

ORFU Pushing Back Into Grey Cup Football Picture

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TORONTO (CP) — The Ontario Rugby Football Union, once a power in Canadian football, is pushing its way back into the Grey Cup scene after an absence of two years and attempting to regain some of its former prestige.

Armed with a four-page outline of an ambitious program for 1957, the ORFU Friday invited the Big Four league to breakfast, then announced it will challenge next fall for the Grey Cup and proposed a two-year trial of an interlocking schedule between the two leagues.

To make its challenge stronger, the ORFU said that next year it will carry the maximum number of United States import players allowed under Canadian Rugby Union rules. This year, when the ORFU allowed four imports on its four teams, the CRU limit was 12.

"NEED ORFU"
When Len Taylor of Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen, ORFU champions, released the proposal to the press, he said the Big Four

representatives — including President Jim McCaffrey who came on behalf of Ottawa Rough Riders — gave the idea a reasonable reception, promised to study them in three weeks with the ORFU. "We realize that anything that can be done to help the ORFU stay in business should be done," said McCaffrey. "We need the ORFU in Canada and it is the duty of the Big Four to try to help that league."

WON CUP SEVEN TIMES
The ORFU won the Grey Cup seven times between 1909 and 1943, when Hamilton Flying Wildcats were the last ORFU cup winners. But the league began to fade out with the advent in 1948 of high-priced, high-powered clubs in the Big Four and the Western Interprovincial Football Union.

In 1955, the ORFU — which previously had played the Big Four or WIFU champions in cup semifinals — agreed not to challenge. The league said it agreed under strong pressure from the CRU and

while the ORFU sat out again in 1956, its officials were planning ways and means to come back in force in 1957.

LARGE PLANS
This is what they proposed: To challenge for the Grey Cup in the 1957 playoffs with semifinals competition between the Big Four and ORFU champions; a two-year trial of an interlocking schedule, under which for example, an ORFU team would play at Montreal and Hamilton and at home against Ottawa and Toronto the first year, then reverse that procedure the second year; and to increase stadium capacities and the number of high-calibre American players.

The league said it would increase stadium capacity to 10,000 in London, Kitchener and Barrie and the Toronto club would play its games in 26,000-seat Varsity Stadium. Ways and means of meeting the increased cost of operation of a higher-calibre team would be found to boost home-town interest.

Back Stretch

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Helen. It traces back through Captain Aubrey to Peter the Great. Mr. Gauthier is very proud of this young lassie and expects that she will take a fast record.

FIRST PROGRAM
Our good friend Ingham Palmer, announcer at Truro Races, whose splendid descriptions of the race meets there are broadcast during the racing season, writes us: "Just a few hurried lines to give you some more information on our first racing program, the results of which are marked on the attached card. The program was presented by The Truro Horsemen's Club and it was the first in a schedule that calls for racing on Saturday afternoons from now until some time in May. During the winter months we plan to 'ice the track' and continue our racing. The Club has leased the Raceway for this period and has just completed resurfacing the track with over a hundred truckloads of loam being used. The hard part of this is that when it came race time on Saturday we had to remove this new surface as it had settled, and it turned to mud after two days of rain.

"Although our track was heavy and slow for our first meet it was not slippy. Times therefore were not too fast, with 1:09 being the best and our slowest was in 1:12. The racing was really top-notch and we're looking for an even better time for this Saturday. It appears that we'll have plenty of horses, with quite a few getting ready around town, and then again, we have some of the North Shore horsemen coming over."

