

Ham Richardson Fights For Spot On Tennis Team

By WILL GRIMSLEY
BRISBANE, Australia (AP)—Ham Richardson, No. 1 U.S. tennis player, continues to fight for his position on the Davis cup team—with both talk and racket.

In a brisk Christmas Day workout he won a set from each of his singles rivals, beating Barry Mackay of Dayton, Ohio, 6-3 and Alex Olmedo, the Peruvian from Southern California, 6-4.

Nevertheless there still were 41 from a previous Richardson might be benched in the doubles and used only in the singles against Australia. There is doubt that he can go three days at top speed because of a diabetic condition.

PREFER OLMEDO
The heavily-favored Australians, whose line-up is virtually set, haven't hidden the fact they fear Mackay most of all on the American squad. They also feel the veteran Richardson would be tougher than Olmedo, a cup rookie, in the singles.

"We have great admiration for Olmedo, but would prefer seeing him against us than either Richardson or Mackay," said one Aussie player, who declined use of his name.

The player said Harry Hopman, Australia's captain, "has told us not to believe that stuff about Richardson being tired and off form. He tells us Richardson is tougher than ever."

Wimbledon champion Ashley Cooper said Mal Anderson will play singles for the Aussies, Anderson and Rod Laver will play the doubles.

Richardson, in campaigning for a spot in the singles, has but-toloned Perry Jones, U.S. team captain, coach Dinny Pails, and Jack Kramer, the pro tennis promoter who is chief counsellor for the team. He has argued he's the team's best player and the best chance of winning the Davis Cup lies with him.

LOT TO SAY
"It is inconceivable to me that the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association would send me here and then not use me," Ham said after Thursday's practice. "If I am not named to play the singles I will have a lot to say."

Some Australian observers have said Richardson, who made the trip with his wife, had been given a carte blanche promise that he would play.

Jones denied this vehemently. "I am not obligated to anybody," he said. "My only obligation is to try to win the cup with the best men available."

Kramer favors Mackay and Olmedo in the singles, leaving Richardson fresh to join Olmedo in the doubles. Kramer doubts that Richardson, who has set a slow, competitive pace for himself in Australia, can stand up under three hard days of tennis in the intense Brisbane heat.

The challenge round begins Monday on the enlarged million counts which will have 8,500 permanent and 10,000 temporary seats.



Maple Leaf goalie Johnny Bowers does the splits in front of the cage but the puck shoots past as Larry Popein (19) scores Rangers' fourth goal. Their 5-1 victory at home stretched New York's unbeaten streak to four.

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Baltimore Colts Play 'Bingo' Christmas Day

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It was a game they hope will help them beat New York Giants for the National Football League championship Sunday.

The Colts yell "bingo" whenever one of them intercepts a forward pass. It is an alert for everyone else to give up defending and start blocking for a run-back.

They tried it out in their regular defensive practice session against the New York passing attack. Or at least the way the Giants operated it on their way to winning the Eastern Conference title.

Offensive players on the Colts donned jerseys with the numbers of such giants as quarterback Frank Gifford and Alex Webster and Bob Schmecker to get the defenders acquainted with them.

GOOD PASS DEFENCE
The Colt linebackers and defensive backs intercepted 35 passes in their dozen games in the Western Conference which they clinched by winning nine of the 10.

Coach Webb Ewbank, in running off the Giant plays used during the season, showed no concern about what new deals they may have cooked up for the championship game.

Last week in beating Cleveland in a conference playoff, New York came up with a "Brown Special" for the game's only touchdown. It was a double reverse with a lateral.

"We'll have some 'Giant Specials,'" was Ewbank's answer to any New York may be naming for him.

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He can hear Ma and Pa mouse having their family bickerings 40 or 40 yards away.

Crows and ravens are tough customers and its just as well they are or they wouldn't survive periods like this. One has to sit in the elements to really feel what our wildlife have to go through. On a December morning I watched a dawn break from a hill top overlooking Brush Wharf or at least what once was Brush Wharf. Snow covered the ground and Orwell River was frozen over beyond Birch Island extending to China Point. It was bitterly cold and a Nor'wester rocked the car. What was I doing there? Is an obvious question. My hunting partner and I were having a look-see on the goose situation. Not a goose moved and little islands of black ducks huddled together on the ice. It was so cold when we rolled down the car window to use the glasses one felt as if clad in pagamas only.

