallas. Denver (7-7) and Buffalo (7-6-1) finished their seasons last week.

Eagles Host Junior Team

Old Spain Penguins travel to RCAF Station in Summerside Sunday afternoon for an Island Senior Hockey League game with the Eagles.

The Airmen are tough on their own ice surface and last time the Penguins were there it ended on a 7-7 note. Since then the Baby Birds grabbed a pair of victories from the Eagles on Sports Arena ice and by this time the RCAF boys are just itching for revenge.

This is the last game at the airport before Christmas and it is almost certain that a packed house will watch the boys in action. Game time is 3 o'clock.

Swedes Thump Quakers 13-3

STOCKHOLM (CP) — Saskatoon Quakers, as ragged a group of Canadian skaters as ever was sent abroad, was blasted 13-3 by Sweden's national hockey team Friday night in one of Canada's worst defeats in international exhibition hockey.

The superior Swedes scored nine goals before the shoddy Saskatchewan Senior League team was able to find the mark. Combined with their 7-0 defeat the previous night at the hands of the Swedes, that means that the Quakers had 16 goals scored against them without a reply.

Linebacker Cops Award

The Evening Patriot award, donated annually to the St. Dunstan's Varsity football player judged the most valuable to his team, has been won this season by Don DesRoches.

The announcement was made by the panel of judges appointed to select the 1962 victor. Comprising the panel were Inspector A.S. MacNeil, Frank W. Curtis and Ed Hilton.

DesRoches who hails from Rumford, Maine, was end and corner linebacker on Ed Hilton's outfit this season. His playing brought much favorable comment, not only from local spectators but from those who witnessed Saints in action on mainland gridirons. Don is a senior arts student and is 22 years of age.

When Saints were battling in the Atlantic Football Conference 'B' section in the 1961 season, DesRoches was voted the most outstanding lineman in the entire division.

The presentation of The Evening Patriot plaque will be made to Don DesRoches this evening when the St. Dunstan's team will be honored at a dinner at the Queen Hotel.

At a similar function last fall, Frank Garrity copped the award for 1961.

Curling Draw For Montague

MONTAGUE. — Here is the Montague curling schedule for Saturday.

7 P.M.

Ice 1 — J. Cudmore, E. Cudmore, D. Clarkson, C. Ings vs. George Worth, Edith Clay, Ken MacDonald, D. Jones.

Ice 2 — Angus Jones, K. Hughes, B. Ferguson, C. Gordon vs. Leon Johnston, B. Smith, Doug Bryon, Pinky Johnston.

9 P.M.

Ice 1 — At McDonald, H. Clair, H. Moar, B. Gallant vs. D. McGowan, D. Nicholson, G. Warner, B. Mabon.

Ice 2 — Doc Johnston, Mac Jamieson, B. Bryand, D. O'Connor vs. Joey Fraser, M. Nicholson, Duke MacDonald, Ruth MacDonald.

Ticats End Turns Up

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CP) — Dave Viti, import end with Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League who was reported missing, has turned up here.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Saturday at the Charlottetown Club.

1.45 P.M. (Mixed Xmas Spiel)

Ice 1 — E. MacDonald vs. C. Flemming.

Ice 2 — T. Whitlock vs. H. Peters.

Ice 3 — D. Matheson vs. Geo. Anderson.

Ice 4 — Game 42.

Ice 5 — 45ers.

3 P.M.

Central Creameries Final

7 P.M. (Xmas Mixed Spiel)

Ice 1 — Game 44.

Ice 2 — Game 30.

Ice 3 — Game 20.

Ice 4 — Mel Jenkins vs. Jim Cameron

Ice 5 — Game 43.

8.30 P.M.

Ice 1 — Game 27.

Ice 2 — Game 37.

Ice 3 — A. MacDonald vs. B. MacGregor

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