

Alf Pike Is Unobtainable, Says GM Of Maple Leafs

WINNIPEG (CP) — Alf Pike, coach of Winnipeg Warriors of the Western Hockey League, will not make the big jump to the National Hockey League coaching ranks this year.

In an interview Friday, Jack Perrin, Winnipeg general manager, said this was agreed to in long-distance telephone conversations with George (Punch) Imlach, general manager of Toronto Maple Leafs, who had been dickering for Pike's services.

Imlach and Leaf forward Bert Olmstead will continue to guide the NHL team until the end of

their season. They took over the task of trying to raise the Leafs from the cellar when Billy Reay was fired as coach.

TO RESUME TALKS

Perrin said the Toronto job would be left open until the hockey season ends, then negotiations with Pike would resume.

Leafs, with Perrin's permission, have been negotiating with Pike for more than a week.

In Toronto Friday, Imlach said: "We found Pike unobtainable."

"Leafs will continue to operate as they have been doing for the last two weeks for the rest of the season. Then we'll open negotiations with Pike again."

Imlach said he is coaching the club during the games and that means in the dressing room. Olmstead conducts practices in Imlach's absence.

"Pulling Pike out of Winnipeg might hurt hockey in that city and we certainly don't want to do that, either."

"Winnipeg wanted to give some compensation for Pike but we're having our own troubles and we aren't in a position to compensate for a coach now. But we'll try at the end of

the season."

Thursday, Perrin had said he would put a time limit on negotiations as the Warrior players seemed to be suffering from the long discussions.

"They are all talking about it, wondering if Alf will remain as coach or, if not, who will be the next coach," Perrin said. "As a result they're forgetting to play hockey the way they should be."

Warriors are in third place in the four-team prairie division of the WHL.

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SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

PARKDALE ROYALS have established to one and all they are capable of taking care of themselves in the newly-formed Charlottetown and District Hockey League.

Two games have now gone into the record books and the Royals have emerged victorious on both occasions. First they edged Garrison Juniors 6-5, then they hung a humiliating trouncing on Frankie Roper's Navy Tars. Tuesday the Buck Whitlock crew had trouble nosing out the Juniors but they did and that's what counts. There was so much difficulty on Thursday when the Navy took the ice against Frizzell's Sizzlers.

HOWEVER, that wallowing of Navy by the Royals isn't as bad as it looks. For two periods on Thursday night, the Tars made it a most interesting battle but in the final stanza they tired badly and the Parkdale gang made the most of the situation. The seamen will improve with every battle and they are to get additional strength on the defence as well as up front. In goal Frank Roper will hold his own with any in the league. When the additions to the club are made and the Tars find their sealegs, you can expect them to really start sailing full steam ahead.

THAT GREAT OPPORTUNIST, Roy 'Buck' Whitlock, is taking time out from his coaching chores with the Royals to bang in a 'few' goals. After only two games 'Buck' has made that red light glow six times. That's a pretty fair average for the old lamp-lighter. And the way he's going seems to indicate that he'll be potting many more tallies before a champion is crowned in the C and D league.

Now fans have had an opportunity to get a look at three of the five teams in this loop. There are still two left to make their debuts. P.W.C. and S.D.U. are the others but right now they are busy answering questions on examination papers. The Welshmen will likely be ready to roll anytime after December 19 but Saint Dunstan's (who lose most of their players during the Christmas holidays) won't see action till about the sixth of January.

NOT TOO MUCH is known about the strength of the two college outfits. Spy Ready has been handed the coaching job with the Welshmen and it goes without saying that Ready will really make his hopeful work. We chatted with some of the players who are trying out with P.W.C. and they tell us that Spy's practice sessions are really something. Ready's work is that no practice is good until it hurts and his players will tell you when Spy is through his practices, you hurt all over.

We don't know of any coach in the league more capable of whipping a team into condition than the same Mr. Ready. If he can muster a group of players that's nearly on a par with the rest of the clubs, then our advice to those other clubs is to watch out for the Welshmen.

OUT THE ROAD at St. Dunstan's, coach A. J. McAdam has had little chance to really find out what he has to work with. A. J., who was voted the league's most valuable player back in the old city league days in the 40's, doesn't appear worried. It's not too often that the Saints can't come up with a team capable of looking after themselves in competition of this sort. Chances are that this season will be no exception to that rule.

Once Saint Dunstan's gets its new rink opened, they can get in plenty of practice sessions. Their first games in league competition may find them a bit uncertain but a week or so will take out all the kinks.

SO FROM THIS CORNER the new league looks a whole lot rosier than we had expected. Truthfully, we had many doubts about the loop but what we saw so far has been a whole lot better than our anticipations. We believe that the two colleges will do nothing to hurt the success of the loop. In fact, as far as they are concerned, it is our belief they will add much more spice to it. And we are not too worried about the Navy. As we stated earlier in this column, a few additions and plenty of work should make the sailors real contenders.

From here the situation looks healthy.

DETROIT RED WINGS' coach Sid Abel has termed Maurice 'Rocket' Richard "an opportunist who never was the all-around equal of Gordie Howe."

