

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS surely must have felt great after that victory over Edmonton Eskimos in the opening game of the WIFU finals. Naturally, they had cause for their jubilation because trouncing the Eks in their own backyard is a major feat.

However, we'd bet our last nickel that their joy didn't measure up to that of a band of football players from Charlottetown who accomplished something on Wednesday, November 11, 1959 that they had never managed to do before that time. Of course we refer to Prince of Wales College team and their sensational victory over Saint Dunstan's Union Varsity.

IN THE OLD RUGBY DAYS, the Welshmen and Saints took their turns at grabbing top honors. Some great stars emerged from both schools of learning and hard fought were the battles that were waged against each other down through the years. Without doing any checking on this matter, we would say that honors were pretty well divided in those rugby engagements.

However, since the rugby competition has ceased, the Welshmen have been having lean days. In fact when they took the field Wednesday against Saint Dunstan's they had exactly no victories over the Red and Whites.

But there was one difference Wednesday in the city colleges. They knew what victory meant after tasting it last Saturday at Halifax when they walloped Queen Elizabeth High. That had been their first win in Canadian football and it had done something special to those boys of Mac' Macdonald.

THEY FOUGHT like trojans for that 13-5 deserved Wednesday and with the spirit they displayed they deserved to win. Their fight and will to win must have confused the Red and White who let opportunities slip by them at least on three occasions.

When Saints picked up the single point late in the second half, it looked like that one point margin might ruin a gallant bid by the Welshmen. But Jack Kane, a great competitor, was not calling it a day before he raced over the Saints' line to give Prince of Wales a triumph and keep the best-of-five series alive for at least another game.

PLAYERS on the winning squad and their supporters went wild when the final whistle sounded. Nobody, not even the most ardent Saint Dunstan's supporter, would find fault with their celebration. It was a 'first' in the college's sports history, an event that very few expected to see come about this season.

Now the Saints lead 2-1 in games and still need that one victory. The Welshmen must take two in a row to cop the crown and that looks like a tall order for the city scholars.

The Saints have a right smart squad and there's a chance they may have been a little over confident Wednesday. It was a 'first' in the sports pages of that institution when they lost in the dying moments to Prince of Wales. Never before had the Junior Varsity squad of Father Frank Ledwell bowed to opposition other than their own Varsity squad. That's quite a record for the Juniors and their capable and affable coach.

SO YOU CAN'T go selling the Saints short with one defeat against them. Father Ledwell was loud in his praise of the play of the winners and he realizes this series is far from over. But he's confident his boys will conquer the gamesters who perform under the eye of 'Mac' Macdonald.

Even after that defeat, Saints must be considered favorites to win the best-of-five series for the Island intermediate crown. They appear to have a little more depth than the Welshmen and that should pay off for them.

But the Prince of Wales lads have a two-game win streak going at the present time and that's something entirely new to them. They're enjoying it immensely and have full intentions of running it to three the next time they meet the Saints.

When that afternoon arrives, football fans should see a hum-dinger of a battle. Both these squads have done much to increase interest here in the Canadian game and it's a pity both couldn't emerge on top.

TOMORROW the two teams who will see action in the Grey Cup at Toronto on Saturday November 28 will be battling against opponents at Winnipeg and Ottawa.

At Winnipeg, the Blue Bombers, defending Grey Cup champions, will attempt to close out the Western Interprovincial Football Union final by beating their guests, the Edmonton Eskimos. At Ottawa, Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Ottawa Rough Riders will open the Big Four finals. This is a two-game-total point series, with the second tussle slated for Hamilton on Saturday November 21.

The western scrap is a best-of-three and that means it's all over if Bombers bomb the Edmonton club this afternoon. Winnipeg should be able to do just that if Wednesday's tilt in Edmonton is any yard stick. However, Eskimos' supporters will refer you to the second half of that ball game. That thirty minutes the men of Eagle Keys outpointed the Bombers 11-1. Apparently they had recovered from their early jitters and made a great try at getting back in the ball game.

FOLKS WHO LIKE the Eskimos keep their spirits high by maintaining that Saturday's game will take up where it left off on Wednesday. They like to forget that first half of game number one when the Bombers soared into an 18-0 lead.

They may have something at that. These Eskimos should have the license to cause the defending champions loads of trouble and we wouldn't be greatly surprised if the Eks came through with a victory. However it's a mighty chore to oust these Bombers now with Grant's charges owning a 1-0 game edge.

