

Australia Cops Davis Cup; Fraser Is Hero Of Series

By WILL GRIMSLEY
FOREST HILLS, N.Y. (AP)—A rash of doublefaults sent the Davis Cup back to Australia Monday at Neale Fraser scored a swift follow-up victory over Uncle Sam's wild-hitting Barry MacKay in the fifth and decisive match of the challenge round.

Picking up where the tennis battle was halted by darkness Sunday at one set each, the 26-year-old Melbourne lefthander took advantage of MacKay's reckless serving to win 8-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

The giant air force private from Dayton, Ohio, playing on his 24th birthday, served five doublefaults to drop his delivery twice in the third set. He doublefaulted again—his 14th—to lose his service and the match in the 10th game of the fourth set.

HERO OF SERIES
Thus Fraser, a handsome, curly-haired son of a prominent Melbourne judge, emerged as the one-man hero of the 1959 challenge round just as Peruvian Alex Olmedo was star of America's surprise triumph at Brisbane last December.

Fraser won two singles matches—his first over the disappointing Olmedo—and teamed with Roy Emerson to ring up a straight-set doubles triumph over Olmedo and 18-year-old Earl Buchholz.

Australia's final margin was 3-2, both MacKay and Olmedo winning over the flashy but inexperienced Rod Laver in singles. This marked the eighth Davis Cup conquest for the tennis-minded Australians in the last ten years and the ninth in 12 meetings since the United States and Australia turned the competition into a two-country monopoly in 1938.

NINTH SUCCESS
For Harry Hopman, the wily Australian captain, it was his ninth success in 16 campaigns as Aussie leader since 1938. He has been the team's captain without relief since 1950.

It was a heartbreaking turn for both MacKay and the 71-year-old U.S. captain, Perry Jones. MacKay choked back the tears as he rushed over to congratulate the highly-elated Fraser. Australians swarmed onto the court to escort their star off the field.

Monday's phase of the match, delayed 40 minutes by a flash thundershower, took only one hour and five minutes.

MacKay, who Sunday was eager and almost jumping out of his skin, appeared pale and tense Monday. His rocket-like shots—never far off the beam—were as much as he tried to storm his way back into the battle, he

couldn't do it. Fraser was too steady off the ground—and his tricky, high-spin service was too effective to be broken.

FRASER'S CUP
At the presentation ceremonies which followed the match, Hopman said: "This is Neale Fraser's cup. All of my boys had a role in it."

S'ide Coach Calls Practice

Dr. Alan Stewart, coach of the Summerside Intermediates has called a practice at Queen Elizabeth park baseball diamond for Wednesday evening. All Intermediates who played this year are asked to put in an appearance and others who might wish to try out are also welcome.

Alan issued a special invitation to the Juniors of Summerside to join in the practice in a tryout to make the Intermediate team. The Intermediates are expected to play in Summerside on September 12 with the Intermediate winner of New Brunswick, and then one or if necessary two games will be played in the new Brunswick centre.

Great Pacer Is All Set

E. Frank Acorn, race secretary of the Charlottetown Driving Park, announced Monday morning that Francis Breaugh, Moncton, had notified him that his great free-for-aller, Convair, would be ready to go in the invitation race here on September 12.

At least six horses must enter to make the race a reality and at present Mr. Acorn had the assurance of Convair and the Cape Breton speedster, Acemore. However, the race secretary is hopeful of having the required number within a short time.

Islanders have been talking this race up for quite some time, and there's every indication that one of the largest crowds ever to see a race at the local track would be present for this one.

Race fans should know within the next few days whether the

Fight Game Plans Drive To Eradicate Gangsterism

TORONTO (CP)—Boxing plans a determined drive to eliminate the gangster element from the fight game, Abe Greene, commissioner of the National Boxing Association, said Monday.

"We are going to develop a national program to eradicate racketeering in boxing," Greene said in an interview on the eve of the NBA's 40th annual convention.

The opening shot will be fired today by Harry Falk of the California State Athletic Commission

which spent more than a year investigating underworld influence in California boxing.

He is scheduled to give the convention's first business session a detailed report on his commission's findings.

THE FULL STORY
"Falk is going to tell us the full story," Greene said.

"From this report our executive will start a national program in the states to get rid of the racketeers. And it's not going to be an easy job."

Greene emphasized that the drive would be tough "on every facet of the situation," including

undertover managers.

The NBA commissioner said also efforts will be made to strengthen the unity between NBA member states.

"We have some problems that

have to be straightened out and that calls for everybody working together," Greene added.
James Deskin of Las Vegas representing the Nevada State Athletic Commission, believes Greene is the man to cure boxing's ills.
"I'm going to propose that Greene be made boxing czar with full authority to run the sport," Deskin said in an interview. "We need a strong man whose decisions would be binding."
The commissioner, when informed of Deskin's proposal, said it was a nice compliment but "I wouldn't want to go any further than that."

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Smythe Sees New Loop Doomed To Heavy Losses

TORONTO (CP)—Conn Smythe, president of Maple Leaf Gardens, said Monday he cannot endorse the newly-formed Eastern Professional Hockey League and feels it is "doomed to heavy financial losses."

The six-team league was formed recently from offshoots of the now-defunct professional Quebec League and two Ontario Hockey Association groups. It embraces Montreal Royals, Trois-Rivieres Lions, Sudbury Wolves, Sault Ste. Marie Thunderbirds, Kingston Frontenacs and Hull-Ottawa Canadiens.

Smythe said in a statement news stories about the new league "might give the impression that the National Hockey League has given this league its unanimous blessing."

"This is not so. As a matter of fact the owners of the National Hockey League have to date had no chance to even discuss this matter. Because of the geography of the league and high costs of it,

maintaining a minor league professional team, I personally have felt the league is doomed to heavy financial losses.

"As chairman of the relations committee of the National Hockey League, I have so notified my fellow owners, and have also made it clear to Mr. (Clarence) Campbell, the league president, that I could, neither publicly nor privately, endorse this new project."

It was announced in Ottawa last week that Edward J. Houston of Ottawa will be the first president of the new league.

He was the choice of a three-man nominating committee headed by NHL president Campbell.

In Ottawa, Mr. Houston said no formal approval has been given by the NHL but five of six NHL teams have expressed an interest in the new league.

"I think we can make a go of it," Mr. Houston said in com-

menting on Mr. Smythe's contention the new league is doomed to heavy financial losses.

In Montreal, president Clarence Campbell of the NHL said the question of the new league has not come before the NHL. There has been no meeting of the NHL owners as a group to discuss the new league. However, the general managers of five of the six clubs in the NHL—all except Toronto—had endorsed the new league.

Mr. Campbell said the general managers apparently had done this with the approval of their respective owners. The five general managers had appeared at the meeting at which the new league was organized.

As to Mr. Smythe's forecast about the finances of the new league, Mr. Campbell said this was a matter of personal opinion. The new league's relationship with the NHL would be the same as that of other minor leagues.

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