Eskies' Key To Success Lies With Jackie Parker

By JIM PEACOCK
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The key to success for Edmonton Eskimos in the Western Interprovincial Football Union final with Saskatchewan Roughriders lies with Jackie Parker.

As Parker goes, so go the Eskimos', whose attack this season has depended on the Tennessee Terror's brilliant versatility and variety.

He twisted his ankle in the closing game of the season in Regina on Saturday, and coach Sam Etcheverry said Wednesday he had a sore foot.

The feet are a normal hazard for the spindly - legged Parker, but assistant coach Ted Youngloff reported Thursday the twisted ankle has come around well.

READY FOR OPENER

He should be healthy for the opening game of the two-game total points semi-final in Regina Thursday. Second game is in Edmonton next Tuesday.

At his physical best, Parker is rated among the most dangerous offensive players in Canada. His deceptive ball-handling helps fullbacks Johnny Bright and Normie Kwong get away for good ground gains.

HEARTENING NEWS

His ability to pass and run makes the defence loose, and when he handles the club's punting, he's a natural for the occasional quick kick.

For Riders, news Thursday also was heartening. Halfback Mike Hagler, best punt-return man in the league, was running again and there was renewed hope his wrenched knee will be ready for Saturday. End Larry Isbell, the club's leading punter, also is expected to return to action after missing a game with an ankle injury.

Meanwhile, Winnipeg Blue Bombers, who finished in first place in the final standings and won the bye into the best-of-three final, have begun workouts again, concentrating on offensive plays for the opening of the final Nov. 15 against the Rider - Eskimo winner.

Coach Will Use Wire Strategy

OTTAWA (CP) — Coach Frank Clair of Ottawa Rough Riders will use a "telegraph strategy" in Saturday's Big Four game in Hamilton.

Ottawa's play will depend on how things are going in Montreal where Toronto Argonauts will be meeting Alouettes in the season's other final league game. Clair will keep posted on that game's progress.

"If Argos are knocking off Alouettes," he said, "we'll play Bill Sowalski and them all."

Otherwise, he'll be careful not to burn out his first-string players and save linebacker Sowalski, whose left knee still is unsteady after being injured last Saturday.

NEED WHOLE TEAM

"We need the entire team for the playoff," Clair said, referring to next Wednesday's sudden-death semi-final against Montreal.

A loss by Als and a Rider win is the only situation that can give Ottawa the semi - final venue. Otherwise, the game will be played in Montreal by token of Als' present one - point second-place lead.

The game decides who plays first-place Tiger-Cats in the final. Ottawa hasn't won at Montreal in five years.

Damage Suit Against Leafs And Habs Is Dismissed

WINNIPEG (CP)—A $125,000 damage suit by Winnipeg Warriors of the Western Hockey League against Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League was dismissed Thursday in Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench.

But Mr. Justice A. M. Monnin ruled the Leafs and Canadiens must refund $12,621 paid them by the Winnipeg club as a percentage of its aggregate net profits for the 1955-56 and 1956-57 WHL seasons, during which the three clubs had an agreement.

The Winnipeg Warriors Hockey Club claimed in its suit the two NHL teams failed to supply it with players of Western League calibre, as stipulated in the agreement. The Warriors finished last in the league that season.

In his 29-page judgment, Mr. Justice Monnin said the Warriors received enough players of WHL calibre from the parent clubs.

The judge said Warriors agreed that of 10 players supplied by the NHL clubs, four were of WHL calibre. These were defencemen Bill Burega and Noel Price and forwards Hugh Barlow and Cec Hoekstra.

He said he was guided in considering the quality of the players by NHL and WHL press and radio guides for the seasons 1956-58.

"Plaintiff complains that far too many of the players provided by defendants were minors or had just recently graduated from the minor ranks," he said.

But it was common knowledge minor professional teams are filled with senior professionals on the decline due to age or injuries, and players who "are on the ascent—juniors, former juniors and other amateurs who strive to reach the summit."