AT OTTAWA there should be a honey of a battle. Today is the day the Rough Riders must build up a few extra points if they wish to upset the Tiger-Cats in this Big Four playoff. We'd like to see those Chairmen come through and represent the East at Toronto two weeks from tomorrow. If they do, it will not be considered a major upset because these Riders have been playing terrific ball of late.

But we have the feeling that the Tiger-Cats will again claw their way into Grey Cup competition. They certainly will have a tougher job on their hands than a year ago but we are convinced Trimble has the license to oppose the West for the third consecutive year.

We expect to get some free coffee when the Ti-Cats win the round and the same Irishman that had us paying up after the Eskimos' defeat Wednesday looks like the guy to foot the bill.

HUNTER'S CORNER

Closed Season On The Hun Isn't Seen As Solution

This Columnist has withheld voicing any definite opinion on the Hungarian partridge and Pheasant situation as pertaining to this province until now. November eleven was the clincher. My partner and I got underway before daybreak and called it a day at 4 p.m. The weather left nothing to be desired for this date, and apart from a short goose look-see after dawn, the day was devoted almost entirely on upland game—Huns and Pheasants. We had one top field dog and one slightly under medium but the best we could do was a lone hen Pheasant—a year old specimen in top condition. I never fired a shot. This was the only Hun or Pheasant we saw and it left to my partner's gun.

Lucy, a daughter of Sambo and Gipsev two Pointers that could travel in any company without having to give an inch, covered ground like a cyclone but only hit the trail of an old Cock Pheasant. She spent a half hour in a three acre tract, of "rough" before he finally gave her the slip. He never broke from cover and as a result one part of it had as much scent as the other. He must have ducked and zig-zagged like a weasel for the dog wasn't losing any time dawdling along. We finally called her off. The farmer heard him crowing every day with a voice like a clarion but unless a hunter surprises him with his landing gear down he'll never be caught in the air. I imagine the farmer will still hear his crowing until old age catches up with him.

We were on the trail of four



CANADIAN-BUYS FAMED JUMPER

Bob Ballard (right) of Toronto shakes hands with St. Jayne of Chicago after purchasing the great jumper Windsor Castle, being held by Mrs. Dorothy McLeod, at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden, New York, Nov. 5. Mr. Jayne collected \$40,000 in cash plus another horse valued at \$10,000. The deal struck a long-range blow at United States riding hopes for next year's Olympic since the horse is now owned by a Canadian. Mr. Ballard feels there may now be pressure on him to loan the horse to Canada for the Olympics but he says he has no intention of doing so right now. (CP from AP)

Import Football Players Find Canuck Plays Strange

By DON ATTFIELD
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP)—It must be a strange sensation for import football players jumping from American-style ball plunk into the Canadian game.

There are the obvious differences: The three downs instead of four, the longer and wider field, the extra man in the backfield.

Vito (Babe) Parrilli when he moved to Ottawa at mid-season barely had time to learn his plays before he was put into a game, and at quarterback where the shift must be even harder.

In spite of it, the 31-year-old Sage in some views saved Ottawa's playoff hopes as relief for starting-homebrew pivot Russ Jackson.

STARTLING VARIATIONS
It was one thing getting accustomed to the obvious differences, he said in an interview, and another—the minor variations he hadn't even heard about until

confronted with them on the field. He said he was just about startled out of his cleats five weeks ago, in his fourth Canadian game, when Hamilton Tiger-Cats returned his end-zone kick to avoid allowing Ottawa a tie-breaking point in the last minute of play.

Fortunately, the return punt went to Gary Schneider instead of him. Ottawa won the game 17-16 when Parrilli booted to the deadline on the next play. But Parrilli had never seen the return kick, not allowed in the American game.

THE DRIBBLE PLAY
Two weeks later in a game in Toronto against Argonauts he was again bewildered when Dick Fouts dribbled an Ottawa fumble and recovered it near the Ottawa goal line. His first reaction was to join the Riders chasing Fouts.

"While it was a strange play to me, I knew it must be legal. You're not permitted to dribble the ball in the American game."

"I guess there is a lot of things about Canadian football I'll learn as we go along," he said.

Jim Trimble, coach of the Hamilton squad which Ottawa meets here Saturday in the first game of the two-game total-point final, has said Parrilli has strengthened the Ottawa attack 50 per cent.

"He can run, kick and pass," said Trimble. "We're going to have to spend a lot of time getting ready to defend against him."

STRONG SHOWING SATURDAY
Coach Frank Clair of Ottawa may start Parrilli, this Saturday for the first time after his strong showing last Saturday in Riders' 35-9 semi-final win over Montreal Alouettes. But Clair is keeping his quarterback selection secret until game time.

