

Bombers And Tiger-Cats Clash Today For Grey Cup

By JACK SULLIVAN
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 VANCOUVER (CP) — Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Winnipeg Blue Bombers, representing more than five tons of the country's top football talent, clash today for the Grey Cup, a \$50 piece of silverware that annually sends nine professional clubs from Montreal to Vancouver into a reckless spending spree.

Climate to a four-month season that early showed the Ticats and Bombers the cream of east and west, the game is expected to draw a crowd of nearly 42,000, the largest for a single attraction in the history of Canadian sport. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m. PST (4:30 p.m. AST).

As far as the experts are concerned, and there are hundreds of them here, Bombers may as well have stayed at home. The rough, bruising Ticats, runaway winners of the Big Four championship and defending cup title-holders, are favored at 7 to 5 odds and upwards, or even money and 7/2 to nine points.

COACHES CONFIDENT

Coach Jim Trimble of the Tiger-Cats goes along with the odds. He said Friday his team would win and coach Bud Grant of the Bombers said his players were determined to make Trimble eat his words.

Tiger-Cats defeated the Bombers 33-7 at Toronto a year ago, giving the east a 2-7 spread in victories since the classic became national in 1921. But the Western Interprovincial Football Union champions had a flock of walking wounded before the game were through with them.

WEATHER GOOD

This year, things are different. Both clubs are in top physical condition and an upset would be the greatest since Edmonton's split 7-T Eskimos whacked the highly favored Montreal Alouettes 26-25 in a thrilling, come-

back-behind final five years ago. Everything is set for the classic. The weatherman has promised to co-operate with a forecast of cloudy and mild temperatures in the high 40s at game time and no hint of fog that, at times, bedevils this west coast port city.

Fans in their big white hats, high-heeled shoes and colorful ribbons and trappings, streamed into the city by special and regular trains Friday night, but the players were oblivious to all the downtown spontaneous hoop-la.

Curfew for the players was 10:30 p.m. Bombers remained at their hotel, two miles from the central section of the city where fans were cutting up, and the Tiger-Cats 14 miles from the city at a motel in Whalley.

LIGHT WORKOUTS

Both teams had light afternoon workouts followed by early-evening chalk talks. Tiger-Cats are scheduled to leave Whalley by bus about three hours before game time.

Tiger-Cats can send fans yawning out of the park if their ball-possession, ground-eating type of play and they can also bring the crowd to its feet with a nifty aerial offensive. This was demonstrated during the 1958 season. They wrapped up first place and a bye into the total-point Big Four goal by going undefeated in their first nine games with a well-mixed ground and aerial attack. During this period the Ticats, with Bernie Faloney, the magic ball-handler from the University of Maryland, tossing strikes, became the passing team Hamilton has had in years.

BOMBERS OUTWEIGHED

The Bombers, outweighed by an average of nearly eight pounds a man, operate out of the T-formation and its variations. They ruled the western conference almost from the start of the schedule last August, earned a bye into the best-of-three finals against Edmonton Eskimos by

their first-place finish with only three losses in 16 starts. The final series went the three-game limit as they downed the Eskimos 30-7, lost 30-7 and sewed it up with a 22-7 deciding game triumph.

"We're ready this time," said Grant. "We're free of injuries and we're better balanced than last year."

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Hi-Jinks By Fans

VANCOUVER (CP) — Hi-jinks aboard a special Grey Cup train bound for Vancouver from Calgary have held up three Prairie specials for up to 5 1/2 hours.

Canadian Pacific Railway officials said fans aboard a Calgary special yanked the emergency cord three times and in the sudden stopping drawbars connecting some of the railway cars were broken.

HOCKEY PRACTICE

H.M.S. Queen Charlotte is sponsoring a hockey team in the City League and will hold a practice on Sunday November 30 from 3 to 4. All players interested in trying out for the team are invited to attend.

Watson Blames Toppazzini For Stick-Throwing Episode

NEW YORK (CP)—Coach Phil Watson of New York Rangers said Friday he threw a hockey stick at Jerry Toppazzini Thursday night because the Boston Bruin winger cursed at him.

The stick-throwing episode in Boston touched off a fracas that brought four policemen into action to get the Rangers safely into their dressing room.

