

Best Goalie Not Always Vezina Trophy Winner

(By Ed Simon, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

NEW YORK (CP)—At one time or another, just about every player in the National Hockey League can be counted on to call a press conference and say: "I don't care if he never wins the Vezina Trophy—my goaltender is the best in the league."

The chances are that the reporters, who may have watched the goaltender let in five goals the night before, will walk away saying that the nice thing about their coach is that he always sticks up for his boys.

But there's also a good possibility that the coach is not far wrong—and there are statistics to prove it.

The Vezina Trophy winner, officially the NHL's top netminder, is the man who plays the most games for the team with the fewest goals scored against it. If the season ended today that would be Jacques Plante of Montreal Canadiens, who has allowed 26 goals in 17 games for a 1.53 average.

SAWCHUK SECOND

Terry Sawchuk of Boston Bruins is a close second with 1.60 goals a game against him in 15 starts. Detroit's Glen Hall is well back at 2.12 with New York's Lorne Worsley a distant fourth at 2.40. Trained by Toronto's Harry Lumley and Chicago's Al Rollins who are tied at 2.71.

The shutouts stack up in about the same order. Plante has five, including his last two starts. Sawchuk has four, Hall three, Rollins two and Lumley and Worsley one apiece.

So if New York Ranger coach Phil Watson were to make the "best in the league" statement about Worsley, he wouldn't appear to have much of a case.

Of course, he could argue that Worsley stopped 40 shots in racking up his shutout on Toronto Nov. 6. No other goalie in the league has handled more than 36 for a whitewash job. Lumley needed only 15 saves to blank Chicago Oct. 29.

WORSLEY PEPPERED

Statistics compiled by The Canadian Press show that Worsley has had 40 or more shots fired at him six times in his 15 appearances this season. Rollins has hit the mark four times in 17 games. Sawchuk and Lumley each have undergone the ordeal once. Plante and Hall have yet to face that many drives in an evening.

On an average, Worsley handled 37.5 shots a night compared to 34.1 for Rollins, 30.7 for Sawchuk, 28.2 for Lumley, 26.3 for Plante and a mere 25.5 for Hall.

Of the 563 shots fired at Worsley this season he has stopped 327 for a "fielding average" of .936. In other words, playing at his current rate of efficiency, the Ranger netminder would make 936 saves on every 1,000 shots coming his way.

Two goalies outrank him in this department—but not by much.

Plante's average is .924 and Sawchuk's is .940. The other three aren't even close. The complete statistics:

| Player | Shots | Stops | G | Pct. | Av |
|---------|-------|-------|----|------|------|
| Plante | 447 | 421 | 26 | .942 | 1.53 |
| Sawchuk | 451 | 424 | 27 | .940 | 1.60 |
| Worsley | 563 | 527 | 36 | .936 | 2.40 |
| Rollins | 579 | 533 | 46 | .920 | 2.71 |
| Hall | 433 | 397 | 36 | .917 | 2.12 |
| Lumley | 480 | 434 | 46 | .904 | 2.71 |

Sport Forum

BOXING GOSSIP

Sir—Back in 1933-34 Bobby Allen of Westville, N.S., was just about the best boxing prospect to appear in Maritime rings since the days of Halifax "Red" MacDonald. The slight, stocky, curly-haired slugger defeated practically everyone that he met in the ring. Among the most famous mittmen that he fought in Maritime rings were Benny Binns, Tommy Bland, Earl Kinsmen, Ron Headley and Young Clements.

After defeating the best that could be offered in the east Bobby hit out for the United States where he chalked up an impressive string of victories.

He enlisted in the American army at the outbreak of World War 2 and after his discharge in 1945 he made a comeback at New Glasgow July 15, 1946, and won a close 10-round decision over Walter Irvin of St. John, N.B. Two weeks after this bout Allen pounded out a 10-round decision over tough Tony Odo of New Waterford, N.S. Middleweight Nick Melnick of Sydney, N.S., was another Nova Scotia boy to make good in ring bouts during the war years. He served in the Canadian navy but before joining the services he knocked out Ronny MacNeil of New Waterford, who at that time again, in the "Toy Bulldog" of Maritime rings.

Melnick was a popular performer in Montreal where he fought Fernand Clermont, Harry Hurst and Dave "Killer" Viau.

