

SPORTS



Grey Cup Classic May Go To Winnipeg in Two Years

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WINNIPEG (CP)—The Grey Cup final, Canada's greatest sports spectacle, may be staged here within two years. This new is a real possibility with announcement that a 10,000-seat stadium will be available for football Aug. 1 next year.

Capacity can be increased to 15,000 by addition of portable bleachers and eventually it could go to 20,000. The 20,000-crowd would be 3,000 better than Toronto's accommodation — and it has been the venue of annual last-Saturday-in-September classic since 1940. A stadium in western Canada has been talked about by western officials and fans for years. It would be the first since the East-West game was inaugurated in 1921.

CONSTITUTION CHANGE
Change in the Canadian Football Union constitution would be necessary to make the switch from Toronto to Winnipeg and possible only prospect of increased gate receipts would give many clubs in the run-up for the Grey Cup from the Western Canada Conference, Big Six and Senior Ontario Rugby Football Union to approve a change.

Weather may be an important factor in any decision. Conditions couldn't be much better in Winnipeg than the atrocious ice-coated field of 1950 and the mud bath at the stadium before the C.R.U. bought the famous tarpaulin to protect the field from snow, frost and rain. The same tarp could be used here.

Plans for the \$500,000 stadium — as yet unapproved — were given last April. The city council has called for the 26-acre site in Winnipeg's west end about three blocks from the downtown area. Construction of the open-air stadium is to start this fall.

The north-south field will be completed in the spring. If possible, according to schedule, everything will be set for the Blue Bomber home game at the Western Canada game late in August.

20 YEARS
Winnipeg-minded citizens have been clamoring for years for a new stadium to replace Osborne Stadium, the home of the Bombers, that seats 18,000 persons. Rejection of a stadium by-law in 1947, to raise the necessary money by a group called the Winnipeg Co-Operative Society, Limited, and lack of a building plan.

The Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation was formed by business men last year and the final obstacles were cleared when city council okayed the plans for the new stadium in January and the Manitoba Legislature approved an amendment to the city's charter in April. It allows the city to guarantee the principal and interest of a loan up to \$500,000.

The city also granted a 20-year title to the stadium site, a four-block area north of Polo Park racetrack between Portage and Ellice Avenues, a semi-residential area. The corporation will pay a "nominal" fee, expected to be \$1 a year, for the site.

City council has exempted the land and buildings from all municipal taxes except for local improvements.

The non-profit corporation, headed by W. Cuiver Riley, president of the Blue Bombers, will have 11 directors, six to be named by the city. The city can take over the stadium any time it wishes, and it will become the city's property at the end of 20 years.

BASEBALL TOO
A baseball section will be completed in the spring of 1954. The ball field will overlap onto the football field which will be rimmed by a regular quarter-mile cinder track. Floodlights will be mounted on 85-foot towers. Parking space will be available for 2,500 automobiles, and washrooms, dressingrooms, concessions and a press box will be situated in permanent concrete stands.

Bulk of the football crowd will sit in the main concrete stands, one on each side of the field and each accommodating 5,000. Four portable steel sections will seat a total of 5,000 and more can be added.

FOOTBALL SCORES
W.F.U.—Saskatchewan 27, Calgary 30; Edmonton 18, Winnipeg 12.

UPS AND DOWNS
Mount Everest is just over 29,000 feet high, while the greatest ocean depth is 35,400 feet.

'No Re-Call' Proposal Not Approved by NHL

NEW YORK (CP)—The National Hockey League board of governors has decided not to approve no-recall arrangements proposed by the American Hockey League to govern transfer of players between the two leagues.

"Due to existing agreements, the proposed arrangement with the A.H.L. cannot be approved at this time," said a statement issued after today's NHL meeting.

The A.H.L. has decided that it will not permit recall of players optioned to A.H.L. clubs by NHL teams during the season. Two weeks ago Clarence Camp-

bell, N.H.L. president, tentatively agreed to the A.H.L. ruling after winning a concession for recall of players when an N.H.L. team is weakened by injuries.

The decision, however, means that the N.H.L. will not accept the tentative arrangement either.

The effect of the decision is to almost cut off the flow of players from N.H.L. clubs to their A.H.L. farm teams.

Another result is that the regular draft from the A.H.L. by the National League is suspended.

Other steps taken today included N.H.L. approval of a draft arrangements, among clubs of the league.

The draft system is based on last season's standings with the last-place team getting first choice and so on up to the first-place finishers.

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