

# SPORTS

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## Phil Watson Named Coach Of The New York Rangers

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NEW YORK, (CP) — Scrappy Phil Watson, who came to New York Rangers as a player 20 years ago because they were able to prove he was slightly more a Scot than a French-Canadian, Monday realized his "No. 1 ambition." He was appointed coach of the National Hockey League team with which he starred as a playmaker for 12 seasons.

Watson, a volatile competitor who would fight at the drop of a glove and is second only to Ching Johnson in Ranger penalty records, succeeds Murray Muzz Patrick, his old roommate, who only last week was promoted to general manager when Frank Boucher quit after 30 years with the club.

Patrick, who personally selected Watson for the job and signed him up for an undisclosed salary in Montreal meeting last week, recalled that the Rangers originally got Phil "because they were able to prove he was a Scot."

## LESTER WON OUT

Watson, 40-year-old native of Montreal, was born of a French-Canadian mother and a Scots father. He was with Montreal Royals when the Rangers put him on their negotiation list. Montreal Canadiens, who then had the rights under an NHL rule to any French-Canadian player in Quebec province, protested.

But Lester Patrick, Ranger coach, pointed out that Watson's Scottish ancestry went back for many years whereas there was a mixed strain on the French side. The league upheld the Rangers and they got what turned out to be one of the most colorful players the NHL has seen in many years.

Brig-Gen. John Reed Kilpatrick, Ranger president, who introduced the new coach at a luncheon, said the recent appointments turn over a "completely new leaf" for the team. He said the club was also contemplating a number of deals and that the question of helping the league's weaker teams, including the Rangers, would be discussed in a few days at a Montreal meeting of the board of governors.

Watson, who has coached in the minors for eight seasons, winning two Eastern League championships with New York Rovers and piloting Quebec Juniors to the Memorial Cup finals three times in four tries, said the appointment was fulfillment of a "lifelong ambition."

## SEEK NEW PLAYERS

Patrick said he has some "new players" in mind and added that something might be announced within a few days regarding a "prize player" from the American Hockey League. He said he was confident the Rangers would move up and expressed the hope that the team might get some established players in trades, possibly at the annual NHL meeting June 2. He noted that the new list

of reserved players comes out May 6 and said he would do some spawdew then on the chances of digging up some talent from the draft selections.

Kilpatrick said the meeting to be held in Montreal shortly would be similar to one last year which arranged help from Toronto, Detroit and Montreal for Boston and Chicago. Rangers, who felt fairly secure at the time but sagged later in the season, got nothing from that meeting.

Watson played all but one NHL season with the Rangers. The exception was 1943-44 when, because of wartime working restrictions in Canada, he lined up with Montreal.

## Would Put Hockey Under A Commissioner

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada should put hockey under control of a commissioner or judge, similar to the way baseball is handled in the United States, a Quebec member proposed in the Commons Monday.

Pierre Gauthier, (L-Portneuf), a medical doctor, expressed concern that "the almighty dollar" is being considered before the health of young hockey players.

"I would propose that our national game be handled in the way baseball is handled in the United States," he said. "A commissioner or judge should be appointed by the federal government, or the provincial governments working in unison, in order that our national game may be protected."

Dr. Gauthier's suggestion brought applause from all sides of the house.

He said he would likely be told that it is none of his business "but I think this thing has gone too far." Seventy-game schedules, followed by playoff games, were just too much.

"I think this is too much to ask of the hearts of our athletes," he said. "I am afraid that in the long run hockey will be killed because it is too apparent that the almighty dollar has taken first position while the health of our young athletes is being ignored."

## Condition Of Boxer Serious

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—Jose Contreras, veteran middleweight boxer from Taunton, Mass., collapsed in the dressing room and was taken to Rhode Island Hospital Monday night after being stopped by Bob Bolton of Providence in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Contreras was placed on the danger list at the hospital.

Referee Sharkey Boninonno stopped the scheduled 10-rounder at 2:40 of the eighth when it became apparent Contreras could not defend himself properly.

# Dick Irvin Leaves Montreal For Chicago Could Make \$30,000 As Hawks Coach

(By W. R. Wheatley, Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
MONTREAL, (CP)—Dick Irvin, veteran hockey coach whose move from Montreal Canadiens to Chicago Black Hawks was announced Monday, said "we are going to shoot for not worse than third place."

Irvin's appointment to a two-year contract was announced in Chicago by president Jim Norris of the Hawks, last-place club in the last two National Hockey League seasons.

In going from the Canadiens to help rebuild the Hawks, Irvin leaves a club he coached for the last 14 seasons.

"Mr. Norris made me a very attractive offer which I couldn't turn down," said the 62-year-old Irvin. "That's where I got my start in the NHL. I think Chicago is one of the best hockey cities in North America."

Irvin said the attractive money offer was the main factor in his decision, but there was also the challenge of bringing up a tail-end club to high ranking.

**REPLACES EDDOLLS**  
In Chicago Irvin succeeds Frankie Eddolls, whom he coached when Frankie first broke into the NHL as a defenceman with Montreal in the 1944-45 season.

