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Georgia Tech Is Planning To Emphasize Its Passing

NEW YORK (CP) — Coach Bobbby Dodd plans to emphasize passing Saturday when his Georgia Tech squad takes on one of the tightest pass-defence college teams in the United States—Missouri.

The teams will meet Saturday in the Bluebonnet Bowl, top post-season college game of the Christmas weekend. The game will be televised at 4 p.m. AST by CBS.

At Miami, meanwhile, a North-South All-Star Game—not to be confused with the more famous Blue - Gray game at Montgomery, Ala., a week later —will be played. ABC will start its television broadcast at 5 p.m.

And at Orlando, Fla., Houston will meet Miami of Ohio in the Tangerine Bowl, which won't be televised.

In the Bluebonnet, Dodd's strategy is expected to centre on Billy Lothridge, a triple threat who set a school record this year by completing 83 of 156 passes for 1,106 yards.

Dodd has indicated that Georgia Tech will throw more passes than usual despite the fact the Missouri defence gave up an average of only 68.6 yards on passes in 10 games.

It was a Hobson's choice for the Tech coach, since Missouri is equally tough on the ground, being ranked fourth in the U.S. defensively in both pass defence and total defence.

Missouri, which lost 21-7 in its last meeting with Tech, in the Orange Bowl of 1940, is a one-touchdown underdog in Saturday's contest.

Miami University, which hasn't had a losing season since 1942, will be coached in the Tangerine Bowl by John Pont, an alumnus of the school who did brief professional stints with Green Bay Packers and Toronto Balmy Beach in the early 1950s.

The team includes the man who beat Pont's scoring record at the school—end Bob Jencks. Pont scored a total of 162 points while Jencks, who tied a modern college field goal record this year, has a total of 177 points in three seasons.

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Bolling And Hoak Are Top Fielders

CINCINNATI (AP) — Second baseman Ken Hubbs of Chicago Cubs and third baseman Bob Aspromonte of Houston, who set records for consecutive errorless games in 1962, each took a back seat in the official National League fielding averages released Wednesday.

Hubbs, who fielded .983, finished behind Milwaukee's Frank Bolling, the leader at .989, and Bill Mazeroski of Pittsburgh, .985.

Aspromonte was runner-up to Don Hoak of Pittsburgh, the third base pace - setter. Hoak, traded to Philadelphia last month, had a .969 average while Aspromonte wound up at .967.

BROKE DOERR'S MARK

Hubbs, the circuit's rookie-of-the-year, played 78 consecutive games without an error. The former major league mark had been set by Bobby Doerr of Boston Red Sox in 1948. Aspromonte went 57 straight games without a miscue, topping the National League record of 54 established by Stan Hack of Chicago in 1942.

Joe Adcock of Milwaukee Braves topped first basemen with .997 and Del Crandall the catchers with .994. Other fielding leaders were shortstop Jose Pagan of San Francisco, .973, outfielder Tony Gonzalez, Philadelphia 1.000, and pitcher Dallas Green, Philadelphia, who handled 45 chances perfectly.

The Braves fielded a collective .980, edging St. Louis at .979. Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco and Cincinnati finished in a four-way tie for third with .977.

BOWLING CHALLENGE

We, the Summerside "Butternut Boys" do hereby challenge the Charlottetown "Has Beens" from the Rollaway Lanes, to a friendly grudge match (3 games) to be played at Crest Lanes, Summerside at a time and date to be arranged. Losers to buy chicken suppers. Please reply through this paper.

EARLE SMITH, Captain.

Trimble Claims Canadians Fighting A Losing Battle

HAMILTON (CP) — Hamilton Tiger-Cats coach Jim Trimble says Canadian Football League teams are fighting a losing battle in the annual competition to sign United States college players.

Trimble, recently returned from a recruiting trip, said Tuesday the Canadian teams cannot match the cheques handed out by National and American Football League clubs.

"I'll give you an example," he said.

"I saw this kid named Kowalski play linebacker for Villanova in Philadelphia Saturday. He looked pretty good and I knew he hadn't been drafted by either the National or American Leagues . . .

