

SPORTS FRONT

Davey Statements Said Pre-Mature

By KEN MACPHAIL

Statements made by Senator Keith Davey, commissioner of the Canadian Football League have come under fire from John Bassett, Chairman of Toronto Argonauts' board of directors, and from Sam Berger, president of the Ottawa Rough Riders.

Dick Beddoes, a Toronto sports columnist, says that Davey advocates wrapping up defensive football with the garbage, paying officials more money, and giving the game back to the fans. Davey officially replaces retiring commissioner Syd Halter on New Year's Day, and it is because he has been making statements of this nature before he is actually in office, that he has drawn the ire of the media.

Davey, who will be building better stadiums and hiring pretty girls to promote the game, is quoted as having said, "It's ridiculous that there were 4,000 empty seats for the Grey Cup. It's also disconcerting that in six playoff games, three in the east and three in the west, we weren't even close to a single sellout. It's no baffling secret why our attendance is off. We're hit by the availability of the U.S. product on Canadian television."

He went on, in his interview with Beddoes, to criticize many aspects available to the public, and the Football Hall of Fame.

Bassett, the Argo chairman, plans action on what he feels were premature statements, and has said, "I'm prepared for a press conference, we've got to straighten that young man out on a few things. I think it was a slap at retiring commissioner Syd Halter," he said. "If he said what he did on Jan. 2nd, it might have been okay. But he doesn't take office until New Year's Day, so he ought to keep quiet until then." Bassett added, Berger, the Ottawa prey, said, "I would have to say that generally speaking, I wouldn't consider it the better part of wisdom to criticize your employer's record before starting the job."

PULFORD THE DIGGER

Toronto Maple Leafs' Bob Pulford has been called, among other things a relentless pursuer, one of the most tenacious, digging, relentless barriers and chasers in the National Hockey League. And it seems as Pulford goes, so go the Leafs.

When the Torontoans bowed out in four straight games to the Montreal Canadiens in the Stanley Cup semifinals last Spring, Bob was one of the few Leafs to retain some measure of dignity, and the fact that he was tied with Frank Mahovlich in total points over the season, helped him immeasurably in his contract talks with Punch Imlach for this term.

Pulford, who was 30 years of age last March, has always displayed a co-operative attitude towards the press, which is probably due to an appreciation of good public relations. Interviewers have always found him to be straightforward in his answers with no inclination to dodge questions of any sort.

A year ago, Pulford spent the off season sculling automobiles, but this past summer he taught his trade at the Billy Harris Double Rink hockey school, which is located on the outskirts of Toronto, and this activity, plus a lot of golfing, resulting in his reporting to training camp at a relatively light 183 pounds, much to the delight of Imlach.

Gump Worsley of Montreal maintains that Bob doesn't get half the recognition he deserves, and calls him, "a good all-round hockey player. Gary Bergman, a Detroit defenseman, expresses admiration for Pulford's puck control, and Rangers' Jim Neilson gives perhaps the tops of all compliments, when he says, "The guy never gives up." Don Marshall, also of New York, is of the opinion that Pulford, and Detroit's Norm Ullman were cast from the same mould. Pulford's wife likes the comparison because, as she says, "Ullman is a terrific player, and that places Bob in elite company."

THIS AND THAT

Centre Jean Beliveau of the Montreal Canadiens was still in hospital Sunday night for observation of a painful eye injury. The Hab team captain was hit in his right eye by a stick in the first period of Saturday's game against the Black Hawks. He'll probably miss two or three games as a result of the injury. . . . Canadiens' goalie Gump Worsley will be out of action for about six weeks following surgery on Sunday for removal of cartilage from his right knee. . . . Carl Brewer, who twice led the National Hockey League in penalties, says, "I'm not a dirty player, but just very much misunderstood at times." . . . The head linesman in Sunday's NFL game between the Baltimore Colts and the San Francisco 49ers was dazed when struck on the head by a number of whistling bottles as he left the field after that Sunday's game brought an early halt to the contest. As he entered the tunnel to the dressing room, the linesman, Gerard Bergman, was struck on the head by a half-empty bottle, and as he reeled away, was struck by a sack full of empty bottles.

Aces Expect Christmas Gift; Face 'Santa' Frizzell's Royals

SUMMERSIDE — "We expect Santa Claus to arrive early this year, with a victory for the Aces," the Tim MacGuigan, coach of the Pop Motor Aces said yesterday.

The Summerside team host the Charlotteville Royals at 9:15 p.m. tonight in an Island Intermediate Hockey League game.

MacGuigan stated that although the team would be playing minus three regulars, a few surprises could be forthcoming to provide enough scoring punch to topple the unbeaten Sandy's Royals.

He said he had one big surprise that he was saving for the game, but told the Guardian that Whitmore Muttart, Legionnaire Ju-or last year, would be in uniform.

