No Peace on Ice, Good Will Toward Men In NHL During Christmas Weekend Play

By The Canadian Press

The Yuletide spirit bypassed the National Hockey League. Nobody reminded the players about peace and brotherly love.

Some of the boys were downright unfriendly. That was obvious from the penalties in the five games during the Christmas weekend. There were 56 minors, 10 majors and two 10-minute misconducts—a total of 182 minutes.

The rough stuff started Christmas Eve and carried over to Christmas night. This is what happened:

Toronto Maple Leafs walloped Chicago Black Hawks 5-2 at Toronto Saturday. There were 17 penalties, including seven majors and one misconduct in a wild affair.

The league-leading Canadiens beat the third-place Detroit Red Wings at Montreal Saturday. Penalties: 14 minors.

The second-place New York Rangers pulled a 5-1 upset over Canadiens at New York Sunday. There were 18 sentences, one a misconduct. Chicago overcame the Bruins at Boston 4-2. Of the 10 penalties, two were majors.

In the other game Christmas night, Leafs and Wings fought to a 1-1 draw at Detroit. There were nine penalties in this one. One was a major.

13-POINT LEAD

When the combatants had cooled off, Canadiens still held a healthy lead in the league race. The Habs have 51 points, 13 more than Rangers and 19 up on the Wings. Hawks are in fourth spot with 30 points, two in front of Leafs and five ahead of the last-place Bruins.

At Toronto, the Leafs entertained 12,368 customers with a pair of goals in the second and third periods to grab their 11th win of the campaign. They were held to a 1-1 tie in the first period.

Centre Eric Nesterenko, defencemen Hugh Bolton and Jim Morrison, right winger George Armstrong and left winger Dick Duff scored for Leafs. Forwards Ed Sandford and Glen Skov tallied for Chicago.

There were two fights. Chicago defenceman Allan Stanley started the first one in the opening period when he highsticked Bolton. Stanley got a five-minute major for high sticking and another for fighting. The two majors meant an automatic misconduct, and total fines of $50. Bolton received a major for fighting.

At 13:25 of the second period Duff and Nesterenko of Toronto and Tony Leswick and Leo Fogolin of Chicago were sent off with majors for fighting.

TWO FOR MOSDELL

At Montreal, Canadiens struck for three goals in the second period to the delight of 13,753 fans. Montreal veteran Ken Mosdell scored twice. Jean Beliveau and Maurice Richard got the others. Red Kelly and Alex Delvecchio scored for Wings.

Rangers cashed in on a long-standing Christmas night jinx in winning their first game in seven meetings with Canadiens this year. The Blueshirts had been unbeaten on home ice in eight previous Christmas night appearances since 1928.

Rangers were led by right winger Andy Bathgate, who scored one goal and set up three others, and Dean Prentice, who tallied twice. Pete Conacher and Dave Creighton produced the others before 15,308 fans. Maurice Richard fired the lone Montreal goal.

Montreal's Bernie Geoffrion was given a misconduct midway in the second period when he protested a two-minute high-sticking sentence called by referee Frank Udvari.

At Boston, 9,531 fans saw the Hawks drive from behind in the second period to beat Bruins. Red Sullivan, Jack McIntyre, Nick Mickoski and Johnny Wilson supplied the Chicago goals. Marcel Bonin and Bill Quackenbush were the Bruin marksmen.

Hawks yielded two goals early in the second period and then spurted for four of their own over a 9½-minute span. Hec Lalande of the Hawks and Fleming Mackell of the Bruins were handed majors for fighting during the hectic second frame.

At Detroit, rookie Earl Balfour of Toronto and Kelly scored first period goals. Goalies Glenn Hall of the Wings and Toronto's Harry Lumley were unbeatable after that.

Gordie Hannigan of the Maple Leafs picked up the only major in the engagement at 14:44 of the third period for high-sticking Gord Howe.

There were no games last night. Tonight Canadiens are at Toronto.

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JAMES T. RUSSELL, 46, has been elected president of the Winnipeg Blue Bomber football club for 1956, succeeding Ralph Misner. Russell is president of a Winnipeg motor agency. He was vice-president of the Western Interprovincial Football Union club for 1955. (CP Photo)

Three Host Teams Win In Brawling WHL Play

By The Canadian Press

It was hometown night, or almost, in the Western Hockey League Tuesday.