Of the $12,621 paid by Warriors to the NHL clubs for the 1955-56 season, during which the western club won the league championship and enjoyed a profit, Mr. Justice Monnin said this should be returned because Winnipeg had an aggregate deficit for the two seasons under the agreement.

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

MUZZ PATRICK, general manager of the New York Rangers, is not going to allow the Maple Leafs' front office to get ahead of him in regard to backing up coaches. Last week Stafford Smythe went on record as saying that the dismal showing of the Leafs so far this season was not the fault of coach Billy Reay, but the result of the front office failing to provide the proper material out of which Reay could shape a winning combination.

TO DATE THE TORONTO club has played ten games and managed only three wins. These three came on the last three Saturday nights in Maple Leaf Gardens. Billy Reay's boys have failed to pick up a win on the road. The New Yorkers are three points ahead of the Toronto team but take a close look at those standings. They have played 13 games and won only two. Five of their battles ended in ties. The two wins and five ties bring their point total to nine but they have played three more games than the last-place Leafs. From the above statistics, you can readily see the Rangers aren't exactly burning up the league.

NATURALLY, when a team is slipping, the talk gets around as to why such things are happening. In the case of the Rangers, coach Phil Watson has come in for a lot of criticism with the Blue Shirts floundering the way they are. That criticism got to the ears of the Rangers' general manager and he figured it was time he started talking. Muzz not only said that he figured the fiery Watson was doing all right with the Rangers but he went the limit and termed Phil "the best coach in hockey".

IT WAS HARDLY necessary to add that there was no chance of Watson being replaced as pilot of the Rangers. After all, you would hardly fire "the best coach in hockey". But just to make sure that there would be no misunderstanding, Muzz declared that Phil's job was by no means in jeopardy.

Watson has a tough time for himself every season. He seems to be always in hot water; in fact, he'd be lost if he wasn't at loggerheads with somebody. Rangers themselves have listened to his blastings and indeed the N.H.L. referees have come in for their share of his rantings. But with it all, he's the kind of coach that Patrick likes and since he is, he'll stay at the helm.

THERE DOESN'T SEEM to be any great mystery about the Rangers this season. They have looked very weak defensively and play like a bunch of bewildered rookies once the enemy crosses the New York blueline. One more sound defence man could be the answer to Watson's problems, but until that rearguard comes along, it seems certain that New York's condition will not improve.

And neither will Phil's state of mind.

WHEN WE SENT this column to press, there was no change in the hockey picture here on Prince Edward Island. There was increased talk that the Island League would be back in operation but it was only talk. Nobody we contacted could give us anything definite but the impression conveyed to us was that before long the league—a four team affair—would become a reality.

Why the indecision? We can't see why an answer isn't forthcoming immediately. It's nearly three weeks since the first meeting was called and nothing definite has developed as yet. If this putting-off continues, we'll be into 1959 before we know it and still without any league.

Let's cut out this secrecy and let the public know just what is going on. After all, they are the ones you will want to attend your games. Then, the public will become very important.

CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS are tied for third place in the National Hockey League. Sharing the third spot with the Hawks are the Detroit Red Wings.

The Chicago team has played twelve games, won five, lost five and tied two. They are three points up on the New York Rangers and they have a game in hand.

Right now Chicago's Eddie Litzenberger is leading the scoring race, one point up on the two Canadiens, Jean Beliveau and Bern Boom Geoffrion. Eddie has four goals to go with his twelve assists. Both Beliveau and Geoffrion have six goals and six assists.

WHILE IT MAY BE a bit of a surprise that Litzenberger is leading the parade, much was expected of him. After all he was the Hawks top goal producer last season with 32. But the Chicago club had to come up with some other package, some other fellow that would get right up among the top producers of the National League. They may have nabbed such a guy in Tod Sloan.

Sloan scored thirteen goals last season for the Toronto Maple Leafs but the latter didn't see fit to protect him from the draft. The Black Hawks picked hi mup for $15,000. Right now Sloan is daily showing his appreciation to the Chicago club. He's right in there in the scoring race, two points back of Beliveau and Geoffrion. Tod has scored eight times and assisted on five others. With the season only a month old, he is only five goals back of his entire 1957-58 output.