The Aces will be playing without Donnie Aranzall, Sterling and Wayne Trainer, all involved in a player-fans incident during the second period of last Friday's game. The three were suspended by League president Herb Schurman for their actions. The fourth player who was given a game misconduct following the scuffle—Gerald Smith—was not suspended, as was reported in Saturday's Guardian.

The suspensions are for the one game.

Negotiations fell through.

Walker Out Of Circuit

MONTREAL (CP) — Barbie Walker, 29-year-old member of Canada's national ski team, has re-broken the leg which kept her out of the world skiing championships in Chile last August.

The pert young native of Port Arthur, Ont., suffered the break when she braced herself on her right leg as the team bus was involved in a minor accident while returning to Nelson, B.C., from a Banff, Alta., training session.

Nobody else was hurt. The injury will keep her out of the European circuit this season.

STANDINGS

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Points. Includes Charlotteville, Summerside, and Borden.

THE JELINEKS PERFORM

Canadians Otto and Haria Jelinek perform on ice at Rockefeller Center in New York City recently during ceremonies making the lighting of the annual Christmas tree. Carol singing is done by the 37 Little Singers of Mount Royal from Montreal's St. Joseph's Oratory. That's the status of Prometheus in rear. (CP Wirephoto)

Mudra Sizing Up English Rugby Players For AIs

By AL McNEIL. MONTREAL (CP) — Like most people at this time of year, Darrell Mudra has prepared a list. But the sophomore coach of Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League doesn't really expect Santa Claus to fill his Christmas stocking with all the goodies on his list.

Just in case St. Nick is a little short of quarterbacks, defensive halfbacks and punters, Mudra has taken matters into his own hands.

While assistants O. K. Dalton, Bob Weber and Ralph Goldson were off scouring the playing fields of United States colleges for prospects, Mudra took a two-week jaunt to England to look over some rugged rugby types and has apparently convinced at least two of them their future lies in Canadian football.

On their return from their respective journeys, the four-man scouting brigade had reports sizing up more than 150 young players.

The majority of players in American colleges are waiting for the common draft of the National and American leagues before committing themselves to say team in Canada or the U.S. Since the draft won't be held until mid-January, it's unlikely AIs will find any signed contracts in their pockets before then. While in Britain, Mudra

scouted seven rugby matches — both pro and amateur — including the Australia-Wales contest. He selected Welsh sprinter Berwyn Jones as a possible halfback or flanker recruit and South African-born Len Killeen as a combined punter and defensive halfback.

Killeen, 25, is the leading scorer in the professional Rugby League while Jones, 24, is a former Olympic sprinter who, Mudra says, has been clocked at 5.5 for the 100 yards.

"Rugger is a rough game, but I think both these boys could adjust to our football without too much trouble," Mudra said. "The reason we've put them on our list is that they aren't classified as imports."

"We're out to strengthen the Canadian part of our team and this might be one way of doing it. Whoever heard of a Canadian team being able to afford an import kicker under the present rules?"

Dalton said the club is primarily interested in signing quarterbacks and defensive halfbacks, and had factors out to Dave Lewis of Stanford University, Benny Russell of Louisville, Alfred Tyler of Livingstone College in North Carolina, Don Horn of San Diego Junior College, Rick Egloff of Wyoming State and Don Edwards of Utah State.

"You know there is not one lineman on our negotiation list," Dalton said, indicating that as line coach he was satisfied with the AIs' performance up front last season.

"We sat down right after the season ended and evaluated what we'd need for next year. We came up with two defensive halfbacks. We don't figure for more than three or four changes from last year if every one comes back."

The four coaches agree that a quarterback who can take his turn in the defensive backfield is still the key for next year. Neither Bernie Faloney nor George Bork, the AIs current pair, fill this bill.

Bobby Orr Back With Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Rookie defenseman Bobby Orr, who suffered a strained left knee ligaments Dec. 4, returned to workouts Monday with Boston Bruins.

The 18-year-old Orr, who received a reported \$50,000 to sign a National Hockey League contract, skated on his own for 30 minutes and then joined team-mates for another 30 minutes.

"The knee felt good," Orr said. "I put some pressure on it and it didn't bother me. I think I'll be ready to play this weekend."

Despite Orr's optimism, coach Harry Sinden said he will be careful before permitting the youngster's return to action.

Forwards Ron Murphy and Tom Williams were sidelined as the Bruins drilled in preparation for Wednesday night's game with the Rangers in New York. Murphy has a torn muscle in his right shoulder, while Williams is nursing a knee injury.

RURAL MINOR HOCKEY

Rural Minor Hockey Association results for Dec. 17th:

PAPERWEIGHT: Barons: G. Kennedy 2, M. Stearns, B. Tulle, A. Gordon, G. Spunney; Clippers: E. Knox, R. Johnston, P. Waddell, A. Bernard.

