The Way I See It

By GARY OAKES
Sports Editor

"What fools these mortals be" just about sums up our thoughts regarding the executive and directors of the B.C. Lions.

Last Saturday, the Calgary Stampeder machine roared through Empire Stadium, thumped the Lions heavily into the turf, then sped away.

In its wake the machine left more than 32,000 disgusted fans. They were disgusted because they'd paid good money to watch the Leos win their first game of the 1961 grid season. They paid well to see ex-Stampeder **Joe Kapp** lead Lions out of the darkness of the Western Football Conference cellar and into the sunshine of the playoffs. They paid to see the Lions finally start rolling in this, their eighth year in the league.

But what they saw they hadn't paid for. They saw B.C.'s spectacular four-for-one trade with Calgary backfire in their faces. They saw the Stampeders stomp the Lions deeper into the cellar. And they saw the last faint, flickering light of hope for a playoff spot, all but extinguished.

"Off with his head," they cried. "Whose head?", someone asked. "Anyone's head," they replied.

Then the directors swung into motion and called a meeting behind closed doors. They emerged several hours later, solemn-faced men all, and to cover up their own inefficiency, announced that head coach **Wayne Robinson** had been suspended.

Fault lies with brass

This is nothing new. Lions have done the same thing on previous occasions. It didn't prove anything then, and it won't prove anything now. **Dave Skrien** was appointed new head coach, at least temporarily. Technically, Robinson is still with the club. Considering it will cost the Lions almost $50,000 to get rid of him, he may be with them for a while yet.

We feel the fault lies not with the coach but with the front-office executive and directors. Robinson may not be a great coach, but he's as good, if not better, than any of the others. But what can the coach do if he's hampered by the brass.

It has been said by a few players that General-manager **Herb Capozzi** is to blame for the Lions' failures. Some have said that Capozzi has the knack to destroy a guy's desire to win. We go along with these thoughts completely. If the Lions intend on keeping Robinson, perhaps they could make him general manager. At any rate, a major snake-up among the top brass is long overdue. It's time to put the dirty laundry through the wash and clean out some of the junk which has been accumulating with the Lions for the past seven years. The Lions must come up with a winning combination soon or face collapse, which is a possibility that would hurt the directors where they live — in the pocketbook.

They've had enough time

We've been supporters of the Leos since their inception in '54. At first you say "well, give them a while yet, they're just a young ball club." But how long do they need? They've had enough time to win two or three Grey Cups. They've got the team. So it appears like they need some desire and some interested men in the top positions. It is pointless to change coaches in mid-season but that's how their thinking is. Pointless. The Lions are bound to win a few games before the season ends, even if they have no coach. But what always happens is the team wins a few games after a new coach is named and immediately he's a hero.

Let it be said now that this is not the case. He's no more a hero than anyone else. He just happened to be around when they won.

However, we'll get on with this subject next week when we learn more of the Lions' plans. Right now, let's have a few more wrong predictions. One thing about our predictions. They're consistent. Consistently wrong, that is. Anyway, it'll be Bombers over B.C. tonight; Hamilton over Calgary, Edmonton over Toronto and Ottawa over Montreal Saturday; and Hamilton over Regina and (believe it or not) B.C. over Toronto Monday.

We can't help it if our predictions are full of holes. Just a natural ability for making mistakes probably. Some people are good at doing things right. We're good at doing them wrong. You know, it's a nice feeling to do a job well.

Fishing trip for six

Did you hear about the six local sportsmen who got in a week's fishing in the Takla Lake area north of Vanderhoof?

It seems that **Bert Jeffries, Bob Rudderham, Dom Dominato, Ray McLean, Dr. Geddes Large** and **Bill Long** drove up to Ft. St. James September 1. From there they took a charter boat up to Smith's Lodge on Stuart Lake. They used the lodge as a starting point and with a 34-foot shallow draft cruiser and two guides, fished the many lakes, rivers and streams in the area for an entire week.

The group fished Tachie River, Middle River and Takla, going as far north as a few miles up the Driftwood River, about 200 miles north east of Ft. St. James. They did some wet-fly fishing, a bit of trolling and a little spin casting.

Between the six of them they caught well over 500 rainbow trout. The largest being a four-pound, 12-ounce beauty by McLean. During the trip they sighted a few moose, and geese by the hundreds. They saw fresh snow on the mountains when they arrived and more fell during their stay.

Apart from a few trappers' cabins and some private cottages they found the area almost uninhabited.

But the most enjoyable aspect of the trip was the tab. The cost for everything, including food, lodging, boat and guides (who did all the work), was a mere $130 each.