"I fed him a line about how I would have picked him as the outstanding lineman in the game. He thanked me politely and then I asked him to sign with the Tiger-Cats. I offered him a good contract plus a bonus, but he wasn't too eager.

"He told me that Washington Redskins had asked him to wait and see if they signed all their draft choices. If they did he was out of luck, if not, maybe he'd get a tryout with them. I told him that I didn't think this was very fair of the Redskins, but he didn't seem to mind.

"Ordinarily you'd think a kid like that—nobody's draft choice —would jump at a firm offer. But they're not jumping for Canada down there now, because those other leagues are waving so much money around."

Trimble said his assistant coach, Joe Restic, was trying to sign another player the Tiger-Cats wanted, but he met competition from Chicago Bears.

"The guy from the Bears told Joe: 'You go as high as you like, because we'll go higher for the kid. I'm not a coach, I just get paid to sign players. I've been told to sign this one and I will.' Joe just had to put his pen away."

Bidding for top players is going higher and higher between the NFL and the AFL, which has just completed its third year of operation. The less affluent Canadians are being left out in the cold.

"The National League is still looking down its nose at the AFL," Trimble said. "But it shouldn't be."

"Ten qualified observers I've talked to down there in the last couple of weeks have assured me that they pick the AFL to washout on television for entertainment over the NFL."

Ball Crowds Are Better

DALLAS (AP) — The three-year - old American Football League showed an increase of 20.3 per cent in attendance—almost 4,000 fans a game more than last year.

The average was 21,481 with the 56 league games drawing 1,202,926 fans as compared to 1,000,216 in 1961. It was an increase of 202,710—representing over $500,000 in revenue.

Six of the eight clubs averaged better than 20,000 for each home game. Houston led with 28,612, Buffalo had 27,922, Denver 25,059, Dallas 22,143, San Diego 21,992 and Boston 21,518.

Skater Refuses To Accept Offer

CALGARY (CP) — Speed skater Larry Mason was turned down an offer to represent Canada in a six-week training swing of Europe because the Canadian team is "over-staffed."

The team being sent to Europe by the Canadian Speed Skating Association is too weak to represent the country, he said in an interview Tuesday night.

"Certain skaters on the squad should never have been considered, never mind selected," he said. Mason declined to mention names.

Nine Canadians, eight from the West and one from the East, have been selected to represent Canada on the tour. The team leaves Canada Saturday.

Canadian champion Ralf Olin, now a resident of Calgary, will manage the team in addition to taking part in the program. Others named to the squad are Jerry Koning of Calgary, Murray Gardiner and Joanne Fath of Edmonton, Marg Nichols and Eddie Bownes of Red Deer, Alta., Bob Boucher of Winnipeg and Steve Kovacs of Toronto.

The Canadian Physical Fitness Council has granted the Canadian Association $5,000 to assist the skaters.

Quakers Get Fourth Loss

VIENNA (AP) — Czechoslovakia's national hockey team defeated Canada's touring Saskatoon Quakers 4-1 Wednesday for the Canadians' fourth straight exhibition loss.

The game was played at Ostravas, Radio Prague reported.

On Monday the Czech nationals had beaten the Quakers 9-4. Earlier, the Saskatoon seniors dropped 7-0 and 13-4 decisions to the Swedish national team in Stockholm.

The Quakers were shut out until late in the third period when defenceman Harry Smith got their only goal. Smith, a regular with Trail Smoke Eaters, was flown to Europe to reinforce the Quakers after their first two losses.

The Czechs scored the only goal of the first period and then added three more in the third. The middle session was scoreless.

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Thursday at the Charlottetown Club.

7 P.M.

Ice 1 — (Open).

Ice 2 — Game 18 (Jr. competition).

Ice 3 — Clary Flemming vs. Al Saunders.

Ice 4 — Alan Smith vs. Ron Ketch.

Ice 5 — Game 17 (Jr. competition).

8:30 P.M.

Beginner (Skip Rotation)

Ice 1 — (reserved).

Ice 2 — (reserved).