Three of four host teams were victorious and the fourth came close. In New Westminster the Royals fought to a 1-1 draw with Seattle after overtime.

Victoria blanked Vancouver 1-0. Regina downed Saskatoon 4-1 at Brandon, the new Regal home, and Calgary defeated Winnipeg 8-6.

In Calgary, the Stampeders and the Warriors lived up to their names and turned the third period into a brawl of majestic proportions.

GOALS FOLLOW FIGHTS

Six majors, two match misconducts and nine minor penalties were handed out in the final frame, in which seven goals were scored.

Stampeder marksmen were Sid Finney, Bill Shvetz and Steve Witiuk with a brace each and Ray Barry and Rock Crawford. Eddie Mazur with two, Bill Mosienko, Mike Nykoluk, Fred Shero and Brian Cullen counted for Winnipeg.

Stamps tied the count 4-1 early in the third, shortly before Fred Hucul and Barry Cullen started a brawl that saw every player on the ice, except the goalkeepers, join in. Majors went to Cullen, Hugh Barlow and Bill Burega of Warriors and Hucul, Sandy Hucul and Crawford of Stamps.

A minute later Mickey Keating of Warriors and Steve Witiuk went at it, using sticks like swords. Referee Dalton McArthur handed out match misconducts to both.

A five-game losing streak was broken when Regals downed Saskatoon before 1,203 fans in Brandon. It was their first win since Regals moved to Brandon two weeks ago.

Bill Kyle led Regina with two goals and Dale Sweaney and Murray Wilkie notched the others. Len Haley was the Saskatoon scorer.

In New Westminster, the Royals and Seattle played a fast period of overtime without breaking the 1-1 deadlock.

Ron Matthews scored for Royals and Rudy Filion for Americans.

Royals took a first-period lead on a screen shot by Matthews, who picked up a blue line pass from Bob Dawes.

Filion scored at 4:31 of the third period on a similar effort, tipping in a shot by defenceman Pete Durham.

The game became rough midway in the third frame and six players were sent off for high-sticking.

The deadlock left Royals tied for second spot with Victoria on the coast division ladder, with Seattle still in the cellar.

ROOKIE SCORES WINNER

The Cougars gained revenge for a 2-0 Monday loss in Vancouver by winning 1-0 in Victoria. The lone goal was scored by centre Don Chiupka on a pass from Paul Strasser. Both players are rookies.

The Canucks are still coast leaders by a healthy margin.

Two games are slated for tonight: New Westminster at Seattle and Winnipeg at Edmonton.

Ex-Stampeder Goes to Rams

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles Rams announced Tuesday that Willie Roberts, pass-catching ace with Calgary last season, has signed to play with Rams in 1956.

Roberts, former Tulsa end, was the fourth draft choice of the national Football League Rams in 1952. This season he caught 58 passes, gained 1,140 yards and scored eight touchdowns for the Western Interprovincial Football Union Stampeders.

Terms were not announced.

RCAF Flyers Win In Puck Debut

KRESERE, Germany (CP)— The RCAF Flyers launched their current hockey season on a winning note here Tuesday night with an 8-3 exhibition victory over the Kresere-Preussen team.

Cpt. Frank Oatway of Summerside, P.E.I., paced the Flyers with three goals: FO M. B. Johnson of Leroy, Sask., scored once.

The Flyers will play this winter in the West European Hockey League. Team members are drawn from the Canadian air divisions stationed on the Continent.

Browns Beat Rams 38-14 To Keep Pro Grid Crown

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Cleveland Browns' reign in U.S. professional football continued unbroken Monday as the National Football League closed its book on the 1955 season.

Browns and their tremendous defensive platoon crushed Los Angeles Rams 38-14 Monday, marking the second straight year Cleveland has won the title and the third time Browns have hit the jackpot in six straight appearances in the blue ribbon game of U.S. pro football.

A record crowd of 87,696—85,693 paid—witnessed the struggle in Memorial Coliseum.

Cleveland led off with a field goal and planked five touchdowns on the board on route to its smashing triumph.

