Threatens To Take Basketball From Garden

NEW YORK, Jan. 9—(AP) — Ned Irish has threatened to pull professional basketball out of Madison Square Garden if what he termed "atrocious tactics" are permitted to continue.

The executive vice-president of the big arena, addressing the weekly meeting of the New York basketball writers, singled out the Syracuse, N.Y., team for particular censure and said:

"The kind of basketball they showed in last Saturday afternoon's game cannot be sold to the public. If this situation is not corrected, there definitely will be no pro basketball in Madison Square Garden in future years."

Syracuse won from the Garden-supported New York Knickerbockers in a rough-and-tumble National Association game Saturday, 87-75, in overtime.

The game, which developed into a free-for-all, produced a large number of personal fouls. Two players, Syracuse's Bill Gabor and the Knicks' Harry Gallatin, were ejected from the game for fighting.

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WORCESTER, N. Y., Jan. 8 — (AP)—Jim Konstanty, voted the most valuable player in the National League last season, said tonight he had returned his 1951 contract to Philadelphia Phillies—unsigned. The Phillies' ace relief pitcher said the contract provided a salary increase. But, he added, it was "not what I expected."

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Garrison Rifle League

The Garrison Rifle League recommenced activities after being closed down for the holiday period, with a match at the Armouries between the P.E.I. Regt. Officers, versus P.E.I. Regt. "A" and at Queen Charlotte between 5th Sigs. Reg. "B" versus Navy "B", results were as follows:

AT THE ARMOURIES

P.E.I. Regt. Officers

Capt. E. R. Burke	98
Capt. L. G. MacNevin	93
2nd Lieut. R. V. Lafferty	91
Lieut. L. W. Ford	88
Mgr. E. K. Kennedy	87
	457
Low score counted out	81

P.E.I. Regt. "A"

Sgt. G. R. Small	94
SSM. W. Farrar	92
Sgt. V. Douse	87
WO2 C. Oxford	86
SSM. B. E. Shaw	86
	445
Low score counted out	50

AT QUEEN CHARLOTTE

5 Sgs. Regt. "B"

Sigmn J. L. DeRoche	88
Sigmn. G. W. Schleyer	88
Sgt. J. B. Gallant	84
Sigmn. R. J. Kelly	83
Off. Cdt. G. L. Jenkins	78
	421
Low score counted out	69

Navy "B"

LS D. B. Smith	90
AB A. MacDonald	83
AB R. M. Miller	75
AB K. L. Heustis	74
PO R. A. Wilson	73
	395
Low score counted out	69

League Standings

	W	L	Pts.
P.E.I. Regt. "A"	4	1	8
Navy Officers	3	0	6
Sigs. Regt. "A"	2	0	4
P.E.I. Regt. Officers	2	1	4
Navy "B"	1	1	2
28 LAA Regt. "B"	1	1	2
Navy "A"	1	2	2
Sigs. Regt. "B"	1	2	2
R.C.M.P.	1	4	2
28 LLA Regt. "A"	0	4	0

Canadian Team Loses In Scotland

PAISLEY, Scotland, Jan. 9 — (CP) — The touring Lethbridge Maple Leafs were defeated 6-4 Saturday night by Paisley Pirates, league-leaders in the Scottish Hockey League.

The loss gave the Leafs a record of two victories and two losses in games against English and Scottish League teams. The Canadian squad is making a 60-game exhibition tour of European centres as a warm-up for the world hockey championship tournament starting in Paris March 11.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 — (AP) — The board of directors announced today that the eighth annual International Tuna Cup Match will take place at Wedgeport, N. S., Sept. 2, 13 and 14.

Canadian Marksmen To Compete In Olympic Games

Some Canadian farm boy who has an unerring aim with a .22 may have the chance to become a world champion rifle shot at the next Olympic games in 1952 in Helsinki, Finland.

This is the hope of K. N. Morris, executive director of the Canadian Civilian Association of Marksmen, who announces that the Canadian Olympic Association has allotted three places for marksmen on its team for next year's Olympiad. It will be the first time in 20 years for shooters to be included on a Canadian Olympic team.

