

Rangers Show Unexpected Strength By Edging League Leading Montreal

By The Canadian Press

New York Rangers, who not so long ago were moaning about a lack of scoring punch, are closer to the top of the National Hockey League now than they have been in years.

Rangers moved within three points of the leading Montreal Canadiens Sunday night with a surprising 4-2 victory over the tough Canadians at New York. It gave them a won-lost record of 43-3, something they hadn't figured on in their pre-season ratings.

Blueshirt newcomers and veterans are firing goals at a time when Ranger firepower isn't at its best, due to the absence of right-winger Wally Hergesheimer, a 20-goal man who still is out with a broken leg.

The Ranger power was good enough to win Sunday night but it didn't stand up Saturday when Canadiens walloped them 7-1. 14,214 Montreal fans.

The split games left Rangers, who haven't finished higher than fifth in the six team league since the 1949-50 season, in third spot with eight points. Canadiens vaulted into first place with a one-point lead over second-place Detroit Red Wings.

In two other Saturday games, Boston Bruins and the Maple Leafs battled to a 3-3 tie in Toronto while Chicago Black Hawks upset the Red Wings 4-2 for their first victory of the season. The Hawks remained in last place with three points, two behind Leafs and Bruins.

RANGERS SNATCH WIN

At New York, the Rangers snatched the win in the third period when they outscored Canadiens 3-1. The game was tied 3-3 when veteran Paul Rou

ty swooped around the Montreal net and snaped the puck past goalie Jacques Plante, for what proved to be the winner. It came at 1:40. Darryl Lewiski scored in the empty nets in the dying minutes to make it certain.

Andy Bathgate led the New Yorkers with two goals. Defense-man Doug Harvey scored at 9:13 of the first period with Rangers shorthanded to send Montreal into a 1-0 lead. Ken Mordell tallied at 3:1 of the third to make it 2-2.

Canadiens ran wild Saturday. Bernie Geoffrion led the scoring parade with two goals. Calem McKay, Floyd Currey, Mordell, Jean Beliveau and rookie Eddie Litzengreber each scored. The lone New York tally went to Comille Henry.

The Leafs came from behind 3-0 count to pull a tie out of the fire.

Veteran Milt Schmidt sent the

sponsor a fourth senior team, but so far no coach has been found for a fourth entry.

Three girls teams are expected, two from the high school and one from HMCS Chatham's Wrenettes. Booth Memorial High School will have four teams in the Intermediate Division, according to head coach Don Hartwig, who says he expects to be able to field a fairly strong senior entry.

Junior entries will be supplied from the high school and Annunciation.

The executive expects that Tuesday and Saturday nights will be regular game nights for the association with four games on Tuesday and three on Saturday, if the expected number of teams materialize.

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Ketchikan Series Planned For Rupert Casaba Opening

By R. D. WHITE

The opening of the 1954-55 Prince Rupert Basketball season will be a gag gala affair, the newly formed Association announced today, with a two-game series planned between a Rupert All-Star team and a team from Ketchikan November 11 and 12.

The executive stated that it has also been in touch with the California Mohawks, the team of high school All-Stars which made a brief stopover in Prince Rupert two years ago.

All team registration for the coming season must be in the hands of the basketball executive by 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night, which time the association will hold its next regular meeting, acting president Al Hartwig day, if the expected number of teams materialize.

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A'S NEW OWNERS SEEKING APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A representative of the new owners of the Philadelphia Athletics left for Chicago today to seek American League approval of the \$4,000,000 deal which prevented transfer of the A's to Kansas City.

The agreement transferring ownership of the team from the Mack family to an eight-man syndicate was completed early today when Roy Mack signed the legal document. His brothers also signed for their father, Connie.

Attorney Alfred Luhgoe said he would present the agreement to league president William Harridge today. It was expected Harridge would be asked to make a telephone check of the other club owners in the league for their assent.

No Playoff Spot For Stamps As Bombers Best Lions 18-0

By The Canadian Press

The 16-game Western Interprovincial Football Union schedule winds up tonight and while three clubs jockey for first place, Calgary Stampeders probably will start planning for 1955. The Stamps considered a powerhouse in pre-season guessing, are finished for the year.

