

SPORTS FRONT

Canadians Lose All Hope

By CHRIS ANNETT

Well the fears and anxieties of patriotic hockey fans all over the country were given another little jab yesterday evening as the Russian National eliminated the Canadians from the title hunt in the World Hockey championships.

From the tone of the game the Habs hoped to hit the Russians so much that they would slow down the vaunted attack but it did not quite develop. The Soviets came back for more and pumped in two third period goals to wrap up the win.

Seth Martin was by far and away the highlight of the game as he held the Russians at bay in the second period when the puck saw seldom out of the Canadian's zone except when they tried it. However the Habs came back strong for just the first part of the last session but still did not force enough to find any chinks in the Soviet's shield of defense.

One small consolation is that the refereeing was of a much higher standard in the game than it had been against the Swedes. The controversy was still raging in the minds of a few players no doubt as they took to the ice for they had voted as a team to withdraw from the Championships after having been robbed of the decision over Czechoslovakia and it was only after a long session with Rev. David Bauer, Lionel Fleury and Gordon Jucks, all high ranking officials that they had decided to remain.

It is obvious that the Canadian players hold Bauer in more than great esteem for the consensus of opinion among the players was that the only reason that they had stayed in the game was for him.

It was obvious that the Canadians were not in top shape against the Russians and many times players could not catch up with the long passes that characterized their attack. This was mainly due to the Czech game when they were faced with the arduous task of killing off infractions (which they had not committed.) It was enough to blunt that fine physical edge which they needed to desperately to skate with the USSR.

Now they have a day and a half to get in trim for the game against the Swedes, who were dumped yesterday by the Czechs. Had they not lost that upset to East Germany and then tied Russia they would be right in the race for first place. After the final game it is a good bet that many of the members of the team will hang up their skates as far as international hockey goes. Roger Bourbonnais has openly expressed to do so and insinuated that many other members of the team are also planning to quit the international circuit.

It seems that this kind of refereeing has to mar the Canadian's efforts for they have worked hard for four months only to have their pot of gold dispersed with two refs that "wouldn't be tolerated in the midget leagues" according to one Canadian player.

TODAY'S CURLING DRAWS

The following is the curling draw for Saturday at the Charlottetown Club at the Charlottetown Club, 1.30 p.m. (4hrs)

H. Spillet, S. Beaton, T.W.L. Prowse, A. Bagnall vs F. MacMillan, R. Spillet, E. Tanton, H. Douglas.

2.15 p.m. Service Club Spiel 2 (six end games) Ice 1 - Lions 1 vs Rotary 1. Ice 2 - Kin (forty-one) vs Kiwanis 1.

Ice 3 - Rotary 2 vs Kin 2. Ice 4 - Kin 1 vs Lions 2. Ice 5 - Kiwanis 2 vs Rotary 2.

2. Second draw at 4.15 p.m. Banquet 6.15 p.m. 7 p.m. mixed curling Ice 1 - Harvey Douglas, E. MacInnes, B. Davis, P. MacKay vs G. Gallant, I. Murray, J. Anderson, Y. Keith.

Ice 2 - B. Rogerson, D. Stewart, F. Dillon, E. Douglas vs D. Douglas, P. Redden, D. Kilpatrick, V. Anderson.

Ice 3 - W. Redden, K. Douglas, D. Pickard, Becky Giddings vs R. MacDonald, M. Dowling, J. Keith, H. MacKinnon.

Ice 4 - A. MacDonald, A. Bentner, I. MacNevin, H. Kennedy vs E. Nicholson, G. McKay, D. Shears, B. Kilpatrick.

Ice 5 - Henry Douglas, M. MacNevin, C. MacDonald, A. Davis vs Dr. MacKay, J. Boomer, A. Trewin, M. Giddings, 8.30 p.m. (mixed) Ice 1 - L. Burke, M. Acorn, S. Giddings, B. Brookins vs N. MacNeill, B. Squarebriggs, I. MacNevin, M. MacLean.

Ice 2 - E. MacDonald, M. Blakeney, J. Farquharson, M. MacLean vs A. Gill, M. MacNeill, G. Brookins, M. Gill. Ice 3 - K. Ready, V. Mac-



'WHAT TO DO?' Coach Punch Imlach of Toronto Maple Leafs is having a tough time making up his mind. Two weeks ago his two goalkeepers, Johnny Bower (lower left) and Terry Sawchuk (lower right) were injured and he called up Dick Gamble from a farm club at Tulsa, Okla. Gamble's spectacular play (illustrated at top) has posed the problem: who to send back to Tulsa. Imlach has until Sunday to decide. (CP Wirephoto)

Rangers Beat Red Wings; Ellis, Irwin Outstanding

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Like Horatio at the Bridge of Rome, Barry Ellis saved the battle for Charlottetown's Rogers Rangers as they shaded the Fredericton Red Wings 4-2 in the third game of their best of seven series for the N.B. - P.E.I. Junior hockey championship at the Charlottetown Forum last evening. Ellis's heroics in stopping three breakaways in the final session of play, and a masterful display of forechecking by the rest of the team gave the Rangers their first win in the series.