SPOTTED CROWS
Crows began flying low over the snow clad land scape before the dawn. It was still so dark we wouldn't have spotted them so low to the ground except for the snow. When it got brighter we saw a bunch trying to break through the snow on a stubble field to reach unharvested grain. A raven on motionless wings scaled over a farmhouse before the dawn broke and circled back in quest of some scraps thrown out. Suddenly he veered off sharply and was gone. In a moment the farmer emerged from the kitchen doorway and went to the barn. Ravens have X-ray eyes and spotted movement through a window al-

Referee Erred In Judging Richard-Ullman Incident

By W.R. WHEATLEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer
MONTREAL (CP)—Clarence Campbell, president of the National Hockey League, said Wednesday that from a review of the Richard-Ullman incident in a game in Detroit Dec. 14 "it is clear now that the penalties were not appropriate to the situation."

The affair involved centre No. 11 of the Detroit Red Wings and Maurice (Rocket) Richard of Montreal Canadiens. When it ended referee Eddie Powers gave a minor and a major penalty to Richard and a major to Ullman. Montreal won 6-1.

Campbell said the decisions on the penalties arose from the referee's judgment and are not penalties that can be reviewed or revised. He said also there is no

need for further disciplinary action against the two players.

"The policy of the league is to support the officials to the hilt," said Campbell, "but that can't possibly justify no acknowledgment of errors when they occur."

REFEREE ERRED
He felt that in this particular instance there was an error either in observation or judgment in not awarding a major penalty for the initial foul.

Had this been done, said Campbell, resumption of the altercation between the two players likely would have been avoided. Imposition of a major penalty would have called for an immediate stoppage of play.

Reports from officials indicated the affair happened in this manner:

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SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

ONE JUNIOR GARRISON hockey player got tagged with a match penalty in Tuesday's game at the Sports Arena and league officials will decide what sentence they will hand down. Until such decision is made by the league, we will withhold our comment on the matter.

One thing we would mention, however, is that the Tuesday incident came as no great surprise to us. All through that Juniors-P.W.C. game it was almost evident to us that something like this was going to happen. Earlier a Junior player had been given a minor penalty, got a misconduct tacked on and then had to be restrained by teammates because he didn't like the call. One of the players who did the most to restrain him was the player who later got caught with the match penalty.

WE FELT THE FIRST Junior player should have received a match misconduct for his poor show. Had this happened, in all probability the second fracas might not have occurred. However, this in way justifies the player who drew the match penalty. There is no excuse for such action and the fact that his team was miles ahead at the time, makes his action just that much more ridiculous.

While league officials are pondering what their judgment shall be, the wise guys are endeavouring to help them in their call. On all sides you hear what should be done and what should be done depends on whose side you are on.

We have complete confidence in the league officials and feel mightily sure their action will not be a hasty one but one arrived at after careful consideration.

AND NOW A FEW WORDS about Tuesday's game itself. Another treat of the same and there'll be nobody at the games. Right now the attendance is anything but good but let's have a few more exhibitions like Tuesday's and nobody but the teams will show up.

THE WELSHMEN LOST the hockey game 17-2 and they had three players on their lineup that were just filling in while home on Christmas vacation. They won't have that trio in regular league play.

We can't see for a moment where the Welshmen are going to fit. We are not critical of their effort for we believe they tried their utmost on Tuesday night. But what they had to offer was not nearly enough and there's no promise or better days ahead. There's still a few good hockey players not lined up with any team but we understand that the Collegians haven't a line on any of them.

We have tried to keep our minds full of nice things around this time of year but when we start to think about this hockey league we really get down in the dumps. Crowds have been really poor right from the beginning and we can't see for the life of us how they are going to improve with the competition in the state it is in. We can't see how the rinks can continue to cope with the situation. How long they are going to put up with the condition of affairs is a big question.

It seems mighty strange that we must be different from everybody else. Why we can't have a balanced league in operation here is certainly something we haven't been able to figure out. But we haven't—make no mistake about that.

If the league continues in this way, we predict it will fold before too long. Perhaps that's what some people want it to do. Their actions would certainly seem to indicate that that is what they would like to see happen.

If there are still some who want a hockey league for the balance of the season, then they better get busy at once in an endeavour to save the league from fading right out of sight.

WELL, WILLIE MARSHALL got the same old treatment from Toronto Maple Leafs. After being called up last week, Willie saw action (or rather a bit of it) last Saturday and Sunday and away he goes back to Hershey.

If ever a fellow got a raw deal with a hockey club, that player is Willie Marshall. Never has he had a real opportunity to show his stuff in the N.H.L. He has never been left there long enough for anyone to determine how good he is. This time we figured George Imlach would be different than the others and Marshall would have a real opportunity to prove his worth. But no, Imlach just took a brief look and decided Willie wasn't what they wanted.

