



THE WINNER

Montreal's Ralph Backstrom (6) shovels the puck past Detroit goalie Dennis Ruggin for the winning goal in a 2-1 National Hockey League contest in Montreal Saturday night. Backstrom scored on the rebound after Rig-

Omsted To Ask Rangers To Play With Smokies

VANCOUVER (CP) — Bert Omsted will ask New York Rangers of the National Hockey League for permission to play for Trail Smoke Eaters in the world hockey championships. The former Toronto Maple Leafs star told the Sun in a telephone interview Tuesday from Calgary: "I will jump at the chance to play for the Trail club."

The veteran left-winger said he is still New York property. The Rangers drafted Omsted from Toronto in June for \$20,000.

Trail coach Bobby Kromm, who has been trying to sign Omsted for more than a month, said: "What a Christmas present this could make."

But to get Omsted for the Smoke Eaters, Kromm has to work fast. The deadline for reinstating professional players for amateur competition is Dec. 21.

Trail won the world title in 1961 but Sweden won it last year. The championships will be held in Stockholm in February.

N.Y.'s Allie Sherman Voted NFL Coach Of The Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Allie Sherman of New York Giants has been voted coach of the year in the National Football League for the second straight year.

The Associated Press balloting by a committee of sports writers and broadcasters from the 14 league cities was a scramble among five coaches. Sherman, coach of Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Western Football Conference in 1954-56, shaded Washington's Bill McPeak by three votes. Vince Lombardi of Green Bay Packers and Tom Laney of Dallas Cowboys were close behind, followed by George Wilson of Detroit Lions.

Sherman received 13 votes, McPeak 10, Lombardi and Laney seven each and Wilson four. Sherman won last year when he led the Giants to the Eastern Conference title as a rookie coach. He repeated by winning the Eastern crown again.

"I am very grateful for this honor," said Sherman when informed of the results Wednesday. "I didn't know anybody ever repeated in this balloting."

Sherman took over more details of the defensive coaching this year after Harland Swire left to become an assistant coach — and eventually head coach — with Los Angeles Rams. With player — coaches Andy Robustelli and Jimmy Patton on defence, Sherman applied himself more to that phase of the game than a year ago.

The 35-year-old former Brooklyn College quarterback played pro ball with Philadelphia. He moved into a coaching career as an assistant under Steve Owen at New York and later was a head coach in Winnipeg.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Thursday night at the Charlottetown Club.

7 P.M. (Tumbler Play)

Ice 1 — A. Love, F. Cox, W. Carr, C. Wheatley vs. H. R. Carruthers, S. Warwick, R. MacKenzie, C. White.

Ice 2 — F. MacMillan, M. Kennedy, C. MacInnes, E. Ford vs. C. Finn, Dr. Mackay, V. Milton, J. Wheatley.

Ice 3 (Central Creameries) Dillon vs. Ball.

Ice 4 (Central Creameries) Boyles vs. Soper.

Ice 5 — E. Tanton, C. Asprey, B. Parke, Geo. MacLaren vs. L. Wellner, W. Rodd, Geo. Wilson, H. Simpson.

8.30 (Xmas Mixed Spiel)

Ice 1 — W. Farrell, G. Caruthers, N. MacNeill, M. Ives vs. G. Anderson, I. MacLellan, K. Kennedy, T. Roper.

Ice 2 — J. Cameron, S. Venish, E. Bagnall, B. Squarebriggs vs. E. Gillespie, E. Taylor, H. MacLellan, W. Deacon.

Ice 3 — M. Jenkins, J. MacLean, Dr. Webster, F. Bowness vs. E. Taylor, M. Farrell, H. Douglas, G. Crockett.

Ice 4 — A. MacDonald, I. Duff, D. Douglas, E. Bagnall vs. T. Whitehead, M. Garrett, S. Bryant, S. Squarebriggs.

Ice 5 — H. Peters, I. Gallant, D. Ward, P. Johnston vs. B. MacGregor, E. Goss, J. Venish, M. MacNeill.

Clinton Player Is Suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Lockhart, president of the Eastern Hockey League, said Wednesday night he has suspended George Gosselin of Clinton for refusing to report to New Haven Blades under the league's disaster plan.

Gosselin, a forward, was scheduled to play with New Haven in Nashville Wednesday night.

He and four other players were drafted by New Haven after 14 players from the team were injured in a bus accident Sunday night.

limit. He is appealing the action in New York Supreme Court in The Neil trophy is named in honor of the former Associated Press sports writers who was killed while reporting the Spanish Civil War. The trophy is awarded only for boxing ability but for character and sportsmanship.

A vastly improved fighter in the last two years, Tiger has a 46-12-2 won-lost-draw record.

ANCIENT GAMES

The Royal Highland Gathering, the Highland games at Braemar, Scotland, were started by King Malcolm Canmore nine centuries ago.

Nigerian Dick Tiger Wins Boxer Of The Year Honors

NEW YORK (AP) — Dick Tiger, the rugged middleweight champion from Nigeria, was named the 1962 winner of the Edward J. Neill award as fighter of the year Wednesday.

The 33-year-old boxer-puncher was selected for the honor by the Boxing Writers Association. He will receive the Neill plaque at the BWA's annual dinner Jan. 13.

Tiger, a muscular 160-pounder who has won eight straight fights in the last two years, captured the World Boxing Association's middleweight crown by hammering out a decisive

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