John Irwin emerged as the high point getter for the Rangers as he rapped home two goals and set up another while Les Barnes and Cecil MacDonald had the other two. Greg Wheaton and McCollough each had one goal for Fredericton.

The first period of play had the Charlottetown crowd on the edge of their seats at all times as Charlottetown missed enough chances to have gotten them six goals. However despite their domination of the play for the play for the majority of the 20 minute session the Red Wings led 1-0 as the teams left the ice surface. McCollough and Russell teamed up on a beautiful goal that left Ellis no chance whatsoever.

Russell carried the puck down the left boards and despite having a Ranger defenseman hanging all over him got a perfect pass over to McCollough who poked the puck in the open side. Charlottetown missed a 2-1 break early in the game and numerous opportunities thereafter. John Irwin went the whole length of the ice and broke clear only to have the puck roll off his stick. Houston missed an open corner and the Rangers hit the post two times as the puck was battled in front of the net. Paul Richard in the Red Wings cage handled 13 Charlottetown drives flawlessly while Ellis was called on to get in front of 6 in the opening session.

The two teams played on even terms for the greater part of second period but Charlottetown

back and appeared to have at least two sure goals. However, Ellis robbed them with sensational saves and the Rangers stormed right back into the Fredericton zone. John Irwin continuing to put on a great showing after having spent the first nine minutes of the period in the sin bin serving a misconduct jammed a rebound through the goalies pads to give the Rangers a 2-1 lead. And that's the way the period ended one minute and forty one seconds later.

Charlottetown rushed to the attack in the opening minute of the third and missed numerous sterling opportunities and held the Red Wings in their own zone with close forechecking. A wild jump in front of the goal Rickard gave to go to the bench for repairs and soon after the

Red Wings tied the game up on a screen shot from right in front of the nets by Wheaton that just caught the left hand corner. Fredericton drew a penalty at the 5:35 mark but the power play almost backfired on Charlottetown. Barry Ellis was forced to make two brilliant saves on clear breakaways before John Irwin, whose blocked shots had led to both the breakaways, fired a screaming wrist shot into the upper right hand corner to put the locals out in front again.

The locals hit again on a fantastic passing play and exhibition of second effort four minutes later. Jamie Kennedy, hindered by the effects of a bad cold came striding down the left wing. He fired a perfect pass to Joey Brown who blasted one at Rickard who made the initial stop. However Barnes, who had been far down the ice when the play developed managed to race in and make what could be called a diving tip of the puck over the goal.

Barry Ellis was forced to come up with another breakaway save that bordered on the unbelievable approximately a minute later. And then pucked beat on his pads like a boxer on a punching bag for the next couple of minutes. However he was unbeatable and held the Red Wings at bay for the remainder of play. The Rangers on the other hand tested Rickard severely before the close of play.

The two clubs meet again this evening in the fourth game of the series and a sellout crowd is expected.

SUMMARY First Period - 1. Fred. - McCollough (Russell, Gibbs) 8:44. Penalties - Brown, Rowan 6:15; Irwin (misconduct) 18:29. Second Period - 2. Charlottetown - C. MacDonald (Irwin) 14:26; 3. Charlottetown - Irwin (Rogers) 18:19. Third Period - 4. Fred. - Wheaton (Harvey) 4:35; 5. Charlottetown - Irwin (Kennedy) 7:06; 6. Charlottetown - Barnes (Brown, Kennedy) 11:07. Penalties - Gibbs, 5:35; Wheaton 18:06.

McQuaid had two goals for the losers and other marksmen were Stanley (2) Kitson and Whitlock. The game was refereed by Joe Coyle and Vince Mulligan. Only six penalties, all minors, were assessed.

TERMS UNCHANGED Terms of the contract are the same as for the proposed Terrell-Clay match. Clay will get 50 per cent of the live gate and 50 per cent ancillary rights while Chuv. 10 per cent of the live gate and 20 per cent of the closed-circuit TV earnings.

SKATING TODAY FORUM 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Children (all ages) 15c Adults 25c

RURAL MINOR HOCKEY The following paperweight players are requested to meet at Roper's Esso station, Brackley Point Road at 5 p.m. March 12, to leave for Souris: Joe MacAskill, David Hennessey, Philip Steel, Noel MacAleer, Gary Moore, Boyd MacLean, David Livingstone, Garth MacGuigan, Preston Ellis, John Dowling, Gary Wood, Kenny MacInnes, Dennis Reddin, Mark MacDonald, Roddie Vessey, Douglas Wheatley, Mark Mullins, Paul Sullivan, Paul MacIsaac.

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Alberta Ekes Out Ontario To Capture Brier Playoff

HALIFAX (CP)—Alberta won the Canadian curling championship here Friday night with a 7-6 playoff victory over Ontario.