The winners were: Races 1 and 4 - Jack C. Chips (Daniels) 1-1, Nova G. (MacKay) 2-2. Time, 1:10 1/5. Winning owner, Donald Rankin, North Sydney. Races 2 and 5 - Howie's Pride (Daniels) 1-2, Debra H. (Harrison) 2-1. Time, 1:12. Howie's Pride owned by Earl Wilson, Truro and Debra H.

by Roy Weir, Truro. Races 3 and 7 - Shelby Vic, owned and driven by H. Fletcher, 2-1, Athlone Ruler, Morton Thompson, Wallace, 1-2. Time, 1:10 1/5. Races 5 and 8 - Lucky Budlong (Daniels) 1-1, Jimmy Clegg (Redi) 2-3, Jenny Belfast (Pinkney) 4-2. Time, 1:11 1/5. Lucky Budlong owned by S.B. Drake, Truro.

Particulars just received regarding the Standardbred Sale at Harrisburg show that the Hanover Shoe Farms consignment of 106 yearlings brought \$537,100 for an average of \$5,067. Five of these yearlings brought bids of \$20,000 or more. Clearview Stables, Winthrop, Me. bought the yearling filly Fiorella Hanover for \$25,000.

She will be trained by Marie Avery, and Sol Camp bought the yearling Spider Hanover for \$22,000. He is a brother in blood to Scott Frost 1.58 3-5. The Sol Camp Stable sold four, Mack Primrose for \$10,500, Dazie Scott for \$1,000, M.F. Saulie, a 3-year-old for \$1,000 and Solicitor General, a 3-year-old for \$5,000.

JOE'S ACCIDENT
Our friend James Flood has just received a letter from his daughter, Mrs. Joe O'Brien, giving particulars of Joe's accident. "A horse fell down going into the first turn and Joe's horse hit him from behind and Joe was thrown in the air. He has two broken ankles, one not too bad. He has a

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cast up to his hip on the right leg. They were not able to set the left ankle because of swelling but expect to be able to do so later. We hope to move him to Shafter this week and I am afraid he will be in a cast for four or five months. He is worrying about it because of the colts. He was very pleased with the new colts they bought at Harrisburg." The sympathy of all horsemen in the province will go out to Joe and our hopes are that it won't be as long as expected before he will be able to get around.

HUNTERS' CORNER

The Outing Isn't Wasted

It's passing strange how, with the close of each hunting season, we make plans and resolutions for the next. We'll do this and that. We'll take a few afternoons off to roam the back trails and woodland paths in quest of the beautiful and gamey ruffed grouse our duck hunting will not end with the opening morning pheasant possibilities will be checked in a back country swampy swale where old cock Ring-necks sounded their clarion spring challenge in an Appalachian — yes, we'll do a lot of things but what happens? Hunting opportunities fade into oblivion, never to return, as a specific date is checked off the calendar and four score years and ten, man's Biblical life span, draws near.

My total bag on ducks to date is 4 - 3 blacks and a Green-wing teal. The blacks were shot on the opening morning. The teal was picked up a week later. I wasn't even hunting at the time; but when this fat and tasty duck flumped into a pot-hole I walked back to the car and got the shotgun out. It made a choice bite for a man and his wife whom I have known since I was a boy.

I had plenty opportunities to have sport with black ducks whilst on other business. On a late October afternoon I sat for a half hour listening to the quacking and feeding chatter of blacks in a flooded alder swamp. There was no particular point in scattering a hundred or more birds and riving them into the arms of waiting hunters in their areas for the sake of one shot. I have an aversion in any case of driving a heavy concentration of birds to a feeding ground. I prefer to wait for them coming in at dawn or late evening, as the case may be. Under such a setup one can shoot what birds one needs and leave the rest of the flight to feed in peace and safety.

BIG AS GEESSE
One evening as a November sunset left a red glow in the east I dropped in to see what was doing. I really didn't expect to see any ducks but this is beside the point because I didn't have the Winchester with me. I still have a vision of seven black ducks winnowing in at spruce top level in perfect V formation — all the same wild-geese, and they looked almost as big as geese. One easy swing and the soft 'flump' of their landing came to my ears. Several ones and pairs followed.