Watson, giving his side of the story to reporters, added that Toppazzini had better watch himself today when the same two teams tangle in a National Hockey League game here.

The Bruins clinched Thursday night's 3-1 victory by scoring with only 25 seconds to go after Watson had pulled goalie Gump Worsley in favor of an extra forward.

over to me and said, 'How do you like that, you...' Watson said. He really cursed me. That's when I grabbed (Bill) Gadsby's stick and threw it at him."

The stick missed, but Watson's action brought a storm of protest from Bruin fans. As the Rangers crowd gathered in the dressing room aisle.

Watson claimed he was punched in the face by one of the crowd.

Mild Wether Forecast For Today's Game

VANCOUVER (CP) — Mild, cloudy weather was forecast Friday for today's Grey Cup football game.

The weather office said a series of weak disturbances over the Pacific will drift light clouds inland Friday night. This will keep temperatures above freezing at night.

Temperature at game time should reach 48 degrees, higher than the 50-year 45-degree average for Vancouver. Winds will be light.

Billy Reay Given The Axe As Coach Of Maple Leafs

By RON ANDREWS
 Canadian Press Staff Writer
 TORONTO (CP) — Billy Reay was fired as coach of Toronto Maple Leafs Friday after the last-place National Hockey League club managed only two points during a four-game trial period.

Left winger Bert Olmstead, bought from Montreal Canadiens last summer, has been appointed playing coach with George (Punch) Imlach, appointed general manager a week ago, acting behind the bench. This arrangement is temporary, Imlach said.

"Olmstead has agreed to act as playing coach of the team," Imlach said.

"He will handle the club during the workouts under my supervision and I will be behind the bench for the games."

"Olmstead will also be in charge in the dressing room and I'm sure he can instill a lot of fire in it."

TIME LIMIT

Imlach, at the time of his appointment as general manager, gave the team four games to improve or face changes. Leafs, in that four-game trial which began last Saturday, tied twice and lost twice.

"We have no other statements at the moment other than that we will do our best to get this club cracking," Imlach said.

"The move is being made in what we think are the best interests of the hockey club. Reay, a solid hockey man, hasn't been able to get the team rolling."

Leafs won five and tied three while losing 12 of their 20 games to date. They are seven points behind fifth-place Chicago Black Hawks.

"It may be that Reay didn't have the horses," said Imlach. "But we don't think he was getting the maximum effort out of the material at hand."

SHAKEUP NECESSARY

"A shakeup was necessary and the change in coaches is just the first move. Players will be moved out unless their work improves in the next few games. We can't stand still if we hope to escape from the NHL cellar."

Reay, who succeeded Howie Meeker as coach before the start of last season, said he was not bitter toward the Leafs and that he had no immediate plans to leave.

"I still think the manager in the Maple Leaf Club is Conn Smythe (president-manager of Leafs). If a guy I could see eye to eye with I have been coaching was 24, all over this working my way up to him and then I get under him. Imlach said he had a chance to talk to Reay before firing but speculation says Reay would be offered a coaching-manager job of the Americans of the Hockey League. American players jointly operated by the Leafs and the Buffalo, McDonald and Rochester coach.

Ottawa - Hull Junior Habs Top Summerside Aces 8-3

The Ottawa-Hull Canadiens, last year's Memorial Cup winners, defeated the Summerside Aces at Civic Stadium last evening by the score of 8-3. The local boys played a surprisingly strong game against the classy visitors, and though the puck was in the Ace defensive zone a lot of the time, some sharp clearing on the part of Windy Steele's boys, and some sensational goaltending on the part of Thane Mann kept the score down. The Canadiens scored three of their goals while Eustace Reasor and Frigon were serving majors for fighting.

The Ottawa-Hull boys seemed to have a bigger edge when the teams were skating four aside. Coke Grady got two of the Ace

counters, Benny Grady getting the other. The game was fairly tough, ten penalties being called by referees Gord Kelly and Elmer 'Tiddy' Phillips.

Before the game Bob Schurman introduced the players of both teams, and they called on Mercer Mullin, president of the Summerside Lion's Club who thanked the fans for their attendance.