Bisons: T. Bungay, D. Edgett; Aces: T. Carver, D. Dunn. Seals: M. Mullin 2, B. Walker, P. Handrahan, L. Sheppard; Flyers: P. Bernard.

Cannicks: S. Howard, N. MacAleer; Blades: D. Livingston.

Wings: G. Betts 3, J. Read, 2, K. Watts 2, K. McInnis, P. MacDonald; Bruins: B. MacLean, G. Wood, L. Sheppard 2.

Rangers: D. Moore, M. Hennessey, P. Ellis; Hawks: no score.

BANTAM: Tigers: D. Frizzell 4, E. Ellis, M. McKay; Beavers: B. MacGuigan 4.

Lions: G. Brown 3, B. MacRae, R. Carver 3, J. Power, W. Cairns, F. Brown; ougars: no score.

MIDGET-JUVENILE: Jets: P. MacDonald; Racoons: no score.

Falcons: J. Wood, 1, Myers, A. Ellis, B. MacDonald, R. MacNeill; omets: L. Carver, G. Campbell, K. Jackson, D. Brown.

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PEE WEE: Bruins: D. Smith, L. Sheppard 2; Rangers: D. Moore, D. Hennessey, M. Hennessey. Hawks: G. MacGuigan 3; Wings: K. Watts 2, G. Betts 2, M. MacDonald.

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ALWORTH AT FLANKER: Taylor had the toughest battle among the Chiefs in making the fourth, running into Lance Alworth, San Diego's pass-catching sensation. Each received

Yankee Riders Take Back Seat In This Year's Races

By ORLO ROBERTSON NEW YORK (CP) — Latin American jockeys, led by a Cuban with a big desire to be No. 1 and two cool, resourceful Panamanians, have forced United States horse riders to take a back seat in thoroughbred racing this year.

Riders from south of the U.S. border—arriving in increasing numbers since a controversial Manuel Ycaza found gold on United States tracks 10 years ago—have enjoyed their most successful year ever.

Avelino Gomez, a 28-year-old Cuban who plays his trade in Canada and Mexico, is headed for the championship in number of races won with Jorge Velasquez, 19-year-old Panamanian, offering the chief opposition after poker-faced Braulio Baeza decided to take a vacation the last month of the year.

Gomez, forbidden to ride in the U.S. because he rejected a draft call during the Korean War, rode his 300th winner in Canada before departing at the end of November for Mexico where he ran his total to 311 through Dec. 11, although riding only three days a week.

Meanwhile, Velasquez has been slowly closing in with a busy schedule at Tropical Park in Florida. With 27 victories before receiving a five-day suspension Dec. 12, he had an outside chance of catching the veteran Cuban.

Baeza, however, sewed up the money-winning title before starting a vacation with record earnings of \$2,909,687. Until he hung up his tack for the year, the 26-year-old jockey from Panama also was in running for the race — winning championship. He won 296 races with his 1,315 mounts, was second 319 times and third with 185 others.

Baeza, who broke Bill Shoemaker's seven-year hold on the money winning crown in 1965 with earnings of \$2,582,702, can credit much of his increased bank account to the success aboard Buckpasser and other top horses trained by Eddie Neely. He stands to make around \$300,000 this year as jockeys receive 10 per cent of the money won by their mounts.

By contrast, Gomez takes for the year will be about \$50,000. "But I want that title," he said recently. "It's all I think about—how many rides have I got today? What did Baeza or Velasquez do yesterday?"

"I came close once before. But the racing officials wouldn't recognize the 47 winners I had in Cuba that year."

Gomez, who lives in Toronto, now admits he was wrong in refusing to answer the draft call. "I was young. I was wrong," Gomez, who rides mainly on Ontario tracks, plans to become a Canadian citizen.

Gomez, Baeza and Velasquez are a study in contrasts. Baeza is cold and silent and, on the

parade to the post, sits a horse like royalty.

If he has won, Gomez leaps from his mount with arms extended. He smiles, bows and gestures to the crowd. To a jeering woman he once called: "Why aren't you home looking after your children? I'm doing my job."

Velasquez, who does most of his riding in California, figure to be close to the \$100,000 mark in earnings. Velasquez was the top jockey at Atlantic City, Monmouth Park and at Garden State Park's spring meeting.

YCAZA HAS COLOR: The Racing Manual, published by the Daily Racing Form, lists slightly more than 200 Latin Americans among the 1,500 jockeys. Some have won more races, few have won more money but none have been able to match Ycaza for color.

The 28-year-old Panamanian is not the ball-bent-for-leather rider he once was, but he still rides his share of big winners. It has been some time since Ycaza has been suspended, but in his early days his riding tactics so aroused the ire of racing officials that he has been

on the ground for a total of more than 300 days.