Eddolls has been offered the coaching job with Buffalo Bisons of the American Hockey League, a Black Hawk farm club.

Irvin's successor in Montreal has not been named.

Managing director Frank Selke said the directors have not made any decision and no announcement is likely until possibly mid-June.

Selke indicated, however, that the most likely candidates are in the Canadiens organization.

In connection with previous reports of Irvin's likely departure and his possible successor, Selke ruled out Ken Reddick, director of farm clubs, and Butch Bouchard, veteran defenceman.

"For personal reasons, and even for selfish reasons because of his value and experience as a coach, I hate to lose him," Irvin said. "We were together when he first came to Toronto from Chicago in the 1931-32 season. Then he came to Montreal in the 1941-42 season and I followed him here four seasons later."

The salary offered Irvin is believed considerably more than he has received in Montreal since Norris is willing to spend plenty to build the Hawks into a contending club. There is believed also a bonus arrangement and speculation puts a figure of around \$30,000 or more a season Irvin could make in all.

"I thought I had plenty of worries this season, what with Rocket Richard getting suspended, the riots at the Forum, illness and injuries to players during the playoffs and endless other things," said Irvin.

"Then to top them all was the new worry whether to go to Chicago or not. Now I'll have to start worrying about getting the Black Hawks up higher in the league," Irvin, a native of Hamilton, Ont., played his first professional hockey in 1915 with the Portland (Ore.) Rosebuds of the old Pacific Coast Hockey League. After army service, he went back to Regina, played amateur and then pro. He spent another season, 1925-26, with Portland and then went to the Black Hawks.

He played three seasons with the Hawks and took over the coaching job in the 1929-30 season. He was coach there again the next season before moving to Toronto Maple Leafs as coach.

Irvin has served as coach in nearly 200 Stanley Cup games, 115 of them since he came to Montreal. He has had Canadiens in the cup final the last five seasons—a record.

## Archie Moore Wins Decision Over Valdes

LAS VEGAS, Nev., (AP)—Ancient Archie Moore of California moved his heavyweight campaign into high gear Monday night when he pounded out a decision over Nivaldes of Cuba in a bruising 15-round fight.

The 38-year-old king of the light heavyweight, weighing 196½ lbs, captured the verdict over the Havana fighter, 20½, who is rated No. 1 challenger to Marciano's heavyweight championship.

Referee Jimmy Braddock, the sole arbiter, called the champion from San Diego the winner of eight rounds. He gave the 30-year-old Nino five and called two even. It was Archie's 20th straight victory and the first loss in 12 matches for Valdes.

Valdes fought the last two rounds blind in one. There were no knockdowns, but the fight was a bruiser from start to finish.

## Baseball Results

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
American League  
New York 000 001—1 6 3  
Detroit 202 000 21x—7 8 3  
Wiesler, Konstanty (3); Hurd (6)  
Sabo (1) and Berra (Gromek and Wilson, L-Wiesler, HR: Detroit, Del. sing.

Boston 000 001 001—2 6 0  
Cleveland 310 000 00x—4 4 0  
Kemmerer, Brown (5); Hurd (7)  
and White; Wynn and Hegan, L-  
Kemmerer, HRs: Bos — Jensen; Cle-Pope.

Washington 010 411 050—12 13 0  
Kansas City 000 000 010—12 1 1  
Schmitz and FitzGerald; Boyer, Trice (4); Dixon (8); Sleater (9); and W. Shantz; L-Boyer, HRs: Wash-Busby (2); Sievers (2); KC-Zernial.

National League  
St. Louis 000 010 000—1 7 1  
Pittsburgh 200 001 20x—5 14 2  
Haddix, Smith (7); Afreyo (8) and Rice, Sarnie (7); Purkey and Shepard, L-Haddix.

Chicago 000 000 000—0 6 1  
Milwaukee 000 000 002—2 4 1  
(12 innings)  
Conley and Crandall; Erskine and Campanella, HR: Bkn-Furillo, Chicago 000 020 101—4 7 1  
Philadelphia 100 000 000—2 6 1  
(Completion of game suspended May 1 after 8½ innings)

Andre, Jeffcoat (5) and Chiti; Meyer, Kipper (8) and Semnick, W-Jeffcoat; L-Meyer, HRs: Chi-Baker; Pha-Hammer.  
Regular Game  
Chicago 011 000 000—2 5 0  
Philadelphia 010 000 000—1 4 0  
Hacker and Chiti; Roberts and Lopata, HRs: Chi-Banks, Pha-Ennis.

International League  
Havana 200 001 001—4 12 1  
Montreal 320 000 00x—5 1 3  
Marrero, Moreno (2); Cuche (4) and Noble; Lehman, Mickens (9) and Teed.  
Columbus 000 000 100—1 5 1  
Toronto 000 100 02x—3 7 0  
Kume and Lakeman; Fahr and Berberet, HR: Col-Lammer, 2  
Richmond 000 010 001—2 6 0  
Buffalo 000 000 000—0 4 1  
Picone and St. Claire; Birrer and Streuli.  
Syracuse 000 001 000—1 5 2  
Rochester 000 020 10x—3 9 0  
Morehead, Lipetri (8) and Parks, Deal, Wright (6) and Burbrink.