But then strange things happen around Maple Leaf Gardens. Johnny Bower, who in our opinion has kept Leafs as near as they are, is to be replaced by Ed Chadwick. This is indeed a weird move and one that will take a whole lot of explanation.

BUT THE WILDEST PIECE of news is that Leafs are trying to make a deal with the Chicago Black Hawks. They want Eddie Litzemberger and goalie Glenn Hall and nobody can blame them for that. They are two very handy gentlemen to have on your team. Eddie can put plenty of goals in the nets and Hall can keep plenty out. Dick Duff and Ed Chadwick are mentioned as possible trade bait by the Toronto club.

Can you imagine Chicago, fighting like mad for a playoff berth, just throwing away whatever chance they have of getting into the Stanley Cup semi-finals.

We can't.

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HUNTER'S CORNER

This Christmas Season Was Really Typical One

Christmas 1953 is over. It was a day that typified the season... white, crisp and sunny—one really made to order. For this columnist it was one of peace, quiet and plenitude spent with my family. Its too much to expect that all were so favoured. How oft in this favoured province we take so much for granted...goose or turkey, as the spirit moves us with presents galore stacked under the Xmas tree. In many countries fear and hunger are ever present and even here in Charlottetown there are some who will rise from the Xmas table without experiencing that full, contented feeling that is a tradition of Christmas.

It is a tough winter for the kindred of the wild. Some will fare better than others. The beaver will rise from his warm, dry lodge in the upper story of his lodge and dive through the opening in the middle and swim out under the ice to return with a length of poplar or willow from a supply stored there in the fall. After peeling the bark and rind off to the bare white wood the stick is returned to the water. They are very clean and tidy animals and do not believe in stacking the dirty dishes in the sink. When eating they sit on their tails and, holding the poplar stick with their forepaws equipped with almost human hands will rotate the length of wood and their chisel sharp teeth will remove the rind as clearly as we could with a sharp knife and with less fuss. When they come to a twig or small limb still adhering to the stick they'll snip it off and laying the larger piece down will clean off the twig or branch before picking it up again. I am not guessing at this or read it in a book but on occasions have watched them for hours. I have smiled at the antics of a family of young beaver splashing in the water on a summer evening and cramming leafy twigs into their mouths with little black fingers, all the while chattering to themselves just like a bunch of kiddies.

JUST SLEEP AWAY
Raccoons and skunks just sleep away weather like this and it holds no fears for them. Rabbits are seldom on short rations as they'll eat tender spruce bark when the going gets tough. In fact they welcome periods of deep snow. It cramps the tye of their arch enemy Brer Fox and also puts them within reach of succulent birch buds and twigs. Mr. Mink is seldom hungry where trout are plentiful although he'll have to get pretty gaunt before he'll venture far afield in this kind of winter. Foxes, crows and ravens seldom know what a full stomach feels like in weather like this. Mice are pretty well sealed up under a layer of crusted snow

Johansson Is Named Fighter Of The Year

NEW YORK (AP)—Ingemar Johansson, Sweden's undefeated European heavyweight champion has been named "fighter of the year" by Ring Magazine.

Archie Moore's come-from-behind knockout of British Empire champion Yvon Durelle of Bale Ste. Anne, N. B., in the 11th round of their world light-heavyweight title bout at Montreal Dec. 10 was chosen the "fight of the year."

Johansson's one-round knockout of previously undefeated Eddie Machen was picked as the "round of the year."

Johansson dropped the Californian three times in finishing him off in 2:16 at Goteborg, Sweden, Sept. 14.

It was Ingemar's third knockout in as many fights in 1953 and made his record 21-0, including 13 knockouts. Before meeting Machen, Johansson stopped Welshman Joe Evers in the 34th round and Heinz Neuhaus of Germany in the fourth round.

Sugar Ray Robinson, who won the middleweight crown for the fifth time by outpointing Carmen Basilio, was given the year's second rating behind Johansson.

Moore was rated third, welterweight king Don Jordan of Los Angeles fourth, flyweight ruler Pascual Perez of Argentina fifth and featherweight boss Hogan (Kid) Bassey of Nigeria, sixth.

Minor Hockey Saturday

Saturday will be another busy day at Sports Arena for the various city minor hockey leagues so players are asked to be on time, remember that they are permitted to play on one team only and finally to remember that this is the last date to register and pay fees prior to final making up of teams, etc.