This should start the same old thing all over again with sports writers finding terrific copy to support the cases of both these great hockey players. We don't intend to start making any comparisons. Both have made their presence felt in no uncertain manner in the National Hockey League. The difference in their careers and the value they today certainly doesn't compare with that of a few years back. However, it's a wise statement by Abel that Maurice never was the equal of Gordie.

There'll be plenty of words written in an effort to prove it wrong.

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SECOND SECTION

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Title Defence For Durelle Is Out Of Question Now

By W. R. WHEATLEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer
MONTREAL (CP) — Chris Shaban, manager of Yvon Durelle, said today that any question of Durelle defending his Canadian and British Empire light-heavyweight championship will have to wait until a re-match with Archie Moore is settled.

Durelle and Moore put on such a spectacular battle of knock-downs in Montreal Forum Wednesday, with old Archie retaining his title by a knockout in the 11th round, that a return fight has been considered a must.

Archie is for it and Shaban can't see any better pay day ahead for his fighting fisherman from Baie Ste. Anne, N.B.

"If the fight is arranged it probably will be held in the Montreal Royals baseball park in June or July," said Shaban before leaving today for Montreal. Durelle left for home early Thursday.

"I'll talk things over with Yvon. Jack Kearns, Moore's manager, first suggested an over-weight match saying Yvon may have been weakened by making the weight for Wednesday's fight. "I can't see any purpose in an



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

N.D. Hal, 3, 2.05; by Hal Dale, N.B. 2.02 1/2; Sallie D. Scott, P. 2.03 by Peter Scott 2.05; second dam Abbe Gentry, P. 2.12 1/2 by The Abbe, P. 2.04, owned by H. Leslie Styles of Woodstock, N.B. is making great headway as a sire of speed.

In the 1957 U.S.A. Sires and Dams Book, he is credited with seven sires with records from 2:09 3/5 to 2:15 2/5; and none of them older than four years. The fastest was Hal's Mae, 3, 2:09 2/5; with Hal's Man, 3, 2:09 3/5.

This year his get has been going very strong. Hal's Man made eight starts at Rockingham, New Hampshire, and had seven wins and one second. His last win was in 2:10 2/5. Driver Clayton Killam, asked about him, said that he was a little anxious to get away, and was a little rough on account of that. Killam says that he is a horse that seems to rate himself, and can go in 2:07 or 2:10, as the occasion requires. He just has the idea of winning in his own way, and he gets off in front, he eases up a bit, waiting for the other horses to come up with him.

Old Arch Has Tough Struggle

MONTREAL (CP) — Archie Moore, who retained his world light-heavyweight title Wednesday with a knockout victory over Yvon Durelle, had another tough struggle on his hands Thursday night.

There were 150 opponents. Archie visited the Lions boys and girls club and was practically assaulted by youngsters seeking his autograph. All games stopped and when Archie got the cheering children quieted down he told them: "I carry out a promise by coming here. Two years ago I promised one of your club officials I'd visit you."

Archie toured the premises and played pool with the boys but had trouble getting a clear table because the youngsters perched on the sides. He posed for pictures and signed autographs.

The club presented him with a trophy—a gold colored lion on a green marble base. He was also given a Lions Club Christmas cake.

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Speaking about Danny's long and wonderful career with horses, Mr. Stiles says: "I don't know how old he is, but he must be getting pretty close to the 80's."

Danny's age is subject that comes up frequently. One of the reasons why he is thought to be well into the 80's is that he was a winning driver over the Charlottetown track in the early 1890's but Danny claims that he was only 16 years old then, when he sat on one of the old-fashioned high-wheeled sulkies and drove a winner.

Every year since then he has been active as a trainer and driver, and if one could get his memoirs into print, they would be most interesting.

HANDSOME FILLY
Robert Banks of Summerside, P.E.I. is the owner of a very handsome filly which is a full sister to the four-year-old pacer, Palacoona, that won recently at Richelieu track in Montreal in 2:13 1/5 over a very heavy track.

Bassey Is Ready To Fight Anyone For His Title

LOS ANGELES (AP) — World featherweight champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey reiterated Friday he is ready to fight anyone in the world for his title, including Davey Moore, the No. 1 contender.

Bassey took things easy, resting up for his 10-round non-title bout at the Hollywood Stadium with Ernesto Parra of Mexico tonight.

The little champ from Nigeria by way of Liverpool, England, said all arrangements for a title must be made by his manager, George Biddles.

Matchmaker George Parnassus of the Olympic Auditorium said he hopes to match Bassey and Moore, of Springfield, Ohio, in late January or February.

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A Children's Season Ticket, good for a L.L. children's events at the Arena, costs only \$4.00 each. Drop in or phone. Tickets delivered if requested!

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ed the record hitherto held by the neighboring Blue Bonnets track.

Is Banned By '49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Joe Arenas announced Friday he has been banned by San Francisco '49ers because of things he said in his newspaper column.

Arenas played seven years with the professional football team, and recently has been writing for the San Francisco Call-Bulletin. His column, on page one Friday, said in part:

"My name is Joe, but I received a 'Dear John' type letter recently, from '49ers owner Vic Morabito. It was one I never thought I'd get from the organization with which I was associated for seven years.

"Vic wrote that, since my former teammates on the present '49er squad had not appreciated my comments about their playing and were adamant about it, I'd been barred from the '49er bench and dressing room."

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