Seven times Cleveland intercepted passes, turning one into a quick touchdown that, as matters ended, might well have been the crusher.

65-YARD RUN

Defensive halfback Don Paul snagged a Norm Van Brocklin pass and raced 65 yards for a touchdown that sent the Browns into a 10-0 lead.

Cleveland quarterback Otto Graham closed out his magnificent football career with a dazzling performance.

He scored two touchdowns personally, and passed for two others—to Dante Lavalli on a 50-yard play and to Ray Renfro for 35 for another.

Of the seven interceptions, Cleveland cashed in for points on four.

Halfback Ken Konz intercepted one and soon after Lou Groza kicked a 26-year field goal.

Tom James bagged one and Graham and Lavelli hit for their 50-year touchdown play.

Centre Sam Palumbo grabbed another and Graham led the lub 36 yards and scored from the one-yard line.

Konz' 24-yard punt return set the stage for another tally, with Graham sweeping right end 15 yards for a touchdown.

Rams' big moment came when Van Brocklin and Skeet Quinlan got together in a 67-yard pass play in the second quarter for a touchdown. That made it 7-10 for Cleveland, a margin that didn't stand for long.

The other Ram touchdown came in the final minutes when Ron Waller scored from four yards out.

Wind Aids Runner

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (AP) — United States champion Bobby Morrow ran a wind-aided 100 yards in 9.3 seconds in Auckland tonight, equaling the world mark.

The following wind was three feet a second beyond the allowable limit for international records.

Curling Results

Results in "A" competition of the Mixed Bonspiel underway at the Curling Club are as follows:

Warren 8, Bateman 6; Morgan 8, Holliston 11; Bell 8, Paul 10; Gomez 12, Waller 4; Shier 10, Eyolfson 9; Simpson 6, Newton 8; Thom 11, A. Dominato 5, Garner 9, Rudderham 6; Lindsay 11, Petersen 6.

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Podres Headed For Army But Bums Still Favored

BROOKLYN (AP)—Johnny Podres probably will be in the army but Brooklyn Dodgers have enough pitching left to rate as favorites to win another National League pennant.

Dodgers certainly will miss the 23-year-old lefthander who beat New York Yankees twice last fall in world series play. But his 9-10 record in the regular season shouldn't be too hard to make up.

Podres learned Tuesday he had been reclassified 1-A by his draft board at Ticonderoga, N.Y., and is subject to immediate call. Although the head of the draft board said he doubts very much that Podres will be called before spring, it is unlikely he will be around for much of the 1956 season.

"I'll go in and put in my time and come out and play ball again," said Podres.

Brooklyn lists 17 pitchers on its roster. Don Newcombe, Carl Erskine and Billy Loes form the nucleus. It will be up to manager Walter Alston to replace Podres.

Perhaps Karl Spooner, the young fastballer will be the man. Rookies Roger Craig and Don Bessent, who made a splash after moving up from the minors in mid-season, are other solid possibilities. Sandy Koufax, the bonus pitcher who came on fast in late season, and Ken Lehman from Montreal could take over the job.

Podres, unmarried, had been listed unfit for military service since 1952 because of a bad back. He had to wear a leather harness and sleep on a stiff board.

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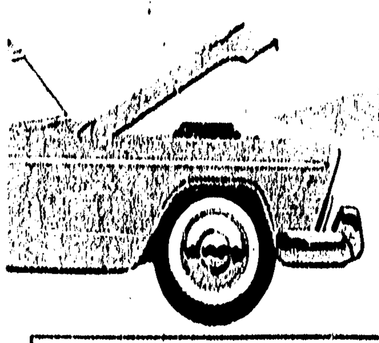

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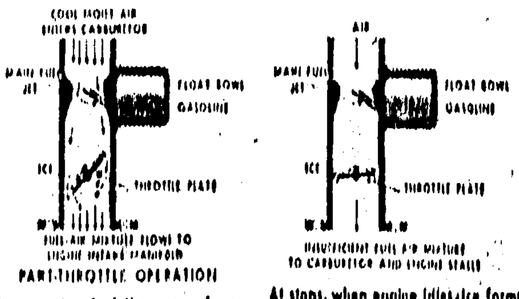

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