Mr. Morris expects stiff competition across Canada for the three places allotted on the team. He estimates there are some 28,500 recreational shooters in the country today—almost double the number three years ago. Of these some 20,000 use the .22 rifle; 2,000 pistols and revolvers and 6,500 trap and skeet (shot guns). There are 585 clubs devoted to .22 shooting; 61 to pistol and revolver and 325 to trap and skeet.

Stressing the value of supervised target shooting, he said that to his knowledge not one member of the Canadian Civilian Association of Marksmen was involved in a hunting accident during the past season, thus keeping the organization's unmarred safety slate clean for another year.

Mangrum Wins Los Angeles Open

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9—(AP)—Lloyd Mangrum won the $15,000 Los Angeles open shooting a four-under-par 67 in the final round for a 72-hole score of 280.

His sizzling finish overtook the leader for two days, Henry Ransom, who slipped to 73 today and 281 for the tournament.

Ransom started today's round with 208 against Mangrum's 213 but couldn't stand the sub-par pace. He finished the first nine in even par, against Mangrum's 32, three under. Then he slipped two over on the back nine to a 38, while Mangrum was getting a 35. Par is 35-36—71.

Upwards of 6,000 fans swarmed over the tournament site, the Riviera Country Club, and watched Mangrum, who plays out of Chicago, sweep first with his brilliant display of the game.

His early 67 in the final round put the pressure squarely on Ransom, a seasoned campaigner who also learned his golf in Texas and now plays out of St. Andrews, Ill. The load was too much for Henry.

The victory was worth $2,600 to Mangrum, and Ransom drew down $1,900.

Sam Snead, who admitted Sunday he was playing with a broken bone in his left hand, finished with a 73 for a 285 total and third place, earning $1,350. The whiz from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., stayed with par for nine holes today but slipped on the turn for home.

Lethbridge Maple Leafs Lose 3-2

LONDON, Jan. 9 — (Reuters) — Lethbridge Maple Leafs, looking sluggish after three games in four days, tonight dropped a 3-2 decision to Streatham, English National Hockey League champions.

In their first London appearance, Canada's hope for retention of the world hockey title showed little of the form that lifted them from the Western Canada Junior Hockey League into the shoes of Edmonton Mercurys, last year's world titlists.

It was their third loss in five games of a 100-game European pre-championship exhibition tour.

Streatham's Joe Frechette of Charny, Que., opened the scoring in the first period. Rheal Savard of Cornwall, Ont., got the second English tally at 4.00 of the second, whizzing a fast one past Leaf goalie Carl Sorokoski.

Don Callaghan of Montreal got the final Streatham goal before the period ended.

Leafs turned on the heat in the third, with Bill Gibson scoring off Jim Malacko's pass-out from behind the net. Playing-coach Dick Gray soloed through the Sreatham defence and counted with a flip into the upper corner of the net.

Lists Wackiest Sport Events During Last Year

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 — (AP) — Gather around the hot stove, friends, and we'll tell you about the wackiest events in sports in 1950.

There were plenty of them, but outstanding in the minds of sports writers and sports broadcasters who took part in the Associated Press year-end poll were the big blizzard, the great fox hunt in Yankee Stadium, and the longest mile run in history.

They didn't chuckle at Ohio State, however, over the great blizzard. Thirteen inches of snow had piled up on Ohio Stadium before the climactic game with Michigan. A snowstorm raged, a 20-mile an hour wind lashed the field, and the gridders performed in biting, 10-degree cold.

And oddly enough, 50,503 fanatics tried to watch the ghost-like figures manoeuvre.

Not a single first down was made by Michigan, which won 9-3, to capture the Big Ten title and a trip to the Rose Bowl.

The most elusive runner since the days of Red Grange showed up in Yankee Stadium. It was Reynard the Fox, a gaunt critter about three feet long and weighing about 15 pounds.

Reynard first was spotted by watchmen the night before the Army-Michigan football game.

They finally got Reynard one dark night in December. There was no baying of hounds, no scarlet-clad hunters. Reynard, blasted by a shotgun under the stands, has been suffed and mounted in the Stadium press room.

The world's record for the mile run is 4.01.4. The slowest? The 314 days, 12 hours and 23 minutes it took for Don Gehrmann of Wisconsin to win the Wanamaker mile.