It reminded me of the old days in the nineteen thirties at Fras-

er's Beaver Dam when the Southport Farmer and I met them as they came in at tree top level. It was in our faces. The limit was 12 in those days but we didn't try for any big killing — just picked the ones they were 'right in our hands' to quote the Farmer. Shooting in such a setup there was no point in dropping ducks over a yard or two. One might as well look for a needle in a haystack as a duck in the middle of such a quagmire. Incidentally the recent touch of winter drive those ducks to the flats.

I had one memorable hunt for grouse with my partner on an overgrown wood road they led into the middle of nowhere. The Pointers covered both sides of the road. I had one shot. A grouse roared up from the deep, wooded ditch and cut behind a thick spruce. I swung to a point where I guessed the grouse would be and pulled. A shower of spruce bows dropped to the ground and the bird did not show up. I figured went down with the spruce. It did.

My partner hunting over the same area on the opening morning with the same dogs bagged his limit of three. It's fast, sporty shooting on grouse cutting across a wood road, or over a cutover slash. I used to be pretty near that good some years ago. There were a lot of ruffed grouse this season and I planned on picking a few but didn't get past the pair. I got my second bird while driving on the Selkirk Road. Several farmers told me about nice coveys of Natives at the rear of their

farms, but they'll have to wait for another year. I hope the grouse continue their upward swing.

UNIQUE SPORT
Grouse hunting is a unique sport of its own. It requires time and patience to still hunt them. One walks past at least a half dozen for everyone he sees or flushes. A friend of mine in Souris related an incident that happened a few years ago. He loves to wander along the back country trails. If he bags a grouse well and good but he never considers the outing wasted. One afternoon, feeling a little leg weary, he sat on a log at the side of a wood road for a rest and smoke. Rather absently he gazed at a stump about 20 yards distant and thought how much the knot sticking above the stump looked like the head of a grouse. Minutes later he glanced at the stump and noticed the odd looking knot had moved a few inches.

Frank is a pretty observant woodsman. He didn't see the knot move but he knew it wasn't in the same spot. He quietly picked up his gun and WHAM he had a lovely cock grouse — the one and only bird he saw all afternoon. It could be true, he said he didn't see this one. There's a lot of luck involved in hunting the Drummer of the woodlots.

ATTENTION TRAPPERS
Some confusion exists whether or not there is an open season on beaver at present. A year ago (1955) an open season on beaver was fixed and prescribed by the Minister from November 10th to December 31st. This fixed season also supplies to the current year.

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Sunday afternoon The Trotters travel to S. D. U. for a clash with the Saints. The Trotters won their league opener 63-46 over P. W. C.