TOD MAY MEAN that the Black Hawks get into the playoffs this season. He apparently likes it in Chicago and that's more than he could say about his last years in Toronto. When he was happy in the Leaf organization, he was quite the hockey player. If he continues to be happy in Chicago, he could easily become a great player all over again.

There's nothing too much the matter with goalie Glenn Hall. At any rate Glenn the best in the business and Dollard St. Laurent, Gerry Arbour and Jack Evans have certainly given Hall more protection than he had last season.

HOWEVER, the Hawks greatest problem last season was that of scoring goals. And after all that's a real necessity if you want to win hockey games. Perhaps the additional defensive strength can keep down the 'goals against' colum and maybe Hall and a few of the other newcomers can get the Blacks Hawks out of the rut as far as 'goals scored' are concerned.

Litzenberger and Sloan are doing a fine job right now of making that red light glow.

SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

We are still in the doldrums, but there are some few signs that we may be emerging fairly soon. The rural and commercial hockey league of Prince County has been organized, and the boys concerned seem enthusiastic about the prospects of an exciting season. Double-headers will be played every Wednesday night.

The Island basketball season is about to unfold. The Summerside Spudniks and the R.C.A.F Flyers play an exhibition tilt at Summerside Civic auditorium tonight. It is expected the Island League will soon be formed and that games will get under way immediately afterwards.

The Summerside High School soccer team under the guidance of Mr. Lee, one of the teaching staff, leave Friday at dinner hour to play a game with Sackville High School. The school boys here are novices at the game and we understand Sackville soccer team has some past years experience, so we may get snowed under, but the boys will have a pleasant outing and no doubt such competition will teach them some of the tricks of the new sport.

The Island Hockey League does not seem to be any closer to solution than it was after the last meeting. There has been a lot of talk, but Charlottetown hockey players, with perhaps a few exceptions, seem still to be apathetic about entering an Island circuit. Now that the question of pooling the players, which some of the stick manipulators objected to, has been ruled out, you'd think that it would be clear sailing to a completion of the league organization, but such does not seem to be the case. What the trouble is now we haven't the faintest idea, but we trust it will be cleared up soon. Maybe we have to have some snow and frosty weather to get the boys in the mood.

The RCAF Station in Summerside will soon have their artificial rink ready for action, and we hear the airforce are going strong for intersectional play this season. Rumor has it that neither Frank Steele nor Caroll will line up with the Aces, but will confine themselves to inter-sectional games at the port.

Russel Trophy Captured Again By Sam Etcheverry

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MONTREAL (CP)—Sam Etcheverry of Montreal Alouettes Thursday night was announced 1958 winner of the Jeff Russel Memorial Trophy for a precedent-shattering second time in his illustrious football career.

The announcement was made by Big Four president Tom Workman, who did a lot of soul-searching and appealed to the president of the Football Reporters of Canada to break a tie.

Workman is also president of the Alouettes football club. He did not make known the name of the other player involved in the tie.

The prized trophy is awarded annually to the Big Four player adjudged the most sportsmanlike and most valuable.

BIG FIRST

No other player has ever won the award twice and, so far as known, this is the first time a tie has ever been created in the votes cast by the league governors and officials who work in the games. The trophy was offered in 1928 in memory of Russel, a former player who was electrocuted in an accident.

Terms of the award provide that after the fifth game, players of each club ballot for their choices.

Regulations provide that in case of a tie the Big Four president shall cast the deciding vote.

"I was in a really embarrassing position because one of the players is a member of my team," said Workman. "I called trustee George Machum and asked if there was anything to prevent me passing the decision to someone else.

Coach Of Packers Criticizes CAHA

VANCOUVER (CP) — Coach Jack O'Reilly of Kelowna Packers Thursday criticized the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association for what he called "their lack of assistance in getting player help" requested by the Packers.