Gehrmann was declared the winner Jan. 28 when he finished the mile in Madison Square Garden in 4.09.3, a breath ahead of Fred Wilt. Four judges were evenly divided on the outcome and chief judge Asa Bushnell declared for Gehrmann. After that followed a series of squabbles with Wilt declared the winner and then Gehrmann. The dispute raged for months.

Finally Dec. 9, the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union decided once and for all that Gehrmann was the victor.

Watches for Argos Stirs Storm In Civic Circles In Toronto

TORONTO, Jan. 9 —(CP)— A proposal to give the Toronto Argonauts football team $100 wrist watches in recognition of their Grey Cup victory last fall has stirred a tempest in the civic teapot.

Civic fathers and some sportsmen are divided on whether the glory brought to the city by the Argo triumph warrants confronting the 1951 taxpayer with a bill which controllers and aldermen say may go as high as $3,500.

Ahe issue may be settled next Wednesday when City Clerk George Weale gives City Council a list of watch prices.

Controller David Balfour is on record as favoring the watches.

"Nothing is too good for these fellows," he asserted. "We get the advertising from the Argos. We should say thanks and not in a cheap way."

Controller Leslie Saunders argued that the Argos are professionals. He said he wouldn't give them even $5 watches.

But Mayor Hiram McCallum recalled that the Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League also are a professional outfit. The Leafs received wrist watches from the city two years ago when they brought home the Stanley Cup.

The Mayor said the Argo watches, although worth $100 each, would not actually cost the City that much. Other Council members plugged for less expensive gifts—medals at $5 or $10 each, perhaps, or $15 pen sets.

Bob Moran, Argo president, said the argument was "small potatoes." The Grey Cup success had brought Toronto "tremendous advertising, goodwill and out-of-town money."

Sportsmen were far from unanimous in their views. Lionel Conacher, picked recently as Canada's most outstanding football star in the last 50 years, saw it this way:

"I frankly think that, with taxes so high, there are many other things that could be done with the money. Let someone else step in, like the Board of Trade, which spends money on advertising. We shouldn't make the taxpayer pay. That's loading the horse too much."

St. Mary's Juniors Defeat St. F. X.

HALIFAX, Jan. 9—(CP) —Halifax St. Mary's juniors came from behind here Saturday to defeat St. Francis Xavier University, leader of the Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior "B" League, 6-4 in an exhibition hockey game. They will play a return match Tuesday at Antigonish.

Halifax tied the score in the middle period after the visitors scored twice in the opener, and then outscored St. F. X. 4-2 in the finale.

Four Players Sign Dodgers' Contracts

BROOKLYN, Jan. 9 — (AP) — Catcher Bruce Edwards and three other members of Brooklyn Dodgers signed their 1951 contracts, it was announced Saturday. This brings the total of Dodgers signed to six.

In addition to Edwards, George Shuba and rookies Bill Antonello and Dick Williams also came to terms. All are outfielders.

West Prince Hockey League Meets

The West Prince Hockey League held its second meeting since its formation at O'Leary on Wednesday, January 3, at 8:00 P. M.

The President, Dr. L. G. Dewar, occupied the chair and opened the meeting. Minutes of the first meeting were read by the Sec'y-Treasurer, J. R. Rochford, and on motion of W. H. Bernard, seconded by H. Barbour, were adopted as read.

The executive then drew up the following League-By-Laws:

1. The West Prince Hockey League will play under M. A. H. A. rules.
2. The entrance fee to the League will be five dollars ($5.00) from each team.
3. Home team will have games published in local papers.
4. The idle team will supply one referee and two linesmen. In the event that the idle team is unable to supply the officials, the participating teams shall come to mutual agreement as to whom is to officiate.
5. If a game ends in a tie during the regular schedule, after the regulation time has been played ten (10) minutes overtime should be played.
6. First and second place teams play-off for the League Championship.
7. Each team will supply one timekeeper and one goal judge.
8. No limit to the number of players a team may register with the League but the number of players dressed for a game must comply with the M. A. H. A. rules.
9. In event of a new player moving into any of the towns comprising the League, he must be a resident for two weeks, and then his eligibility must be determined by the Executive before he can play in any League game.
10. All games to begin at 8:00 P. M.