Ron Northcott's Calgary rink stole a single in the 12th end for the victory when Joe Gurovka of Cooksville was wide and heavy with his final rock. The championship was the ninth in the 37-year history of the national tournament for Alberta.

Ontario jumped into a 3-0 lead after three ends when Northcott, obviously a bit shaky under the initial pressure, missed three consecutive takeout shots with his last rock.

Ontario scored once in the eighth and Alberta kept pace with a single in the ninth. Gurovka drew for another point in the 10th and regained the lead.

In the 11th, Northcott tried to take out Gurovka's shot rock and roll out himself to blank the end so he would have last-rock advantage coming home in the 12th. But his rock stayed in the house to count one, tying the score 6-6, but giving Ontario a final stone in the 12th.

In the final end, Ontario third Tom Howat took out two Alberta guards. Northcott then drew to the button. Gurovka took it out and got a slight roll to the front of the four-foot circle.

Northcott then nudged the shot to the back of the eight-foot ring and rolled himself to get a bite of the four-foot behind a guard. Gurovka had a difficult task with his final stone, needing to draw almost on the centre spot to win. He was a bit heavy and wide and the four Alberta members were hoping about with joy before the granite stopped sliding.

Alberta defeated Prince Edward Island 7-3 in the 11th round, while Ontario knocked Hersh Lerner's Manitoba rink from Winnipeg 9-7. Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia shared third place with identical marks of seven wins and three losses.

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Elmsdale Team Shades Albany ALBERTON — Elmsdale Rockets edged Albany St. Pats 5-4 before a large crowd in Alberton arena Thursday night to take a one game edge in their best of three series for the Prince County Intermediate "C" title.

The Rockets led 4-0 in the opening round as they took complete charge of play. The middle frame was more even at 5-2 and in the final stanza the Albany team came close to forcing the game into overtime. Scoring for the victors were G. Adams with a pair, E. Matthews, G. Rennie, W. Adams with one each.

For Albany G. Murray notched a pair, C. Arsenault and R. Murray one each. The Albany squad picked up most of the nine penalties. G. Murray and L. Gamble got two each, C. Simmins and Arsenault one apiece.

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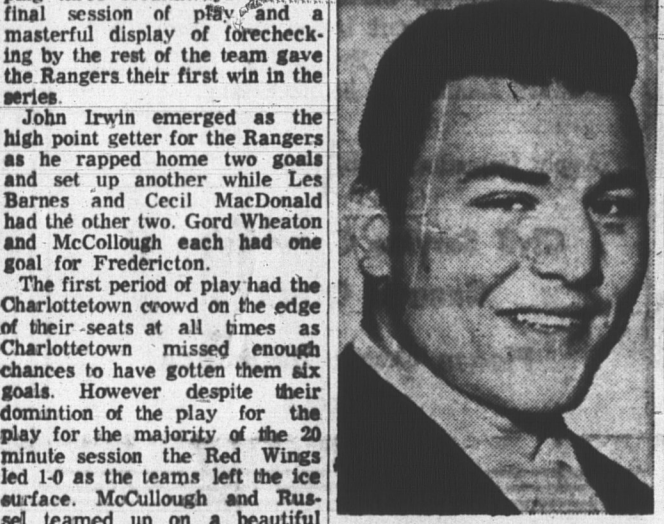
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GEORGE CHUVALO

Chuvale To Fight Clay

TORONTO (CP) — George Chuvale of Toronto signed a contract Friday to meet Cassius Clay in a 15-round heavyweight match at Maple Leaf Gardens here Tuesday Mar. 20.

Chuvale, the Canadian heavy-weight champion, was selected as a replacement for Ernie Terrell of Chicago, who pulled out of the match because of contract disputes with the promoters.

The bout was originally slated for the world championship. However, with Terrell out, the World Boxing Association will not recognize this as a championship fight. The WBA lists Terrell as their champion and Clay as his number one contender.

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Causeway Races To Go Today Today's racing at 2:15 on the causeway has the following entries: Class A Pace - Chestnut Clegg, Orawon, Timmy H., Capt. Logan, Boomtown, New Top Jollety.

Class B Trot - Miss Russell, Maryland Miss, Queen's Irving, Grand Miss Kalah, Lorne Budlong, Evelyn's Arden, Tri-Sac, Double Smart.

Class C Pace - Brown Budlong, Bob Budlong, Yankee Dollar, Grey Eagle, Perfect Hal, Terry's Hal, Mr. Charmer, Audrey's Pride, Sturdy Jimmy.

Class D Pace - Fluid Drive, Popular Adioscot, Fury, Lark, Aubrey's Chief, Imperial Hal, Aubrey's Note, Miss McGee, Jet Timer, Sprucie Chief, Real Spirit.

Morell Shades PVI Pucksters Morell RHS scored four goals in the first period last night and went on to defeat PVI 7-6 in a game played at Morell.

Larry McGuire scored three goals for the winners Sanderson, T. MacAdam, D. MacAdam, and Graves added singletons.

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