

First Loss In Five Starts; Bruins Defeat Chicago 3-2

CHICAGO (AP)—Johnny McKenzie's goal mid-way through the last period Tuesday night gave Boston Bruins a 3-2 victory over Chicago Black Hawks, the first loss in five National Hockey League starts for Chicago.

Bernie Parent, making his first start for the Bruins this season, turned in a solid game and complemented a bustling offensive display by Boston.

The Bruins, playing their third game in four nights, never trailed against the high-powered and rested Black Hawks. They jumped ahead 2-1 in the first period on goals by Wayne Connelly and Pit Martin.

McKenzie's marker came after a scoreless second period. Fred Stanfield in the first and

Stan Mikita in the third scored for Chicago.

NOW IN THIRD SPOT

The victory lifted Boston into third place with five points, one ahead of Detroit and Toronto and just three back of the Hawks.

Parent was particularly tough on shots by Doug Mohns and Mikita from close in and smothered several other Chicago drives.

Connelly opened the scoring, converting on a pass from behind the net by Ron Murphy. Stanfield tied the score mid-way through the period by tipping Pierre Pilote's long pass into the Boston goal, but from then on the game featured the hustling Bruins.

Martin put the Bruins back on

top in the final minute of the period with a close-in shot, about which the Hawks protested that a Boston player was in the crease.

McKenzie, a former Hawk, scored the clincher in the third on a pass from Johnny Bucyk. Mikita closed out the scoring with 24 seconds left.

LINEUPS

Boston: Goal—Parent, Johnston, Defence—Marotte, Orr, Green, Wyotowich, Watson, Smith, Forwards—Murphy, Schock, Connelly, Martin, Bucyk, Oliver, Westfall, McKenzie, Dillabough, Hodgson, Lonsberry.

Chicago: Goal—DeJordy, Hall, Defence—Pilote, Jarrett, Van Impe, Ravlich, Stapleton, Forwards—Mohns, Mikita, Wharram, Angotti, Esposito, R. Hull, D. Hull, Hodge, Nesterenko, Maki, Stanfield, Boyer.

Referee—Skov, Linesmen—Armstrong, Shetler.

Grant, Armstrong Both Confident

WINNIPEG (CP)—Bud Grant, recalling a handful of tough post-season clashes in the 1950s, respects the club his Winnipeg Blue Bombers will face in the sudden-death Western Football Conference semifinal Sunday.

Coach Neil Armstrong, preparing Edmonton Eskimos for the 2:30 p.m. CST kickoff, feels his club can start winning the close games.

"We believe we can do it Sunday," said Armstrong, whose Eskimos squeezed into the playoffs for the first time since 1961.

"They're basically a good football club," said Grant. "They've got outstanding running in Jim Thomas, Trent Walters, Butch Pressley, Joe Hernandez and Randy Kerbow. We're no better than they are. We're playing a little better now, but we're still far

away from what I think it's going to take to win."

Eskimos have to make a few shuffles to replace centre Don Capham, who suffered a broken arm in the last league game.

Roger Nelson, left offensive tackle, will replace Capham and will be replaced in turn by Merv Collins, normally a guard.

Bombers boast the best defence in the WFC—it has allowed a shade more than 14 points a game—but as Grant puts it: "It's not how many points you give up, but when you give them up."

Since 1950, Winnipeg and Edmonton have been playoff opponents nine times. Bombers are a step ahead in the exchange, 5-4.

The last time the clubs met in 1959, Eskimos twice beat the Bombers in Winnipeg in the best-of-three final.

Awards Finalists Named; Roughriders Sweep East

MONTREAL (CP)—Two quarterbacks, who could end up facing each other in the Grey Cup game in Vancouver Nov. 26, were named Tuesday as finalists in the balloting for Canadian football's Most Outstanding Player award.

The poll of sports writers and broadcasters, conducted by a distillery, named Russ Jackson of Ottawa Rough Riders as the Eastern Football Conference finalist opposing Ron Lancaster of Saskatchewan Roughriders in the Western Conference.

