

SPORTS FRONT

Maury Wills To Be Abandoned?

By KEN MACPHAIL

If present trends continue, the Los Angeles Dodgers had better find a few men with big paddles, because the departure of Sandy Koufax, coupled with the indefinite status of team captain and ace shortstop Maury Wills, will leave the team in a very sad defensive state, to say the least. It seems incredible that the Dodgers will actually fire Wills, but news reports indicate that the management is so infuriated over his recent "skip", while the team was on tour in Japan, that they are really considering letting him go. When team president Walter O'Malley had to make apologies to the Japanese Prime Minister, and explain the circumstances of his team captain's hasty exit, it is no wonder he would be slightly irked. Especially since the player in question had flatly disobeyed orders from a superior, which is unheard of in Japan where the father figure is held in reverence. Wills had originally asked to be excused from the trip due to recurring pain from a previous injury. Whether or not the bosses were right in refusing his request you can judge for yourself, because a few hours after jumping ship, Wills was reported to have been playing bongos drums in a Honolulu nightclub. Anyhow, no matter how this situation resolves itself, Koufax's retirement means but one thing: either another pitcher of his stature (which is impossible), or a few men capable of sending the ball over the stadium fence.

A LONG TERM THREAT

The Chicago Black Hawks, who were, until Toronto topped them, slowly but surely easing away from the remainder of the contenders in the National Hockey League's early going, look like they are going to be at or near the top for a long time to come. Dennis Hull, younger brother of the illustrious Robert Marvyn Hull, just may be the one to jump into Bobby's big shoes whenever the latter decides to call it a day. The senior brother, by the way, finds the grind a lot harder now than in former years. He doesn't like big city living, and feels he would be much happier breeding cattle at his ranch in Ontario. Add to this the fact that he vehemently dislikes the idea of bringing up his children in the smoke and smog and you get the idea that maybe the Golden Jet will retire from hockey in the not too distant future. This would be an extremely bad jolt to the Hawks because Bobby, who set a seasonal goal scoring record of 54 last year, has been counted upon heavily to keep Chicago at the top for at least another 10 years. But the younger Black Hawk players, Dennis in particular, have begun producing, and although Bobby Hull would certainly be missed, the youngsters look as though they are developing enough fire power to fill any gap that might arise.

GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

Anyone who has not as yet had the opportunity of attending a game between teams of the Charlottetown and District Junior Hockey League, has deprived himself of an evening of enjoyment, par excellence. The league this year has been extremely well received, as the attendances, which have been in the 800 range, will attest. This city can be justly proud of the fact that we are the only settlement in the Maritimes that can boast a 4-team junior hockey league. Quite an accomplishment for a metropolis with a population of 20,000. One of the questions that is intriguing fans is whether the two younger members of the coaching fraternity, Gordie Whitlock and Jack Hynes, of St. Dunstan's and Provincial Vocational respectively, will be able to outguess Jack Ready of Prince of Wales or Norm Larter of Rogers Rangers. The older two, whose total years approach 30, will be hard pressed to match wits against Hynes and Whitlock, who are making their debut as team mentors, and who have tons of playing experience behind them. Judging by the scores of games played thus far, the balance would seem to be very good, and with the close scores being posted, excitement has been running at fever pitch. Actually, fans shouldn't have to pay full price for a seat, because they are only using the edges of them. The schedule for games each Tuesday and Thursday, with a sprinkling of Sunday afternoon clashes. Giving an indication of the calibre of play is the fact that roughly a dozen of our junior players were being scouted by the Boston Bruin organization last year, and a few have already climbed to the next rung of the ladder leading to professional status.

Royals Start In Island League

SUMMERSIDE — Sandy's Royals of Charlottetown make their debut in the Island Intermediate Hockey League tonight when they clash with Summerside Pop Motor Aces here at 8:15 p.m. The Aces came out on the short-end of an 8-5 score when they met Borden Nationals in the league opener Wednesday night, but it is expected that they will be "up" for the game tonight and may surprise the hockey pundits on the island. The Aces are upset minded and can be counted on to put up a strong contest for the untired Royals. A fourth team may enter the present three-team circuit when the loop meets prior to the Friday contest at Civic Stadium. Tyne Valley interests are said to be ready to apply for membership. It appears that coach Grant Grady will be juggling goalies early in the season to determine his regular netminder. Gerard Smith saw two periods of action Wednesday, with Tim MacGulgan taking over between the pipes in the middle frame.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Friday night at the Charlottetown Club. (Spare is p.m.) Ice 1 — H. MacInnes, B. Davis, D. Shears, R. Bagnall vs G. Storey, Dr. Willis, J.S. Taylor, E. Peters. Ice 2 — W. MacLaine, R. MacDonald, H. Douglas, G. MacKenzie vs P. O'Rourke, J. Vautour, G. Gallant, L. Scott. Ice 3 — J. Cameron, B. O'Rourke, F. Brown, K. Doucette vs R. Ewing, N. MacNeill, W. Carr, E. Doucette. Ice 4 — (Veterinarians). Ice 5 — (Veterinarians). 7:30 p.m. Ice 1 — Open. Ice 2 — Liz MacDonald vs S. MacMillan. Ice 3 — G. Stewart, Dr. Higgins, B. MacLennan, H. Crockett vs T. Whitlock, G. Kays, F. Miles, R. Bolger. Ice 4 — Insa Gallant vs D. MacDonald. Ice 5 — Olive MacDonald vs (opponent).