Ice 3 — Rod MacKenzie, N. MacNeill, B. Crockett, R. Perry vs. A. Hunton, G. Lidstone, S. Simpson, N. Borys.

Ice 4 — E. Ford, J. Whelan, H. Edwards, Geo. MacLaren vs. J. Vautour, J. Wheatley, J. Bond, Jim Wilson.

Ice 5 — H. Gaudie, C. Wheatley, C. White, E. Thompson vs. J. Veniot, C. MacDonald, D. Wood, J. Goode.

Clay, London Fight Set?

LONDON (AP)—A British vs. American heavyweight card, topped by a fight matching undefeated Cassius Clay of Louisville, Ky., and Brian London, former British champion, is in the works for Los Angeles in early March, promoter George Parnassus said Wednesday.

The Los Angeles matchmaker-promoter said he also was negotiating to take over Joe Erskine, veteran Welshman and former British and European champion, and two rookie heavyweights, Billy Walker and Johnny Prescott.

"Nothing like this has ever been done before," Parnassus said. "If it's a success, then we plan to put on a similar show in London."

British promoters Harry Levene and Laurie Lewis are working with Parnassus on the proposed show for either March 7 or 8.

Mexicans Are Cocky

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)—The Davis Cup challenge round got a shot in the arm Wednesday when the Mexican team finally bit Brisbane and warned the Australians to prepare for the loss of the international tennis trophy.

"We have come to take the Davis Cup back to Mexico," Pancho Contreras, playing captain of the Mexican team, told a startled gathering at the lord mayor's reception shortly after his arrival in the city for matches against Australia beginning Dec. 26.

Later, after pacing his three players—Rafael Osuna, Antonio Palafox and Mario Llamas—through a 2½-hour workout, the Mexican captain told a press conference:

"We have a fighting team and we have no complexes about big names. The names of Rod Laver, Neale Fraser and Roy Emerson mean nothing to us—no, not even the name of captain Harry Hopman.

"We have Osuna, Palafox and Llamas. We think we are as good as they are. We have all to win and nothing to lose. We fully believe we are capable of winning the cup."

States Grab Hoop Series

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—The United States completed an expected sweep of the five-nation invitational basketball tournament Wednesday night by trouncing the Philippines 94-50.

Puerto Tico beat Nationalist China 69-60 and won third place behind Spain.

The teams wound up with the following records: U.S.A. 4-0, Spain 3-1, Puerto Rico 2-2, Nationalist China 1-3 and the Philippines 0-4.

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By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Ramblers Have Troubles

AMHERST Ramblers didn't enjoy a much larger crowd when they played a 'home' game in Pictou Tuesday night. Exactly 706 pesons showed up with their money.

When you consider that the Ramblers drove about two hundred miles to play that 'home' game, that's surely 'peanuts' as far as a gate is concerned. The players, who now are operating the team on their own, surely will not buy very expensive Christmas presents with their 'take' on that encounter.

The Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League is surely having its troubles and the chances of things improving to any great extent are anything but bright. The folks seem to delight in staying away from the contests and the travelling is a really costly business. Just how long Amherst players will stay at it on their own is a big question. We just can't see these fellows making these long tiresome trips and hardly breaking even on the deal.

Of course where the salaries are forthcoming regardless of the gates, the players are not worried. But the Amherst boys must get the crowds to get their pay and right now the outlook is bleak.

We expect any of these days to find the Ramblers' gang call it quits again and this time it could be for good.

Play Fair With Fans

THE crowd at Tuesday's game at The Sports Arena was around the 500 mark which isn't too bad for this week of the schedule.

However, many of the fans were mighty disappointed because the Combines landed in Charlottetown with a mere shell of a team. The boys who did make the trip played heads up hockey and the Royals surely had no pushovers.

But the folks went there to see a strong Combines squad try to upset the Royals in their home rink. They found that a great many of the Combines had not made the trip. They were beefing because of it.