Baeza, Velasquez and 19-year-old Laffit Pincay Jr., the latest of the Panama riding sensations, were all brought to this country by thoroughbred owner Fred Hooper. Baeza bought up his contract from Hooper in 1964 and gave first call on his services to John Galbreath, owner of the Derby Dan Farm.

When Galbreath's highly rated three-year-old Granstark was sidelined permanently early in the season and with no outstanding two-year-olds in the Derby Dan string, Baeza hooked up with Neely. It proved to be the richest one-two combi-

sation in the history of the sport, with horses trained by Neely winning around \$2,500,000.

Hooper brought Velasquez to the U.S. in 1965 after the jockey had tied or equalled all Baeza's records in Panama.

Pincay, whose father still rides in Venezuela, is a rider with arms like a miniature full-back. He made his debut last July 1 at Arlington Park.

Five Compete For Walker's Position

BANFF, Alta. (CP) — Five prospects are competing to fill the vacancy left by Barbie Walker on the Canadian women's ski team, coach Vern Anderson of Rosland, B.C., said Monday.

Barbie is at her Montreal home recuperating from her second broken leg in a year. Anderson said she broke the leg Nov. 13 when a bus in which the team was riding left the road while returning to Nelson, B.C., from a training session at Banff.

The injury will keep her out of action in Europe this season. The team now is engaged in downhill training in Banff and leaves for Europe, Jan. 2.

The women's A team included Nancy Greene of Rosland, Karen Dekker of Burnaby, B.C., Gary Mathieson of Montreal and Andre Crepeau of Sherbrooke, Que.

The women's B team included Nancy Greene of Rosland, Karen Dekker of Burnaby, B.C., Gary Mathieson of Montreal and Andre Crepeau of Sherbrooke, Que.

Broncos Sign College Coach

DENVER, Colo. (AP) — Lou Saban, a veteran of pro and college coaching, officially took the job Monday of moving Denver Broncos out of the low rent district in the American Football League.

The 42-year-old Saban signed a contract as head coach and general manager for 10 years at a reported annual salary of \$50,000.

As coach he succeeds Ray Malavasi, promoted from the staff after Mac Speedie resigned in September as head coach. Gerald H. Phillips, club owner, has been acting general manager.

"My chief aim is to give Denver the best in football," Saban told a news conference. "And with a 10-year contract I do have time."

In order to sign the pact Saban had to get out of his contract as head coach at the University of Maryland, where he had three years to go.

He has coached two other AFL clubs, Boston Patriots and Buffalo Bills. His Boston team finished last in 1960, but two of his Bills teams won championships in 1954-55, something no other AFL club has done.

The Broncos never have had a winning season in the seven years the AFL has operated. They finished last in the Western Division this season with 4-10.

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CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Montague, Tuesday, December 26th:

7 p.m. Ice 1 — Eric Duvar, L. Nicholson, H. Robbins, Allan Wright vs Elley Shaw, L. Stewart, N. Walter, Al Coenen.

Ice 2 — Ken MacKenzie, Ken MacDonald, F. DeRoche, J. Murphy vs Doug McGowan, E. G. MacDonald, D. Clarkson, D. Sorrie. 8 p.m.

Ice 1 — A. Sullivan, E. Ferguson, C. VanDerstine, J. Coose vs Ken Sullivan, J. McNeil, R. MacDonald, I. Edgecombe. Ice 2 — H. Moor, S. MacNaughton, A. MacLeod, C. MacKinnon vs J. Cadmore, I. Coose, R. Leard, N. Thompson.

The following is the curling draw for Tuesday night at the Charlottetown Club. (Sparsa needed.) 7 p.m.

Ice 1 — D. Cox, R. MacKenzie, D. Ward, D. Steele vs T. White, K. MacDonald, A. Horna, B. Hillstrom. Ice 2 — B. LeClair, S. Boston, Harvey Douglas, Dr. D. MacDonald vs J. Burden, E. Gillespie, J.S. Taylor, G. MacKenzie.

Ice 3 — A. Saunders, J. Vautour, M. White, P. Tanton vs M. Bell, B. Ball, P. Potry, D. Pickard. Ice 4 — J. Cameron, I. MacKinnon, Mitch MacLean, D. Wonecki vs A. MacDonald, L. Johnston, W. Carr, K. MacLean.

Ice 5 — G. Storey, A. Gill, B. Crockett, E. Trainor vs R. Ewing, Dr. Jelts, B. Steveson, E. Doucette. 8:30 p.m.

Ice 1 — Open. Ice 2 — Frank Burke vs Don Rogers. Ice 3 — Quebec Game (if necessary). Ice 4 — J. Shalloons vs MacDonald (Shams). Ice 5 — Open.

HOCKEY TONIGHT, TUESDAY CIVIC STADIUM 9:15 P.M. SANDY'S ROYALS versus POPE MOTORS ACES Regular Admission

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