

### Winnipeg Now Has Hopes For Grey Cup

By Al Vickers  
WINNIPEG, Oct. 18 (CP) —

The 1950 Winnipeg Blue Bombers weren't supposed to do anything but make a good showing. Now their fans are hollering Grey Cup "What happened?" is the lament in other cities of the Western Football Union. Even Bomber officials—from president Ralph Misener down—are surprised by their team's climb from a dismal last in 1949 to the league title this season.

Even if they lost the Western finals, Bombers' showing will go into the records as one of the great comebacks of the year. Pre-season predictions had the defending Calgary Stampeders and Saskatchewan Roughriders fighting it out for first place, with Bombers and Edmonton Eskimos battling for the third playoff spot.

Now Calgary is out, and Riders and Edmonton will play off for the right to meet the Bombers in the best-of-three western final. "What happened?" Well, Misener loosened the strings on the Bomber bankroll and gave Frank (Butch) Larson a free hand in picking his imports—raised from five to seven this year.

Butch probably got the best seven in the country. Larson concentrated on linemen from across the border, using Green Bay Packers and Los Angeles Dons as his "farm clubs". The former all-American end lined up two 260-pound tackles—Glenn Johnson from Packers and Buddy Tinsley from Dons. He brought in ends Joe Aguirre and Ed Henke, both last year with Los Angeles. Aguirre turned out to be a dynamic place-kicker, and is currently leading the league in scoring. Henke is a brilliant defensive end who also plays tackle.

For centre, Larson hired John Brown, six-foot-three-inch Negro from the Dons. Bombers needed a quarterback to match the passing of Calgary's Keith Spahn, Edmonton's Lindy Berry and Riders' Jack Hartman. To date, Indian Jack Jacobs, former Green Bay Packer, has more than filled the bill.

The seventh import, Tom Casey, played last season with Hamilton Wildcats where he carried the team almost alone.

### Dick Wray Released By Saint John

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SYDNEY, N. S., Oct. 18 (CP)— Dick Wray of Listowel, Ont., centre last year with Saint John Beavers of the Maritime Senior Hockey League, has been released by Beavers and has signed to play with Chicoutimi, Que.

Wray was suspended last week by the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association for playing without a transfer from the M. A. H. A. His release was arranged between Beavers and the Quebec club.

The speedy centre first came to the Maritimes two seasons ago and led with St. Mary's for scoring leadership. Last year he balked at rejoining Beavers but donned his uniform when his release was held up.

Earlier this year it appeared Wray would end up with Gloucester Bay Miners of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League but he returned another season in the Maritimes.

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By ORLO ROBERTSON  
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Turpin thus avenged the defeat of his brother Dick, who lost the 160-pound crown to Finch last spring.

By his victory at Harringay Arena, Randolph earned a December crack at Robert Villamain, French holder of the European middleweight title.

In the co-feature, Don Cockell, 174 3-4, won the British light heavyweight crown by knocking out Mark Hart, 174 1-4, in 2:50 of the 14th round of a 15-rounder.

The British 175-pound title has been vacant since former world champion Freddie Mills retired last March.

## Dr. R. F. Seaman

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purse of twenty-two hundred dollars and this year we raced for a total of three thousand, which was the largest amount this club has ever raced for. It is quite apparent that our purses in the coming year will be still greater. More interest was shown this year by our colt breeders than ever before. This is evidenced by the fact that we had eighty-three nominations, the largest number in our history. In our two-year-old trot and pace we had twenty-three nominations, eighteen paid the starting fee, and thirteen the starting fee. Four trotters and eight pacers started. The purse was \$300.00 and Trophy for the trot, and \$400.00 and trophy for the pace. The three-year-old trot had twelve nominations, twelve paid the starting fee, five paid the starting fee and five started. The purse was \$440.00 and trophy. The three-year-old pace had twenty-two nominations, twenty-one paid second payment, eleven

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By JERRY LISKA  
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