O'Reilly, on the eve of Kelowna's departure for a nine-game tour of Sweden and Russia, said: "We asked the CAHA for help in August and we still haven't got it. We lost two key players and asked the CAHA to help us get replacements.

"A list of 50 players was given them (CAHA)," he said in an interview. "What happens." Saturday they send us two players from Winnipeg who haven't been in action since last spring."

"We're supposed to have a look at them and pick our team. That's just five days before we leave."

POINT OF CRITICISM

O'Reilly criticized the CAHA for its "apparent disinterest in our attempts to get centre Bobby Hassard."

Hassard, suspended by the Buffalo Bisons of the American Hockey League for refusal to turn out with the Bisons this fall, was first sought by Kelowna two months ago, said O'Reilly.

"We heard nothing from the CAHA so we talked to Bobby ourselves and he indicated to us he was willing to make the trip," he said.

"Today we hear from President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League that Hassard is still a pro and the CAHA tells us at the last minute that they have made an agreement with the Russians that reinstated professionals will not be on the team."

HUNTER'S CORNER

Fisheries Chief's Stand Admired By Columnist

As noted in The Guardian under date of November 6th (yesterday) stiff penalties sare in store for lobster paochers. To stamp out illegal lobster fishing and the handling of illegally-caught lobsters federal officials are prepared to employ every means at their disposal, Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean informed an Island audience last night. . .this department would not hesitate to take every action coming within the scope of the present regulations. "If necessary" he said. "I will not hesitate to use my authority to cancel or refuse fishing licenses to those who misuse this privilege, and my officers will prosecute offenders as vigorously as the law permits."

"The lobster fisherman who takes lobsters out of season or takes barried lobsters or lobsters under the legal size is threatening not only his own source of income, but that of his fellow lobster fishermen who abide by the regulations", he said. Lobster fishing is a valuable re - source. This year up to the end of August P.E.I. fishermen had landed fish to the value of $2,-621,000, the Minister observed. Of this amount lobster landings alone had accounted for over $2,-000,000. Mr. MacLean continued: "In some of the main problem areas it is estimated that three out of every four lobster boats are engaged in illegal lobster fishing operations.

MAJOR OFFENSE

The taking of berried lobsters, in other words those about to spawn or in process of preparing to spawn, is considered a major offense in the lobster industry and yet we have sport fishermen in this province who have not only sponsored a trout season extension that has brought our trout into the spawning period stage but are advocating an all year open season on trout. Mr. MacLean also mentioned the salmon industry: Quote—"The continuance of these operations are threatening the very stocks upon which fishermen's families depend. Like the salmon, if enough brood stocks are not left in the sea, the catch will ultimately fall below a point at which it will not be profitably to fish lobsters at all". By the same line of reasoning trout fishing for sport will cease to be a sport if some of the men who profess to be acting in the best interests of trout fishermen do not think twice, yes and three times, before dreaming up any more brain storms with respect to trout. Both trout and salmon spawn in the same manner and both make their spawning runs in the fall.

On Wednesday night, October 29th, I listened to the panel on Outdoor Forum discuss the pros and cons of the trout season extension. The members trying to show justification for their sponsoring of the extension were: Ralph Jenkins, Provincial Game Association President, Doug MacLeod, Queens County Branch President, Duck and Eddy Acorn, who is Association Secretary. My comments were requested, not by the panel, the following morning They were short and to the point: "All they needed was a little more rope and "Diver" could have supplied that had he been there".

SURE STRANGE

Its passing strange how the Top Brass of Queens County Branch, including the Provincial President, are so allergic to reports of game law violatons this season. One has to practically produce an affadavit to back his

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RCAF Sultans Defeat Spudniks

The RCAF Sultans defeated the Summerside Spudniks 56-33 in an exhibition game of basketball at Civic Auditorium last night. Spicer, roaring in for 11 points in the second half, led the scoring parade with 15. LeBlanc was second with 13, and MacLellan had 10. Mike Scot was out in front for the Spudniks shooting for 10 points.