Their last chance of catching a playoff berth faded Saturday night when Winnipeg Blue Bombers polished off British Columbia Lions 18-0 to clinch at least third, and final playoff place. Edmonton Eskimos jumped into a first-place tie with Saskatchewan by defeating the Roughriders at Vancouver in the final of the 16-game schedule.

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In Toronto, the Argonauts Canada's one-time greatest

money football club, cashed in Saturday on a dying-second desperation pass that ranks as the most sensational play of the Big Four season. It paid off with a pulsating 30-24 victory over Montreal Alouettes.

BEST IN TWO YEARS

Argonauts played their greatest game in two seasons, pushed the big, tough Als around for nearly 45 minutes, blew an 18-point lead and then electrified 16,401 fans at Toronto Varsity stadium with a 43-yard touchdown pass off the triple reverse "hot potato" play.

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At stake is first and a bye into the best-of-three final.

Hamilton Tiger-Cats won against Ottawa Rough Riders but had to fight an uphill battle to score a 25-17 decision.

The result left Alouettes in first place with a four-point bulge over the Ticats who hold a similar margin over Argonauts.

If Edmonton and Riders win tonight they will remain in a first-place tie but the club with the best points-for-and-against

averages receives the bye. Eskimos hold the edge with 234-151

in the for-and-against column with Roughriders 234-193.

If both lost, the schedule would end in a three-way tie for first place and Edmonton probably,

would wait to meet the winner of the two-game total-points

semifinals.

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Elks, Packers Tied For Lead In Valley Loop

By The Canadian Press

The two senior interior hockey leagues swung into full action during the weekend and when the last whistle had sounded the red light had blinked 31 times.

In the Okanagan Senior Hockey League, Vernon Canadians and Kelowna Packers turned in victories before hometown fans that tightened the league race to one of the tightest points in years. Only a single point separates all four clubs.

Packers dumped the high-flying Kamloops Elks 8-3 to move into a first-place tie with Elks. Each club has amassed eight points in the young season. Meanwhile Vernon Canadians pulled into contention by whipping Penticton's Allan Cup Champion V's 5-4 to leave the clubs tied for third place with seven points each.

Over in the Western International loop, the powerful Nelson Maple Leafs maintained their hold on first place by battling Kimberley Dynamiters to a 2-2 stalemate in Kimberley and Spokane Flyers made a successful debut before a hometown crowd by whipping Trail Smoke Eaters 6-1.

The results left Nelson leading the pack with five points, Trail and Spokane tied for second with two each and Kimberley in the rear with a single point.

Soccer Meeting

A meeting of the Prince Rupert and District Football Association will be held tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the Annandale School Hall to make plans

for the soccer group's annual banquet. Maurice Bishop, association president said this morning.

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Colorful Ceremonies Start Of 4th Curling Season

To the stirring strains of "Bonnie Dundee" and "The Midlothian Pipe Band," members of the Prince Rupert Curling Club made the traditional march round the ice sheets at the curling club Saturday night to start festivities at the official opening of the club's fourth season.

Led by Pipe-Sergeant J. C. Ewart, members of the 120 Heavy Anti-Aircraft, RCA (R) Pipe Band, curlers circled the ice and lined up facing each other down the centre of the second ice sheet.

Officials opening address was made by Alderman Phil Lyons, acting mayor of Prince Rupert who paid tribute to the hard work of the curling club members in bringing about the fine organization it was now.

Alderman Lyons said it had been his pleasure to be on the city council when the first steps were taken to organize a curling club. The acting mayor said it was a tribute to the spirit of the curlers that the fine building now the Curling Rink stands where there was nothing before.

The acting mayor then threw the first official rock of the season. Ald. Lyons was introduced by curling president Bill McKenzie and Jack Laurie was master of ceremonies.

In a short address, Mr. Laurie expressed thanks to Colonel S. D. Johnston, officer commanding the 120 HAA Battery in making the attendance of the reserve unit's band at the opening possible.

The pipe band, led the curlers off the ice to the tune of "Highland Laddie."

To start the official season, curling draws were made for 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. with a feature match curled between president Bill McKenzie and the Hegge Brothers from Smithers at 8:30.

The president's rink of Angus McDonald, lead, Jack Lindsay, second, and Chuck Osterdag, third, beat the visitors by 11-3. Tonight, draws for the Mixed

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