Mayor Currie welcomed the visitors on behalf of the town of Summerside and congratulated the Lion's Club for their initiative in getting the Canadian Junior champions to play here. Group Captain Creever dropped the puck to begin the game.

Olympic Champ Quits Swimming For Sake Of Job

LONDON (AP) — Olympic Games champion Judy Grinham, rehearsing for her first film part, Friday quit big-time swimming "because you can't live on medals."

The 19-year-old British swimmer, Olympic Games and European backstroke champion, said: "I didn't want to give up yet, but I must. I have got to earn my keep."

"This film chance has made me realize that I cannot give up my best as a swimmer if I am to concentrate on a job at the same time."

The shapely swimmer found herself in the middle of a controversy when she declared to take a small part in the film Girls in Arms earlier this week. Some observers speculated she risked losing her amateur standing.

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

COACH ORIN CAVER and co-managers Charlie Ryan and George Stewart were well pleased with the turnout for the first practice session of their juniors on Thursday night.

About thirty players were on hand for the opening workout, and all had the one object in mind—to catch on with the squad. Naturally there will be many that will have to be cut loose but Caver will give them all a very careful looking-over before he makes any decision.

We think this getting down to business early on a junior outfit is a very sensible idea and the fact that this team is to get competition in a league with older players should certainly help them to better prepared for Maritime junior playdowns.

OUR JUNIOR TEAMS in the past have always made most creditable showings despite the fact that they had little or no competition before they hit the Maritime trail. Plenty of practice sessions are indeed necessary but the actual combat is still another thing. This year's junior team is to have that actual combat and that should prove a terrific boost to them.

Their participation in the City League will give Orin Carver's lads plenty of opposition. How the juniors fare out in this league makes little difference. What Carver, Ryan and Stewart are interested in is getting them in shape to meet the juniors of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

HOWEVER, WE DON'T for a moment think that City League officials should have any worries about the juniors spoiling the league. They will be well able to look after themselves, especially with Art Perry, Orin Carver and Merrill Pineau added for City League competition only. They may not come out on top in this loop but they'll make everyone they meet step high, wide and handsome.

Art Perry has agreed to don the blades again this season in order to help the juniors out. Art is a most capable performer and is certainly the type that junior players should try to imitate. Perry is hockey and doesn't become involved in any foolish brawls. When Perry does get a penalty—and it's not too often—you can be sure he had good cause for doing what he did.

The juniors can learn a lot from a fellow like Art. He has always given every team he played for a really good show. Orin can expect the same this 1958-59 season as he tries to build a Maritime champion out of the Charlottetown juniors.

WELL, GREY CUP DAY has finally arrived and by about 8 o'clock tonight a champion will be crowned.

Locally, a Grey Cup game has never created so much interest. That is natural of course, since we have had a chance to see both finalists as they won their way to today's classic.

A lot of folks like to go along with the underdog, so for that reason Winnipeg Blue Bombers will have plenty of rooters when they take the field at Vancouver this afternoon. Some, however, insist that the Blue Bombers should not be underdogs. They insist they are the greatest team to come out of the west in many years.

However, we are not among those who think the Winnipeggers have a chance against Trimble's Tiger-Cats. And we are not going to be as conservative as the sport columnist in the Evening Patriot. He predicts a Hamilton victory (a few days ago he wouldn't even admit that much) but only gives the Tiger-Cats an edge by one touchdown. We add two more touchdowns and then call it for the Eastern representatives. At that we think we are underestimating the power of MacDougall, Faloney and company.

There doesn't seem any great reason why the result should not be on a par with last year when the Bombers were bombed 32-7.

CHARLOTTETOWN'S MINOR HOCKEY program gets underway today at the Sports Arena with hundreds of eager youngsters getting in on the fun.

This ambitious program is sponsored by the Abegweit Athletic Association and the Playground Commission. It is under the supervision of the director of Physical Fitness, Paperweights, Pee Wees, Bantams, Midgets, Juveniles all go at it today in practice sessions. Action beings at 7:45 a.m. and continues without interruption until 11 o'clock tonight. By that time those persons who are looking after the youngsters are going to be ready for a good night's sleep.