## CNR High Average Trophy

Dolly Thibodeau (right), who had high average in the Atlantic Region C.N.R. Candlepin Bowling Tournament at the Rollaway last week is shown receiving the trophy from Walthen Gaudet, Manager of the Charlotte-Town Centennial Program.

## Nine Horses Race Today In Derby Trial

LOUISVILLE, Ky., (AP)—A trio of horses already booked for Saturday's 81st running of the Kentucky Derby and a half-dozen others who hope to make the grade will test their fitness for the \$125,000 added turf classic in the miles of the Derby Trial today.

The names of the nine were dropped into the entry box Monday as the Derby's name candidates—Nashua, Summer Tan and Swaps—jogged around the Churchill Downs oval.

Only Nashua, the odds-on favorite from William Woodward Jr.'s Belair Stud, has anything strenuous scheduled for the next few days. The stoutly built son of Nasrullah, winner of three \$100,000 plus races this year, will work out this morning under the guidance of his regular jockey, Eddie Arcaro.

Summer Tan from Mrs. John W. Galbraith's stable had his last hard workout Sunday, when he went the full Derby distance in 2:08 and a fraction. And Swaps showed in his winning race at the Downs last Saturday that he is fit and ready to carry the silks of Rex Ellsworth.

The field for the Derby trial, a \$10,000 added event which Citation, Hill Gail and Dark Star used as a springboard for Derby victories, is headed by Jean's Joe from the Murcin Stable of Mrs. Effie Clint Murcin and Mrs. Effie Marie Cain of Near Dallas, Tex.; Flying Fury from Harry F. Gugenheim's Cain Hay Stable and Honey's Alibi, the hope of Harry Warner's W. L. Ranch.

Other Trial entries are Prince Noor from Alle Reuben's Hasty House Farms; W. M. Peavey's speedy Jet Flame, Mrs. A. N. Creech's Strunner, J. Graham Brown's Gemmerica, W. J. Lewis Jr.'s Royal Non and Clifford Mooers' Nabesna.

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## Sports Forum City Softball League Dissolved Last Night

**BOXING**  
Sir.—Bangor Fight fans were entertained March 10, 1911, at the Gaiety by a series of very good bouts. In the main go of which "One Man" McCluskey of P.E.I. stopped Jim Smart of Bangor in the fifth of what was to have been a six-round bout. McCluskey surprised all his very ardent admirers and fought better probably than he had ever done in his career.

Round 5: "You can't fight," said Tom to Jim. Well why don't you if you can? says Jim to Tom. So McCluskey played for the cut over Smart's eye, and soon had the wrestler blinded by blood. Smart went down near the end of that round; and thinking a blind man of no use, stayed there much to the delight of several hundred of McCluskey's friends, who cheered lustily.

Back in the 1920s, Frank Kenny of St. Teresa's made good as a pugilist. He did practically all his boxing in New York rings. He fought in the middleweight division although he didn't hold a title of any sort he battled the best that were on the go at the time. He fought two world title holders—Johnny Wilson and Jack Britton. Among the other prominent boxers he faced were Joe Gans, Billy Ehomke, George Shade, Jim Finley, Ted Lewis and Tom Robertson.

According to the latest word out of Newark, N.J., Paul MacInnis continues to make good in ring bouts in that state. Paul is the son of Augustus MacInnis of Tignish, P.E.I. He has been campaigning in American rings this past three years. He is the holder of the New Jersey State Golden Gloves welterweight title.

Boxing promoter Ivan Doherty is hopping around like a Mexican jumping bean over the fight card he has lined up for May 6 at the local Forum. Headlining the card will be Charlotte-Town's Coby McCluskey and New York's Ray Watkins. The semi-final will bring together the popular Gaston Roy and southern Red Graham of Dartmouth, N.S. Special six rounder will see lanky Austin Square-

boxing bout here Monday. Mays, 150, started a dance around the 160-pound Simon who tested him first with a few left jabs. A right cross finished it with Mays on his knees at the 10-count.

In a six-round semi-final Johnny Davison, 118, of Glace Bay, N.S., gained an unanimous decision over Clarence Doucette, 125, of nearby Westville.

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## High Single-145

Reggie (Bud) MacAleer (left), who won high single honors with a score of 145 in the Maritime C.N.R. candlepin bowling tournament is pictured above being presented with the trophy by Ten Strain, president of the Atlantic Region Bowling Association. Barter's Film Lab.



## He Led The Winners

Cleaver MacLean, (right) captain of the Island Division C.N.R. bowling champions is pictured receiving a trophy from Roy MacDonald during the bowling banquet at the Clover Club on Saturday night. Barter's Film Lab.