Now before anyone starts saying we're going after the Combines only ,let us hasten to add that the Royals made a recent appearance at Summerside's Civic Stadium with only nine or ten players. Undoubtedly that evening those who paid their way into Charlie Hogan's winter playground were equally annoyed. Sure they wanted to see their Combines beat the Royals but they wanted them to beat the Royals with all their players.

It was the same way Tuesday at The Sports Arena. Surely no Royals' fans were satisfied at the Parkdale victory over the undermanned Combines' crew. Perhaps Royals would have won even if every Combine had turned up but nobody is sure of that.

PLAYERS and rink managements are annoyed at the small crowds and we don't blame them a bit. It's discouraging to play hockey to so many empty seats.

However, we think that the teams should do everything possible to keep faith with the fans. There are some faithful folks who never miss a hockey match. Without these good sportsmen, the league could fold anytime. These fans should be given every consideration and one of the biggest considerations is the icing by the visiting team of a capable squad.

There is and always has been far too much of this arrangement of playing the home games only. Charlottetown fans hardly get a glimpse of some fellow until playoff time and Summerside patrons couldn't rightly tell you just who are on the Charlottetown teams.

Some Play All Games

SOME fellows never miss playing in the enemy's rink. 'Farmer' Josey is always on hand at Civic Stadium and 'Hook' Walsh never misses an appearance on Sports Arena ice. The folks like that kind of a hockey player. They may do lots of roaring against him but they go to the games to see him just the same.

We're a firm believer in treating the cash customers right. There's not much use in going looking for more crowds if you are not trying to please the faithful ones you already have.

It's time teams started taking to the road with the same kind of strength they put over the boards before the hometown fans.

How about it, gentlemen?

Kiddies Are Free At Game Tonight

The Old Spain Penguins and The Sports Arena management are filled with the Christmas spirit and they are demonstrating that tonight in no uncertain terms.

The Baby Birds have a home game with Sandy's Parkdale Royals tonight at The Sports Arena and they arranged with Arena officials to allow every youngster 15 years and under in "for free" if accompanied by an adult.

Mind you, it doesn't need to be Mom or Dad. If both can't make it, then there must be lots of good neighbors on the street who are planning in taking in the game. Just make your plans to contact some oldster and you are into the game without any expenditure.

It's likely that hundreds of youngsters will take advantage of this chance to see the two Charlottetown teams in action.

Royals will be heavy favorites to beat the Juniors but the Birds led by Capt. Stan Peardon will be doing their utmost to upset the league leaders. The Juniors are improving each time out under coach "Bucke" Trainor and this could be the night that the Royals get set back on their heels.

So remember, youngsters get yourself a partner tonight. If you're with any adult, you get in to the Penguins - Royals game without paying one cent.

Action starts at 8.15.

GORD WHITLOCK

Teams Look Really Even

HOUSTON (AP)—The American Football League championship game Sunday matches the league's strongest offensive and defensive teams.

Houston Oilers edged Dallas Texans as the leader on offence during the 14-game regular season. The Texans edged the Oilers on defence.

Both teams moved into the league's third title game with 11-3 records.

Houston's offence headed by George Blanda and Charlie Tolar averaged 355 yards per game and scored 387 points. The Dallas attack paced by Len Dawson, Abner Haynes and Curtis McClinton averaged 347 yards and scored 389 points.

The Dallas defence gave up an average of 282 yards and allowed the opposition to score only 233 points. Houston's opponents averaged 295 yards a game and scored a total of 274 points.

Houston is taking a shot at its third straight league championship.

Taylor Has Two Tittles

NEW YORK (AP)—Jim Taylor, Green Bay's driving fullback, became the third man in the history of the National Football League to double as both rushing champion and scoring leader.

Final statistics released Wednesday show Taylor, who ended Jimmy Brown's five-year reign as rushing champion, ground out 1,474 yards in 272 attempts.

Taylor also set an NFL record by scoring 19 touchdowns and led the scorers with 114 points, next on 110 points that included Lou Michaels of Pittsburgh was 32 extra points and a record-breaking 26 field goals. Paul Hornung of Green Bay, scoring leader for three straight years, was out with injuries and finished 11th with 74 points.

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