This minor league program is a mighty important one and those persons who are giving freely of their time are indeed deserving of almost thanks. Any such program is only as good as those looking after it. The success of our minor league program in Charlottetown has enjoyed certainly speaks well for the calibre of those who are running the show.

Several places throughout the Maritimes make big noise about once a year in regard to minor hockey. In January they'll come up with a big Minor Hockey night and that's about it for the year. It's not the case around these parts. Minor hockey starts early and ends late thanks to the fine program arranged by those in charge.

Such a program is deserving of everyone's support.

THE ANNUAL HOCKEY SCHOOL opens here Monday night with National Hockey League president Clarence Campbell scheduled to speak at the opening dinner at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Brigadier Bill Reid who arranges these schools each year surely goes all out in an effort to make them really worthwhile. He believes in bringing top names each year and this December he has really gone the limit. Not only has Bill succeeded in bringing the N.H.L. president to Charlottetown for this school, but he has persuaded Mr. Campbell to take along his top referee to act as the school's chief instructor.

No other place in the Maritimes is able to attract such hockey top brass. Coaches and referees around these parts should appreciate that fact and see to it that this annual hockey school is well attended.

The school begins Monday night and will conclude Wednesday.

Grey Cup Fever At Climax As Kickoff Time Nears

By W. R. WHEATLEY
 Canadian Press Staff Writer
 VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver began shedding its apathy Friday and an air of festive excitement was in the making over today's Grey Cup game.

The influx of fans from east of the Rockies seemed to be the shot in the arm that caused the so-called Grey Cup fever. Nobody wanted to be cured.

There was more life in the hotel lobbies and on the streets. With the meeting of Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Winnipeg Blue Bombers less than 24 hours away, the train arrivals started the build-up of merry-making. The explosion point—now more or less taken for granted—was still to come.

SOME TRAINS LATE

Some trains were late and more fans were due to come tumbling into the city soon after daylight hours. The result of the game itself might bring the pop-off.

Exuberant fans on a special CPR train from Calgary pulled the emergency cord and the sudden stop caused damage to drawbars connecting the cars. The special and two others behind it, from Winnipeg and Edmonton, were delayed more than five hours.

Skating Club Gets Underway

Charlottetown's Sunday evening Skating Club for adults will hold its first session this Sunday evening from 8:45 till 11:00 p.m. at Sports Arena. This week's skate will take the form of an open house with all adults welcome.

This year, through the co-operation of Sports Arena officials, a new sheet of ice will be provided for members of the club and it is expected that those who skate for health and recreation will turn out in larger numbers than ever before.

CURLING SCHEDULE

The following is the Curling Draw for Saturday at the Charlottetown Curling Club:

1:15 P.M.
 Ice 1 — Dr. Gallant, D. Matheson, G. Burge, Cam MacLean vs. Had MacInnes, B. McDougall, C. Cudmore, L. Steves.
 Ice 2 — Ladies Curling
 Ice 3 — Myron Bell, C. Campbell, G. Ives, B. Moore, vs. R.W. Manning, W. Beer, T. White, R. Ginley.
 Ice 4 — Ladies Curling.
 Ice 5 — Doug Hill, Art Wellner, D. MacPhail, H. Doucette vs. Mel Jenkins, J. Gorrill, I. Trainor, Ian MacLeod.
 3 P.M.
 Ice 1 — F. Cox, A. Llewellyn, C. Praught, B. Partridge, vs. A. MacDonald, Joe Saunders, G. Wright, A. Garrett.
 Ice 2 — Ladies Curling.
 Ice 3 — W. MacLaine, L. Blakney, R. Chambers, Dr. Saunders vs. Ken MacDonald, M. MacMillan, D. Goodspeed, M. Coutour.
 Ice 4 — Ladies Curling.
 Ice 5 — R. Parker, B. LeClair, J. Johnston, Brian Scott vs. D. O'Rourke, Dr. Hooper, D. Langille, Ross Smith.
 7 P.M.
 Ice 1 — Bill MacNeill, G. Bennett, Dr. Beck, W. Coles vs. Doug Saunders, F. MacMillan, L. McPhail, Doug Fraser.
 Ice 2 — Ladies Curling.
 Ice 3 — G. Storey, C. Whitlock, K. Myers, L.C. Campbell vs. L. Turner, H.L. Sear, C. Asprey, Geo. Wilson.
 Ice 4 — Ladies Curling.
 Ice 5 — G. Stewart, Dr. MacEachern, B. Fischl, Dr. Drysdale vs. E. MacLeod, M. Kennedy, Geo. Vessey, Bill Crockett.
 8:30 P.M.
 Ice 1 — C. MacDonald, A. Bagrall, R. Vessey, A. Morrison, vs. J. Burden, F. Cannon, A. Carruthers, Dr. Higgins.
 Ice 2 — Ladies Curling.
 Ice 3 — Dr. Prowse, W. Melish, B. MacGregor, Robert MacLeod, vs. F. Acorn, S. Beaton, M. Reeves, Dr. Kelly.
 Ice 4 — Ladies Curling.
 Ice 5 — A.W. Hyndman, G. Dillon, R. Ketch, M. Pursey, vs. Dr. MacDonald, S. Carson, R. Manning, K. Cantwell.

