Canada's Top Hopes Out As Skating Ch'ships Open

CP from Reuters-AP

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO. Italy — The world figure-skating championships open here today with one of Canada's top hopes—the pairs team of Debbi Wilkes and Guy Ravell—on the sidelines.

A freak accident in which Miss Wilkes suffered a head injury Monday forced the pair to withdraw from the event Wednesday, ending their chances to add the world crown to the Canadian and North American titles they earned earlier this year.

Miss Wilkes, a slim, 16-year-old blonde from Unionville, Ont. spent Tuesday in hospital but was back at her hotel and reported improving Wednesday. Her coach Bruce Hyland, said she was suffering from concussion and shock.

Ravell, Debbi's 21 - year - old partner from Newmarket, Ont., explained that he had been holding Miss Wilkes above his head in a pose for photographers when "my foot slipped and I went over backward. Debbi went over too and hit her head on the ice with a terrific crack."

Two other Canadian pairs are entered in the competition and both received unfavorable positions in Wednesday night's draw for the skating order in the event.

DRAW FIRST SPOT

Linda Ann Ward and Neil Carpenter of Galt Ont., the Canadian junior pairs champions, drew the No. 1 spot, sometimes jokingly called the "kiss of death" in competition where a late position is regarded as a distinct advantage.

Gertrude Desjardins and Maurice LaFrance drew the fourth spot among the 13 pairs but didn't seem to mind. The two, both 20 - year - olds who moved to Toronto from Sudbury, Ont., two years ago, were second behind Miss Wilkes and Ravell in the Canadian and North American competition this year.

The pairs competition tonight will be the first title decided in the four-day championships at Cortina's Olympic ice stadium.

Rated favorites after the draw were the Russian champions Ludmilla and Oleg Protopopov, a husband - and - wife team that last year finished behind Maria and Otto Jelinek of Oakville, Ont. The Canadian champions have since turned professional.

The men's singles and the ice dance events also are scheduled to open today, with the men tracing the first four of six school figures and the dance pairs doing the first two of four compulsory patterns.

Don McPherson, 17, of Stratford, Ont. is considered Canada's best hope in the singles event. A spectacular free skater McPherson took the Canadian honors this year after running second for three years behind Don Jackson of Oshawa, Ont., who turned pro after winning the world title last year.

Paulette Doan and Ken Ormsby of Toronto, Canadian and North American titleholders, are rated the best among three Canadian pairs in the dance competition. They were fifth in the world championships last year.

In the women's singles this year Wendy Griner, an 18-year-old ash blonde from Toronto, is working to dethrone world champion Sjoukje Dijkstra of The Netherlands.

Miss Griner, second behind the Dutch girl last year, has won the Canadian title four years in a row and this year took the North American honors as well—for the first Canadian victory since Barbara Ann Scott won it in 1945 and 1947.

Smokies Crush U.S. Team 6-1

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP)—Trail Smoke Eaters, Canada's representatives in the world amateur hockey championship in Stockholm next month, Wednesday night trounced the United States team 6-1 in an exhibition game.

Right winger Hugh McIntyre scored two goals for the Canadians, one in the first period and one in the second. Other Canadian goal scorers were defenceman George Ferguson, who opened the scoring, Edmond Cristofoli, Walt Peacosh and Howie Hornby.

The lone U.S. counter was tallied by Marshall Tshida in the 11th minute of the third period.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Thursday at the Charlottetown Club. (Spares needed).

6.50 P.M. (Thursday Knock-out)

Ice 1 — G. Anderson, E. Gillespie, B. Parke, S. Simpson vs. Dr. Cox, B. O'Rourke, V. Robinson, J. Wilson.

Ice 2 — G. Storey, Dr. Webster, C. MacInnes, A. Callbeck vs. C. Flinn, H. MacLellan, V. Mitton, C. MacDonald.

Ice 3 — C. Asprey, L. Turner, R. MacKenzie, B. Ball vs. L. Blakeney, D. Douglas, B. Cook, J. Veniot.

Ice 4 — A. A. MacLeod, A. E. Piercey, E. Ford, K. Dalziel vs. T.W.L Prowse, N Ball, A. Garrett, B Crockett.

Ice 5 — J. Cooke, M. Kennedy, J. Bond, B. MacLennan vs. Dr. Giddings, H. Simpson, L. Bagnall, J. Weldon.

(Mixed Championships)
8.30 P.M.

Ice 1 — D. O'Rourke vs. H. Peters.

Ice 2 — A. Humphrey vs. G. Stewart.

Ice 3 — D. George vs. B. Le-Clair.

Ice 5 — J. Burden vs. G. Vessey.

(Ice 4 — Storey Electric Senior Final — Frank Acorn vs. Dr. MacDonald).