It was a clean sweep for Ottawa in the eastern voting, Jackson winning the Canadian player of the year category and centre Ken Lehmann getting the nod as lineman of the year.

Jackson and Lehmann will be opposed in the final balloting in those categories by flanker Terry Evanshen and linebacker Wayne Harris, both of Calgary Stampeders.

Winners in all three categories will be announced Nov. 15.

Jackson quarterbacked Ottawa to a first-place finish in the EFC this year while Lancaster, Jackson's back-up in

McMaster University of Hamilton where he played on the intercollegiate championship team of 1957. He was Ottawa's top draft choice in 1958 and was Canadian player of the year in 1959. He won the Most Outstanding and Canadian Player of the Year awards in 1963.

The 29-year-old high school vice-principal is married with three children.

Lehmann, 23, joined Ottawa in 1964 and was an outstanding rookie.

Lancaster, 26, a graduate of Ohio's Wittenberg College, lives in Regina with his wife and two children. He was sold to Saskatchewan by Ottawa and was one of the stars of Saskatchewan's late-season drive in 1965 and in the playoffs. He completed 144 passes for 2,256 yards, best in the WFC, in 1964 and the following year improved on the mark when he hit for 160 and 2,598 yards.

Evanshen, 22, rookie of the year and all-star flanker in the EFC last year, when he was leading pass receiver in the East, was traded by Montreal Alouettes to Calgary for guard Tony Pajackowski.

Harris, 26, was lineman of the year last year. He joined the Stampeders from the University of Arkansas in 1961. He was named to the WFC all-star team in 1961 and 1962. He was also picked for the Canadian all-star team in 1962, the year he was runner-up in the voting for Canada's top lineman.

Saskatchewan's George Reed won the Most Outstanding Player honors in 1965 and Hamilton's Zeno Karcz was the top Canadian.

Council Recommendation Branded As Ridiculous

TORONTO (CP)—An Amateur Athletic Union of Canada official termed ridiculous Tuesday a recommendation by the national fitness council that amateur boxing in Canada be cut from federal government grants because there is a risk of permanent injury to boxers.

The 30-man council said it would reconsider its recommendation only if rule changes were made to eliminate the head as a major target in the sport.

"This is how ridiculous it is," says Al Decarie of Montreal, chairman of the AAUC boxing committee.

"The national fitness council will be subsidizing Athletic teams from South American countries to get them to come to Canada next summer for the Pan-American Games.

"All these countries have boxing teams so naturally they'll benefit from the assistance."

USED WRONG BASIS

Decarie, national chairman for five of his 35 years in boxing, said that the council had based its decision on findings of a professional boxing study and did not know how the sport is operated on the amateur level.

"These people didn't have the courtesy to give us a chance to explain amateur boxing. They've been shown that brain damage can occur and that's all that mattered."

Decarie stressed that all registered amateur boxers use headgear and 10-ounce gloves, making the possibility of injury negligible. He says that he has never seen a young fighter knocked out and only a few have been dazed. Whenever a boy is knocked out "we don't allow him to fight for six months."

SAYS RECORD GOOD

"I defy anybody on that council to show me a boy injured in the last 10 years in Canadian

amateur boxing. Last year, we had 1,200 fights without so much as a scratch."

"What angers me is that we have no record of permanent injury, while hockey and football, which receive financial assistance for coaching clinics, are full of them."

"There isn't a hockey player at junior level with all his own teeth and many have suffered broken legs, arms and collarbones. Recently, a boy died while practising in Montreal with a McGill University football team."

The AAUC boxing committee hopes to have its Pan-Am Games boxing trials in Montreal next May, but without financial assistance, will unlikely be able to do so.

Boxing, one of seven sports under the AAUC jurisdiction, has about 400 participants registered in Canada. In the last five years, the boxing committee has received \$34,800 in support. Decarie says one quarter of this was returned.

Tignish Meets Kensington

SUMMERSIDE—Kensington High School Boys Senior Soccer Team meets Tignish in further Interscholastic Play following their winning of a two-game total goal series.