The following motion was presented by W. H. Bernard, seconded by E. Turner, and after some discussion, carried unanimously.

Motion:

That a list of available players be presented by each team at the first scheduled game and at the end of the week's schedule, be presented to the Executive for approval.

Britain Challenges For World's Women Tennis Championship

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 — (AP)— Britain has challenged the United States for the Wightman Cup, symbol of the world's women tennis team championships and it is likely that the bid will be accepted.

The decision will be announced at the annual meeting of the U. S.-L. T. A. Jan. 20. If the matches are held, they likely will be decided Aug. 24-25 on the courts of the Longwood Cricket Club, Chestnut Hill, Mass. Mrs. Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman, donor of the cup, is a member there.

The competitions are held annually and Britain hasn't won since 1930. The American girls swept the matches in both 1949 and 1950.

Lethbridge Team Shows Little Promise

FALKIRK, Scotland, Jan. 9 — (Reuters) — Lethbridge Maple Leafs skated to a 3-1 victory tonight over Falkirk Lions of the Scottish Hockey Association. But in winning they revealed little to make their backers happy over their chances in the world championship tournament in Paris next March.

They were fleeter than the Canadian-packed Lions, but showed sloppiness around their own net that might have cost a lot of goals against higher-class opposition.

"Forgotten Men" Sign Contracts

BROOKLYN, Jan. 9 — (AP) — Joe Hatten and Jack Banta, "forgotten men" of Brooklyn's pitching staff last year, signed their Dodger contracts.

Hatten, 33-year-old lefthander, worked only 68 innings last year, winning two and losing two. Banta, 25-year-old sidearm righthander, had a 4-4 record for Brooklyn before being shipped to Montreal where he won four and lost seven.

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BALTIMORE, Jan. — (AP) — Baltimore called off today, at the request of the Federal Government, plans to build a second deck increasing seating capacity of the municipal stadium to 60,000 seats. The National Production Authority asked the city to postpone completion of the Memorial Stadium "until the situation is more favorable."

MONTREAL, Jan. — (CP) — Tommy Manastersky, star halfback with Montreal Alouettes of the Big Four Football League, has given up his football career to devote full time to professional hockey, it was learned tonight. Manastersky signed a professional hockey contract recently with Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League.

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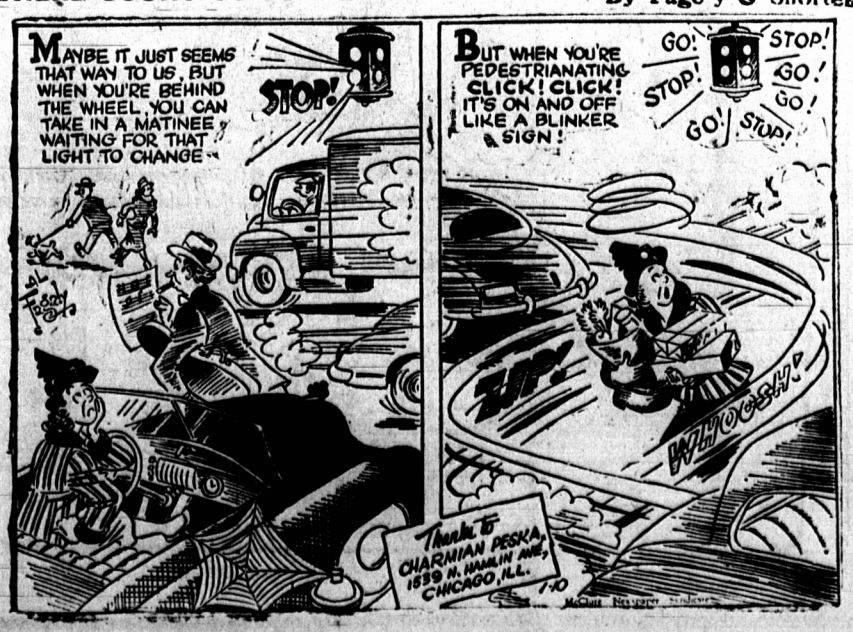

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