In 1945 Nick fought out of Minneapolis, Minn., under the direction of Al Fiske and Ty Sullivan. In a fight at St. Paul Nov. 8, 1945, he was rocked to sleep by Mel Brown in 3 rounds.

After that fight he rested up for a month and returned to the ring and knocked out Wally Karpinka, Frank Pintora, Wayne Corbet and Jesse Johnson.

The great John L. Sullivan carried a watch that weighed one pound. This watch is now in the collection of Nat Fletscher New York prize ring authority.

Fights coming up: In England Nov. 28, Canadian lightweight champion Yvon Durrelle and Artie Towne, American lightweight. Remember When: Nov. 13th, 1949, Ace McCluskey regained his Maritime middleweight title by knocking out Ossie Farrell in 2:35 of the first round at Yarmouth, N.S.

I am, Sir, etc.,
WILFRED O. MCCLUSKEY

Prince Co. Sport Echoes

"B" Classification Of Hockey League Reflects Drop In Talent Level

The decision of the newly created Island Hockey League to play in the senior "B" division seems to be at least a wise one. To presume that Prince Edward Island's two main centres cannot produce some talent capable of playing any better caliber of hockey than intermediate "B" is a serious reflection of our athletic output here. Surely Summerside and Charlottetown with a much larger number of hockey players to choose from are not content to battle on even terms with such small centres as Freetown, O'Leary, Alberton, Milton and Montague. It's like Joe Palooka's pal, Humphrey, engaging in a tug-of-war contest with Pogo.

Summerside and Charlottetown's past participation in intermediate "B" hockey was unfair to these smaller centres, and the results were becoming evident last winter when teams like Freetown and Albany dropped down to intermediate "C". The O'Leary Maroons, Alberton Regals and a few others continued the unequal struggle in intermediate "B" and certainly made a fine showing considering their handicap.

Shades of the mighty Abbies and Crystals of fifteen or so years ago. What a horse laugh these old athletes could give to the present hockey set-up here during the past

decade. They were as good as, if not a little better than the best home brews the mainland could produce. Most years they were definitely better. Time we were beginning to challenge the supremacy of those mainlanders again. And not the few left-overs who are playing intermediate "B" on the mainland either.

Work has begun on the excavation of clay from Raceway Stadium, and it will not be very long before operating for installing artificial ice will be under way. We predict a return of many of the old skaters to the business of sliding around on the blades—once again. It will mean stiff joints and sore muscles for a few days, but the old gang can still get a lot of pleasure out of skating, especially on warm nights.

The junior program in Summerside, which was undeniably successful in the past two years in spite of the fact that the leaders of the movement met with many discouragements in the matter of mild wet weather. Many of their plans for minor hockey practice went down the drain with the melting snow in the unusually mild weather. This year they should be able to lay their plans with comparative assurance that the program would be carried out as planned.

Expect Quebec To Map Policy Of Co-operation

QUEBEC (CP)—The speech from the throne inaugurating the annual session of Quebec's legislature today is expected to outline a policy of co-operation with federal authorities.

"Co-operation within the respect of our rights," is the way Maurice Duplessis, 65-year-old premier of Quebec has outlined the overhauled platform of his Union Nationale government in recent weeks.

Today, the veteran politician—beginning his 30th successive session—is expected to give the new policy a more official character through the speech from the throne.

SOCIAL EVENT

The session, fourth of the 24th legislature since Confederation, will probably be the last before the next provincial election expected in July next year.

Traditional pomp, and a 19-gun salute from the walls of the Citadel on Cape Diamond, will mark the opening ceremonies, one of Quebec's glittering social events.

The new co-operation note that has been sounded in recent months by Mr. Duplessis' government is a follow-up of the preliminary federal-provincial conference in Ottawa last April and of the more recent conference in October.

Quebec is the only province in

Canada that, since the end of the Second World War, has consistently refused to lease its direct taxation rights in return for federal subsidies.

Mr. Duplessis had made it plain that his government will never accept subsidies in lieu of tax rights under any formula.

However, during the recent conference, a proposed formula was worked down which the province would be able to levy its taxes as it now does but accept an equalization payment which the federal government estimates at \$40,000,000 annually and Mr. Duplessis at about half that amount.