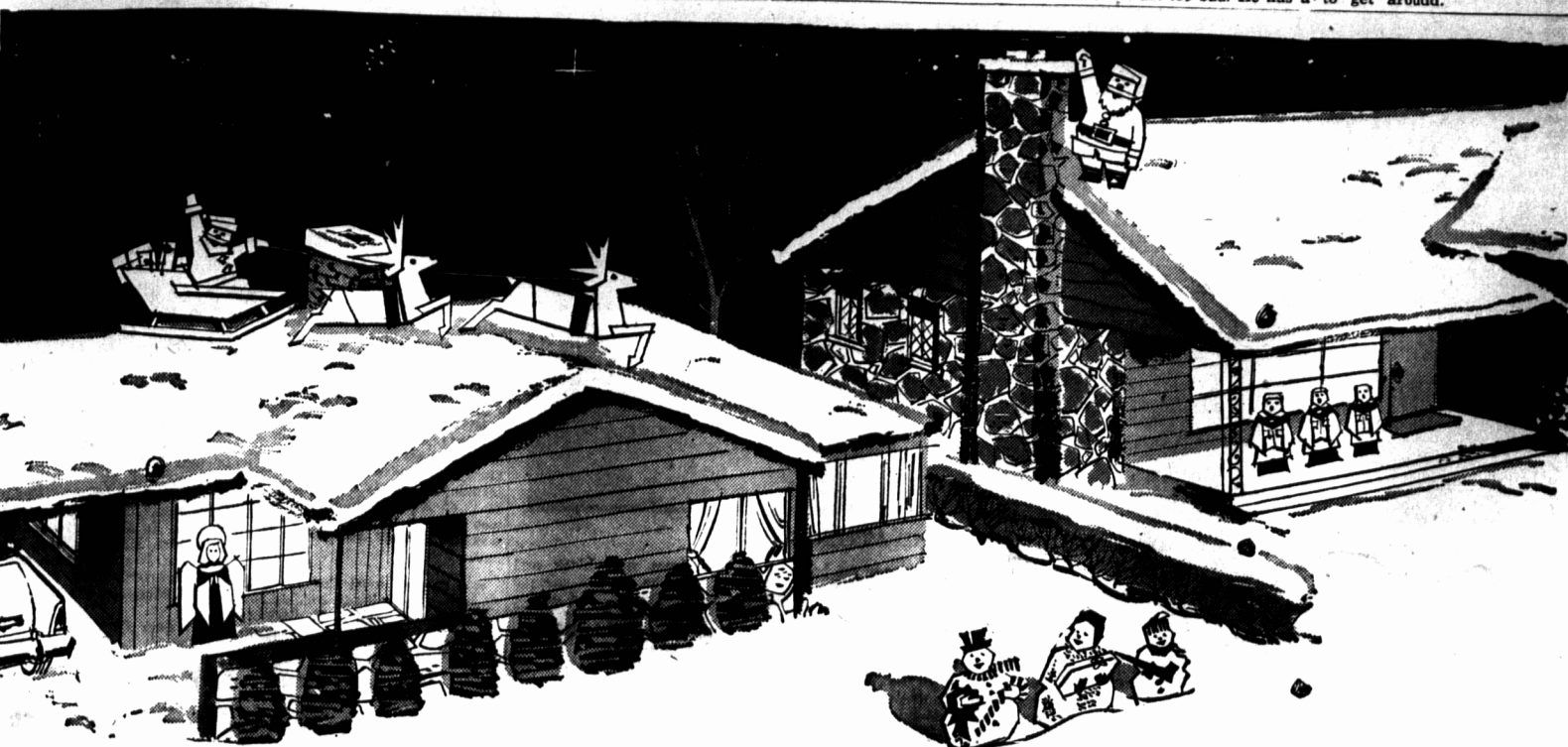
N. H. L. Standings

Harry Watson, whose two goals By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Standing: Boston, won 10, lost 4, tied 4; points, 24.
Points: Bellevue, Montreal, 23.
Goals: Lindsay, Detroit, Montreal, 10.
Assists: Bellevue and Harvey, Montreal, 15.
Shutouts: Plans, Montreal, 4.
Penalties: Fontinello, New York, 53.

BIG SEVEN
By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Jean Bellevue picked up an assist Thursday night to take over the National Hockey League scoring leadership with 23 points, one more than Ted Lindsay of Detroit who went luckless.

After a full night of activity, Gordie Howe of Detroit, with 21 points and Maurice Richard of Montreal, with 17, stayed in third and fourth places while going pointless, but five players jammed into a tie for fifth with 16 points.

The leaders:
Bellevue, Montreal 23
Lindsay, Detroit 22
Howe, Detroit 21
R. Richard, Montreal 17
Bainak, Boston 7
Ulman, Detroit 5
Ottawa, Montreal 5
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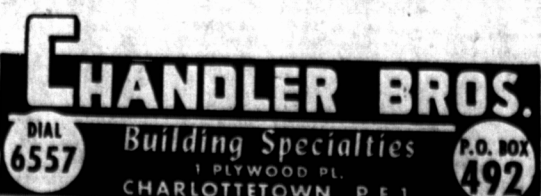
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