The Tignish-Kensington series begins today at four o'clock in Tignish and resumes Saturday in Kensington.

The Kensington team won zone two honors by nipping Athens Regional High School, 2-0, Monday after winning the opener on Saturday by an identical 2-0 count.

Bob Semple and Walter Clark scored the Monday goals, while Gerry MacDonald had a pair in the Saturday contest.



CHARLOTTETOWN CURLING CLUB OPENING

The official opening of the Charlottetown Curling Club got underway last night as members of the club attended the yearly presidential reception. From the left are Andrew Bagall, a senior member of the Charlottetown Curling Club who is seen greeting the new president for the coming 1966-67 season, Clifford Campbell, Addie MacDonald, vice-president; and Bill Davis, treasurer. The curling activities for this coming season are slated to commence Thursday.

Boomer Finds Come Back Road A Long, Rough One

By AL McNEIL

MONTREAL (CP)—It's a long road back to National Hockey League form after an absence of two years, and one man ready to attest to this is Bernie (Boom-Boom) Geoffrion. Geoffrion, a star with Montreal Canadiens for 14 seasons, took a two-year sabbatical as a player to coach Quebec Aces of the American Hockey League before returning to right wing this season with New York Rangers.

"It's tougher than I thought it would be," Geoffrion groaned after an hour-long practice last Friday night in preparation for a Saturday game against his old team-mates.

"To make a success of this thing I'm going to have to work like hell."

And Geoffrion's appearance in the dressing room confirmed he was doing just that.

Sweating profusely, he grunted as he pulled a wide band of tape from his rib cage—made necessary by a muscle injury he picked up in the season-opener against Chicago Black Hawks Oct. 19. As a result of the muscle tear, he missed part of the first game and didn't see any further action until the Rangers' fourth season contest.

After picking up the assist in the opener, he celebrated his return to action against Detroit Red Wings last Thursday with a goal and an assist.

Geoffrion, who will be 36 on Feb. 14, said his booming shot and his legs have reacted favorably to his comeback "but I'm still having trouble with my mind and reflexes."

"I don't know about his legs

and from there I'll be real happy with any more goals I can pick up," he said.

In addition to his Ross Trophy performances, Geoffrion won the Calder award as rookie of the year in the 1951-52 schedule and the Hart Trophy as the player adjudged most valuable to his team, the same year he hit the 50-goal plateau.

That year he was selected to the first NHL all-star team and

was second choice at right wing in the 1964-65 and 1965-66 seasons.

He ranks fifth in the all-time goal-scoring list with 571, eight less than former Detroit Red Wings' star Ted Lindsay.

Rangers' general manager and coach, Emile Francis, who is reported to be paying Geoffrion \$25,000 a year on a three-year contract, said he was happy with Geoffrion's performance to date.

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Packers Rolling Opponents Again

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—Green Bay Packers are strong again at their weak spot—the offensive line—and perfectionist coach Vince Lombardi may have finally found the perfect football team.

The Packers, waxing stronger week after week in the National Football League, were at their crunching best last Sunday as they whittled down Detroit Lions 31-7.

The defence, the most grudging in the NFL, played its usual game, intercepting three passes, recovering a fumble and making life miserable for rookie quarterback Karl Sweetan. But the offensive line, the scapegoat for a chronic slump that almost cost Green Bay the Western conference crown a year ago, rivalled the defence in heroics.

Play after play, the Packers ripped open huge holes in the Detroit line.

The Green Bay Crunning game, erratic through the first six games, responded by racking up 170 yards for its finest showing of the season.

Quarterback Bart Starr, who often has had to run for his life against the Lions, wasn't dropped for a loss once and completed 11 to 13 passes, as the Packers won their seventh game in eight outings.

Ice Ready For Opening Season

The ice committee of the Charlottetown Curling Club has informed the Guardian that the sheets will be ready for curling on Thursday of this week. It only remains to put the finishing touches to the lanes before members will be permitted to practice on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. All new members are asked to appear for instructions.