NO CLASSES

This Mr. Duplessis has neither accepted nor rejected. But he has avoided clashing standards that marked earlier years of his administration.

Among measures known to be forthcoming are those that would call for partial absorption of current debts of Quebec province school commissions, provide additional funds for the prevention of fire in Quebec's rural municipalities, and set up a committee of experts to study industrial water pollution problems.

Also expected is an announcement either in the speech from the throne or by Mr. Duplessis in the Legislative Assembly dealing with forthcoming assistance to landslides-stricken Nicolet, Que., where three persons died and six buildings were destroyed Saturday.

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LEWISPORTE, Nfld. (CP)—R.C.M.P. led searchers Tuesday found Wilfred LeDrew, 18, and Andrew Bury, 15, huddled near a campfire in the woods four miles from their homes in the nearby northeast coast village of Boyd's Cove. They had been missing since Monday when they went rabbit hunting.

Britons To See Grey Cup Game

LONDON (CP)—Millions of Britons will be introduced to football—Canadian style—on Dec. 3.

One week after the Nov. 26 Grey Cup game in Vancouver, the BBC will carry a telecasting of the final 25 minutes of Canada's fall gridiron classic.

The BBC Tuesday announced plans to carry the telecast, which will be introduced by a brief explanation of the Canadian game for the benefit of British viewers more accustomed to soccer football.

It will be the first time that a Canadian football game has been televised by the BBC TV service.

A BBC spokesman said it was part of an "exchange" scheme with the CBC. A number of films of English soccer games had been sent to Canada for the benefit of Canadian viewers.

CURLING CLUB

A General Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 8 P.M. Election of Skips and Mates and other business.

R. A. PARKER,
Secretary.



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Axemen Definitely Coming For Big Game Saturday

Officials of the Nomads Rugby Club received word yesterday from the Acadia Axemen that they will definitely be here Saturday to play the game that will decide the McCurdy Cup winner for 1955.

The Nomads have had to overcome the imagination of fans all over the Island and on Saturday will be fighting to become the first Charlottetown senior team ever to win the McCurdy Cup.

If the Nomads do win the old trophy they will allow St. Dunstan's to hold it for six months. The University team won the trophy last year but has never had it in their possession.

Parker Battles South African To Stalemate

LONDON (AP)—James J. Parker, Canadian heavyweight from Barrie, Ont., Tuesday night fought Ewart Potgieter, the South African giant, to a 10-round draw in Harringay Arena.

Parker, a big man who stands six feet, five inches, was dwarfed by the seven-foot-two South African who dances round the ring like a clumsy bear.

100-POUND "EDGE"

A roar of laughter welled up from the full house of 12,000 fans when referee Charles Davidson lifted the arms of Parker and the 325-pound goliath.

Parker looked like a welterweight beside his huge opponent, although the Canadian weighed 225 pounds.

The Associated Press card gave Parker seven rounds to three for "Pottie."

While the result was something of a roadblock to the hopes of the South African giant, his backers remained hopeful of moving him on to bigger gates along the road travelled 20 years ago by Primo Carnera, the huge Italian who eventually gained the heavyweight title in an American ring.

Eskimos Short One Player For Tonight's Encounter

EDMONTON (CP)—Husky Jim (The Bird) Quondamatteo, a Canadian malsay in the Edmonton Eskimo line for six years, will not likely see action tonight when Eskimos meet Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the second game of the Western Interprovincial Football Union final.

The 26-year-old, 230-pound guard was taken to hospital Tuesday with a back ailment, possibly a recurrence of a previous injury. Quondamatteo, frequently picked as a league all-star since he came to Eskimos from Montreal Alouettes, has had twinges of pain in his back through most of the current season. But he didn't tell club physicians about his trouble until just prior to the Eskimo trip to Winnipeg for the first game of the best-of-three final last Friday.

The chunky lineman sat that one out while his teammates whipped Bombers 29-6 but on his return here his back condition became worse.

FAIRLY HEALTHY

Otherwise, Eskimos are fairly healthy. Assistant coach Ray Prochaska said Tuesday the only other serious injury—a bruised knee suffered by linebacker Ted Tully during a practice—is "re-

sponding to treatment," and Tully is expected to play.

The weather office revised Monday's prediction slightly. The forecast now is for slightly-above-zero temperature, little wind and little or no snow. Below-zero readings had been expected.