Facts & Figures Of Cup Game

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
 Facts and figures for the 1958 Grey Cup classic Saturday:

At stake—The Grey Cup and Canadian football championship.

Teams—Hamilton Tiger-Cats, defending champions, and Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Kickoff—1:30 p.m. PST (5:30 p.m. AST).

Place—Empire Stadium, Vancouver.

Attendance—41,207 (estimated). Gate receipts—\$302,300 (estimated).

TV, radio, movie and program rights—\$228,000 (estimated).

Weather forecast—Partly cloudy with light winds. Temperatures in the 40s.

Betting—Hamilton favored at odds 7 to 5 or by 7 1/2 points on even money.

Team colors—Hamilton: Yellow and black; Winnipeg: blue and gold.

Teams' Grey Cup records—Hamilton nine victories, four losses; Winnipeg three wins, 11 losses.

Television CUBC national network.

Radio—Dominion net work.

Will Assist Red Storey In School Here

The Director of Physical Fitness, Bill Reid, yesterday received a phone call from the public relations department of Toronto Maple Leafs and was told that an outstanding player of the Leafs organization will assist Red Storey in this year's annual hockey school. Delivering the keynote address to get the school underway will be NHL president, Clarence Campbell.

De John Wins Over Besmanoff

NEW YORK (AP)—Tall Mike De John, ninth ranking heavyweight contender from Syracuse, N.Y., hustled and puffed to a close but unanimous decision over Willie Besmanoff of Milwaukee in a televised 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden Friday night. De John, a 7-5 underdog, weighed 202 1/2 to Besmanoff's 201.

The officials had De John ahead by the following scores: Referee Al Berd 6-3-1, and judges Jack Gordon and Leo Birnbaum, 5-4-1 each. The Associated Press had De John in front, 5-4-1.

There were no knockdowns in the dull contest.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Liberal Association of the 5th District of Queen's will be held on Monday, Dec. 1st at 8:15 p.m. in the Clover Club.

The Hon. Premier Alexander Matheson will address the meeting.

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St. F. X. Meet Flyers Today

HALIFAX (CP) — St. Francis Xavier University of Antigonish, N.S., meet Shearwater Flyers here today in the championship game of the Nova Scotia Football League.

St. FX, winners of the regular schedule, went through an eight-game season undefeated before dropping the Canadian Intermediate championship last Saturday to Fort William, Ont., Redskins.

Shearwater won the Canadian title last year, but faltered this season when most of the team's hard-running backfield was transferred away from the navy's Shearwater air station at nearby Eastern Passage.

The Flyers got around Dalhousie Tigers in the league's two game total-point semi-final. St. FX won a bye to go after the Canadian title.

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The fourth highest money winner was Dixie K., 2.08., with \$2,713 in winnings, Fleming High, 2.08 4-5, owned by C.C. Wilson, Saint John, placed fifth with \$2,415. Sixth was Ben Brook C., 2.09 2-5, owned by Bruce Parlee, Saint John, with \$2,347. Seventh place went to Sturdy Jimmy, 2.03, with \$2,135. Cover up, 2.13 3-5, owned by John R. Donovan, Saint John, won \$2,052, and Bold Venture, 2.05 4-5, passed the \$2,000 mark with \$2,024.

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