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Alberton Blanks Tignish Bantams

The Alberton Bantams hockey team trounced Tignish Bantams 5-0 in the Alberton rink on Tuesday night in a fast cleanly played exhibition game.

Doug Hardy scored the scoring for the only marker in the opening round followed by Leonard McCue and Jimmy Rooney in the middle frame to make the count 3-0. Clair Bryan chalked up a pair in the final session for a total of five for Alberton.

There were no penalties throughout. Referee was Ed McAlduff.

Today's Minor Hockey Program

Players and coaches of West Kent School Paperweights, colts and Hawks, also WKS Pee Wee Redwings are asked to note that due to the children's skate at Sports Arena this morning that the practice sessions set aside for them have had to be postponed until Tuesday morning at 10.00 a.m.

John Davies (Jr.)
9.15-10.45 - Leroy Barnett, Carl MacCallum

Habs, Bruins Grab Wins; Leafs Blank Wings 2-0

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Canadiens ran their unbeaten string to 12 games Thursday night, spotting New York Rangers to a first-period goal and then driving on to a 4-1 decision.

The single New York goal was Andy Bathgate's 20th of the National Hockey League season. He is the first player to hit that mark.

SUMMARY
First period: 1. New York, Bathgate (Hanna) 7:02. Penalties: Sullivan 2:41, Harvey 15:19.
Second period: 2. Montreal, McDonald (Geoffrion, Backstrom) 1:07; 3. Montreal, Pronovost (Provost, Goyette) 10:03. Penalty: Gadsby 16:42.
Third period: 4. Montreal, Johnson (McDonald, Geoffrion) 1:43; 5. Montreal, Provost (Pronovost, Bellevue) 3:15. Penalties: Shack 8:30, Langlois 14:43.

Black Hawks 4-2 in a National Hockey League game.

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Second period: 5. Boston, Topbazzini (Bucyk, Horvath) 4:38; 6. Chicago, Lindsay (Pilot, Ferguson) 11:46. Penalties: Flaman 6:13, Boivin 14:53, Vasko 15:31.
Third period: No scoring. Penalties: Johnson 3:31, Boivin 12:29, Evans 16:06.
Stops: Hall 15 12 9-36
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Second Period: 2. Toronto Elman, Armstrong, Baum, 11:42. Penalties: None.
Third period: No scoring. Penalties: Goegan misconduct 6:30.

though no light showed within the house. The raven is one bird that takes no chances. Even with the heater going full blast we were barely comfortable. One has to be on the spot to fully realize how bitter a winter dawn can be.

A word to Nature lovers. Our Hungarian partridge are beginning to feel the pinch. Most of our highways are iced over and the securing of grit, which acts as teeth, is becoming quite a problem. Incidents are reported where they have scratched at the banking around houses. Clay from the cellar and sweeping from the barn floor will be appreciated by the Huns. The present winter has all the ear marks of being a real hunting and "a stitch in time will save nine." The pheasants are not cracking too many smiles either but they are in better shape than the Huns. In a pinch they can secure buds from trees. Huns have no hind toe and are strictly ground feeders. Pieces of suet tacked to posts out of reach of cats will be life savers for our feathered small fry. Do not forget our wildlife during this spell of severe weather. Thank you.

Royals, Tars Clash Today

Parkdale Royals and Navy Tars tangle this afternoon at the Sports Arena in a hockey fixture that has all the earmarks of being a real natural.

Frankie Roper, the Navy pilot, has obtained Sammy and Hymie Gregory, home for Christmas holidays, for today's tussle. Roper also expects that Wally Shepherd and Junior MacLeod will line up with the Tars.

Royals own two victories over Navy this season. The first time they clashed the Royals overpowered the Tars 11-3. However in the next meeting the sailors put up a real stern battle and were just shamed 6-5. Navy figured they should have won that one and most of the fans are in agreement with them.

So you can bet Roper and company will go after this one in real earnest but they'll find mighty tough opponents in the Royals. This Parkdale crew are a foxy lot and when the going is toughest they are at their best.

A large holiday crowd is expected to watch this fixture this afternoon. Game time is set for 2.30.

CHRISTMAS WEEK AT THE SPORTS ARENA

WEDNESDAY—
Skating 2:30 to 4:00 P.M.

THURSDAY—
CHRISTMAS DAY
Children's Skate — 2:15 to 4:00 P.M.
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FRIDAY—
Morning Children's Skate — 10:00 to 11:45.
Afternoon Exhibition Hockey.
Evening Skating — 8:00 to 10:00.

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