The Blue Bombers flew to Edmonton Tuesday and were reported healthy for their do-or-die game.

The Eskimos also worked out Tuesday night at frozen Clarke Stadium, where the field is described by Prochaska as "solid as a rock" but clear of snow and ice.

Both clubs have been trying to figure out what footwear to use, since cleats don't dig in to the frozen field.

"Sneakers are about the only thing we can use unless it's track shoes with spikes," coach Frank Ivy said, "and that would be illegal."

At the stadium, workmen have been putting tops on the players' dugouts and just before game time hot forced-air heaters will be installed.

Capitals Hold Off Hawks In Third Period To Win A.C.S.H.L. Fixture 4-3

FREDERICTON (CP)—Third place Fredericton Capitals held off Amherst Ramblers in a scoreless third period Tuesday night and won the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League fixture 4-3.

Ramblers thus failed to break a first place tie with the idle Saint John Beavers.

Shermie White and Henry Therrien gave Amherst a 2-0 lead in the first session but Buck Whitlock and Bill McDonagh evened the count before the period ended.

Playing coach Hughie Campbell put Caps into the lead seconds after the second stanza opened.

Larry Blackburn made it 4-2. White's second goal of the night was the last.

Fredericton played without defenceman Carrol Bloom. Notice of his suspension, for leaving Sudbury Wolves without a release, was received from the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

Club officials said they expected the matter to be ironed out soon, explaining that Bloom had been playing under a student clause and that the CAHA probably was unaware of this. He is attending University of New Brunswick here.

Lineup

Amherst—Goal: P. Leclerc; defencemen: Powers, Boyle, L. Kiley; forwards: White, Gray, Reid, Bernaquez, Kennedy, Therrien, Leyte, Smith, D. Kiley, Amadio.

Fredericton—Goal: Craig; defencemen: Lepine, Blackburn, McIntosh; forwards: Whitlock, Campbell, Miles, McDonagh, Sewell, Leger, Macdonald, J. Leclerc, Mc-

Phoe. Referees: William Miles and Dewar Judson.

Summary

First period—1. Amherst, White (Reid) 1:32; 2. Amherst, Therrien (Kennedy, Bernaquez) 3:51; 3. Fredericton, Whitlock (Campbell, Blackburn) 7:34; 4. Fredericton, McDonagh (Sewell, Leger) 19:20.

Penalties: None.

Second period—5. Fredericton, Campbell (Lepine) :30; 6. Fredericton Blackburn (Whitlock) 10:02; 7. Amherst, White (Reid, Gray) 14:16. Penalties: Amadio 9:44, Lepine (misconduct) 10:02, Kennedy 18:38.

Third period—Scoring: None.

Penalties: McIntosh 3:26, Leyte 3:26.

Stops: 16 11 7-34

Leclerc 6 7 10-23

TRIPLE TOWERS

The central tower of the three towers of Lincoln cathedral in England was completed about 1307.

FALLS 100 FEET

SUDBURY (CP)—Carlton Mason of Sudbury, 36-year-old father of four children, was killed when he fell 100 feet down a chute at the International Nickel Company's nearby Carson mine. Investigators said Mason, a driller on the 1,600-foot level, is believed to have stepped onto a steel bar grid which gave way. The accident followed blasting which had been done while Mason was eating his lunch.

Mount Shortage Hampers Can. Olympic Team

TORONTO (CP)—Bob Ballard, captain of the Canadian jumping team now competing at the Royal Winter Fair, said Tuesday Canada's entry in the 1956 Olympic Games will be hampered by a lack of good mounts.

Commenting on an announcement that Canada will compete on the Olympic jumping competitions, Ballard said he didn't see how Canada could field a top team.

The jumps are to be held in Stockholm because of stringent quarantine regulations in Australia, where the Olympic Games are to be held.

"We've got the riders, but we don't have the horses right now. And it takes too long to train a horse for the rigorous type of competition you meet at the Olympics."

"You need eight good horses for a show like the Olympics. We're using six here, but only three of these would be worthwhile at Stockholm."

"Their arenas are much larger than the ones we usually perform in and you have to have horses that can go the distance. They have to give you the same jumps the third time around as the first or you don't have a chance."

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