LISTON'S LOOK BEAT FLOYD

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Boxer Cassius Clay, whose gimmick is his gift of gab, said Wednesday world heavyweight champion Sonny Liston has one too.

"It's his look," Clay said. "He's big and ugly. That look would scare a man if he didn't know him. He scared Floyd Patterson with it.

But he don't scare me. I'll eat him up."

Clay, whose goal is to win the title from Liston before next November, thus becoming the youngest heavyweight champ in history, said he ran into Liston Tuesday night in a Miami night club. The conversation, he said, went like this:

Clay: "You're so ugly I don't know whether to whip you or cage you. Me I'm pretty—too pretty to be a fighter."

Liston: "That's right, I don't know whether to whip you or kiss you."

Clay: "There you go, popping off. I predicted that because I am so great, you would fall in eight. Now you're in a worse fix, because I've cut it to six."

Liston: "If I fell in six, it would be a fix."

Clay: "Keep talking and I'll cut it to five. How did you beat Patterson, with that look?"

Liston: "Not the look, the hook."

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Mantle Joins Elite Group; Pact Calls For $100,000

By TED SMITS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—Mickey Mantle, the New York Yankees star with the booming bat and the fragile legs, stepped up to the $100,000 class Wednesday, a level he shares only with Willie Mays of San Francisco Giants among active players.

Roger Maris, the other half of the M and M wrecking crew, came to terms an hour later for the same $72,000 he earned last year.

Thus the world champion Yankees gathered in their two high-priced stars on the same day, without any sign of a struggle.

Mantle signed his hundred grand document at a special ceremony attended by Joe DiMaggio, the only other Yankee to reach that plateau.

FOUR OTHERS

Mays, DiMaggio, Ted Williams of Boston Red Sox and Stan Musial of St. Louis Cardinals are the only other players ever to earn $100,000 for a season.

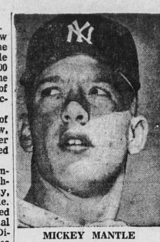
Babe Ruth's top salary was $80,000, earned in the low tax year of 1930 and 1931.

The Yankees broke precedent by showing Mantle's contract to reporters.

The switch-hitting outfielder made about $85,000 in 1962.

Maris was expected to get a cut, but the Yankees said their only offer to him was for same figure as last year.

The M and M boys were the only Yankees not signed.



MICKEY MANTLE

Mantle hit .321 last year for the Yankees, the eighth time he has gone over the .300 mark. He also banged out 30 home runs, and was named the American League's most valuable player, although he missed nearly 40 games with a leg injury.

He had also been the most valuable in 1956 and 1957.

With Mantle out of the line-up, the Yankees played .500 ball. When he returned they drove on to the pennant.

Maris had a disappointing year, following his record 61 home runs in 1961. He hit only 33 home runs and batted .256 in 157 games. It had been widely anticipated that he would be asked to take a cut, since he had jacked up his 1962 salary in a holdout action, but the Yankees gave him the same sum.

Mantle, who lets his bat do most of the talking for him, said he hoped to "play five seasons at top clip. Maybe more. He now is in his 12th season with the club.

Kingston Players Share Loop Lead

OTTAWA (CP) — Kingston Frontenacs left winger Don Blackburn scored five points last week to join teammate Jeannot Gilbert at the top of the Eastern Professional Hockey League scoring race.

League figures released today show Gilbert with 77 points on 31 goals and 46 assists. Blackburn is five points behind with 72. Last week Blackburn was in fourth place.

Marc Dufour of Sudbury Wolves is in third position with 71 points.

Murray Hall of St. Louis holds down fourth spot with 70 points.

Gord Labossiere of Sudbury is in fifth place having 68 points.

Perreault Loaned To Americans

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Bruins announced Wednesday night that goalie Bob Perreault has been loaned to Rochester Americans, subject to immediate recall.

Perreault has left for his assignment in the American Hockey League where he performed for so long before the Bruins gave him a shot at the National Hockey League last fall.

Perreault gained attention when the 31-year old rookie made his debut via a spectacular 6-0 shutout of Montreal Canadiens.

Later the Bruins fell into a deep slump and in one game ex-coach Phil Watson had fellow rookie Ed Johnston replace Perreault in the middle of a contest.

Perreault last saw NHL action in early December. Johnston has been in goal since that time and been told by present coach Milt Schmidt the job is his.

LAUNCH BOYCOTT

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. AP)—A boycott of the predominantly Negro Lincoln elementary school on grounds of racial imbalance began Tuesday and school authorities said 239 pupils were absent out of an enrolled 498. About eight of the pupils are white. Dr. Mark R. Shedd, school superintendent, said attendance at Lincoln School was determined solely by existing school district boundaries and there is no segregation by design.

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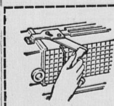

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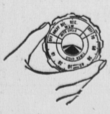

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