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ACROBATICS GOT HIM NOWHERE

Halfback Bob Felts (45) of the Detroit Lions tried to somersault over the San Francisco 49er's line at the one-yard line and ended up in this position as he is hit by 49er's defensive back Mike Dowdle. Felts took a handoff from Lions quarterback Karl Sweetan (14). No. 46 for San Francisco is Elbert Kimbrough. 49er's won 41-14. (AP Wirephoto)

Ottawa Is Worried About Rain's Effect On Defence

By BOB MacKENZIE VANCOUVER (CP) — Ottawa Rough Riders decided to brave the rain Thursday and practised outside after earlier plans to work out under the cover at the University of British Columbia. Coach Frank Clair was set for a brief inside drill, but when the rain eased he took a second look at the outside field and decided to work in the rain. Even with patches of blue sky Wednesday the university field offered treacherous footing and Clair didn't want to take any chances on twisted ankles as knees today. "We've come too far to take a chance now," Clair predicted. But he said the game still could be a wide-open affair as long as there is no rain at game time and the officials can keep the ball reasonably dry. While most people are worried about the effects of mud on the offences, the defensive players have even more pressing problems. "A slippery field is even harder on the defence," said Ken Lehmann, Ottawa's middle linebacker who was named Most Valuable Lineman in the Eastern Conference. "At least the guy with the ball knows where he wants to go. With the loose sod here it's easy to lose your footing when you try to cut him off." Pass defences are even more complicated by mud, Lehmann added. Lehmann said the pressure will be on Ottawa linebackers if the four-man defensive line can't put an effective rush on Saskatchewan quarterback Ron Lancaster. "We may have to help with the rush but it could get us into trouble with the backfield Lancaster has. He's a good scrambler and hard to chase and when you go after him you can't help but leave some spots open." Lehmann said Saskatchewan "can hit us with screen passes or shoot some guys past us." "That's the big thing about playing defence. You have to try and anticipate the other guy and he has the advantage of knowing that you're trying to anticipate him."

BASKETBALL

SUMMERSIDE — A basketball clinic for high school basketball players and coaches is scheduled for the Summerside High School Friday afternoon at four o'clock. Conducting the clinic will be Jimmy Fox of the Island Basketball Association. The clinic is open as well for all those wishing to obtain a referee's certification. Officials are hopeful that all coaches and officials, along with players, both boys and girls, will make an effort to attend the clinic. An official said yesterday that girls were being included because of the almost complete changeover in girls rules to men's rules, effective this year. A similar clinic will be held in the Morell Regional High School on December 3 at 10 a.m.

RACING MARITIME

TRURO (CP) — Two double winners featured an eight-dash harness racing card at the Truro Racetrack Thursday night. Adios Shyster was timed in 2:14 and 2:16 and Tia Marie came in with times of 2:12 and 2:12 3/5. Onaway's time of 2:09 4/5 was the fastest time of the night. Other winners were Border-view Bob Lee (2:10 2/5), Success Kane (2:16 3/5), and Al Dale (2:16 2/5).

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Boston On Scoring Spree; Hawks Blank Canadiens