Parrilli played five years in the National Football League before being snapped up by an astute Ottawa coach when he was cut by Green Bay Packers.

There is a possibility that the six-foot-one, 196-pound newcomer may be back in the States next year. Parrilli confirmed that he had received an offer to coach at Virginia Tech full time, but said nothing was definite yet.

The clash begins at 2 p.m. AST, televised by the CBC in eastern Canada with Ottawa blacked out.

Eskies Hope To Make Comeback Saturday

EDMONTON (CP)—Edmonton Eskimos hope to make a comeback Saturday—both on and off the field.

Eskimos, beaten 19-11 by Winnipeg Blue Bombers here Wednesday in the first game of the Western Interprovincial Football Union's playoff finals, now have several sets of golf-type cleats.

Coach Eagle Keys plans to pick out the correct set Saturday afternoon in Winnipeg for the second game of the best-of-three series. The game, starting at 4 p.m. AST will be televised nationally.

Clearly outmanoeuvred by Winnipeg in the first game, Eskimos plan to decide at a workout today at Winnipeg which set of cleats will be best for the type of field.

At Edmonton, Eskimos skittered on the light snow over the frozen turf while Winnipeg ran well despite the poor footing.

Said Jackie Parker, Edmonton quarterback and halfback: "They outshod us in this first one. They contained us, but they won't do it again."

Coach Bud Grant's Bombers showed up for Wednesday's game

shod in a special aluminum cleat—a short, sharp sort of golf cleat.

"I've never seen anything like them allowed in football prior to now," said Paul Davis, Edmonton assistant coach.

"Step in a man's hand with those and they'd go right through. Still, now they say they're okay, we'll use 'em next game if it's a frozen, slippery field."

Keys protested only before the game. He said "they did give Bombers a mighty edge afoot."

"Our ripple-soled sneakers were slipping and sliding in the light snow covering and Bombers had traction all the way."

Eskimo tackle J. T. Frankenberg suffered a ripped hand from the cleats. Linebacker Oscar Kruger had his running shoes torn off. He said the cleats tore his socks but did not touch the flesh of his ankles as they cut his shoes. Frankenberg will play Saturday.

Not Fretting Over Horvath Says Richard

MONTREAL (CP)—Maurice Richard isn't doing any fretting about the goal—a game clip 'ronco Horvath of Boston Bruins is setting in the National Hockey League.

Montreal Canadiens' veteran Richard is the only player ever to maintain that pace throughout a whole season—0 goals in the 50-game schedule of the 1944-45 season. He is also the only player ever to score 50 goals in one season of any length. NHL clubs now play a 70-game schedule.

Horvath has scored 15 goals in 15 games of the current season.

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GM Muzz Patrick Names Alf Pike As Ranger Coach

By KEN SMITH
Canadian Press Staff Writer
NEW YORK (CP)—General Manager Muzz Patrick of New York Rangers Thursday named Alf Pike as the new coach of the slump-ridden National Hockey League club and promised some player shakeups will follow shortly.

Pike, 42-year-old former Ranger star who has been coaching Winnipeg Warriors of the Western League, will report to Madison Square Garden in time for a practice session Saturday and will take over the team in Chicago next Wednesday.

Phil Watson, who has coached the Rangers for the last four seasons and now is in hospital for an ulcer operation, will be appointed to a new post as supervisor of the Ranger farm system.

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LOTS OF LEeway
"There are two players I've got my eye on, but Pike may want to keep them. I gave Watson a lot of leeway about player personnel and I'll do the same with Alf."

"But we dressed more players for the game against the Bruins than we ever did before, and there's too much deadwood on the club. We've got to clear it out."

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He indicated that he expects Pike to swing the axe within two weeks of taking over the team.

The Rangers last week sent Ed Shuck, touted for a couple of seasons as their most promising prospect, down to Springfield Indians of the American Hockey League and brought up Bill Sweeney and Parker Macdonald.

Patrick said, however, that he still is looking for a trade that would help lift the Rangers out of their slump. Wednesday night's win was only the club's third in 15 starts. The Rangers have tied three.

AFTER DICK DUFF
The general manager said he still is waiting to hear from Toronto Maple Leafs on an offer he made a couple of weeks ago to get left winger Dick Duff, a 30-goal man last year with the Leafs.

Another player the Rangers are reported interested in is Bobby Hull, centre for Chicago Black Hawks.

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