Lineups—Spudniks—Bethel 3, Scott 10, MacEachern 3, Costain 6, Boates 4, MacDougall 3, Arnold 2, Gemmell 2. Total—23.

Cultans—Bryson 6, Leblanc 13, Ternan 6, Spicer 15, Anderson 4, MacLellan 10, Little 2. Total 33.

Charlie Ballem handled the whistle.

Hughson Elected President Of P.C. Hockey League

SUMERSIDE—Charles Hughson was elected president of the newly organized Prince County Rural and Commercial Hockey League at Civic Stadium here last night.

John Cahill is the secretary-treasurer. Team representatives are as follows: Sherbrooke-William Waite; Town Taxi-George Arsenault; Coomacs-Elwood Cook; Elmsdale-Vernon Hardy; Tignish-Gerald Keough; Birch Hill-Elmer Gorrill.

The deadline for passing in playing rosters is Wednesday, Nov 19, and the first Wednesday night of triple header hockey will take place on the same date

It was decided that each club can use three players that played intermediate "B" hockey last winter.

First games will start at 7.15 each Wednesday night through the winter season.

Royals Call Up Claude Richard

MONTREAL (CP) — Claude Richard, youngest member of the famed hockey-playing family, has been called up to play with Montreal Royals of the Quebec Hockey League tonight when the Royals meet Trois - Rivieres Lions at Montreal Forum.

Members Of 1958 WIFU All-Star Team Are Chosen

WINNIPEG (CP) — Halfback Leo Lewis was the only member of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers to make the offensive squad of the 1958 Western Interprovincial Football Union all - stars, but the league champions placed five men on the defensive aggregation.

Lewis, along with fullback Johnny Bright of Edmonton and defensive end Herbie Gray of Winnipeg, topped the balloting as they were named by 35 of the 36 football writers, sportscasters and coaches in the five league cities for The Canadian Press. There were no unanimous choices.

Only one player, tackle Don Luzzi of Calgary Stampeders, a first-year import from Villanova University, made it both ways.

FOUR ON OFFENCE

The fourth - place Stampeders had four on the offensive squad and two on defence. Second-place Edmonton Eskimos had three and four; Saskatchewan Roughriders three and one; and the last-place British Columbia Lions only one on offence.

The Offensive Team — halves: Bright; Cookie Gilchrist, Saskatchewan; Lewis, Jack Hill, Saskatchewan; quarter: Jackie Parker, Edmonton; centre: Jim Furey, Calgary; guards: Harry Langford, Calgary, and Tommy Minton, B.C.; tackles: Luzzi and Roger Nelson, Edmonton; ends: Ken Carpenter, Saskatchewan, and Ernie Warlick, Calgary; coach: Bud Grant, Winnipeg.

The Defensive Team — safety: Oscar Kruger, Edmonton; halves: Larry Isbell, Saskatchewan and Jack Gotta, Calgary; secondaries: Gordie Rowland, Winnipeg, Ted Tully, Edmonton, Dave Bukholder, Winnipeg, and Rollie Miles, Edmonton; middle guard, Steve Patrick, Winnipeg; tackles: Buddy Tinsley, Winnipeg, and Lizzi; ends: Gray and Art Walker, Edmonton.

Yearling Sells For $105,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Dancer Hanover, a yearling, sold at auction Thursday for $105,000 —the highest price ever paid in the United States for a yearling horse.

The prize horse, by Adios out of The Old Maid, was sold at the annual standardbred horse sale. The animal was consigned by Hanover Shoe Farms. It was purchased for a syndicate by Stanley Dancer, New Egypt, N.J.

Daily Double Pays Big Sum

LAUREL, Md. (AP) — Velis and Star Spangle co. bined for a $1,081.80 daily double payoff Thursday at Laurel Park. Calvin Stone Rode Velis ($30.60), winner of the first race, and Dave Gorman brought home Star Spangle ($16.80) in the second race.

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