BOSTON (AP) — Surprising Boston Bruins went on their biggest scoring spree in three years and routed Detroit 4-3 Thursday night in handing the Red Wings their fifth straight National Hockey League defeat. Eight Boston players shared in the scoring as only two Bruins failed to get a goal or an assist in the Boston blitz. The Bruins capitalized on a two-man advantage to jump off to a 1-0 lead on Ron Stewart's third goal of the season, early in the first. Boston boosted its count to 4-0 within next eight minutes as Wayne Connelly went in alone for his sixth goal, Johnny Bucyk connected for his fifth and John McKenzie cashed another two-on-one break for his fifth. The Red Wings, who have been outscored 22-9 in their losing streak, pulled within two goals on a pair of tallies by Norm Ullman, his fourth and fifth, in the second period. However, Boston came alive again and got the goals on a long slap shot by Ted Green on a power play and Murray Oliver's conversion of a neat pass by Ed Westfall. Ron Schock scored for the Bruins early in the third before Ted Hampson was credited with Detroit's third goal when the puck was lost by Boston goalie Gerry Cheevers at the crease. Gil Marotte completed the scoring by backhanding home a rebound with less than five minutes remaining. SUMMARY First period — 1. Boston, Stewart 3 (Martin, Orr) 3:32; 2. Boston, Connelly 6 (Woytowich, Schock) 4:22; 3. Boston, Bucyk 5 (McKenzie) 6:35; 4. Boston, McKenzie 21, Howe, D. Smith 1:33; MacDonald 16:25. Second period — 1. Detroit, Ullman 4 (Hampson, Smith) 3:38; 6. Detroit, Ullman 5 (Delvecchio, Howe) 8:21; 7. Boston, Green 2 (McKenzie, Orr) 16:54; 8. Boston, Oliver 3 (Westfall, Watson) 18:26. Penalties — Marotte 6:33, Orr 9:23, Bolvin 16:44. Third period — 9. Boston, Shock 3 (Murphy, Connelly) 5:55; 10. Detroit, Hampson 3 8:25; 11. Boston, Marotte 2 (Martin, Stewart) 15:09. Penalties — None. Shots on goal by Detroit 11 13 9-33 Boston 17 10 16-43 Attendance 12,900. CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Black Hawks scored three goals in the first 10 minutes and coasted to a 5-0 victory over Montreal Canadiens in a National Hockey League game Thursday night. Chicago was paced by Stan Mikita, who scored his eighth goal of the year and added his 17th assist to run his individual points total to 25. Dennis Hull opened the Chicago scoring at 3:25 of the first when he took a pass from Wally Boyer and whipped a 25-footer behind Charlie Hodge, the Canadiens' starting goalie. It was his eighth goal of the season. Mikita followed at 8:09 when he shot the puck past Hodge. Mikita then sent a perfect passout from behind the Montreal net to Ken Wharram and Wharram had only to lift the puck over Hodge. Chico Maki scored the only goal in the second, a 30-footer, after taking a pass from behind the net from Wharram. Centre Phil Esposito scored his first goal of the season in the final period against Gump Worsley, who took over the netminding chore at the start of the session. SUMMARY First period — 1. Chicago, D. Hull 5 (Boyer, Nesterenko) 3:25; 2. Chicago, Mikita 8 (Hodge, Wharram) 8:09; 3. Chicago, Wharram 9 (Mikita, Hodge) 18:54. Penalties — Larose 3:38, Richard 6:51. Second period — 4. Chicago, Maki 4 (Wharram) 17:17. Penalties — Jarrett 10:10, Ferguson 15:31, D. Hull 15:31, Price 17:31. Third period — 5. Chicago, Esposito 1 (Maki) 3:50. Penalties — Wharram 15:37, Ravlich double minor, Rehn 18:38. Shots on goal by Montreal 4 12 14-38 Chicago 16 29 6-38 Attendance 16,666.

STANDINGS

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Rangers, Juniors Play To 5 All Tie

Hawk Larter awoke this morning with a lot of Whittlock still on his mind. Last night at the Forum, his Rangers were hard put to hang on in the dying minutes of the third period and keep the Saint Dunstan's Juniors from breaking the 5-5 tie which stood when the siren signaled the end of the game. Last night's game was by far the best hockey fans have seen at the Forum this year. The two teams played heads up hockey from the opening whistle and it was immediately evident that both clubs were well oiled machines with a yen for wide open, fast play. After four minutes of alternate rushing by both clubs, Barry Newson put the Rangers on the scoreboard by slipping the puck past goalie Paul Jelly on a pass from defenceman Doug Murnaghan. The period ended with a tie after Gary Cudmore slipped in a score at the 9:10 mark. In the opening period, the Juniors were a bit more aggressive than the Rangers but the solid Ranger defence, led by Murnaghan and Bob Stewart broke most of the rushes at the blue line. McNally's speed and hands were the difference on the occasions that the Juniors did break through. There was no slackening of the pace in the second or third periods as both coaches used all three lines in regular rotation. Penalties were few, nine in the entire game, with the majority tried to put together an attack that would put the game on ice. Stewart opened the scoring in the second on a three way pass from Freeman MacKenzie and Newson. It was followed five minutes later by a Saint Dunstan goal by Maloney. After this score, the Juniors really put on the pressure and CY MacDonald fired another home over the sprawling McNally. Within seconds, the Rangers broke this threat on a goal by Tom Gauthier, with assists going to Carmichael and Younker. After this short exchange, both clubs settled down to play out the period. Shortly before the seventeen minute mark, Freeman MacKenzie took a pass from Newson and finished the scoring for the period, giving the Rangers a 4-3 lead. Bob Stewart and Les Burnes went off with penalties late in the third leaving the Rangers with the minimal three defencemen against five Saint Dunstan attackers. The Juniors did everything but get the puck past McNally who played perfectly, turning aside sure goals on play after play until one Ranger penalty was up. Then with a fourth defencer barely on the ice, Cudmore scored his second goal of the game to establish the final tie score.

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