They brought home about 100 fish altogether and felt the trip was a complete success. A week of first-class fishing with good grub in scenic country for $130 isn't too bad anyway you look at it.

END NOTES . . . **Art Murray, Neil McDonald, Hector McDonald** and **Jack Lindsay** all flew down to Vancouver in Neil's plane last Friday to take in the football game. They haven't let us know yet whether they made it or not . . . Former city sportsman **Tom Masich** was in town over the weekend without his better half . . . He was on a selling trip and said he'd be through here again in March . . . If you're not doing anything Sunday you might take a fast trip up to Smithers and catch the final game of the Northern British Columbia Baseball championships . . . We hear Belmonts will be there.

Swann enters quarter-finals

TORONTO (CP) — John Swann of Toronto hacked his way into the quarter-finals of the Canadian tennis championship men's singles Tuesday night in a 47-game endurance match with Peter Lyman of Rochester, N.Y.

Swann, fourth-seeded in the tournament and ranked fourth in Canada, finally took Lyman 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 12-10 after three hours and 10 minutes on the courts.

Each later admitted he was trying to tire the other, and 35-year-old Lyman — 10 years Swann's senior—had a rough time keeping up with the younger player.

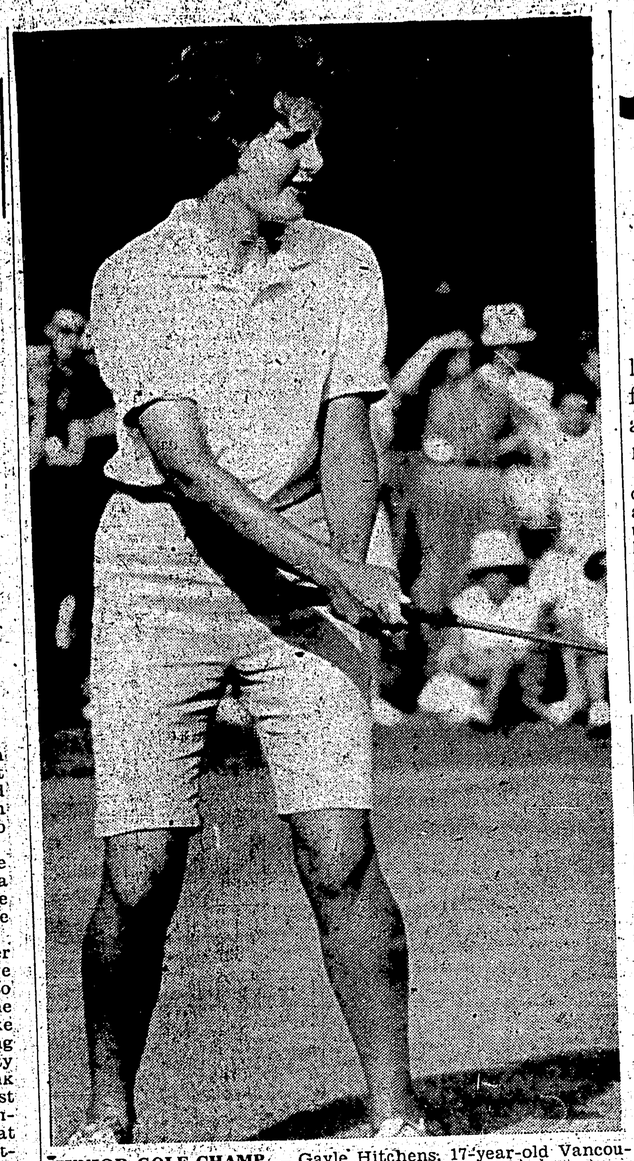
In the only other men's singles match of the day fifth-seeded Francois Godbout of Waterloo, Que., defeated Toronto's Don Fontana 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.

Unranked Vicky Berner of Vancouver upset eighth-ranked Hilde Doleschell of Toronto 6-4, 7-5 to move into the quarter finals of the women's singles.

Mrs. Doleschell turned the heat on in her second set and took a 5-2 lead, but the 16-year-old Miss Berner took the next five games in a row.

Mike Sangster of Torquay, England, and Ann Haydon of Birmingham, England, top-seeded in men's and women's singles, teamed up to beat Mers Kutt and Marg Benson of Toronto 6-0, 6-1 in the first round of the mixed doubles.

Miss Haydon and Toronto's Benita Senn dealt similarly with Joan Genno and Judy Traviss of Toronto, with a 6-0, 6-1 win in the women's doubles.



