

# Packers Nip Soviet Team For First Win In Series

MOSCOW (AP) — Kelowna Packers got a measure of revenge for Canada Friday, winning their first game in four starts in their current exhibition hockey series by defeating an all-star junior team 4-3.

Although the Russian team was designated junior by the Reds, several of the stars on it met the Packers in earlier games Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Packers finally uncorked the gangling attack they had been counting on to overcome the pre-season play of the Russians, breaking loose in the second period to score three goals and win the game.

The Russians, however, fought back stubbornly in the third period, scoring twice to cut the Packers' margin to one goal. The final minutes of that period produced some of the best hockey of the series, with Dave Gatherum again turning in an outstanding performance in the

Packers' nets to hold on to the first Canadian win.

**JUST FOUR PENALTIES**

Despite the furious action, only four penalties were called, two against each club.

The Russians opened the scoring at 2:21 of the first period, again using the fast break and pattern passing that the Red teams have utilized all through the series.

Victor Pryanikov scored it on a close-in drive on an assist from Yuri Volkov.

Jerry Goyer got the first of his two points for the day's work when he shovelled the puck to Greg Jablonski who tied the score at 7:25.

Neither team was able to do any more scoring that period. But the Packers cut loose right from the opening faceoff of the second period. Moe Young steamed in after taking a pass from Mike Durban and scoring after only nine seconds of play.

The Packers kept the pressure on, and Goyer made it 3-1 with a solo effort at 10:55.

**WINNING GOAL**

Brian Roche scored what proved to be the winning goal at 17:50 on an assist from Clare Walskinski.

The Russian coach pulled his starting goalie Vladimir Chinov midway through the second period and replaced him with Evgeni Yerkin. Chinov, a 17-year-old star, was in the nets for Russia in Wednesday's game when the two clubs fought to a 2-2 tie.

The Reds put on tremendous pressure in the third period, and the Packers defensive play almost backfired as the Russians scored two quick goals.

The first came at 4:56 by Igor Dekonsky. With the crowd of 10,000 chanting "goal, goal," Nikolai Snekov cut the Canadians' margin to 4-3 with a hard drive at 8:29.

The fans shouted themselves hoarse during the final minutes as the Russians threw attack after attack at the Packers. Gayerum turned in some spectacular saves to hold on to the win.

Sunday the Packers are to meet an all-star team drawn from the best players throughout Russia.

Friday's win was a big one for the Packers, and left the exhibition series evened up in the worst column and goals scored. The Russians won the first game Sunday 4-3, Tuesday's game was tied 1-1.

## Imlach Named Gen. Manager Of Maple Leafs

TORONTO (CP) — George (Punch) Imlach, assistant general manager of the last-place Toronto Maple Leafs, Friday was named general manager and given wide new powers in an effort to get the team into the National Hockey League playoffs.

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# Jackson Proved Only Bright Spot

By BERNARD DUFRESNE  
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OTTAWA (CP) — Heralded in training camp as strong contenders for the Big Four championship and a chance at the Grey Cup, Ottawa Rough Riders ended the 14-game schedule a so-so team, but with a brilliant young Canadian rookie quarterback.

The team was hot and cold all season, winning with some regularity at home, five times in seven games, and squeaking through once on the road for a 6-8 record.

Their undistinguished season represented a come-down for Riders who lost out for first place in 1957 to Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the last game of the schedule. This year they made third place, baffled Montreal Alouettes with some fancy year-round play to win 26-12 in the sudden-death semi-final and were squashed 35-7 by Tiger-Cats in the opener of the total-point final series.

**HEAVY HANDICAP**  
Riders meet the defending Grey Cup champions at Hamilton this Saturday and there isn't an observer around the Big Four circuit who will give them any hope of overcoming Hamilton's big point spread.

The semi-final was a stunner. Riders went to Montreal with an unenviable string of 11 straight defeats since the Als moved into Molson Stadium.

Coach Frank Clair started with Russ Jackson, 22-year-old homebrew from McMaster University, and he dazzled the Als with a mixture of end sweeps and quarterback option plays. Spotting by line coach Bill Smyth also played a big part in the victory.

Discovery of Jackson was the only real bright spot for Riders this year. He could turn out to be the No. 1 signal-caller in 1958, an unusual situation in this age of import quarterbacks.

Clair, given an unprecedented five-year contract when he joined Riders in 1956, already has talked in terms of finding an American Quarterback for next year who could also play some other position, as offensive or defensive halfback.

**REPLACED LEDYARD**  
Jackson took over the starting assignment from Hal Ledyard, in his third year with the club from the University of Chattanooga. Ledyard was called from the reserves after Tom Dimitroff, second-year import from the University of Miami of Ohio, broke a leg in mid-season.

The Canadian rookie got the assignment from Diamond Hal when he reduced the Ingewood, California, track record from 1:57 2-5 by a fifth of a second. But the junior entry of the Camp entry, wasted no time in getting the title back on home grounds in a hurry.

The above is confusing, unless explained, and the explanation is this: On the following afternoon, Shadow Wave, a three-year-old Adios, owned by the S.A. Camp Farms and driven by Joe O'Brien won the second leg of the \$75,000 American Pacing Classic, setting up a world's record for three-year-old pacers time 1:58 3-5.

Looking up the fastest pacers over mile tracks in a race, we find that Dottie's Pick won at Ingewood, California, in 1:56 4-5, and Sampson Hanover won in 1:58 4-5 at Lexington, Ky., both mile tracks. The fastest mile ever paced goes to the credit of Adios Harry. It was 2:15 made at Vernon Downs, New York, a seven-eighths of a mile track, and it was made in a race. Good Counsel, driven by Frank Ervin, also won at Vernon in 1:57. She was a three-year-old filly, by Good Time.

Shadow Wave's performance has drawn more comment in harness horse publications than his winning the Little Brown Jug at Delaware, Ohio, and, in fact, any performance that has taken place this season. These are extracts from the latest "Harness" (Continued on page 9)

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# Jones Decisions Rory Calhoun

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starting call in the 12th game of the schedule and lost to the fired-up Toronto Argonauts. In the next game, at home, he sparked Riders to a 14-3 victory over Tiger-Cats.

Until then, Jackson had made only brief appearances — either when all was lost or when Riders were well ahead — and each time had thrilled the crowds with his exciting running on option plays.

Perhaps his only deficiency was his passing, but it improved considerably with each game and by season's end he had the third-best percentage of completions in the league.

**UPS AND DOWNS**  
Perhaps the biggest single factor in Riders' unspectacular showing was inconsistency from week to week, both on defence and offence. Some backfield imports, described by Clair at the outset as potentially the best he had ever coached, did not measure up.

There was not much to shout about, statistically-speaking, except for the fact that Riders were the least scored against team in the league. They had only one man among the top 10 scorers and he was no threat to the leaders.

Even the attendance for home games was down, to 114,700 from last year's record 116,484, despite a high of about 8,500 season ticket-holders.

Riders and Ticals were participants in an innovation for the Big Four, playing one of their scheduled games, Sept. 20, in Philadelphia. Hamilton won 28-14 before a crowd of about 15,000 in the 102,000-seat Municipal Stadium.

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