In the Men's Opening Competition beginning Monday, November 7, forty-two teams will begin play.

The first mixed spiel of the season is scheduled for Saturday, November 12.

New Orleans Enters National Football

By MIKE RATHER

NEW YORK (AP)—United States pro football received another team Tuesday when New Orleans became the 25th franchise in existence, continuing the amazing growth of a sport that prior to 1959 listed only 12 teams in 11 cities.

The admission of the New Orleans club as the National Football League's 16th franchise for the 1967 season also is the first concrete implementation of the announced merger plans of the NFL and the American Football League.

Under that blueprint, the AFL will add its 10th franchise for the 1968 season with two additional franchises contemplated by the 1970 season when the two leagues will begin playing an interlocking schedule.

Assuming New York, with the NFL's Giants and AFL's Jets, remains the only two-team city, fans throughout the country then will be able to see pro football regularly on a live basis in 27 cities.

COSTS MILLIONS

And, at the same time the leagues have grown, so have the prices paid for franchises. The NFL's first expansion club, the Dallas Cowboys, paid only \$600,000 while Atlanta, which became operative this season, apparently kicked in \$2,000,000 or more.

The New Orleans franchise holders probably will pay in the same neighborhood as Atlanta.

In 1959, the NFL was the only major football league in the U.S. with the Cardinals and Bears in Chicago and teams in Cleveland, Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Green Bay, Baltimore, San Francisco and Detroit.

In 1960 Dallas entered the NFL, the Cardinals shifted to St. Louis and the AFL played Denver, Buffalo, Houston, Boston, Oakland, New York, Dallas and Los Angeles.

A year later, Minnesota entered the NFL and the AFL shifted its Los Angeles club to San Diego.

In 1963, the AFL made another shift, moving Dallas to Kansas City.

There were now 22 teams in 21 cities and there was a pause to "consolidate" before Atlanta joined the NFL and Miami the AFL for the 1966 season.

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Rural Hockey League Needs New Arena

Circumstance has forced the Rural Hockey League to find new facilities independent of those provided by the Charlottetown Minor Hockey Association in the past.

Because of a heavy enrollment of minor hockey players in the Charlottetown-minor hockey leagues this year, it was decided by the local Minor Hockey Association and the Charlottetown Recreation Department at an executive meeting last night that the Rural Hockey League made up of teams from the areas outside Charlottetown, including Sherwood and Parkdale, would not be able to use the facilities of the city organization.

The number of applicants for the City League has been steadily increasing over the years and in the light of this it was decided at an executive meeting last year that rural paperweight divisions would be cut from the city system in the 1965-66 season. The other divisions were to be scaled out by this season.

During later discussions, it was decided that if it were numerically possible, some outside players would be allowed in the league. With this in mind, both

the city and rural organizations held their registrations. The City registered an unprecedented 480 minor players. This, combined with such factors as High School ice time and plain economics spelled the end of rural participation in organized city hockey.

The Rural Hockey League, hampered by very limited ice accommodations at the Saint Dunstan's Arena and at an outdoor rink in Sherwood are necessitated by these circumstances to seek other accommodations.

Rural Minor Hockey President Bud Constable says it is rather obvious that "people in these districts will have to make a move". With this in mind, his association hope to persuade the Sherwood-Parkdale authorities to consider providing for winter accommodations. This executive feels that perhaps they could lease the Coliseum at the exhibition grounds which is reported to be open for lease by the Exhibition Association.

Pistons Open With Celtics

Play resumes tonight in the Mens Senior Basketball League at the BRC. At 8 p.m. the Pistons will play host to the Celtics and at 9 p.m. the Warriors take on the Lakers. Joe McGuire, former St. Dunstan's star has been added to the lineup of the Pistons. This addition should provide the Pistons with more scoring punch and make them a real threat for League honors. This league is well balanced and fans are taking more than a passing interest in the brand of Basketball that is being provided. Jack Ready, the Director of the BRC will have the welcome mat out for all the fans that would like to see a good game of Basketball.

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