JUNIOR GOLF CHAMP — Gayle Hitchens, 17-year-old Vancouver high school student, is Canada's junior women's champion. Gayle, whose father is assistant pro at North Vancouver's Capilano Golf Club, became the youngest girl ever to reach the finals of the Canadian women's open this year at Vancouver. She lost 2-up to defending champion Judy Darling of Montreal.
— CP Photo

TRAINING ROUNDUP

Bruins meet Leafs in exhibition game

By The Canadian Press

Coach Phil Watson has scanned his Boston Bruins training camp in Niagara Falls, Ont., and come up with a tentative 19-man lineup for an exhibition hockey game here Friday night with Toronto Maple Leafs.

Watson indicated Wednesday he plans to let Don Head go the whole game in goal, contrary to the usual pre-season practice of alternating goalies. Ed Chadwick is scheduled for netminding chores the following evening in Peterborough, Ont., against the Leafs and Bruce Gamble will be ready for service Sunday against Hull-Ottawa Canadiens of the Eastern Professional Hockey eLague.

Watson's most impressive forward line is liekly to be one centred by Charlie Burns, with Earl Balfour and Dick Meisner.

PLAY TWO GAMES

At Peterborough, the Leafs went through a pair of intra-squad games.

In the first game, Bob Pulford, Dave Keon and Stan Smrke scored for the whites in their 3-2 victory over the blues, whose scoring was handled by Allan Stanley and rookie Jim Pappin.

The second workout saw the whites trim the blues 7-3. Gerry Ehman, Earl Johnson and Ed Lawson got two goals apiece for the winners and Bruce Draper contributed one. The losers' scoring was shared by rookie Alex Faulkner of St. John's, Nfld., Ken Girard and Martin Howe.

New York Rangers boosted the tempo of their training at Guelph Wednesday, the second day of workouts. But the emphasis was on speed rather than bodily contact as coach Doug Harvey instructed his men to keep their sticks down and avoid injuries.

SEEK TALENT

George Agar, coach of the Los Angeles entry in the Western Hockey League, and general manager Eddie Shore of the American League's Springfield Indians attended the Ranger workouts, shopping for talent.

Seven players in the Chicago camp at St. Catharines were called in by Black Hawks general manager Tommy Ivan for preliminary contract talks.

Ivan had four others signed before the training started and said he doesn't look for any problems, even though former members of the Stanley Cup champion Hawks might be looking for pay boosts.

Rightwinger John McKenzie, who played with the AHL Hershey Bears last season, appeared to have made the National League Detroit Red Wings. He showed up well at the Wings' camp in Detroit.

All-star winger Gordie Howe seemed headed for one line with Ed Litzenberger and Alex Delvecchio; while Norm Ullman, Vic Stasiuk and Allan Johnson have worked together on another.

Cronin against Frick's ruling

CHICAGO (AP) — American League president Joe Cronin said today if New York's Roger Maris or Mickey Mantle hit 61 home runs in the regulation 162-game schedule, it must be regarded as a record.

Cronin said he did not wish to become involved in any dispute with baseball commissioner Ford Frick.

At the same time, he added, he could see no logic in the commissioner's ruling which specifies that Ruth's 60 homers in 1927 must be topped in 154 decisions to count as a new standard.

"After all, Ruth hit his 60 in 151 games," said Cronin, a contemporary of Ruth when he was the star shortstop and manager of the Washington Senators in the early 1930s.

"Therefore, if a person wants to be technical he can say the record counts only if either Maris or Mantle hit 61 homers in as many games as Ruth did.

Lacrosse win

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) — Vancouver Carlings advanced to the Canadian lacrosse final by downing New Westminster O'Keefes 12-5 Thursday to win the best-of-seven Inter-City League final, 4-1. Carlings will meet Brampton Ramblers in the best-of-seven Mann final which opens Tuesday at Vancouver.

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Jay records 20th victory

Blanks Milwaukee with four-hitter

By MIKE RATHET
Associated Press Staff Writer

Joey Jay, the little leaguer who became a big leaguer, today savored his 20th victory and that last full measure of revenge after moving Cincinnati Reds a giant step closer to their first National League pennant since 1940.

The 26-year-old right-hander, discarded by Milwaukee Braves after he compiled an unspectacular 9-8 record last year, blanked his former teammates 4-0 with a four-hitter Wednesday night and became the first National League pitcher to win 20 this season.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Cincinnati	87	56	.608	–
Los Angeles	79	59	.572	5½
Milwaukee	76	64	.543	9½
San Francisco	75	63	.543	9½
St. Louis	72	67	.518	13
Pittsburgh	68	70	.489	16½
Chicago	59	80	.424	26
Philadelphia	42	99	.298	44

Jay, one of those most responsible for Cincinnati's amazing rise from a sixth - place finish in 1960, joined Whitey Ford of New York Yankees and Frank Lary of Detroit Tigers as the majors' only 20-game winners with his fourth shutout and 13th complete game.

He also scored the game's only run in the fifth inning, made it four victories without a defeat over his onetime mates and lowered the Reds' magic number to nine with the aid of Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Pirates, with reliever Harvey Haddix pitching two-hit ball over the final eight innings, beat second-place Los Angeles 8-2 and dropped the Dodgers 5½ games back of the Reds. Any combination of nine Cincinnati victories and/or Los Angeles defeats will give the Reds' the NL flag.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Hurricane Carla has stuck a finger into that home run chase and both Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle figure the naughty miss has hampered their chances of surpassing Babe Ruth's record.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
New York	100	45	.690	–
Detroit	89	56	.614	11
Baltimore	87	61	.588	14½
Chicago	78	68	.534	22½
Cleveland	72	74	.493	28½
Boston	71	78	.477	30
Los Angeles	63	81	.438	36½
Minnesota	62	81	.434	37
Washington	54	93	.367	47
Kansas City	53	92	.366	47

Carla tossed her fringe effects into the midwest Wednesday night, forcing postponement of the New York Yankees - Chicago White Sox game with Maris at bat in the third inning and causing the American League contest to be rescheduled as part of a doubleheader today.

"Somehow I've never done too well in doubleheaders," said Maris, the leader with 56 home runs and a three - game edge over Ruth's record 60 pace of 1927.

"I'd rather play them one game at a time," said Mantle, three games behind the Bambino with 53 homers.

While the Yanks were idle, the second - place Detroit Tigers took the opportunity to reduce the American League leaders margin to 11 games by blanking Kansas City Athletics 8-0 behind Jim Bunning's five - hit pitching and home runs by Rocky Colavito and Norm Cash.

Cleveland Indians snapped a six-game losing streak by beating Baltimore Orioles 5-0 on Gary Bell's four - hitter, and Washington Senators won two in a row for the first time since August 17 by whipping Boston Red Sox 4-2. A twi-night doubleheader between Los Angeles Angels and Minnesota Twins was postponed.

Eastern scoring leaders

By The Canadian Press

Halfback Don Sutherin of Hamilton Tiger - Cats kicked himself into a four-way tie for third place in the Eastern Football Conference individual scoring race as the Ticats defeated Edmonton Eskimos 32-15 in a Canadian Football League game Monday night.

His field goal and four converts boosted his point total to 24.

Fullback Cookie Gilchrist of Toronto Argonauts leads with 34 points, five points up on second-place Gary Schreider of Ottawa Rough Riders.

The leaders:

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts.
Gilchrist, T	2	5	5	2	34
Schreider, O	0	20	3	0	29
Stewart, O	4	0	0	0	24
McDougall, H	4	0	0	0	24
Scott, H	4	0	0	0	24
Sutherin, H	0	15	3	0	24

PCL hitter sale

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver Mounties of the Pacific Coast Baseball League have lost one of their strongest hitters in the announcement that outfielder Howie Goss has been sold to a rival PCL team, Pittsburgh Pirates, of the National League, who assigned Goss to the Mounties two years ago, have re-purchased Goss and sold him to San Diego Padres.

Poland scores upset

CHROZOW, Poland (AP) — The Gornik Zabrze team of Poland scored a big upset Wednesday by defeating Britain's Tottenham Hotspurs 4-2 in the first game if their European Cup soccer series.

Last Night's Fights

Miami Beach, Fla. (AP) — Luis Rodriguez, 148¼, Cuba, stopped Guy Sumlin, 146, Mobile, Ala. (5).

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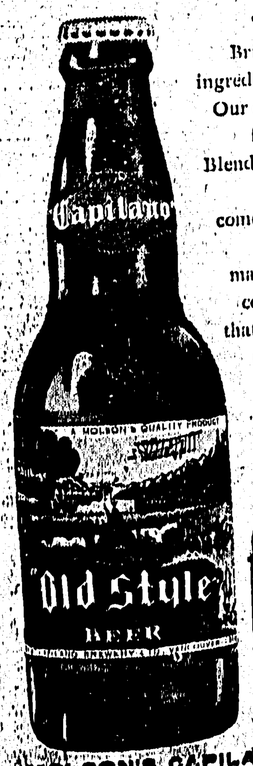

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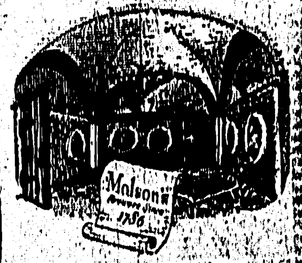

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LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

Little Rock, Ark. (AP) — Herman Carroll, 162, Little Rock, defeated Bill Kerr, 160, Memphis, Tenn. (10).